

Profile for College Admission

2024–2025

Latin School of Chicago, founded in 1888, is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory school for students in junior kindergarten through grade twelve. The school is an urban campus located on the near-North Side of Chicago adjacent to the 1,212-acre Lincoln Park. The upper school is located on the southeast corner of Clark Street and North Avenue. Chicago's rich cultural and intellectual resources are integrated throughout Latin's curriculum, giving faculty and students numerous opportunities to take advantage of the school's urban location.

Student Body

Latin enrolls a diverse community of 1,190 students from 45 Chicago zip codes and 15 surrounding suburbs. Our students are ambitious and talented; they think critically and are engaged in their learning. Latin's upper school currently enrolls 509 students—38% of whom consider themselves students of color—who come from different ethnic, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds and are nurtured in an environment that embraces their diversity. Latin awards more than \$5.2 million annually in financial assistance to families with demonstrated need but provides no merit scholarships.

Faculty

Approximately 100 dedicated members comprise the Latin middle and upper school faculty. Our student/faculty ratio is 9:1, and 84 percent of our classroom teachers have earned master's degrees or higher.

Activities

Students participate in more than 20 different competitive varsity and junior varsity sports teams and over 60 different clubs, organizations and affinity groups. Several theatrical performances are staged throughout the year, and our students enter a variety of local and national arts and academic competitions. Latin hosts a championship Scholastic Bowl team and a variety of nationally recognized publications and service organizations.

Community Engagement

Latin School of Chicago believes in sustained community engagement that is meaningful, immersive, and reciprocal. It approaches community engagement as a school-wide responsibility where students engage meaningfully with their communities in a myriad of ways throughout their high school experience. Each high school student must volunteer 8 hours of service per school year, with the ultimate goal being to work directly through at-need or under-resourced organizations. Students can connect with a variety of agencies and organizations and embed service into their curricular and Project Week experiences (see "Curricular Highlights").

Accreditation and Affiliation

A member of College Board and the National Association of College Admission Counselors, Latin complies with the CEPP of NACAC as well as other professional ethical guidelines. Latin School is also a founding member of the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools. Latin is accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education, the Independent School Association of the Central States and is a member in good standing of the National Association of Independent Schools.

At Latin 100 percent of students are admitted to and choose to attend 4-year colleges and universities. Several students each year choose to defer enrollment to explore non-academic opportunities.

Our Vision

Our vision for educational excellence is to reinforce the value of an exemplary liberal arts education that makes learning inquiry-based, personal and inclusive. Our approach expands each Latin Learner's capacity for purposeful learning—whether in our school, our city or our world.

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Curricular Highlights

Grading Policy

Latin School does not rank its students nor does it provide a cumulative GPA. At the conclusion of each school year, internal non-college GPAs are calculated for the purpose of faculty-selected honors societies and awards. In this calculation, all AP and honors courses are weighted more than college preparatory classes.

Honors

Latin is a member of the Cum Laude Society (students are eligible at the end of eleventh and twelfth grade); students may also be selected to the school's unique Erasmus Society beginning their sophomore year, which rewards intellectual curiosity and a love of learning beyond a concern for achieving high grades.

The majority of discipline-specific awards are granted at the end of the senior year.

***NOTE:** Latin students are generally limited to no more than three AP/Honors courses in a given school year. Special consideration is given for those students looking to exceed that limit.

SUBJECT & REQUIREMENTS	COURSES (honors and AP courses are in bold)					
ENGLISH Four credits including English 9-12 There are no honors courses in English	English 9 English 10: African Lit English 10: East Asian Lit English 10: Eastern European Lit English 10: Latin American Lit English 10: Mid East and South Asia Lit		English 11: American Families English 11: American Seeker English 11: The New Chicagoans English 11: Shackled to Shadows English 11: Silenced America English 12: Creative Writing English 12: Creative Writing: Blended		English 12: Disenchantment and Fantasy Lit English 12: Food Writing English 12: Mexican American Lit English 12: Modern and Contemporary Poetry English 12: Neil Gaiman's American Gods	English 12: The Meaning of Life in Lit English 12: Science Fiction and Social Justice English 12: Shakespeare Journalism: A Blended Course
HISTORY & SOCIAL STUDIES Three credits including one full-credit in Global Cities, the remaining credits must include at least one year of U.S. History, and at least one credit of a global studies elective	Advanced Topics: American Politics Advanced Topics: Chicago Politics Advanced Topics: Comparative & Global Politics Advanced Topics: Drugs in History & Society Advanced Topics: Economics		Advanced Topics: European History Advanced Topics: Intro to Philosophy: Social Contract Theory Advanced Topics: Psychology		Geography: Humans, Spaces, and Places Global Art and Culture Global Studies: Networks, Hierarchies, and Culture History of the World's Religions 1 History of the World's Religions 2 International Human Rights Law Latin American Revolutions	Middle East Modern China Nazi Mind Russian Revolutions Spice: Food, Trade, and Culture U.S. History What is Race?: Global Studies in Race and Racism
MATHEMATICS Three or three and a half credits, dependent on track, must include Algebra 2 and Geometry	Advanced Topics in Math Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Honors Algebra 2 Calculus		AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC Finance and Math 1 Finance and Math 2		Geometry Honors Geometry Honors Multivariable Calculus Honors Precalculus Honors Accelerated Precalculus and Diff Calculus	Precalculus Probability & Game Theory AP Statistics Statistical Methods: Understanding Community 1
SCIENCE Three credits including one year of Physics, Biology and Chemistry	Bioethics Biology Honors Biology Honors Advanced Biology		AP Chemistry Chemistry Honors Chemistry Organic Chemistry 1 Cosmology Human Anatomy and Physiology 1		Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 Forensic Science 1 Forensic Science 2 Marine and Aquatic Science Medicinal Chemistry 1 Medicinal Chemistry 2 Physics	Honors Physics AP Physics C: Mechanics AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism Honors Research in Molecular Genetics Stellar Astronomy
COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	Computer Science Principles 1: Foundations Computer Science Principles 2: Applications		Modern Computers: From NAND to Tetris		Principles of Programming Languages Prototyping and Innovation Software Development Lab-Blended	
LANGUAGES Latin School follows a proficiency-based language model. Course titles may appear more than once, which reflects a progression in learning and not a repeated class. Particular level bands or skill levels may require a varying amount of time, exposure or both. (See ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines Pyramid)	Proficiency-based programs in French, Latin, Mandarin and Spanish are offered and all students must successfully complete a minimum of three consecutive years of a language. The classroom experience is grounded in the three modes of communication (interpersonal, interpretive and presentational) for modern languages. French, Mandarin and Spanish classes are conducted in the target language and students use their skills in a variety of real-life situations. Through the Latin curriculum students develop reading proficiency. All languages offer opportunities abroad.		MANDARIN All courses Intermediate Mid level and above are considered Honors courses.	FRENCH AP French: Inter. High – Language and Culture Hon. French: Inter. High Hon. French: Inter. High-Literature Honors French Adv. Low - Literature French: Inter. Mid Culture & Conversation	LATIN Hon. Latin: Advanced High Hon. Latin: Superior	SPANISH Hon. Spanish: Inter. High Hon. Spanish: Inter. High – Language and Culture
ARTS Two credits including a half credit from the required ninth grade Global Cities program. The half credit must be in Performing Arts.	VISUAL ARTS Courses offered in the following areas: CAD, Computer Graphic Design, Design Thinking, Digital Visual Arts, Drawing, Fashion Design, Filmmaking, Painting, Photography, and Sculpture. Advanced Topics: Art Portfolio Global Studies: Visual Arts Print Making Visual Communications for Artists & Entrepreneurs		PERFORMING ARTS Courses offered in the following areas: Acting, Band, Chorus, Dance, Improvisation, Music Technology, Speech, Stagecraft, and Technical Theatre. Many of these classes are offered at multiple skill levels, including company-level execution.			

Also Required:

- Physical Education – One credit is earned through the required Wellness class that is taken during 9th grade. The other one credit must be earned during grades 10, 11, or 12 by taking PE classes, playing on Latin Athletics teams, and/or by participating in a consistent and rigorous athletic pursuit outside of school (an Independent Study or “ISP”).
- Project Week – successful completion of a project required each year.

Project Week

During March, all upper school students participate in hands-on learning experiences around the globe, throughout the U.S. and in Chicago. Students are required to participate each year and expenses are subsidized for those who qualify.

Due to COVID, 2022 included domestic and local project weeks only.

Additional Opportunities:

Independent Study Projects

Students can work independently with a teacher to advance their interest and study in a variety of disciplines. These courses do not substitute for required classes.

Interdisciplinary Courses

Dance can count as either Performing Arts or PE.

Teaching Practica

In 2019, Latin unveiled an exciting new program. Students must submit proposals and are selected by the faculty to enroll in an individual teaching practicum. Selected students are paired with a mentor teacher in a subject they have previously mastered and are expected to assist faculty with developing lesson plans, delivering appropriate content or serving as a mentor to learners in the class. Seniors attend class on a regular basis and serve as faculty assistants; they are not graded, but are awarded academic credit for their work and time.

Senior Projects

This optional program encourages seniors to explore interests in and out of the classroom for several weeks at the end of the school year. At their culmination, all senior projects are publicly presented.

Global Online Academy (GOA)

Latin is a member of the Global Online Academy, a consortium of the world’s leading independent schools whose mission is to translate into online classrooms the intellectually rigorous programs and excellent teaching that are hallmarks of its member schools. Courses and descriptions can be found at: globalonlineacademy.org. “GOA” classes will have this designation on their transcripts.

Class of 2025 Academic Statistics

Number in class: 124

Grade Distribution Class of 2025 Junior Year

Course/Discipline	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
English	93	11	12	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
History	17	0	13	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hon/AP History	88	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Languages	62	25	11	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hon/AP Languages	18	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mathematics	38	16	4	8	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hon/AP Mathematics	29	18	11	13	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Science	39	20	8	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hon/AP Science	49	14	14	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Arts (visual and performing)	76	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hon Arts (visual and performing)	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computer Science/Tech	17	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Grade Distribution Class of 2025 Sophomore Year

Course/Discipline	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
English	83	14	10	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
History	210	5	11	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Languages	61	31	17	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hon/AP Languages	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mathematics	37	27	9	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hon/AP Mathematics	12	12	14	13	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Science	36	16	13	12	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hon/AP Science	27	13	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arts (visual and performing)	123	36	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computer Science/Tech	42	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Latin reports to colleges any disciplinary infraction that results in an out-of-school suspension or removal from the school. We also encourage all students to disclose information regarding any leave of absence or minor infraction.

College Acceptances 2020–2024

Schools in **bold** have a Latin student in attendance

Academy of Art University
Adelphi University
Albright College
Allegheny College
American University
Amherst College
Antioch College
Arizona State University
Arts University Bournemouth
Auburn University
Babson College
Baldwin Wallace University
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Beloit College
Bennington College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Institute of Technology
California Institute of the Arts
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo
California State University-Long Beach
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Carthage College
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
Clemson University
Cleveland Institute of Music
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Atlantic
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia College Hollywood
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art
Cornell College
Cornell University
Creighton University
Curry College
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Denison University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Drake University
Drexel University
Duke University

Eastman School of Music
Eckerd College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott
Emerson College
Emory University
Emory University-Oxford College
Fairfield University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Flagler College
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Gettysburg College
Goldsmiths, University of London
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
Grinnell College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamilton College
Hampton University
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Hastings College
Haverford College
Hawaii Pacific University
Hobart William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Hope College
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois State University
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana University
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
Jacksonville University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University-Providence
Juniata College
Kalamazoo College
Kent State University
Kenyon College
Kettering University
King's College London, University of London
Knox College
Lafayette College
Lake Forest College
Lancaster University
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Lewis University
London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London
Loras College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland

Loyola University New Orleans
Lycoming College
Macalester College
Marquette University
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University
Merrimack College
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Middlebury College
Middlesex University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Minnesota State University
Montana State University
Morehouse College
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
New York University
Newcastle University
North Carolina A & T State University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
NYU Shanghai
Oberlin College
Oberlin College | Conservatory of Music
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Parkland College
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Pomona College
Prairie View A & M University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University Fort Wayne
Purdue University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College
Saint Xavier University
San Diego State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Scrpps College
Seattle University
Skidmore College
Smith College
SOAS University of London
Southern Illinois University
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College

St Olaf College
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stonehill College
SUNY at Purchase College
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Tennessee State University
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
The American University of Paris
The Catholic University of America
The College of Wooster
The Juilliard School
The New England Conservatory of Music
The New School
The University of Alabama
The University of British Columbia
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee
The University of Texas
The University of Texas at Dallas
The University of the South
Towson University
Trinity College
Trinity College Dublin
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
United States Air Force Academy
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University College Dublin
University College London (UCL)
University of Arizona
University of Birmingham
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-Merced
University of California-Riverside
University of California-San Diego
University of California-San Francisco
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Dubuque
University of Evansville
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Houston
University of Illinois Chicago
University of Illinois Springfield
University of Illinois
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Maine
University of Maryland

University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri
University of New Hampshire
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina School of the Arts
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Oxford
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of Southampton
University of Southern California
University of St Andrews
University of Sussex
University of the Andes
University of Toronto
University of Tulsa
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington-Bothell Campus
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Wake Forest University
Warren Wilson College
Washington and Lee University
Washington College
Washington State University
Washington University in St Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Western Illinois University
Western Michigan University
Wheaton College
Whitman College
Willamette University
William & Mary
Williams College
Wittenberg University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Xavier University of Louisiana
Yale University