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As a representative of Concordia University Chicago, I am excited to introduce the many ways our university supports the academic path and professional development of its students. I hope you choose to make Concordia University Chicago your new home. Your "American experience" starts with your arrival in Chicago — an important global financial center and one of the most vibrant cities in the U.S. We are committed to helping you develop the knowledge, skills and abilities that will open doors long after your graduation.

At Concordia University Chicago you will learn by engaging in applied research, service activities, internships and more. Through these experiences, students develop the versatility to meet the demands of the 21st century workplace and pursue expanding opportunities throughout their lives.

What sets Concordia University Chicago apart is the individualized attention that we provide our students. Classes are small, so you get the support you need. Our professors, advisors and staff give you personalized help in identifying your career interests, gaining the mastery required to enter and advance in your desired professional field, and establishing the connections that will launch you on your way.

As an international student, you will have wide-ranging experiences as you learn in community with students of various backgrounds and cultures from around the world. With nearly endless opportunities to get involved in activities on campus — and in and around Chicago — you will have enriching

experiences that expand your versatility and open up your future prospects.

Many of Concordia University Chicago's staff and faculty have studied abroad or been international students themselves. As a result, they recognize the significance and value of living in another country, rather than merely passing through as a tourist. We offer you our congratulations for choosing to pursue that kind of life-enhancing experience as well.

Rich in the Lutheran tradition of education yet welcoming to all, Concordia-Chicago provides students with an educational experience that guides them toward an ethical life of integrity. Inspired by a spirit of community, our students strive to meet the needs of the world in which they live, serve and work. The commitment to a life of service and integrity will allow you to succeed during your studies and far beyond — for the entirety of your career or vocation.

At Concordia University Chicago, we pride ourselves on being a place where everyone is welcome and everyone thrives. In support of that commitment, our campus is rich in resources that provide assistance and guidance when you need it — including the Center for International Student Services.

We look forward to welcoming you to campus soon.

#### Heather Roberts,

Assistant Vice President, International Student Services.

# ABOUT US

Concordia University Chicago (CUC) was founded in 1864 as a college for teachers and today is a comprehensive university comprising the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Graduate Studies and College of Innovation and Professional Programs.

CUC offers undergraduate programs leading to the bachelor's degree, as well as graduate programs awarding master's and doctoral degrees.

The University is affiliated with The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and is a member of the Concordia University System, a nationwide network of colleges and universities.



# INSPIRING LEADERS SINCE 1864

At Concordia University Chicago, we are proud to provide students around the world with an outstanding education that encompasses tradition and academic innovation.

Our history of excellence has made us a byword for the highest standards of teaching. Our distinctive academic programs are designed to meet students' diverse interests, as well as the changing needs of the world.

Our professors are eager to share their years of professional and academic experience: you will benefit from their insight, expertise, and advice. You will receive dedicated, individualized support at every step of your academic journey.

You will also have access to the countless resources of the city of Chicago as you become part of a close-knit community where you will be inspired, challenged, and appreciated for your contributions.

Student engagement, great teaching, vibrant community life and successful outcomes after graduation: all of this is rooted in the CUC experience, which is why we have been recognized as a national College of Distinction.



# CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY **CHICAGO** AT A GLANCE

**GENERAL INFORMATION** (2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR)











IN TOTAL

**STUDENTS** 



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT-TO-FACULTY **RATIO** 



**RATIO** 

STUDENTS FROM





### **QUICK FACTS**

**GRADUATE STUDENTS** 



**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS** 

GENDER: /



25% Saudi Arabia

### **INTERNATIONAL** GRADUATE

22% India

11% Uzbekistan

8% Vietnam

8% Dominican Republic

<5% Other

#### **OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDE:**

China, Canada, Pakistan, Cameroon, Thailand, Nigeria, United Kingdom, Mongolia, Malaysia, South Korea, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, Singapore, Russia, Qatar, Palestine, Lebanon, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Iran, Ecuador, Brazil, Barbados, Austria, Albania.

# **CONCORDIA** UNIVERSITY **CHICAGO ADVANTAGE**



Ranked as a top 100 Best Regional University-Midwest and Best Value School - Regional Universities Midwest by U.S. News and Institute of Electrical and **Electronics Engineers** (IEEE) Xtreme 24-Hour Programming Competition, for the second time in three years.

In 2017, Ranked first

place in Chicago in the

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### 2016-17

World Report.

College of Distinction. The university has been part of a select group of colleges to earn this prestigious recognition since 2010.



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Accredited to offer a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Leadership. As a result, CUC added Ph.D. to its Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Leadership with eight specializations.

Voted 96th out of 684

master's degree granting universities in 2013 (Washington Monthly, 2013).

Named in the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll six times.



Part of the National Council for Accreditation of **Teacher Education's** prestigious 'Continuing Accreditation of all **Education Programs** without conditions'.



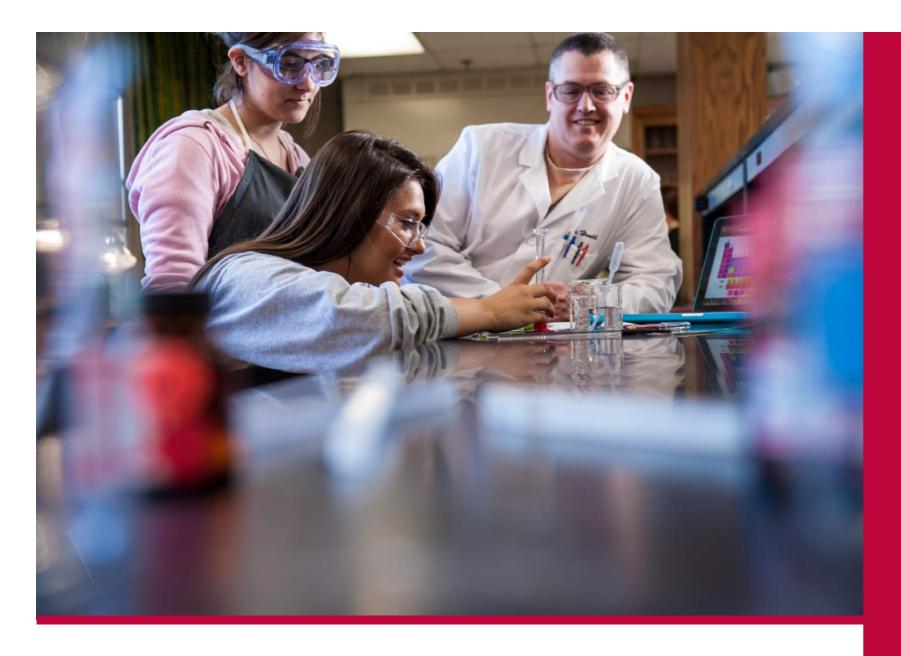


90% of students are employed

or enrolled in graduate programs within six months of graduation.

**UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS** 

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# UNDERGRADUATE **PROGRAMS**

Our undergraduate portfolio includes a wide range of programs in business, sciences, arts and education. Our programs give you access to the highest quality of education, allowing you to set yourself up for a successful career. At Concordia University Chicago you will acquire the expertise and business acumen required to fulfill your professional aspirations.



"I am a chemistry lab assistant and president of the Science Club. I really enjoy coming up with all the activities that we do. *Many of the science* professors contribute to our club as well. They share their experiences from their own undergraduate and graduate studies, talk about research they have done, and tell us about their career paths. Since I interact with my professors all the time, I'm able to really get to know them, and that motivates me to do well in their classes because I don't want to disappoint them."

Mikayla Engel, Biology Major and Chemistry minor, from Stewartville, Minnesota



## College of Arts and Sciences

**Duration:** Approximately 4 years Starting: January and August

- BA, Art
- BA, Biology\*
- BS, Biology\*
- BA, Chemistry\*
- BS, Chemistry\*
- BA, Classical Liberal Studies
- BA, Communication
- BA, Computer Information Systems\*
- BA, Computer Science\*
- BS, Computer Science\*
- BA, Criminal Justice
- BA, English
- BA, Exercise Science
- BA, Graphic Arts
- BA, History
- BA, Journalism
- BA, Mathematics\*
- BA, Music
- BA, Natural Science\*
- BA, Philosophy
- BA, Pre-Nursing
- BA, Political Science
- BA, Pre-Art Therapy
- BA, Psychology
- BA, Psychological Research Dual BA/MA\*
- BA, Social Work
- BA, Sociology
- BA, Spanish
- BA, Sport and Fitness
- BA, Theater
- BA, Women's and Gender Studies
- BS, Mathematics Actuarial Science Specialization\*
- BS, Mathematics Computer Science Specialization\*

\*Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM) programs

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- BS, Mathematics Natural Science Specialization\*
- BS, Mathematics Pure Math Specialization\*
- BS, Pre-Athletic Training
- BS, Pre-Dentistry
- BS, Pre-Medicine
- BS, Pre-Occupational Therapy
- BS, Pre-Pharmacy
- BS, Pre-Physical Therapy

# College of Business

**Duration:** Approximately 4 years **Starting:** January and August

- BA, Accounting
- BS, Accounting
- BA, Business Communication
- BA, Management
- BS, Management
- BS, Management with a Media Arts Emphasis
- BS, Management with a Music Emphasis
- BS, Management with a Theater Emphasis
- BS, Management with a Visual Art Emphasis
- BA, Marketing
- BS, Marketing
- BA, Sports Management
- BS, Sports Management

# College of Education

**Duration:** Approximately 4 years **Starting:** January and August

- BS, Early Childhood Education (birth–grade 3)
- BS, Elementary Education (grades 1–6)
- BA, Foreign Language Spanish Language Education (grades K–12)

- BA, Visual Arts Education (grades K-12)
- BA, Music Education (grades K-12)
- BS, Physical Education (grades K-12)
- BS, Special Education (age 3–21)
- BS, Middle Grades Education (grades 5–8)
- Literacy Specialization
- Mathematics Specialization
- Science Specialization
- Social Sciences Specialization
- BS, Secondary Education (grades 9–12)
- English/Language Arts Specialization
- Mathematics Specialization
- Physical Education Specialization
- Science: Biology Specialization
- Science: Chemistry Specialization
- Social Science: History Specialization
- Visual Arts Specialization



"I came to CUC knowing next to nothing about computer programming and I left the university as an IEEE Chicago Xtreme 24-Hour Programming Champion. Thanks to the amazing computer science faculty and the program's rigorous work ethic, CUC students are continually contacted by major IT companies."

**Joe Bayer,** Computer Science major and graphic arts minor, from Westchester. Illinois

<sup>\*</sup>Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM) programs



# THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE: UNDERGRADUATE





"Community is the best thing about studying at CUC. Classmates see each other a lot around campus and living on campus really strengthens those relationships. I've been able to get to know a lot of people and make a lot of friends with American students. Professors in the College of Business really spend time with us. Professor Tim Basadur works with our student organization, the Concordia Entrepreneurial Group (CEG). He is teaching me to be a better leader and manager. He helps us to strengthen our practical business skills."

**Yishen Cai,** Business Management major, from Qingdao, Shandong, China



"At CUC, we are inspired to go above and beyond. Students are taught the importance of asking for help and taking advantage of the resources offered here. After graduation, I want to be a teacher and a mentor for younger first-generation students. I want to be a role model for them because they might not feel like they can ask for help."

Francisco Peralta, Secondary Education English major (ESL endorsement), from Chicago, Illinois





GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Core MBA - 1 or 2 years\*\*

- MBA On-Campus Specializations:
- Finance
- Health Care Management
- Management
- Entrepreneurship
- School Business Management



# **GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

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"I am an international student from India and I am

International Students

(CISS). I began my MBA

program in March 2016. I have had some awesome

coaches here who have

guided me. They have

confidence in me, value

common sense, and they

have given me a better

understanding of what

consistent feedback has

and make active

in the future."

from India

employers need and require in the United States. Their

inspired me to show initiative

contributions in my role and I think that will help me

**Nishit Pachigar**, Master's in Business Administration.

worker, working on campus

currently a student

for the Center for



**Duration:** Approximately 2 years Starting: January and August

- MA, TESOL
- MA, Curriculum and Instruction
- MA, Early Childhood Education
- MA, Educational Administration

\*Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM) programs \*\*Apply for the 2 year Core MBA. You can finish in a year and accelerate your degree after the first semester, depending on grade performance.



**Duration:** Approximately 2 years **Starting:** January and August

MS, Computer Science\*



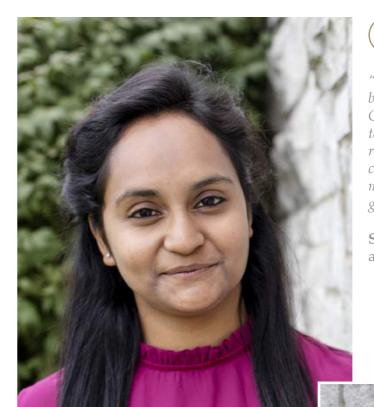
**Duration:** Approximately 2 years Starting: January, March, May, August and October

- Digital Marketing
- Leadership and Change
- MBA Online Specializations:
  - Accounting
- Chief School Business Official
- Not-for-Profit Management
- Sports Management

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# "Concordia University Chicago aims to inspire faith, learning and leadership. It was the best choice for my educational goals. At Concordia University Chicago I know that I have a voice. No matter what I have to say, it's always heard. My professors are interested in my opinion, my experiences, and my questions. I like the diversity at Concordia University Chicago — all the different backgrounds, beliefs, and cultures within the same institution and the way we approach them." Biencar Luciano, Master's in Curriculum and Instruction, from Dominican Republic

# THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE: **GRADUATE**





"I can fulfill my dreams and aspirations by earning a Master's degree at Concordia University Chicago. The staff, teachers, and other students are always ready to help international students. In the classroom, discussion, role playing and models keep things interesting. It's also great being near the city of Chicago."

Sarbjit Kaur, Master's in Curriculum and Instruction, from India





"I chose Concordia University Chicago for my MBA because the Four Pillars taught at the College of Business relate business to ethics and social responsibility. CUC program is not oriented toward grades or marks as much as toward knowledge and experience."

Neera Shah, Master's in Business Administration, from India

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"My favorite thing at Concordia-Chicago is walking around and studying on the beautiful campus. When I have problems, my professors patiently help me solve them."

Qi Wang, Master's in Business Administration, from China

DOCTORAL PROGRAMS





"At Concordia-Chicago, *I found a school that serves* my educational needs by transferring theories into great practical experience. The professors work to understand their students' backgrounds and differences."

Hala Alsaleh, Ph.D., Leadership: Early Childhood Education, from Saudi Arabia



**Duration:** Approximately 4 years Starting: January and August

- Ph.D., Leadership\* (choose specialization)
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Early Childhood Education
- Educational Leadership
- Higher Education
- Organizational Leadership
- Reading, Language and Literacy
- Special Education
- Teacher Leadership

\*These Ph.D. programs are both successful and popular among our international students; however, there is a wide range of other programs available at CUC. Visit our website at Gradschool.CUChicago.edu/academics to find your dream Ph.D.

# **DOCTORAL PROGRAMS**

Our doctoral programs are advanced programs that will give you insights and enlightened perspectives on modern leadership practices and how to use them.

Being an effective leader can make a huge difference to your organization and your professional career. The skills you will learn are highly desired by businesses in all industries across the world and can be adapted to any workplace in the private or public sector.

Our programs cover a range of essential skills, including knowledge management, decision making, conflict and change management, and communication.



# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

# Undergraduate Entry Requirements

### Academic Entry Requirements

Clear electronic copies of official academic certificates and transcripts with evidence of graduation from secondary school with official English translation. Students must have the equivalent of a U.S. cumulative GPA of at least 2/0.

### **English Language Proficiency**

- IELTS: minimum 6.0
- or TOEFL: minimum 72 (internet-based)

#### Other documents

- Completed and signed application
- Official transcripts from every college/university attended
- Copy of passport
- Declaration of finances/ bank statement

# Graduate Entry Requirements

### Academic Entry Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from a U.S. equivalent, regionally accredited institution
- GPA earned 2.25 or above

### English Language Proficiency

- IELTS: minimum 6.0
- or TOEFL: minimum 72 (internet-based)
- or Password: minimum 6.0\*

Official test scores should be provided. International students who have earned an advanced degree from an accredited institution in the United States need not submit English language scores.

#### Other documents

- Completed and signed application
- Objective statement
- Copy of official transcript
- Copy of passport
- Two letters of recommendation
- Declaration of finances/ bank statement

### Doctoral Entry Requirements

### Academic Entry Requirements

- Bachelor's degree and master's degree from a U.S. equivalent, regionally accredited institution
- Current Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test scores (test taken within the past three years)

### English Language Proficiency

- IELTS: minimum 6.0
- or TOEFL: minimum 72 (internet-based)
- or Michigan Test: minimum 85
- or PASSWORD: minimum 6.0\*
- or PTE: minimum 61

Official test scores should be provided. International students who have earned an advanced degree from an accredited institution in the United States, or students from an international English speaking university (in which the language of instruction is English) need not submit English language scores.

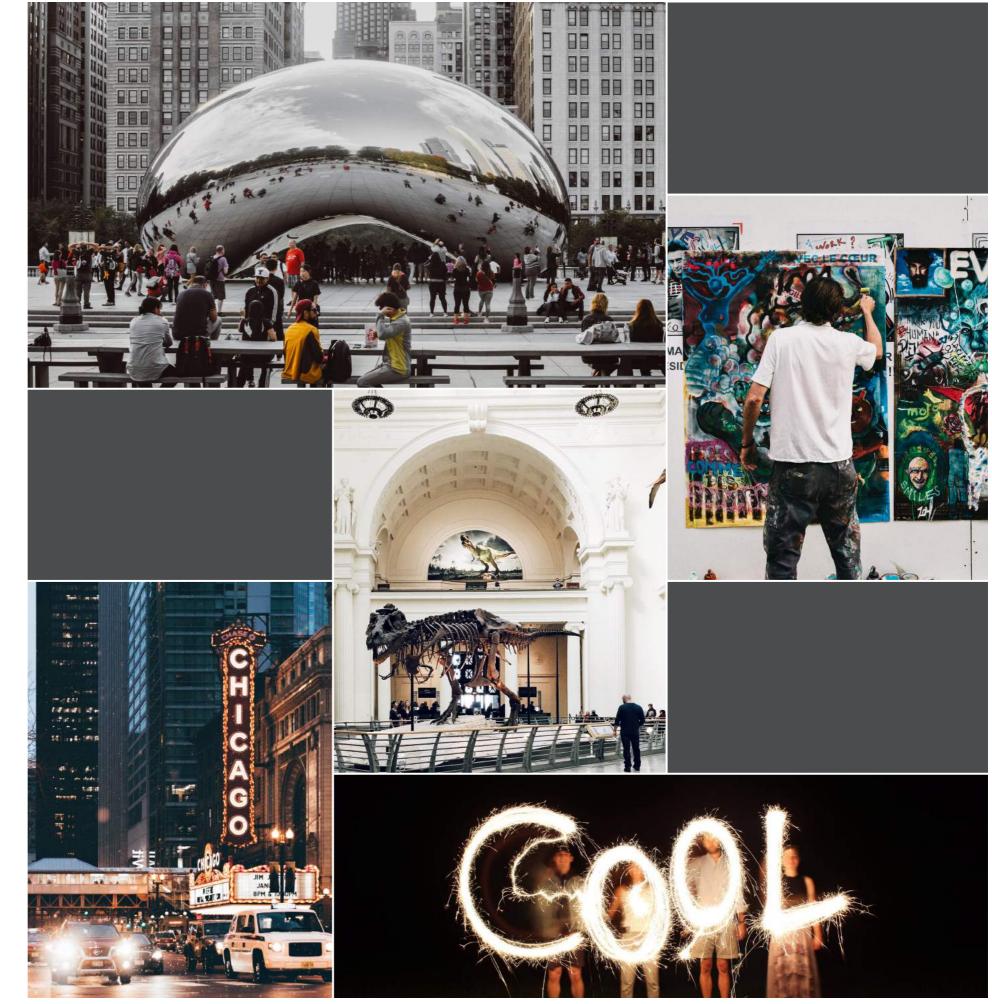
#### Other documents

- Completed and signed application
- Objective statement
- Writing sample: submit a paper from your master's program that demonstrates your ability to write in a scholarly manner at a level typical of graduate work. This sample should approach, but not exceed, five pages in length
- Professional resume showing past experience: at least two years of successful teaching/administrative experience
- Copy of official transcript
- Copy of passport
- Two letters of recommendation
- Declaration of finances/bank statement/financial guarantee

# A CITY OF FUN AND OPPORTUNITY

As a premier international city and as America's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city, Chicago offers a wide array of entertainment and amenities.

- From Greek to Vietnamese and from Ethiopian to French, in Chicago every nationality is represented. There is a neighborhood nearby that's bound to have restaurants with authentic cuisine from your part of the world to make you feel at home. Of course, you can always try Chicago's traditional hot dogs or deep dish pizzas too.
- Attend one of Chicago's many music festivals. From classical music to jazz, rock and dance festivals featuring the world's most famous DJs, you will be guaranteed the best beats on offer.
- Chicago is a metropolis of culture. It has some of the world's finest art galleries, museums and a state of the art aquarium. The 200+ theaters are first rate, and you can catch stage and comedy performances, many featuring Hollywood stars.
- Cheer on Chicago's famous pro sports teams—the Cubs, White Sox, Fire, Bears, Bulls and Blackhawks.
- Explore over 70 different neighborhoods, including Chinatown, Lincoln Park, Old Town, Wicker Park and Wrigleyville.
- Enjoy 15 miles of beaches and 26 miles of lakefront.



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A CITY OF FUN & OPPORTUNITY

# **CONCORDIA** UNIVERSITY **CHICAGO CAMPUS**

Concordia University Chicago's 40-acre suburban campus in upscale River Forest could be described as a small town with a big backyard.

### Our neighborhood

Concordia University Chicago is located in the beautiful, tree-lined suburb of River Forest, a town that about 11,500 people call home. Just walk a few blocks to reach shops, restaurants, coffee shops and movie theaters.

Only six blocks from campus you will discover the friendly downtown suburbs of Oak Park, River Forest and Forest Park where you can:

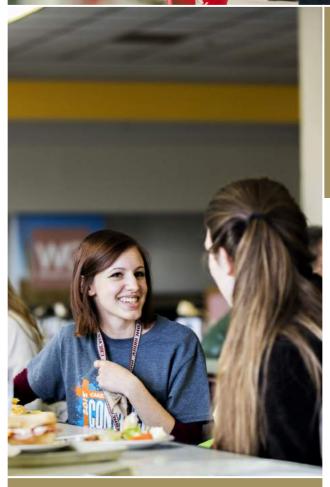
- Grab a cup of coffee at Sugar Fixe Cafe, Starbucks or Blue Max Cafe
- Shop small, unique boutiques or famous brand stores like The Gap, Old Navy, DSW and more
- Take a tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Home and Studio and/or Ernest Hemingway's boyhood home
- Pick up snacks at Whole Foods
- Check out the Book Table or the Magic Tree Book Store to browse great reading selections
- Sample food from around The world Greek, Italian, Thai, American, Mexican, French, Chinese, Indian, Middle Eastern

Easy access to Chicago is found in Oak Park via the Green Line "L" or Metra train.

### Our campus

Our dynamic campus offers endless opportunities to have fun, get involved, and make lifelong connections. We have created an environment with outstanding facilities and study spaces that are perfect for students whether they're studying, relaxing, or having fun.







There are a number of resources to help you with your studies including the Academic Resource Center, Writing Center, Math Lab and peer tutoring. Other useful services include: Center for International Student Services, Student Services and Residence Life, Career Services and Alumni Relations.

### **Entertainment**

Relax on campus in your free time by visiting our pleasant and comfortable student spaces:

- Barnes & Noble Bookstore
- Bia Cat's Smash & Shake
- Cougar Den
- Crossroads Cafeteria
- Library Cafe
- Crossroads Cafeteria



- Ferguson Art Gallery
- Kay's Corner
- Office of Student Leadership and Involvement
- Starbucks®
- Subway<sup>®</sup>
- Victory Lounge

## **Sports facilities**

Stay active at our amazing sports facilities. On campus you will find: athletic baseball and softball fields, the Cougar Stadium for football, soccer and lacrosse, as well as a walking and running track. We also offer a modern fitness center with top of the line exercise equipment, flat screen televisions and contemporary décor.



LIFE AT CUC

# LIFE AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY **CHICAGO**

At CUC, we have a variety of student organizations, service projects, athletic teams and much more to help you get involved in campus life. These programs present opportunities for you to make new friends and stay physically active.

Campus-sponsored programs include recreational events that are held on or off campus, excursions throughout the Chicago area, card and board games and intramural sports activities. Special programming within the residence halls provides further opportunities for meeting fellow students and enjoying activities.

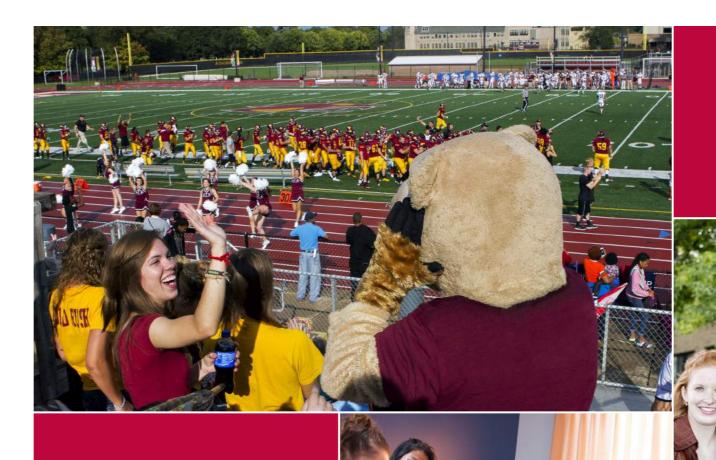
### **Campus Activities Board**

Our Campus Activities Board (CAB) is an interdependent organization that values integrity, creativity, and respect and aims to create positive memories and build community through diverse, fun and purpose-driven events.

As an organization, CAB collaborates with other student groups and even other universities to enhance your experience. All student members have the opportunity to grow as leaders within the group and on the campus, promoting personal development and creating opportunities to build the lasting friendships and memories that Concordia University Chicago alumni are proud to remember.

CAB meets weekly to plan university-wide events and all students are welcome and encouraged to join. The Campus Activities Board hosts events throughout the academic year. Visit our website to view our student events calendar to see everything happening on campus.

CUChicago.edu/experience/student\_groups\_and\_ activities/student-events







The Office of Student Leadership and Involvement is the place to go if you want to get involved on campus. The Office is responsible for campus-wide student programming, leadership development, and supporting clubs and organizations.

Get involved and meet people with common interests on campus. Whatever your skill or hobby, you're likely to find a club to suit it. Concordia University Chicago encourages all students to participate in extracurricular activities, to develop leadership skills, to make life-long friendships and to have fun. If there isn't a club that reflects your interests, you can create the club. All you have to do is to fill a form and find a faculty advisor, the Office of Student Leadership will provide you money for your club events. More than 45 student clubs and organizations are available, including student-led campus service organizations.

### **Registered Student Groups**

- Art Club
- The Collective (formerly Artists of Concordia Theatre)
- Black Student Union (BSU)
- Campus Activities Board (CAB)
- Campus Golfers Association (CGA)
- Chinese Student Association
- College Life
- Concordia Gamers Alliance
- Concordia Entrepreneurial Group
- Concordia University Dance Marathon (CUDM)
- Concordia Yarnie's Knitting Group
- Cooking Club
- Council for Exceptional Children
- CUC Soccer Squad
- Emerging Latina Leadership Association (ELLA)
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
- Grapevine
- Heroes & Friends
- History and Politics Club
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

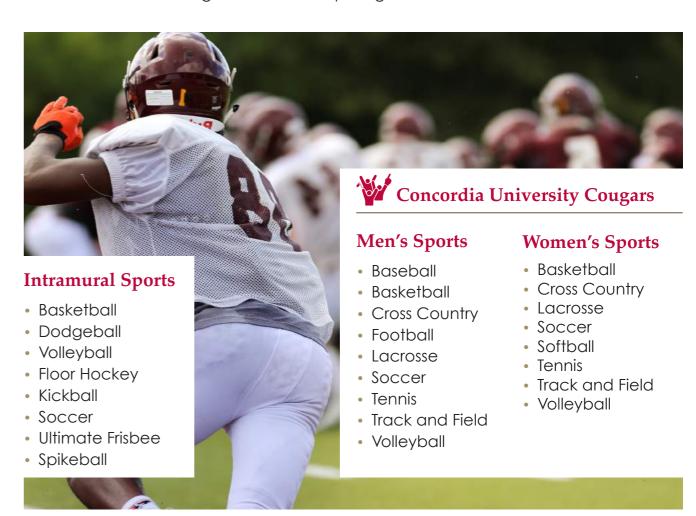
- IEEE: Computer Society
- Kapelle Choir
- Latino Student Union (LSU)
- MBA Student Association
- National Association for Music Educators (NAfME)
- Pre-Med Club
- Saudi Student Union
- Science Club
- The Spectator, the school newspaper
- Spiritual Life
- Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Swing Dance Club
- The Unprofessionals Improv Group
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Women in Engineering
- Wind Symphony
- WCGR (CUC radio station)
- WCGR (CUC TV station)

#### **Recreation and Intramurals**

Concordia University Chicago's Campus Recreation and Intramurals program strives to offer exciting, innovative and fun activities for students. These programs offered throughout the year are opportunities for you to interact with peers, make new friends and to become more physically active.

### **Concordia University Cougars**

CUC fields 17 intercollegiate teams competing in NCAA Division III.



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LIFE AT CUC

# CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

Our Center for International Student Services (CISS) represents the University's international student population and promotes diversity and servant leadership in support of our university's strategic plan. By providing information and administrative support to international students, CISS enables you to achieve your academic and professional goals.

#### **Our Services**

- enhance the academic and cultural experience of our international students and scholars
- assist our international visitors
- support international stakeholders across the CUC campus and beyond
- counsel and advocate for the university's international community
- educate and work in partnership with our educational associates overseas
- liaise and collaborate with offices campus-wide
- coordinate with government agencies and provide support for F1 and J1 visa holders and their dependents

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

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# **ON-CAMPUS** HOUSING



"I like the close-knit community that being a resident develops and being close to things on campus. When my parents asked me about my experience living on campus, I told them it's like a weeklong sleepover *with friends – but with* homework. It's nice to have people nearby you can go to study with, and have fun together."

Ellen Moussou, Marketing major, from Fort Wayne, Indiana

As a residential student, you'll be just a short walk away from your classrooms, multiple dining services, library, gym, fitness center, bookstore and much more.

All international freshmen live on campus in one of our ten residence halls; they call Concordia University Chicago their home and soon you will too. Living on our campus is sure to be one of the most exciting and memorable times of your life.

### **HERBERT GROSS** HALL

Rooms in Herbert Gross Hall are arranged in clusters. Clusters are a group of rooms arranged in a circular layout with the community bathroom in the center. Each cluster has seven double-occupancy rooms, a furnished lounge with a television, and one community restroom with multiple sinks, showers, and toilets. Each floor has between one and three clusters per floor, each with a separate entrance.

### **CONCORDIA** HALL

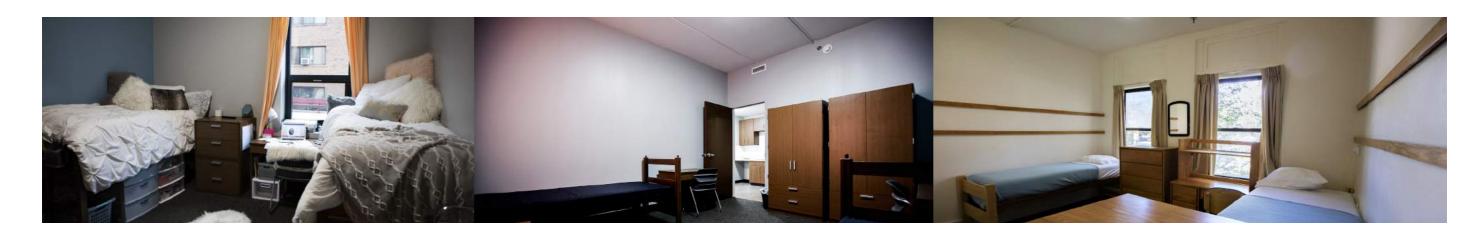
Concordia Hall, our newest residence hall, opened in August 2017. It offers suite-style living with both shared bedroom and single bedroom options. Each suite is fully furnished and includes two restrooms, a kitchenette (including a microwave, sink, and refrigerator) and living room area. Every floor is complete with a community lounge and full kitchen.

### WHAT'S **INCLUDED IN OUR RESIDENCE** HALLS?

- Air-conditioned, cluster-style living
- Elevators
- High-speed secure internet access
- Digital cable television
- Digital keyless entry
- Free laundry facilities
- Vending machines
- Kitchen facilities (including microwaves)
- 24 hour lounge

### **ROOM FURNISHINGS**

- Two twin beds
- Two desks with chairs
- Two dressers



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# PRACTICAL TRAINING

Chicago is a city of business with headquarters and regional offices of the world's largest multinational corporations. From finance to manufacturing, it's a hub of activity. It's a city full of great opportunities for those prepared to work hard. Acquiring relevant work experience is an important step in launching your career.

The Concordia University Chicago internship program allows students to take what they have learned from classwork and apply it in the workplace. No matter which career path you choose to explore, internships can help you on your way and contribute to success in your profession.

If you are an F-1 student, you have the option of training opportunities in the United States by engaging in practical training during your program or after it ends. Practical training can provide valuable work experience by sharpening and adding to the skills you are learning in school. There are two types of practical training available for F-1 students: curricular practical training (CPT) and optional practical training (OPT).

Being in close proximity to downtown Chicago means there are many diverse practical training opportunities to choose from. Chicago is home to more than 30 Fortune 500 company headquarters, so practical training places are plentiful in business, education, health care, and many other fields.

### **Curricular Practical Training (CPT)**

- CPT is integral to your major and the experience must be part of your program of study. CPT is attached to a course and is designed to assist the student in gaining practical experience.
- When you enroll at the graduate level, you may do CPT after one year in your program.
- You can work on CPT either 20 or 40 hours per week.
- The purpose of CPT is to enable students to gain practical experience in their field. Practical experience may be paid or unpaid, so never rely on CPT to cover living costs while you are enrolled in the University.

# **Optional Practical Training (OPT)**

- OPT must relate to your major or course of study.
- You can apply for 12 months of OPT at each education level.
- While school is in session, you may work no more than 20 hours per week.
- After degree completion, OPT may be up to full-time.
- The purpose of OPT is to enable students to gain practical experience in their field. Such practical experience may be paid or unpaid, so never rely on OPT to cover living costs.

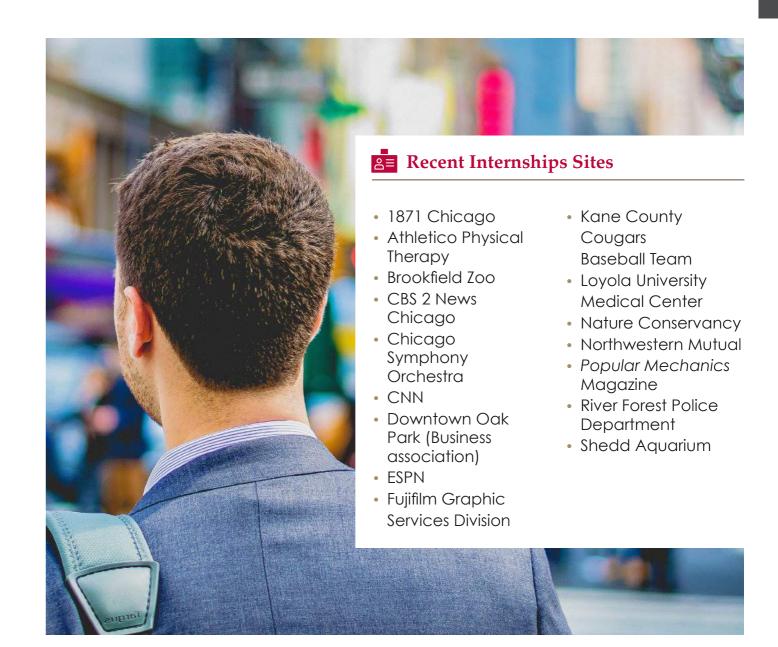
#### 24-Month STEM OPT Extension

- If you receive a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) degree at an undergraduate level or higher and seek a training opportunity related to this degree, you may be eligible for 24 month STEM OPT.
- For more information about the specific eligibility requirements for the 24-month STEM OPT extension, please visit https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/stem-opt-hub.

Although you will be responsible for finding COP and OPT placements that match your degree, the Director of Internships is on hand to help you with:

- Your CV/ resume
- Writing cover letters
- Interview skills
- Job search skills

CUC Career Services holds regular workshops and career fairs to help you find the position you are looking for.



# THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE: **INTERNSHIPS**



"I gained hands-on experience inside and outside of the classroom as a CUC student. Through my internship with the Animal Care League in Oak Park, I was able to practice community outreach, including writing content for seasonal newsletters, planning a Curious George themed pancake breakfast for the local communities to learn more about adopting animals, and publicizing the annual pet parade. I was given a good foundation at CUC to be successful in joining the workforce."

Jacquie Boatman, Marketing major and Communication minor.





"My faculty advisor connected me with internship opportunities available through the Associated Colleges of Illinois and I was able to do a paid internship at the Nature Conservancy in downtown Chicago. Through the fieldwork, I gained experience hosting volunteer work at local nature areas like the Montrose Beach Dunes, working side-by-side with a biologist and learning as I went along. I loved every second of this internship and I didn't want it to end."

Ethan Driffill, Biology major and Sustainability minor from Magna, Utah.



"As an undergraduate student at CUC, some of my most memorable experiences happened outside of the classroom. I learned in class that management involves thinking on your feet, but I didn't really understand it to the fullest until my event planning internship at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. My service learning experience was truly an eye-opener. You hear about different things happening but you never see it; service learning gave me the opportunity to engage beyond the classroom."

Maritza Medrano, Communication and Business Management double major.



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# CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY **CHICAGO CAMPUS MAP**

### 1 Addison Hall

Academic Advising Graduate Admission and **Enrollment Services Human Resources** Office of the President Office of the Registrar Public Safety and Security Student Business Services University Lobby and Switchboard

### 2 Athletic Fields, Baseball, Softball

### 3 Athletic Training and Support **Building/Concession Stand**

#### 4 Brohm Hall

Center for International Student Services (Third Floor) College of Arts and Sciences (Third Floor) College of Business Communications/Theater

### **5 Chapel of Our Lord**

Werner Auditorium

### **6 Christopher Center**

Center for Literacy College of Education College of Graduate Studies College of Innovation and Professional Programs Early Childhood Education Center Resource Center Lobby Café

### 7 Cougar Stadium

Football/Soccer/Lacrosse Field Walking/Running Track

### 8 David-Jonathan Hall

Residence Hall

### **9 Eifrig Hall**

Natural Sciences Department

# 10 Geiseman Gymnasium, North (10A) and South (10B)

Fitness Center

#### 11 Gross Hall

Residence Hall

### 12 Klinck Memorial Library

Library Café CougarNet (Information Technology Services)

### 13 Koehneke Community Center

Alumni Room Barnes & Noble Bookstore Big Cat's Smash & Shake Charlie T's (café) Conference Services and Facilities Crossroads Cafeteria Cougar Den Oak Park-River Forest Room Office of Student Leadership and Involvement Starbucks® Subway®

### 14 Kohn Hall

Lutheran Education Association Residence Hall

### 15 Krauss Hall

Career Services Financial Aid Residence Hall (Third Floor) Student Services and Residence Life **Undergraduate Admission** 

#### 16 Krentz Center

Bergmann Theatre Foundation Alumni Relations Auditorium

#### 17 Kretzmann Hall

Art Department Ferguson Art Gallery Music Department Theology Department

#### 18 Lindemann Hall

Residence Hall

### 19 Mary-Martha Hall

Residence Hall

# 20 Concordia Hall

Residence Hall

# 21 Spurgat Service Building

#### 22 Tennis Courts

#### 23 Trusheim Hall Residence Hall

#### 24 West Annex

#### 25 1107 Monroe

Accelerated Degree Program College of Innovation and Professional Programs

### 26 1115 Monroe

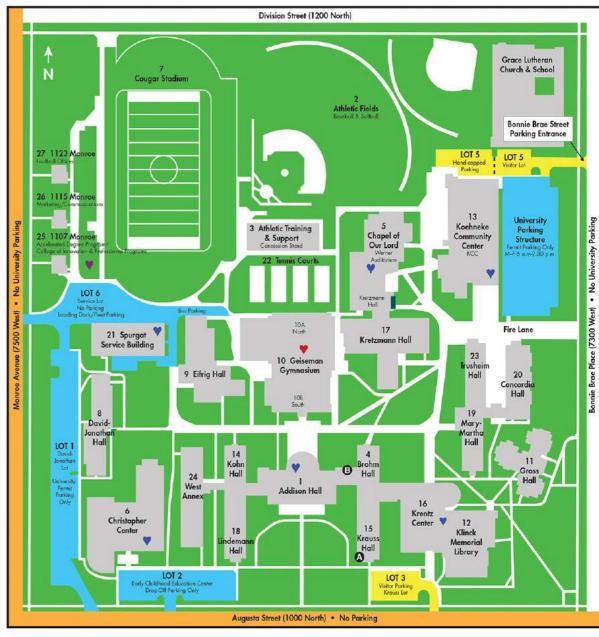
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#### 27 1123 Monroe Football Offices

# PARKING Free Visitor Parking (in yellow)

LOT 5 KCC North Lot **LOT 3** Krauss Lot LOT 1 David-Jonathan Lot LOT 6 Service Lot

LOT 2 Early Childhood Education Center Lot



- Undergraduate Admission and Financial Aid
- Graduate Admission and Enrollment Services
- No CUC Parking
- University Permit Parking

- Visitor Parking
- ♥ Automatic External Defibrillators AED
- AED, March-November only in this location
- ♥ AED, Geiseman Lower Level and First Floor



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