Welcome to the College of Arts & Sciences

We are excited you're considering Chicago State University (CSU), where we've built an educational environment especially for you, your life, and your goals. With high academic standards, small class sizes, dedicated professors, and hands-on learning, Chicago State University will provide you with a top-notch higher education experience to help you meet your personal and professional goals.

The College of Arts & Sciences empowers students to further their fields of study and prepare them to become leaders in the local, state, and global community. Our distinguished faculty is comprised of scholars dedicated to excellence in teaching and research. In addition to individual mentorship, students collaborate with faculty and alumni on research in their fields of study to gain hands-on experience and apply their classroom knowledge.

Chicago State University's College of Arts & Sciences embraces a student-centered learning philosophy that fosters economic growth, social justice, and lifelong personal development. We offer you the opportunity to grow into your best, most complete self, and to discover the joys of teaching and learning. We encourage our students to think, write, perform, compute, construct, and to master the art of managing themselves and others.

I urge you to become familiar with the College's programs and take advantage of all that Chicago State University has to offer. I hope you choose to join our College and look forward to helping you develop a rewarding career in Arts & Sciences.

LeRoy Jones III, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Chicago State University—personal, professional and academic integrity

Chicago State University (CSU) is Chicago’s oldest, fully accredited, public university. It was founded as a teacher training school over 140 years ago. Today, the University is comprised of five colleges that offer 38 undergraduate degrees, 24 graduate degrees, and two doctoral degrees. CSU also offers an interdisciplinary Honors College for students in all areas of study, and CSU’s Continuing Education and Non-Traditional Degree Programs offer extension courses, distance learning, and not-for-credit programs.

Academics
With 38 accredited bachelor degree programs, CSU can help you get started on the path toward the career of your dreams. For working professionals who have already earned a bachelor’s degree, CSU also offers 24 accredited graduate and professional programs that provide you with a competitive edge and help you take your career to the next level.

Our internship and fellowship programs offer you the ability to jump-start your career by putting your education to work before you graduate—while also making a difference in the community.

World-Class Faculty
At CSU, we are dedicated to our students and make their success a top priority, which is why all of our classes are taught by professors—not teaching assistants.

Our world-class faculty includes both professional academics and skilled practitioners—doctors, lawyers, CEOs, published authors and renowned researchers. This helps CSU ensure that our curriculum is relevant and meets the needs of future employers.

By the Numbers

Chicago State University offers the best of both worlds—strong academic programs and a wide range of extracurricular and athletic activities.

From Division I intercollegiate and intramural athletics to student-run organizations and leadership opportunities, you can explore your interests and develop your talents both in and outside of the classroom.

4,767 Total Student Enrollment
38 Bachelor’s Degree Programs
24 Graduate Degree Programs
2 Doctoral Degree Programs
15 NCAA Division I Athletic Teams
20 Minutes from downtown Chicago
"I always talk about my learning and educational experience from Chicago State University. None can compare!"

Fay Edmond, Classes of 1997 and 2003
Children’s Social Service Worker, Riverside County Department of Social Services

The College of Arts & Sciences is the largest at CSU with over 2,400 students, 160 full-time faculty members, 180 part-time faculty members, and over 80 staff members. Considered to be the intellectual nucleus of the University, the College serves every undergraduate student and many graduate students. Home to the humanities, visual and performing arts, social and behavioral sciences as well as the STEM (Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) disciplines of life, the College of Arts & Sciences offers majors, minors, and core requirements to prepare students for advanced studies and professional careers. Students are exposed to an array of hands-on learning opportunities to enrich their academic and personal lives. Towards this end, our programs foster an environment that encourages interdisciplinary exchange, educational innovation, research and leadership.
Interdisciplinary Exchange

A broad base in a variety of academic disciplines provides the solid foundation necessary for students to effectively adapt to the ever-evolving world. We recognize that there are many combinations of courses to meet the needs of our diverse student body. Topics, resources and classroom practices within the College equip students with a multidimensional experience. Students have the opportunity to study across disciplines and access skills that makes them strong candidates when preparing for graduate school or entering the workforce.

Educational Innovation

We recognize that effective teaching involves being aware of different types of instructional materials and also being aware of student strengths and weaknesses. We’ve implemented innovations in our learning environments and curriculum based on assessments and research in order to improve on teaching outcomes and courses each semester. Our hybrid classes offer students the flexibility of learning online and in the classroom throughout the semester. Interactive learning environments have also proven to be beneficial. State-of-the-art smart classrooms such as our multi-million dollar physics labs encourage group collaboration and active learning. Research has shown that an active learning environment lends itself to better retention of material and conceptual understanding of the subject matter.

Research

Nearly every discipline in the College of Arts and Sciences offers students robust independent studies and research opportunities to pursue interest areas under the tutelage of a faculty member through our facilities, internships and collaborations with other organizations. The value of a student’s attained research experience requires solid research principles and practices, which benefits a professional relationship between the student and the faculty mentor process. Current research is integrated with teaching throughout the curriculum and provides a supportive and focused research and training environment. This process allows a student to build upon the knowledge gained in the classroom in a manner that fosters independence and self-confidence, sharpens critical thinking and communication skills, and provides an important vantage point from which to gauge the merits of a given career path. Students who do take advantage of independent studies and research opportunities are well-prepared for their future as these are used to form the framework for advanced graduate study.

Leadership

Students are afforded multifaceted opportunities to take the lead on many projects within the College of Arts & Sciences. These projects range from co-authoring award-winning research to overseeing operations at the campus radio and television studio. As a result, students are prepared to be leaders locally, nationally and globally. Our students are also encouraged to gain experience through participation in one of our many student clubs and organizations including:

- Chemistry Club
- Ecological Society
- Pre-Law Association
- Foreign Language Organization
- Broadcast Education Association
Program Requirements

Entering CSU as a freshman, you will have many opportunities to explore the various majors before making your final decision. Admission to the programs in the College of Arts & Sciences is contingent upon good academic standing and acceptance by the appropriate academic department.

All students must complete core courses in composition, foreign language, humanities, mathematics, natural sciences, and social sciences to satisfy university general education requirements. In addition to satisfying university general education requirements, all students completing the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree or the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree must complete the College of Arts & Sciences general education requirements found below.

Please note that each department within the College of Arts & Sciences maintains separate guidelines for admission to particular disciplines. Please consult with the department for specific requirements for the program of interest.

General Requirements

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The Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree will be awarded after completion of a minimum of 120 credit hours.
Admissions and Financial Aid

Admission to Chicago State University is selective. All applications are carefully evaluated on an individual basis. Our goal is to identify students who possess the ability, motivation and intellectual curiosity necessary to succeed at Chicago State.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, and admission decisions are made after we receive all of your credentials. You should apply early to ensure consideration for your preferred semester of enrollment. For priority review, completed applications should be returned to the Office of Admissions by April 1 for fall admission or by November 15 for spring admission.

How to Apply

Online: It’s easy, convenient and secure. Go to www.csu.edu/admissions/. For assistance, you can visit the Office of Admissions on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and until 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays or call 773.995.2513.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Chicago State University awards financial aid to more than 90% of the student body each year, including grants, scholarships, loans and work study programs. Learn more about financial aid and scholarship opportunities at www.csu.edu/financialaid.

Financial Aid Deadlines

To receive maximum consideration for financial aid, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as possible, but no later than March 10. There is no deadline for Stafford Loans and Pell Grants. For FAFSA and financial aid information, visit www.csu.edu/financialaid/applyforfafsa.htm.
“In the College of Arts & Sciences, I have access to valuable resources, helpful and countless advising, professors who are actively employed in the major in which they teach, and numerous professional internships with opportunity for employment.”

Porschia Boldon
Criminal Justice major

Visit CSU

We encourage students and their families to contact us for individual and/or group tours to become familiar with our campus environment.

The Office of Admissions is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and until 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays, for appointments, tours or walk ins.

Art and Design students were commissioned to create a mural that now hangs in the Cordell Reed Student Union.