The Chicago Studies Program incorporates opportunities for students to engage academically and experientially with the city of Chicago. The Program seeks to provide students with occasions to study Chicago in much the same way that they study other major cities of the world by participating in civilization studies study abroad programs. When students are abroad they enjoy a unique chance to combine, under the direction of Chicago faculty and local community members, classroom work, reading, writing, and experiential learning in world-class cities. With Chicago Studies, the College seeks to make possible the same kinds of intensive academic and experiential encounters with Chicago.

Chicago Studies publishes in book form the *Chicago Studies Annual*, a journal containing the best essays written by College students on the city of Chicago—its history, politics, and cultural life. A selection committee of College faculty considers submissions, which may be from any discipline. Essays then undergo a rigorous editing process.

Chicago Studies includes any College course in which some aspect of the city’s life and culture plays an important role. The Program includes close collaboration between the College and the University Community Service Center (UCSC). Chicago Studies also works closely with Career Advising and Planning Services to identify Metcalf Internships that will give College students opportunities for substantive internships with organizations engaged in the life of the city.

Under the aegis of Chicago Studies, UCSC creates co-curricular experiences in conjunction with faculty in the College. Faculty may draw on the services and the expertise of UCSC to create experiences in the city that are relevant to a particular course. At the same time, independent of particular courses, UCSC facilitates student and faculty access to resources and events in the city and about the city.

UCSC also works with students to connect to organizations and institutions in the Chicago area. Students can connect with community organizations through individual volunteer referral, off-campus work-study positions, and volunteer and paid summer opportunities with community organizations and institutions. Sponsored by the College, UCSC’s Summer Links Internship Program matches thirty University of Chicago students in full-time, paid, substantive internships with nonprofit and public organizations in the city.

Throughout the academic year, UCSC draws on local leadership—community based, political, civic, activist, academic, and business leaders—for workshops, lectures, discussions, and neighborhood explorations. These programs have been organized in recent years around the following six themes:
• Across the Great Divide: Segregation, Boundaries, and Bridges
• Not a Spectator Sport: Chicago Politics
• Exploring the City of Neighborhoods
• Institutions: Their Impact and Influence
• The City that Works: Labor, Industry, and Community
• City in a Garden: Nature, Chicago, and the Environment

These and other topics will be explored from year to year, particularly in response to partnerships developed with College faculty.

Many College courses offer opportunities to study aspects of Chicago’s culture, politics, history, social structure, and economic life. The courses listed below are only a sample of what is available.

Courses


BIOS 13113. Prairie Ecosystems: Lessons of Sustainability in the Past, Present, and Future. (=ENST 13113) PQ: BIOS 10110 or 10130. Third- or fourth-year standing or consent of instructor. Warm coat and ability to walk five miles required. J. Borevitz. Spring.


CMST 28000/38000. Documentary Video. (=ARTV 23901/33901, TAPS 28453) Two-hour lab required in addition to class time. Lab fee $70. J. Hoffman. Winter.


ENST 13113-27100-27200-27300. Calumet Quarter. PQ: Enrollment is based on acceptance into Calumet Quarter Program. Visit pge.uchicago.edu/calumet for an Environmental Studies application, which requires an unofficial transcript and letter of recommendation. ENST 13113-27100-27200-27300 must be taken concurrently. Spring.

GEOG 23500/33500. Urban Geography. This course is offered in alternate years. M. Conzen. Winter.

GEOG 26100/36100. Roots of the Modern American City. (=ENST 26100, HIST 28900/38900) All-day Illinois field trip required. This course is offered in alternate years. M. Conzen. Autumn.


PBPL 25200. Poverty in the United States. This course is offered in alternate years. C. Broughton. Winter.

PBPL 25405. Child Poverty and Chicago Schools. This course is offered in alternate years. C. Broughton. Winter.


SOSC 25501. Schools and Communities. (=UTEP 35501) Autumn.