

Chicago Studies

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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.

Beginning in the Spring of 2008, and continuing annually thereafter, Chicago Studies will publish in book form the best essays written by College students on the city of Chicago—its history, politics, and cultural life. Essays will be chosen by a committee of College faculty; essays from all disciplines will be considered.

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

ANTH 21201. Intensive Study of a Culture: Chicago Blues. *M. Dietler. Winter, 2009.*

ARTH 17400. The University of Chicago Campus. *"On site" sessions and viewings of archival documents required. K. Taylor. Spring, 2009.*

ARTH 26600/36600. Ideas of the City in the Early Twentieth Century. *K. Taylor. Autumn, 2008.*

CMST 21801/31801. Chicago Film History. (=ARTV 26750/36750) *J. Hoffman. Spring.*

CRPC 28108. Housing Segregation in the United States. (=HIST 27105, PBPL 27105) *T. Mah. 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.*

HIST 27301. Introduction to Black Chicago, 1895 to 2005. (=AFAM 27305, CRPC 27301, LLSO 22210) *A. Green. Autumn, 2008.*

HIST 29603. Colloquium: Hyde Park and Chicago's South Side as Historical Laboratory. (=GEOG 26800) *K. Conzen. Winter, 2009.*

PBPL 25200. Poverty in the United States. *C. Broughton. Winter.*

SOCI 20104/30104. Urban Structure and Process. (=GEOG 22700/32700, SOSC 25100) *O. McRoberts. Spring.*