



Make the most of your college visits ...

Concordia University Chicago

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An aerial photograph of a university campus, likely Northwestern University, showing a dense collection of brick buildings, a red running track, and a large green field. The campus is surrounded by lush green trees, and in the far distance, the Chicago skyline is visible under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

... and find the best college match  
**for you!**

# Top 10 questions to ask during your college visits

(with Concordia University Chicago's answers to these questions)

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## What type of student is successful here?

There's no one type of CUC student, but what our students have in common is their high level of involvement, commitment to their education and dedication to service leadership. Concordia-Chicago students come from a variety of states and countries and represent several religious faiths.

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## What are the top reasons students select this college/university?

CUC students prefer personal attention and opportunities to take on leadership roles that a college our size provides. Professors know who you are and support your goals. There are ample opportunities for involvement in athletics, student organizations and service groups. Access to downtown Chicago provides meaningful internships and field excursions.

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## What does this school value and what is it known for?

CUC provides a broad, liberal arts-based education that incorporates Lutheran Christian values, developing ethical leaders who will contribute to the world. More than 50 undergraduate programs in health, science, education, business, technology, arts, humanities and theology are offered. Popular majors include health science, psychology, early childhood education, criminal justice, computer science, exercise science & fitness management, sports management & business, accounting, and business intelligence & analytics.

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## How are professors committed to my success here?

CUC students find their professors will spend time one-on-one to explain difficult concepts, write recommendation letters for jobs and graduate school, and offer practical advice about internships and careers in their fields. You'll find professors in the crowd at athletic events, and in the audience at student recitals and theater productions.

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## What is the average class like—interactive or lecture?

At CUC, expect lots of small group work and discussions, and projects that involve the entire class. You'll have the advantage of small class sizes, where your professors know who you are and call on you in class, even if the class is held in a lecture hall—meaning you won't be able to hide in the back! And, at times, the resources of downtown Chicago and our surrounding suburbs will become your classroom.

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## How will I get help if a class is too challenging? (How will I know classes will be challenging enough for me?)

Concerned classes may be too tough? You'll want to contact CULearn's Teaching & Learning Commons at CUC. They'll help you learn study skills and match you with a peer tutor. If you're admitted and qualify academically for the additional challenge of the Honors Program, you'll be sent an application for the program. Honors Program students participate in more rigorous coursework and complete special senior projects.

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## What services does this college provide that prepare me for internships and career choices?

Career Services at CUC will help prepare you for internship opportunities, job interviews, and assist with résumé writing and career inventories. Approximately 90 percent of our students are employed or enrolled in graduate programs in their fields within six months of graduation.

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## How does this college/university make it affordable to attend?

At CUC, 100 percent of full-time traditional undergraduate students receive some type of financial grant or scholarship provided by the University. Additional funding from federal, state and loan sources is available. Staff members in the Office of Financial Aid work with you to help you find the best ways to finance your education.

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## What opportunities are different if I live on campus?

As a first-year residential student at Concordia University Chicago, you and other freshmen will share experiences and build friendships that will last a lifetime. Residence Life sponsors a variety of programs throughout the year to help you adjust to college life, showcase service opportunities and explore ideas for getting together...and having fun!

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## What is there to do in the neighborhood? Is there access to a city's downtown nearby?

Just blocks from CUC's campus, you can walk to downtown Oak Park-River Forest, where students shop at Old Navy, Target and small boutiques, grab a cup of Starbucks Coffee and see a movie at the Lake Theatre. And from the local Oak Park "L" station, you'll also have access to downtown Chicago, offering you the best of culture, arts and entertainment, as well as internship and job opportunities.

# What else do you need to know about college visits?



## The best way to learn about a college is to visit in person!

Spend a day on campus to really get a sense of the students, faculty and the energy of the campus. Though you can see and learn a lot online, nothing compares to being there in person—getting all your questions answered right away, familiarizing yourself with campus facilities and, most of all, getting a “feel” for the campus. After all, when students do make their final college choices, many say “it just felt right” during their campus visit.



## Plan ahead for your visit.

Take a few minutes to write down aspects of your future college experience that will be important to you. Think about what matters to you. Examples may include your major, size of classes, opportunities for internships, campus values, activities, arts and athletics. Is location important? Urban campus in a city, or suburban location with access to city opportunities? Or, do you prefer the more rural setting of a college town? Create a list and compare the colleges you visit. Make sure you know what’s included on the campus tour. You’ll want to see academic facilities; if possible, sit in on a class; check out the library; learn which student services are available; view residence halls; and see where students get together for activities.



## What colleges should you visit?

Visit as many colleges and universities as you are interested in. The visits will help you to continue to narrow down your choices. If you find you’re drawn to schools of all the same type or size, you may want to branch out a little bit and visit another kind of school to get a sense of the different experiences each college has to offer.



## When should you visit?

Junior year is a good time to begin visiting. If you haven’t started visiting campuses yet, start now! The best time to visit a college is when classes are in session. Faculty members are on campus, students are on campus, and there’s lots of activity. Visiting on a weekend will limit your options for most schools. Once you’ve applied, you also may want to visit the colleges again. And, when you’re making your final decision, we recommend that if possible, you make another visit to confirm your choice. Most colleges have an admitted student day. These programs are designed to help you make your final college decision during senior year.



## Do you need to make an appointment?

Most schools do require you to call ahead for an appointment to ensure you get the most out of your time visiting campus.

### When are visits available at Concordia University Chicago?

To schedule your campus visit, register online at [CUChicago.edu/visit](https://CUChicago.edu/visit) or call the Office of Undergraduate Admission at **877-CUChicago (877-282-4422)**.

Individual campus visits are available weekdays from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. During the academic year, campus tours and admission appointments are also available Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**All dates are subject to the University calendar and special events.**

### More Visit Tips

- Talk with current students.
- Read the student newspaper.
- Read/pick up campus fliers.