Student Academic Services (SAS) focuses on the overall success of Loyola students. Our purpose is to provide opportunities for students to learn more about themselves and reflect on how they fit into our global society.

The SAS unit plays an integral role in preparing people to lead extraordinary lives that are grounded in the pursuit of knowledge, justice and faith. We help students uncover their unique talents so they can chart new paths that benefit our communities. Infused with a conviction of cura personalis (care for the whole person), our programs, services, courses and interactions are designed to encourage and empower students to positively impact the world. At SAS, we enable students to learn more, serve more, and achieve more, while inspiring action that leads to a more just community.

The First Year Seminar Program, University 101, helps students better understand the Loyola vision while forming their own Loyola Experience.
FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE (FYE)
The Office of First-Year Experience supports the success of new freshman and transfer students. Beginning with orientation, new students learn what it means to be a Rambler. Throughout the year, we sponsor programs that help students deepen their connection to Loyola, such as New Student Convocation, the First-Year Reader, and Communities in Conversation. We support successful transitions for first year and transfer students.

The connection continues with the Second-Year Experience (SYE) initiatives like the Majors Fair and Halfway to Graduation celebration. We support second-years as they develop a better understanding of themselves, explore their directions, and make commitments both in and outside the classroom.

- LUC.edu/fye

STUDENT SERVICES HUB
Located in the Sullivan Center, the Student Services Hub provides students and visitors with immediate help, answers, and direction on what to do, or where to go. Whether you are seeking financial advice, a college transcript, or other specific services, the Hub is a great place to start your search.

- LUC.edu/hub

ACADEMIC ADVISING
You will be assigned an academic advisor at the beginning of freshman year to help with orientation, individual appointments, group workshops, and specialized courses. You will get to know your advisor through UNIV 101: the First Year Seminar, where you’ll learn about choosing a major, enrolling in courses, completing a four-year academic plan, and navigating your Loyola Experience.

If you are a transfer student, you may participate in UNIV 201, a course designed specifically for transfer students. You’ll also meet with an academic advisor in your school or college.

To locate your appropriate office, please visit the advising website.

- LUC.edu/advising

LEARNING COMMUNITIES
Are you looking to connect with others who are passionate about the same things you are? Then join a Learning Community! Students in learning communities live in the same residence hall, take courses together, and participate in group activities. Learning communities are a great way to make friends, get to know faculty, feel more engaged, and do better academically.

- LUC.edu/learningcommunity

PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISING
There are also advisors who specialize in the pre-health and pre-law professions.

- LUC.edu/prehealth
- LUC.edu/prelaw

ACADEMIC SUCCESS STRATEGIES WORKSHOPS
Maximize your academic success by attending one of the workshops offered each semester. Topics include time management, study techniques, four-year graduation planning, study abroad, and choosing your major.

- LUC.edu/tutoring/academicskillsworkshopseries
SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (SSWD)

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD) supports students with documented disabilities, by creating and fostering an accessible learning environment. Aligned with Student Academic Services mission, SSWD is committed to supporting students in a successful transition throughout their Loyola experience.

• LUC.edu/sswd

THE CENTER FOR TUTORING AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (CTAE)

The CTAE helps students academically, while building their capacities for progress and success in and out of the classroom. The center offers undergraduate tutoring in over 70 courses through one-on-one and small group tutoring, supplemental instruction, walk-in study halls and academic coaching.

UNIV 112-Strategies in Learning is a course available to Loyola students that provides additional tools for progress and success. All services are led by trained and certified College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) tutors and Supplemental Instruction Leaders.

• LUC.edu/tutoring

ACHEIVING COLLEGE EXCELLENCE (ACE)

ACE, a TRIO Student Support Services Program serves 140 undergraduates who identify as either first generation college students, high financial need students, or students with documented disabilities. Funded by the Office of the Provost and the U.S. Department of Education, we provide the tools and strategies necessary for academic achievement, year-to-year persistence, college graduation, and enrollment in graduate and professional school.

• LUC.edu/ace

FELLOWSHIP OFFICE

Established in 2008, the Fellowship Office primarily assists undergraduate students to apply successfully for prestigious external fellowships, including awards for undergraduate study, study abroad, graduate study, and research internships.

• LUC.edu/fellowshipoffice

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Career Development Center serves all Loyola students and alumni as a source for career assessment, career education, and assistance with the job search. We encourage students to take advantage of our services as soon as they arrive at Loyola University Chicago, and are glad to work with alumni post-graduation. The CDC has dedicated advisors for schools and departments as well as Pre-Health and Pre-Law disciplines.

• LUC.edu/career

In 2015, six Loyola students were awarded Gilman Scholarships to study at the Rome Campus, Beijing Center, and Vietnam Center. Three others won awards to study in Argentina, Peru, and France.

• LUC.edu/fellowshipoffice

UNIV 224, the Career and Life Planning Seminar three-credit hour course, prepares you to make career-related decisions throughout your life. Participants complete a battery of self-assessment inventories that help identify interests, values, skills and personality traits. Students also learn how to network effectively, build strong applications materials, and develop successful job strategize.

• LUC.edu/career/univ224
PRE-HEALTH ADVISING
Loyola offers advising for students considering careers in the health professions. The Pre-Health Professions Program offers guidance and coaching through one-on-one advising, information sessions and workshops. Opportunities include the Dual Acceptance Program, Early Assurance Program, Pre-Health Award, and Pre-Health Professions Advisory Committee, and internal Pre-Health List-Serve.

- LUC.edu/prehealth

PRE-LAW ADVISING
Loyola offers specialized advising for Pre-Law students through information sessions, on-campus programing, and one-on-one meetings. Students can participate in an internship at local law firms, government agencies, and nonprofits. They can take part in the award-winning Mock Trial and Model United Nations programs and join the Pre-Law Society. Loyola also permits a limited number of well-qualified students to enter the School of Law after completing their junior year through the Accelerated Admission Program.

- LUC.edu/prelaw

MILITARY VETERAN STUDENT SERVICES (MVSS)
MVSS supports our veteran students through their transition from military service. Through individual advising, academic and social programming, MVSS staff help students identify resources that encourage their full integration to the Loyola community and civilian life. MVSS also advises the Student Veteran Association (SVA), a student-run organization that provides an additional social support network for military veteran students.

- LUC.edu/veterans
- veterans@luc.edu

The Pre-Health Professions Advisory Committee process guides, advises, and evaluates Loyola students and alumni/ae on a range of competencies when applying to health professional schools. Many health professional schools value committee evaluations as they provide an “integrated and institutional perspective on an applicant’s readiness” for health professional school (AAMC).