Loyola prides itself on a model that promotes diversity and welcomes people of all backgrounds. The Department of Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs is one way Loyola critically explores, engages, and embraces these differences not only on the local level, but on a larger, global scale. The variance in race, religion, ethnic background, socio-economic class, sexual orientation, and ability that can be found at Loyola, and in Chicago, will serve to enhance your overall learning and life experience.

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OUR PROGRAMS

By offering an assortment of programs and constantly working to develop new programs that focus on leadership advancement, diversity, equity, and social justice, SDMA seeks to improve the experience of all members of the Loyola community.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND LEADERSHIP

BROTHERS FOR EXCELLENCE: Mentorship program to improve the personal and academic success of men of color at Loyola.

DIVERSITY AWARD: Recognizes significant strides made toward social justice and equity.

THE PEOPLE’S INSTITUTE: An overnight experience at LUREC that explores the interconnection between identity, diversity, and leadership.

LUCES WOMEN OF COLOR LEADERSHIP AND RITES OF PASSAGE PROGRAM: Works toward building solidarity, community, and wellness among women of color at Loyola.

STUDENTS TOGETHER ARE REACHING SUCCESS (STARS): Peer mentorship and academic success program that connects first-generation students and students of color with successful upper classmen for one-on-one and group mentoring during their first year at Loyola.

MORE ONLINE
Loyola’s diversity statement • LUC.edu/studentdevelopment
SDMA mission and vision • LUC.edu/diversity

SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION

MEN’S PROJECT: Explores maleness and masculinity while challenging systems of oppression to create positive transformation.

SAFE SPACE TRAINING PROGRAM: Learning opportunity for departments and students on how to provide safer environments and services for the LGBTQ community.

SOCIAL JUSTICE DINNER DIALOGUES: A year-long dialogue series led by students, staff, and faculty that explore different diversity and social justice topics.

RAMBLERS ANALYZING WHITENESS (R.A.W.): The purpose of R.A.W. is to create a closed space on campus for self-identified White students to engage in dialogue about their own racial identity. R.A.W. participants learn to operate in solidarity with others and examine privilege through a social justice lens.

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At Loyola, we draw on the ideal and wisdom of Magis with common question and purpose: What are we doing for our students, our community, and our world?

OUR TRADITIONS

Cultivating cultural competency

Historically, Chicago has always been, and continues to be, a city made up of rich cultural beginnings that are still very much evident today. From food and festivals to faith and art, the expansive variety of cultures dwelling in Chicago makes this city world class.

With the fifth-highest foreign-born population in the country, Chicago embraces its diverse composition and Loyola is no different. We appreciate our diversity and value the different cultures represented in the Loyola community and greater society. It is a part of Loyola’s identity and deserves to be celebrated.

Everyone has a history, a story, and you carry your own unique culture with you into college and beyond. By meeting new people and partaking in new experiences here, not only will you discover a great deal about different cultures, but you will explore and take pride in your own identity.

The SDMA supports student organizations throughout the year through events, such as:

- Asian/Pacific American Heritage
- Black History
- Latino Heritage
- Islamic Awareness Week
- Women’s History
- LGBTQ Awareness

More than 40 unique languages are spoken in Chicago.

6 STRATEGIES TO FOSTER DIVERSITY

- Innovation
- Education
- Advising
- Celebration
- Advocacy
- Outreach
UNITY IN DIVERSITY FUND

Loyola offers you a multitude of ways to get involved and demonstrate your commitment to justice, and equity at your school is just one of them.

Created with the passion exemplified by Pedro Arrupe, S.J., and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in mind, the Unity in Diversity Fund was established for students, faculty, and staff to support the development of educational events, curriculum, activities, and opportunities that address social justice and human diversity programming.

Through this new and exciting opportunity, we aim to nourish and advance multicultural education to provide you with an increased campus climate for diversity and growth.

This fund is specially designed to afford you the opportunity to channel your passion, creativity, and knowledge into action and witness the results of your positive, transformational efforts. In other words, it makes it possible for you to really make a difference!

Check out our range of SDMA-supported student organizations! Some of the most popular include:

- African Student Alliance
- Amnesty International
- Black Cultural Center
- Council of Pan Asian Americans
- Latin American Student Organization
- Muslim Students Association
- NAACP LUC College

• Learn more about faculty/staff grants and student diversity support funds, and how you can apply, at LUC.edu/diversity.

• Full list of student groups at LUC.orgsync.com