OUR MISSION

We are Chicago’s Jesuit, Catholic University—
a diverse community seeking God in all things and working to expand knowledge
in the service of humanity through learning, justice, and faith.

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT DIVERSITY AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

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Loyola University Chicago admits students without regard to their race, color, sex, age, national or ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation,
ancestry, military discharge or status, marital status, parental status, or any other protected status.
Otherwise qualified persons are not subject to discrimination on the basis of disability.

Loyola is an equal opportunity educator and employer.
Information in this brochure is correct as of October 2017.
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 found at Loyola, and in Chicago, will enhance your learning and life experience.

Loyola is the place to learn how to connect your gifts and talents to the larger world.

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SDMA PROGRAMS
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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.
- **The People’s Institute**: An overnight retreat at LUREC that explores the interconnection between identity, diversity, and leadership.
- **LUCES Women of Color Program**: Works toward building solidarity, community, and wellness among women of color at Loyola.
- **Students Together Are Reaching Success**: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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION
- **Promoting Inclusivity**: Part of the Loyola Experience is ensuring that all have an opportunity to participate and be heard. To that end, the University promotes initiatives to help foster inclusivity. **Understanding Bias** is a 3-credit-hour course that gives students the tools to promote justice and productively engage in conversations around bias. **Ramblers Analyzing Whiteness** gives self-identified White students the opportunity to discuss their own racial identity through a series of racial justice workshops.
- **Share the Dream Undocumented Student Ally training**: Designed for students, staff, and faculty to learn ways to support undocumented students.
- **Safe Space Training Program**: Learning opportunity for departments and students on how to provide safer environments and services for the LGBTQIA community.

STUDENT GROUPS
*Check out our range of SDMA-supported student organizations, such as:*
- Advocate
- African Student Alliance
- Black Cultural Center
- Council of Pan Asian Americans
- Latin American Student Organization
- Muslim Students Association
- Vietnamese Student Association

UNDERGRADUATES 2016

RACIAL DIVERSITY
- **40%**
- Those who self-identify as:
  - African American
  - Asian American
  - Latin American
  - Native American
  - Multiracial/other

FRESHMAN CLASS OF 2016

RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY
- **40%**
- Those who self-identify as:
  - Buddhist
  - Eastern Orthodox
  - Hindu
  - Jewish
  - Muslim
  - Protestant
  - Other/unknown

NOTABLE SPONSORED EVENTS
The SDMA supports student organizations throughout the year with events, such as:
- Asian/Pacific American Heritage
- Black History
- Latino Heritage
- Islamic Awareness Week
- Women’s History
- LGBTQ Awareness
TRADITIONS

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.

RESOURCES

Loyola offers you a multitude of ways to get involved and demonstrate a commitment to justice and equity. One of those is the Unity in Diversity Fund, which was established as a way for students, faculty, and staff to support the development of educational events, curriculum, activities, and opportunities that address social justice and human diversity programming. The Unity in Diversity Fund aims to nourish and advance multicultural education to provide the entire Loyola community with an increased campus climate for diversity and growth. You’ll have the opportunity to channel your passion, creativity, and knowledge into action and witness the results of your efforts.

MORE ONLINE

Loyola’s diversity statement
LUC.edu/diversityandinclusion

SDMA mission and vision
LUC.edu/diversity

Student groups
LUC.edu/LUCentral

40 MORE THAN 40 UNIQUE LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN IN CHICAGO.

STRATEGIES TO FOSTER DIVERSITY

Innovation · Education · Advising · Celebration · Advocacy · Outreach