

Chicago Center: Quick Facts

Academics

- *Admissions requirements*
 - 2.5 minimum GPA
- *Program Academics*
 - Academic focus: anthropology, business, education, sociology, social work urban issues, & much more
 - Semester
 - Internship, three times/week
 - Two seminars, each meet once/week
 - Communities & Culture City Seminar = 4 AC credits
 - Directed Study (field study/research project) = 4 “independent study” AC credits
 - Earn up to 16 AC credits
 - Fulfills “S” course requirement. If dates of attendance run into May, fulfills “S” course *spring term* requirement. Students must verify this with Registrar once program dates are published.
 - Summer
 - Communities & Culture City Seminar = 3 AC credits
 - Internship
 - Fulfills “S” course credit. If dates of attendance run into May, fulfills “S” course *spring term* requirement. Students must verify with Registrar.
 - Spring Term
 - Chicago Beyond the Skyline Seminar = 4 AC credits
 - Internship is built in to the seminar; seven day placement
 - Typically translates as Race and Ethnic Relations (SOA 180), Cultural Diversity, or practicum credit depending on student’s major
 - Fulfills “S” course spring term credit – student must verify this with the Registrar.
 - Alma College allows pass/fail for a course provided it meets guidelines published in the Academic Catalog. Refer to the Pass/Fail Option form (provided with Step 4) for complete instructions. Pass/fail must be requested within nine weeks after the class begins.
 - Incomplete grades must be replaced by letter grades within six weeks from being recorded on the Alma transcript, or they convert to “E”. Contact the Registrar for assistance when you have received an Incomplete grade.

Housing

- Furnished apartments in Hyde Park, shared with other Chicago Center participants
- Food account set up with local grocery store

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *What will the apartment I live in be like?*
 - Each apartment has a fully equipped kitchen; wireless internet, cable T.V., phone service, and *most* have onsite laundry facilities.
 - Coffee shops, restaurants, bookstores, banks, shops and the Chicago Center office are all within walking distance.
 - Apartments are close to public transportation, and a short bus ride from downtown or a walk to the lakefront.
 - You will share the apartment with other Chicago Center participants All room mates will be responsible for cooking, cleaning, and other household needs.

2. *Can I request to live with (a) friend(s) from Alma?*
 - Generally, the Chicago Center attempts to separate students from the same college so that you have a chance to meet new people. However, they do respect specific housing requests. If you absolutely must live with another Alma student, both students must request this in separate e-mails to Lane Chesebro (lanec@chicagocenter.org). The Chicago Center will do their best to place you in the same apartment, but placement together is not guaranteed.

3. *What is the City Activity Expense cost?*
 - The Chicago Center lists the City Activity Expense on their website to provide students with an estimated out-of-pocket cost beyond the costs paid to Alma College or to the Chicago Center. The estimated cost is designed to give students an idea of how much will be spent on class days for expenses such as meals and souvenirs during seminar. All program events will have already been paid for prior to arrival.

4. *Where can mail be sent to me while I'm attending this program?*
 - Envelopes can be mailed to (student name), 1347 E. Hyde Park Blvd, Chicago, IL 60615; Packages should be sent to (student name, c/o Chicago Center for Urban Life & Culture), 1515 East 52nd Place, Chicago, IL 60615
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5. *Who can I contact if I have questions about the application process, or general questions about the Chicago Center program?*
 - Your first point of contact should be the Chicago Center's official website (www.chicagocenter.org).
 - If your questions aren't answered by thoroughly checking the website, you can call the Chicago Center toll free at 1-800-747-6059 , or e-mail them at info@chicagocenter.org
 - The Academic and Career Planning office is always here to help answer your questions.