

LAKE FOREST COLLEGE IN THE LOOP – INFORMATION

FALL 2012 & SPRING 2013 PROGRAMS

See full program details and application materials at: <http://www.lakeforest.edu/chicago/intheloop/>

Information Sessions – all at the Center for Chicago Programs:

*Mon., Jan. 23 – 12 noon - 1 p.m.

*Wed., Jan. 25 – 4 - 5 p.m.

*Mon., Jan. 30 – 4 - 5 p.m.

Chicago is one of the world's most diverse and vibrant cities, and the In The Loop program gives students an opportunity to experience Chicago to its fullest. The program has two watchwords: immersion and flexibility. Immersion in the life of Chicago comes from (a) living in a comfortable hostel in the South Loop and (b) carrying out an internship in the city or nearby suburbs. Flexibility comes from the choice of course work that can be taken along with the internship (see below).

TOUR OF THE HOSTEL AND NEIGHBORHOOD: The College is offering students the opportunity to visit and tour Hostelling International (HI-Chicago), the residence hall for the In The Loop program, on **Saturday, February 11th**. Students will be able to familiarize themselves with the Hostel and the neighborhood. Hostelling International is located at 24 E. Congress Parkway.

The group will meet in the lobby of HI-Chicago at 2 p.m., with the tour beginning promptly at 2:10 p.m. After the tour, we will have some refreshments. Then students will have the opportunity to explore the surrounding area, which includes Roosevelt University and Columbia College Chicago.

Students will be responsible for getting to and from the Hostel. The Center for Chicago Programs will reimburse students for their Metra Weekend Pass (\$7) and up to \$5.75 for their CTA fare card. Students must take the 12:24 p.m. train in order to make it to the Hostel by 2 p.m. Students who are interested in attending must sign-up at the Center for Chicago Programs by Wednesday, February 8th. Please contact Jennie Larsen (larsen@lakeforest.edu) with any questions about the tour.

I. ELIGIBILITY:

**junior or senior standing* (according to the official guidelines: “In special circumstances, to be determined by the Internship Supervisor and the Director of the Center for Chicago Programs, sophomores may be allowed to receive credit for internships.”)

**a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 by time of participation*

**advisor approval*

**Dean of Students approval*

**agreement to observe all College and Hostelling International procedures and regulations*

II. PROGRAM -- Residential Life and Course Credits

A. Residential Life. All students live on the 7th floor of Hostelling International, located at 24 E. Congress Parkway in the South Loop. Typically, there are 4 bedrooms in a suite, and each suite has a kitchen, living room, bathroom, and wireless internet. All bedrooms feature a window, double-bed, desk, and basic cable. Students will have individual bedrooms, unless overall enrollment requires doubling up in the two largest bedrooms.

B. Course Credits. Students may register for up to 4.5 credits without paying a tuition surcharge. Academic credits are a combination of internship and course options.

1. Internships. All students undertake a one to two credit internship in a company or organization located in Chicago or a nearby suburb. A one credit internship requires 150 total hours (about 10 hours/week in a 15-week semester), and a two-credit internship requires 300 total hours (about 20 hours/week). Internships are graded on a CR-D-F basis. Each student will work with one of the following internship supervisors to identify a suitable internship in the student's field of interest:

Communications: Helene DeGross (ext. 6023)

Economics/Business/Finance: George Seyk (ext. 6088)

Education: Shelley Sherman (ext. 5172)

Humanities and Social Sciences: Julia Fiske (ext. 6023)

Natural Sciences/Math/Environmental Studies: Lynn Westley (ext. 6048)

Psychology: Kathy Dohrmann (ext. 5245)

2. Course Options. Students have much flexibility in selecting their course options. Options include:

a. Interdisciplinary **Concentration** courses taught by Lake Forest faculty in Chicago

Fall 2012 focus: Urban Studies

*City, Space, and Place (SOAN 237) – Prof. Holly Swyers

*Urban Politics (POLS 223) – Prof. Carrie Nordlund

Spring 2013 focus: Chicago in Global Context

*Chicago: Global City/City of Neighborhoods – Profs. David George and Rand Smith
(approval pending)

*Real Estate Finance (FIN 337) – Prof. Jill Terzakis (approval pending)

b. **Courses at Roosevelt University or Columbia College Chicago**

*these courses should NOT be courses that are available on campus

*courses must be approved by your advisor. If counting for a major or minor, must also be approved by the department or program chair.

*courses taken at RU or CCC are considered transfer courses. As such, the grade(s) appear on your transcript but do not figure into your GPA.

*Typical courses at RU or CCC count for 0.75 LFC credits. For students taking such courses, the College offers a 0.5 credit Practicum, taught by Residence Director, Jovani Thompson, so that students will not fall behind in credits.

c. **Other options.** Students may also pursue other options such as: regular courses on Lake Forest campus (including Senior Seminar), independent study, and senior thesis.

III. APPLICATION PROCESS

As an off-campus study program, the application process closely follows the standard off-campus study procedure. This procedure involves TWO stages: (1) an initial “eligibility verification” stage,

followed by (2) an “In The Loop” application. The two stages must be completed sequentially, and students must meet the deadline associated with each stage.

STAGE 1 – ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION – DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

To complete this stage, pick up a Stage 1 packet from the **Office for Off-Campus Programs** (Jan Miller, Director) or download the packet online: <http://www.lakeforest.edu/chicago/intheloop/application.php>. The Off-Campus Programs office is located in Johnson B, Room 177 and is open 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All forms contained in the Stage 1 packet must be completed and turned in, **hard copy only**, to the Office for Off-Campus Programs by Wednesday, Feb. 15. Applicants will be notified of their eligibility shortly thereafter.

STAGE 2 – IN THE LOOP APPLICATION – DEADLINE: THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Once you have turned in your Stage 1 application, you must complete a Stage 2 packet, which is the part of the application specific to the In The Loop program. Stage 2 forms will become available in mid-February and will be placed on-line on the CCP website; they can also be picked up at the **Center for Chicago Programs** (Johnson C). (NOTE: This pick-up spot is different from that of Stage 1.) All forms contained in the packet must be completed and turned in, **hard copy only**, to the **Center for Chicago Programs** by Thursday, March 1.

Students will be notified of the status of their application by Monday, March 19 and, if accepted, must confirm their intention, to participate by Wednesday, March 28. Such confirmation consists of a \$250 deposit to the Cashier’s window in the Business Office. (This non-refundable deposit will be applied toward program costs.) Registration for classes and internships will take place throughout the month of April.

IV. COSTS

The College aims to make this program cost about the same as living on campus (exclusive of transportation costs in the city and incidental spending). All students pay regular Lake Forest tuition, with all financial aid applying to the program. Students will also pay a program fee that will cover housing and partial board. The following are the costs for Spring 2012 – these can be expected to rise somewhat next year.

UNDERGRADUATE:	One Semester on Campus	One Semester in Chicago
Tuition	\$18,140	\$18,140
Activity Fee	\$120	\$0.00
Clinic Fee	\$100	\$0.00
Recreation & Fitness Fee	<u>\$200</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Subtotal:	\$18,560	\$18,140
Room	\$2,135	\$3,510
Board	<u>\$2,195</u>	<u>\$1,240</u>
Subtotal:	\$4,330	\$4,750
TOTAL	\$22,890	\$22,890

INTERNSHIPS: 2011-12

The following is a sample of internships in the major fields.

COMMUNICATION (DeGross)

ESPN
Rolling Stone Magazine
SunTimes Media
Joffrey Ballet
ABC Channel 7, "Windy City Live"

ECONOMICS, BUSINESS, FINANCE (Seyk)

United Airlines
UNICEF
Axiom Consulting
Today's Chicago Woman

EDUCATION (Sherman)

Voices for Illinois Children

HUMANTIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE (Fiske)

Art Institute of Chicago
Chicago Shakespeare Theatre
WorldChicago
TimeOut Magazine
Consulate General of Mexico
Museum of Contemporary Art

NATURAL SCIENCES, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (Westley)

Shedd Aquarium
Safer Pest Control
Academy for Global Citizenship

PSYCHOLOGY (Dohrmann)

Working Bikes Cooperative