Lake Forest College is located in a beautiful, serene community that is only a train ride away from vibrant Chicago. Thirty miles south of campus, the Windy City offers our students endless adventures and experiences.

Chicago AT A GLANCE

DISTANCE FROM LAKE FOREST
• 30 miles
• About one hour on commuter trains that run approximately 25 times per day

PEOPLE AND CULTURE
• Nation’s third largest city, home to nearly 3 million people, 9 million in the metro area
• 198 multicultural neighborhoods where more than 100 languages are spoken
• 70 museums, including one of the world’s largest indoor aquariums
• Rich architectural history—Chicago is home to the world’s first skyscraper

BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT
• 400+ major corporate headquarters
• More than $500 billion gross regional product (GRP)
• #1 metro for new and expanding companies

GREEN CITY
• 7,300 acres of parkland and 33 beaches
• More than 2 million square feet of rooftop gardens
• Named one of the five “Best Cities for Cycling” in America by Bicycling magazine

MUSIC, FOOD, AND ENTERTAINMENT
• Famous for Chicago blues, soul, jazz, gospel, and the birthplace of house music
• More than 200 live theaters and one of the nation’s top opera companies
• The world’s largest free zoo
• Home to eight professional sports teams: Chicago Bears football, Cubs and White Sox baseball, Blackhawks hockey, Bulls and Sky basketball, Fire and Red Stars soccer
• Known for deep dish pizza, Chicago-style hotdogs, and Italian beef, and home to more than 7,300 restaurants
LAKE FOREST COLLEGE RESIDENCE IN THE LOOP

Lake Forest College offers two off-campus residential programs in Chicago. In The Loop is the College’s off-campus residential semester program in Chicago. ACTIVATE is the College’s off-campus residential summer program in the city. Both programs provide juniors and seniors with the opportunity to live, study, and intern in the vibrant and culturally rich city of Chicago. Every student participating in In The Loop and ACTIVATE completes an academic internship in their area of interest.

Students reside at The Flats in the South Loop, located mere blocks away from Grant Park, The Art Institute of Chicago, and Lake Michigan. Designed first and foremost as career-focused programs, In The Loop and ACTIVATE provide students with the opportunity to hone their professional skills, gain valuable internship experience, and connect with Chicago-based alumni, ensuring students have the edge they need.

At Lake Forest College, you don’t just read about the Caribbean Reef for a class assignment, but experience it firsthand, getting a diver’s-eye view on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Shedd Aquarium. You don’t just study Grant Wood’s *American Gothic* in the classroom, you see the paint strokes of the world-renowned masterpiece up close and in person at The Art Institute of Chicago. Chicago’s possibilities for hands-on learning are endless. Whether through course-related trips to the city, internships with Chicago-area businesses and institutions, or on trips with friends to culturally diverse restaurants and neighborhoods, opportunities to engage with Chicago are plentiful. On average, classes visit Chicago more than 250 times per academic year.

Center for Chicago Programs

The Center for Chicago Programs is the campus hub for all Chicago-related programming. Providing help with itineraries and transportation, bringing Chicago-area speakers and performers to campus, sponsoring trips to the city, and so much more, the Center is a student’s “one-stop-shop” for all things Chicago.

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