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CHICAGO

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# INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL STUDENT BROCHURE

2017 - 2018



## INSPIRING LEADERS SINCE 1864

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At Concordia University Chicago (CUC), we are proud to provide students around the world with an outstanding education which encompasses tradition and academic innovation. Our history of excellence has turned us into a byword for the highest standards of teaching. With a wide portfolio of programs to choose from, you will be able to select a degree that corresponds to your personal and professional aims.

Our professors are eager to share their years of professional experience with you, and you'll benefit from their insight, expertise, and willingness to advise you on all matters relating to your studies. With CUC, you will receive dedicated support at every step of your educational journey.



## THE CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO ADVANTAGE

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- CUC has been selected as a 2016-17 College of Distinction. The university has been part of a select group of colleges to earn this prestigious recognition since 2010
- CUC was voted 96th out of 684 master's-degree-granting universities in 2013 by *Washington Monthly*
- Graduate with a globally recognized MBA/ Master's degree
- CUC ensures that our international students get the right skills and support so they can successfully complete their studies. Our Seminar in Higher Education assists with the transition to graduate level studies in the U.S.; it is an essential part of all programs for international students
- Choose to study for 1 or 2 years with our flexible program-pacing options
- CUC ranks as the second-best education school in Illinois by [www.best-education-schools.com/illinois](http://www.best-education-schools.com/illinois)
- CUC ranks as the fourth-best education school in the Midwest by [www.best-education-schools.com/midwest](http://www.best-education-schools.com/midwest)
- CUC ranks as the 17th-best education school in the USA by [www.best-education-schools.com](http://www.best-education-schools.com)
- Benefit from being taught by our highly dedicated and experienced faculty
- Enjoy personalized learning experience with small classes
- Be part of a vibrant social scene with our many clubs, societies, sports teams, and campus activities
- Access great facilities, including computer labs, library, fitness center, running track, tennis courts, and much more
- Study in Chicago, one of the world's greatest cities
- Network with professionals in a truly global business city

## ACCREDITATIONS

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- Regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission
- Illinois State Board of Education
- Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
- Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)
- The College of Business is a member of the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) and a candidate for the additional specialized accreditation by ACBSP



## LIFE AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

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Concordia University Chicago has a variety of student organizations, service projects, athletic teams, and much more to get involved with. These programs present opportunities for students to make new friends and to stay physically active. Campus-sponsored programs include recreational events that are held on or off campus, excursions throughout the Chicago area, card and board games, and intramural sports activities. Special programming within the residence halls provide further opportunities for meeting fellow students and enjoying activities.

## THE CHICAGO EXPERIENCE

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### Explore Chicago

Connect your education to a world-class city. Concordia University Chicago's 40-acre suburban campus in affluent River Forest could be described as a small town with a big backyard — downtown Chicago is only a 20 minute ride away on the CTA train.

Whether your passion is sports, culture or the arts, CUC's location provides endless opportunities for embracing these interests, sourcing valuable internships and networking with potential future employers.

### Fun in the city

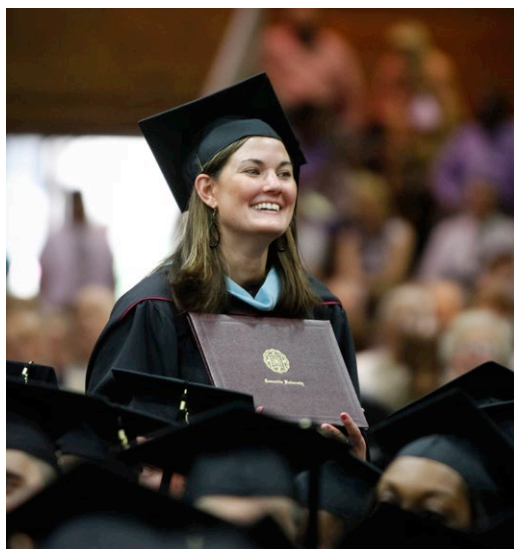
Downtown Chicago offers a wide array of entertainment and amenities:

- Try one of Chicago's famous deep dish pizzas
- Play beach volleyball at North Avenue Beach
- Attend music concerts at countless clubs and theaters, including the House of Blues, the Aragon Ballroom or the Vic
- Buy discounted event tickets from the Office of Student Leadership
- Spend your free days exploring the arts and culture of the city
- Cheer on Chicago's famous sports teams, the Cubs, White Sox, Bears, Bulls and Blackhawks
- Explore over 70 different neighborhoods, including Chinatown, Lincoln Park, Old Town, Wicker Park and Wrigleyville
- Enjoy more than 200 theatres, a huge variety of restaurants, 15 miles of beaches and 26 miles of lakefront

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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Our graduate portfolio includes a wide range of courses in management, finance, sports and education. Our programs give you access to the highest quality of education and modern campus facilities, allowing you to set yourself up for a successful career. At Concordia University Chicago you will acquire the expertise and business acumen required to fulfil your professional aspirations.



## MBA Programs

### Duration:

- Accelerated Core MBA (1 year)
- Core MBA (2 years)

### Optional Specializations:

- Accounting
- Digital Marketing
- Finance
- Health Care Management
- Leadership and Change Management
- Not-for-Profit Management
- Sports Management

Students may choose their specializations either before or after starting their Core MBA. Your advisor can provide additional guidance on this.

## MA/MS/MEd Programs

### Duration:

- Accelerated (1 year)
- Non-Accelerated (2 years)

### Programs:

- MA, Curriculum and Instruction
- MA, Differentiated Instruction
- MA, Early Childhood Education
- MA, Educational Administration
- MA, Education Technology
- MA, Leadership: Higher Education
- MA, Special Education
- MA, TESOL
- MEd, Teaching and Learning
- MS, Computer Science (2 year duration only)
- MS, Instructional Design and Technology



## DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

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Our doctoral programs are advanced courses that will give you insights and enlightened perspectives on modern leadership practices and show you how to use them.

Being an effective leader can make a huge difference to your organization and your professional career. The skills you will learn are highly desired by businesses in all industries across the world, and can be adapted to any workplace in the private or public sector.

Our courses cover a range of essential skills, including knowledge management, decision making, conflict and change management, and communication.

### Duration:

Approximately 4 years:

- Coursework: 2 years
- Dissertation: Estimated 2 years

## Study Mode

### Option 1:

Complete the entire program, including the dissertation, phase face to face.

### Option 2:

Complete the coursework face to face and then complete the dissertation phase online from your home country.

### Programs:

- PhD, Leadership: Curriculum and Instruction
- PhD, Leadership: Early Childhood Education
- PhD, Leadership: Educational Leadership
- PhD, Leadership: Organizational Leadership
- PhD, Leadership: Higher Education
- PhD, Leadership: Reading, Language and Literacy



# GRADUATE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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## Academic Entry Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree from a U.S. equivalent, regionally accredited institution
- GPA earned 2.85 or above

## English Language Proficiency:

- IELTS: minimum 6.0
- or TOEFL: minimum 72 (internet-based)\*
- or IELTS: minimum 5.5 plus CUC Pathway Program\*
- or TOEFL: minimum 60 (internet-based) plus CUC Pathway Program\*
- or equivalent.

Official test scores should be provided. International students who have earned an advanced degree from an accredited institution in the United States, or students from an international English-speaking university (in which the language of instruction is English) need not submit English language scores.

## Other Documents:

- Completed and signed application
- Objective statement
- Copy of official transcript
- Copy of passport
- Foreign transcript evaluation\*
- Two letters of recommendation
- Declaration of finances / bank statement / financial guarantee

*\*For further clarification, please contact your dedicated educational consultant or [international.gus@cuchicago.edu](mailto:international.gus@cuchicago.edu)*

*\*Upon successful completion of the CUC Pathway Program, students are fully admitted to their academic program. For further clarification, please contact your dedicated educational consultant or [international.gus@CUChicago.edu](mailto:international.gus@CUChicago.edu)*







## DOCTORAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### Academic Entry Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree and master's degree from a U.S. equivalent, regionally accredited institution
- Current Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test scores (test taken within the past three years)

### English Language Proficiency:

- IELTS: minimum 6.0
- or TOEFL: minimum 72 (internet-based)
- or Michigan Test: minimum 85

Official test scores should be provided. International students who have earned an advanced degree from an accredited institution in the United States, or students from an international English-speaking university (in which the language of instruction is English) need not submit English language scores.

### Other Documents:

- Completed and signed application
- Objective statement
- Writing sample: Submit a paper from your master's program that demonstrates your ability to write in a scholarly manner at a level typical of graduate work. This sample should approach, but not exceed, five pages in length
- Professional resume showing past experience: at least two years of successful teaching/ administrative experience
- Copy of official transcript
- Copy of passport
- Foreign transcript evaluation\*
- Two letters of recommendation
- Declaration of finances/ bank statement/ financial guarantee

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Program		Fees	Intakes
MBA Programs	Core MBA	\$28,275	January, March, May, August and October
	Accelerated Core MBA		January and August
	Optional Specializations:		
	Accounting	\$45,675	January, March, May, August and October
	Digital Marketing		
	Finance		
	Health Care Management		
	Leadership and Change Management		
	Not-for-Profit Management		
Sports Management			
MA/MS/MEd Programs (Available in 1 or 2 year duration)	MA, Curriculum and Instruction	\$20,000	January and October
	MA, Differentiated Instruction		
	MA, Early Childhood Education		
	MA, Educational Administration		
	MA, <i>Education Technology*</i>		
	MA, Leadership: Higher Education		
	MA, Special Education		
	MA, TESOL		
	MEd, Teaching and Learning		
	MS, <i>Instructional Design and Technology*</i>		
	MS, <i>Computer Science (2 years)*</i>	\$28,275	August
Doctoral Programs (4 years**)	PhD, Leadership: Curriculum and Instruction	\$61,280***	January and October
	PhD, Leadership: Early Childhood Education		
	PhD, Leadership: Educational Leadership		
	PhD, Leadership: Organizational Leadership		
	PhD, Leadership: Higher Education		
	PhD, Leadership: Reading, Language and Literacy		

\*Students may be eligible for 24-month STEM OPT Extension.

\*\*This is an estimated duration.

\*\*\*This is an estimation - prices will vary depending on the time spent completing the dissertation.



## MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*Excellence is Reward!*

There are merit-based scholarships available for international students who demonstrate financial need<sup>†</sup>. Scholarships of up to 25% may be available depending on your U.S. GPA score, based on the Credential Evaluation results. For more information, please contact your dedicated educational consultant or [international.gus@CUChicago.edu](mailto:international.gus@CUChicago.edu).

<sup>†</sup>Scholarships are resourced by Global University Systems.

## ACCOMMODATION AND OTHER FEES

Basic accommodation (Fall and Spring)*	16 weeks	\$4,724
	8 weeks	\$2,362
	4 weeks	\$1,255
Basic accommodation (Summer)**	16 weeks	\$3,696
	8 weeks	\$1,848
	4 weeks	\$924
Other common additional costs:	International activity fee	\$50 per semester
	One-time graduation fee	\$130
	Health insurance and wellness***	\$1,280 per academic year
	Text books and materials	Varies by course



\*Fall/Spring basic accommodation includes a double room with 50 Meals & \$56.25 of Cougar Cash per 4 week block. The Cougar Card is the official identification card for the students, faculty and staff of Concordia University Chicago. It offers a convenient and safe way to make purchases and utilize campus services.

\*\*Summer basic accommodation includes a double room and 56 meals per 4-week block

\*\*\*Health Insurance and Wellness cost will be prorated depending on individual arrival semester. (Price shown is best estimate)

Continued accommodations during Winter Break (Dec. 10 to Jan. 7) and Spring Break (Mar 4 to Mar 11) is available for additional charge of \$231 per week. Limited meal options may apply.











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