School Profile 2019-2020

SCHOOL
Founded in 1909, Loyola Academy is a coeducational, private, Catholic, Jesuit college preparatory high school located on the North Shore of Chicago. All of Loyola’s programs are college preparatory, with 98% of the graduating class enrolling in four-year institutions. We have 196 faculty members; 93% hold advanced degrees, including 7% with PhD/JD. Neighboring high schools include New Trier, Glenbrook South, Glenbrook North and Regina Dominican.

Loyola Academy is fully accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education and by AdvanceED. We are members of the Jesuit Schools Network, the College Board and the National and Illinois Associations of College Admission Counseling.

ENROLLMENT
With approximately 2,000 students (467 seniors) enrolled in grades 9-12, Loyola is the largest Jesuit college preparatory high school in the United States. Loyola draws students of diverse backgrounds from over 204 elementary schools throughout Chicago (40%) and its suburbs (60%). Financial aid is available to students based on need. In 2018-2019, more than $4 million in aid was awarded to 25% of the student body. This financial commitment supports students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds to attend Loyola Academy.

PHILOSOPHY
As a Jesuit, Catholic school, Loyola Academy forms women and men for others in service and leadership for the world in imitation of Jesus Christ. Loyola is committed to the full development of the whole person. Cura personalis, a Latin phrase meaning "care for the person," is at the core of our Jesuit mission. Our curriculum thoughtfully and intentionally integrates the academic, spiritual, emotional and physical development of our students with the experience of service to others. Loyola students are not required to participate in school sponsored service activities; however, approximately 90% of the Class of 2019 participated in voluntary service work.

FORMATION PROGRAM
The Formation Program and curriculum is aligned with the American School Counselor Association’s established mindsets and behaviors for student success. It is recognized for its commitment to developing and delivering a comprehensive, data-driven program in accordance with the ASCA National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs and meets the State of Illinois’ Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Standards.

THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT
Theology courses at Loyola are academically demanding. They incorporate the study of anthropology, philosophy, psychology, sociology, history and ethics. College textbooks, along with classical and contemporary literature, are used to study theology with a strong emphasis on philosophy. Critical thinking skills, extensive writing and discussion are integral components of theology coursework.

ADMISSION
Admission to Loyola is based on several factors including, but not limited to, the entrance exam score, junior high school grades and previous standardized testing. Legacy relationships may be considered as a factor in admission. Loyola does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, religion or ethnic origin in its admission policies.

SCHEDULE
Loyola Academy operates on the semester system. The school day begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 2:48 p.m. Classes meet for 55 minutes, and students take six or seven courses per semester.
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
A minimum of 25.0 credits (26.0 credits for the Classes of ’21, ’22 and ’23) are required for graduation, including:

- English 4.0
- Math 3.0
- Social Studies 2.0
- Fine Arts 1.0
- Theology 4.0
- Foreign Language 2.0
- Electives 4.0
- Laboratory Science 2.0
- Performing Arts/P.E. 2.0
- Formation Studies 1.0

(3.0 for the Classes of ’21, ’22 and ’23)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES
Loyola Academy offers 25 AP courses and 53 Honors courses. Student enrollment in AP or Honors classes is based on academic performance, GPA and teacher recommendation. Freshman and sophomore students are allowed to enroll in a maximum of three AP courses per school year if course prerequisites are met. Junior and senior students are allowed to enroll in a maximum of three AP courses per school year, but have the option of requesting a fourth AP course. Requirements for a fourth AP course are that a student has completed two AP courses simultaneously during a previous academic year, has a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 93.00, and received approval from the Associate Principal for Academics.

AP Art History
AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry
AP Chinese
AP Economics
AP English Language
AP Environmental Science
AP European History
AP French Language
AP Human Geography
AP Latin
AP Literature/Composition
AP Music Theory
AP Physics 2
AP Physics C
AP Political Science/
Government
AP Psychology
AP Spanish Language
AP Spanish Literature
AP Studio Art
AP Statistics

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS
All students taking AP courses at Loyola are required to take the corresponding AP exam. Students may take AP exams in other subject areas for which they are prepared. In 2019, 808 students took 1,572 exams. 88% earned a score of three or above.

HONORS PROGRAMS
Approximately 20% of Loyola Academy students are enrolled in one of our two honors programs:

The Dumbach Scholars Honors Program enhances the curriculum of Loyola students interested in the humanities. The program is grounded in the philosophy of the Great Books Foundation’s Shared Inquiry Method. Admission to the Dumbach Scholars program is highly competitive.

The Clavius Scholars Honors Program enhances the curriculum of Loyola students interested in math and science, emphasizing a critical appreciation of the scientific process. Like the Dumbach Scholars Program, the Clavius Scholars Program is grounded in the Great Books Foundation’s Shared Inquiry Method and admission is highly competitive.

INTEGRATED SCIENCES PROGRAM
Students who score well on the HSPT entrance exam are invited to enroll in the Integrated Sciences program, but may opt to take the traditional sciences sequence. Integrated Sciences consists of two, yearlong courses covering one full year each of chemistry and physics by the end of the two-year program. Honors level courses are available in both the Integrated Sciences and the traditional sciences sequence.

SUMMER SCHOOL
Each year, approximately one-quarter of our students attend summer school for enrichment purposes or to fulfill requirements.

DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY
It is the policy of Loyola Academy not to report disciplinary infractions to postsecondary institutions. It should be noted, however, that serious infractions result in dismissal.

COCURRICULAR PROGRAMS
Clubs and activities are an integral part of our mission to educate the whole person. Loyola offers 65 clubs from which to choose. These provide students with a blend of social, artistic, academic and service experiences outside of the school day.

INTERSCHOLASTIC/CLUB ATHLETICS
Loyola Academy participates in 34 different sports and has over 80 teams. Loyola student-athletes compete in two of the most competitive conferences in the state of Illinois: the Chicago Catholic League and the Girls Athletic Conference. Throughout the course of our rich history, Loyola Academy has earned state championships in Football, Girls’ Basketball, Softball, Girls’ Swimming and Diving, Boys’ Water Polo, Boys’ Lacrosse, Girls’ Lacrosse, Boys’ Golf, Boys’ Hockey and Girls’ Hockey.
Academic Profile

GRADING AND RANKING
All courses are taught at the college preparatory level. Students are not ranked. The grading scale is extremely rigorous and is as follows:

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A+ &= 98-100 & B+ &= 90-92 & C+ &= 82-84 & D+ &= 76-77 & F &= 0-65 \\
A &= 95-97 & B &= 87-92 & C &= 80-81 & D &= 72-75 \\
A- &= 93-94 & B- &= 85-86 & C- &= 78-79 & D- &= 70-71
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WEIGHTING
Both weighted and unweighted averages appear on the bottom of the transcript. Specific course grades are unweighted. No weighted points are assigned to grades below 78 in weighted courses. Multipliers used to determine the weighted GPA are as follows:

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AP &= 1.08 & Honors &= 1.05
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HONORS ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS
Loyola Scholar: 93.0 unweighted average; First Honors: 89.5 weighted average; Second Honors: 84.5 weighted average

Class of 2019
PSAT/NMSQT

- 7 National Merit Finalists
- 7 National Merit Semifinalists (same students as above)
- 13 National Merit Commended Students
- 210 Illinois State Scholars

Class of 2019
ACT

100% Tested

| Mid 50% range: | 24-31 |
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| Loyola average: | 27.4 |

Class of 2019
SAT

13% Tested

| Mid 50% range: | 1200-1460 |
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| Loyola average: | 1335 |
Loyola Academy Class of 2019

**College Matriculation Information**

98% of Loyola Academy’s Class of 2019 attended four-year colleges as follows:

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- **American University**
- **Arizona State University**
- **Arrupe College of Loyola University Chicago**
- **Augustana College**
- **Ball State University**
- **Bates College**
- **Baylor University**
- **Berklee College of Music**
- **Boston College**
- **Boston University**
- **Bryant University**
- **Bucknell University**
- **Butler University**
- **Carroll University**
- **Case Western Reserve University**
- **Champlain College**
- **Chapman University**
- **Coastal Carolina University**
- **Colby College**
- **Colgate University**
- **College of the Holy Cross**
- **Colorado College**
- **Columbia College Chicago**
- **Columbia University**
- **Connecticut College**
- **Cornell University**
- **Creighton University**
- **Denison University**
- **DePaul University**
- **DePauw University**
- **Dominican University**
- **Drexel University**
- **Eastern Illinois University**
- **Elon University**
- **Fairfield University**
- **Fordham University**
- **Furman University**
- **Georgetown University**
- **Gettysburg College**
- **Gonzaga University**
- **Harvard College**
- **Howard University**
- **Illinois State University**
- **Illinois Wesleyan University**
- **Indiana University at Bloomington**
- **Iowa State University**
- **John Carroll University**
- **Johns Hopkins University**
- **Kent State University**
- **Lake Forest College**
- **Lewis University**
- **Loras College**
- **Loyola Marymount University**
- **Loyola University Chicago**
- **Loyola University Maryland**
- **Loyola University New Orleans**
- **Macalester College**
- **Marquette University**
- **McGill University**
- **Miami University**
- **Michigan State University**
- **Middlebury College**
- **Millikin University**
- **Morehouse College**
- **New York University**
- **North Central College**
- **North Park University**
- **Northwestern University**
- **Occidental College**
- **Oregon State University**
- **Parkland College**
- **Pennsylvania State University**
- **Princeton University**
- **Purdue University**
- **Saint Louis University**
- **San Diego State University**
- **Santa Clara University**
- **Seattle University**
- **Southern Methodist University**
- **St. Olaf College**
- **Stetson University**
- **Syracuse University**
- **Texas Christian University**
- **The George Washington University**
- **The New School**
- **The University of Arizona**
- **The University of Alabama**
- **The University of Iowa**
- **The University of Tampa**
- **The University of Texas, Austin**
- **Tulane University**
- **United States Military Academy**
- **United States Naval Academy**
- **University of California, Los Angeles**
- **University of California, San Diego**
- **University of Chicago**
- **University of Colorado at Boulder**
- **University of Dayton**
- **University of Denver**
- **University of Detroit Mercy**
- **University of Florida**
- **University of Illinois at Chicago**
- **University of Illinois at Springfield**
- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
- **University of Kansas**
- **University of Miami**
- **University of Michigan**
- **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**
- **University of Missouri Columbia**
- **University of Notre Dame**
- **University of Pennsylvania**
- **University of Pittsburgh**
- **University of Richmond**
- **University of San Diego**
- **University of South Carolina**
- **University of Southern California**
- **University of St. Thomas**
- **University of Utah**
- **University of Washington**
- **University of Wisconsin, La Crosse**
- **University of Wisconsin, Madison**
- **University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee**
- **University of Wisconsin, Whitewater**
- **Vanderbilt University**
- **Villanova University**
- **Wake Forest University**
- **Washington University in St. Louis**
- **Wesleyan University**
- **Western Michigan University**
- **Williams College**
- **Xavier University**
- **Yale University**