School Profile 2021-2022

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 191 faculty members; 92% 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 Cognia. 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 (520 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 200 elementary schools throughout Chicago (45%) and its suburbs (55%). Grant aid is available to students based on need. In 2020-2021, approximately $5 million in aid was awarded to 32% of the student body. This financial commitment supports students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.

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 75% of the Class of 2021 participated in voluntary service work.

COVID-19 RESPONSE
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Loyola Academy implemented e-learning from March through the end of the 2019-2020 academic year. During that time, students were still held to high academic standards, and grades both increased and decreased based on student performances. No students were given the option to take a class pass/fail or receive an incomplete in any class.

For the 2020-2021 academic year, Loyola Academy followed a hybrid learning model and maintained a full academic program. In August 2021, Loyola Academy resumed in-person learning at full capacity.

STUDENT 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. 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 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. Classes meet for 50 minutes. Students take six or seven courses per semester.
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
A minimum of 26.0 credits are required for graduation, including:

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

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES
Loyola Academy offers 24 AP courses and 52 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. Junior and senior students 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 has received approval from the Associate Principal for Academics. For the 2021-2022 academic year, fewer than 30 students are enrolled in 4 APs.

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

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 2021, 693 students took 1,283 exams. 80% 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.

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. However, it should be noted 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 73 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.

As of the 2020-2021 school year, the grading scale was modified.

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WEIGHTING
Both weighted and unweighted averages appear on the bottom of the transcript. Multipliers used to determine the weighted GPA are as follows:

AP = 1.08  Honors = 1.05

HONORS ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS
Loyola Scholar: 93.0 unweighted average; First Honors: 89.5 weighted average

Class of 2021

PSAT/NMSQT

1 National Merit Finalist
1 National Merit Semifinalist
12 National Merit Commended Students
86 Illinois State Scholars

ACT

58% of the Class of 2021 reported an ACT score to their chosen college. The ACT profile for those students follows:

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Grade Distribution – Class of 2022
Based on 520 students and six semesters of study
98% of Loyola Academy’s Class of 2021 attended four-year colleges as follows:

PRIVATE 60%

PUBLIC 40%

JESUIT 19%

OTHER CATHOLIC COLLEGES 13%

OUT-OF-STATE 85%

IN-STATE 15%

Albion College
American University
Arizona State University
Aurau College
Auburn University
Ball State University
Belmont University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowling Green State University
Bradley University
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Polytechnic State University
University, San Luis Obispo
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of American
Chapman University
Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Clemson University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Cornell University
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
Denison University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dominican University
Duke University
Eastern Illinois University
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fairfield University
Florence Institute of Design
Florida Southern College
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Gonzaga University
Hamilton College
Harvard University
Hofstra University
Holy Cross College
Hope College
Howard University
Illinois State University
Indiana University
Illinois Wesleyan University
Iona College
Iowa State University
Jacksonville University
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University
Lehigh University
Lewis University
Long Island University
Loras College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Marist College
Marquette University
Miami University
Michigan State University
Morehouse College
New York University
North Central College
North Park University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oklahoma State University
Pennsylvania State University
Pomona College
Providence College
Purdue University
Rhodes College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Louis University
Saint Norbert College
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art & Design
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern Community College
St. Olaf College
St. Mary’s College of Maryland
Stanford University
SUNY Maritime College
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Tampa
The University of Texas
Trine University
Tulane University
Union College
United States Military Academy
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Central Arkansas
University of Colorado
University of Dayton
University of Denver
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of St. Andrews
University of St. Thomas (MN)
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
Xavier University
York College of Pennsylvania