COVID-19 RESPONSE
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Loyola Academy implemented e-learning from March 13 through the end of the 2019-2020 academic year. During that time, students were still held to the highest 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 is following a hybrid learning model and continues a rigorous academic program.

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 97% of the graduating class enrolling in four-year institutions. We have 189 faculty members; 97% hold advanced degrees, including 6% 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 (480 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 2019-2020, more than $4.5 million in aid was awarded to 27% 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 2020 participated in voluntary service work.

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. 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 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:50 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:

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES
Loyola Academy offers 21 AP courses and 51 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 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 2020-2021 academic year, fewer than 30 students are enrolled in 4 APs.

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

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 2020, 720 students took 1,315 exams. 87% 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. 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.

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

Current grading scale:

A+ = 97-100    B+ = 87-89    C+ = 77-79    D+ = 67-69    F = 55
A   = 93-96    B   = 83-86    C   = 73-76    D   = 63-66
A-  = 90-92    B-  = 80-82    C-  = 70-72    D-  = 60-62

Previous grading scale:

A+ = 98-100    B+ = 90-92    C+ = 82-84    D+ = 76-77    F = 65
A   = 95-97    B   = 87-89    C   = 80-81    D   = 72-75
A-  = 93-94    B-  = 85-86    C-  = 78-79    D-  = 70-71

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

Class of 2020

PSAT/NMSQT

11 National Merit Finalists
11 National Merit Semifinalists (same students as above)
5 National Hispanic Recognition Program
16 National Merit Commended Students
144 Illinois State Scholars

Class of 2020

ACT

100% Tested
Mid 50% range: 24-31
Loyola average: 27.3

Class of 2020

SAT

11% Tested
Mid 50% range: 1130-1380
Loyola average: 1274

Grade Distribution – Class of 2021
Based on 480 students and six semesters of study
Loyola Academy Class of 2020
College Matriculation Information

97% of Loyola Academy's Class of 2020 attended four-year colleges as follows:

PRIVATE 60%

PUBLIC 40%

JESUIT 23%

OTHER CATHOLIC COLLEGES 11%

OUT-OF-STATE 83%

IN-STATE 17%

Amherst University
Arizona State University
Arrupe College of Loyola University Chicago
Auburn University
Augustana College
Ave Maria University
Baldwin Wallace University
Baylor University
Beloit College
Boston College
Bradley University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Butler University
Carthage College
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Colby College
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Columbia College Chicago
Concordia University-Irvine
Cornell College
Cornell University
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Denison University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Drake University
Duke University
Elmhurst University
Elon University
Fairfield University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Goethe University Frankfurt
Gonzaga University
Grand Valley State University
Grinnell College
Harvey Mudd College
High Point University
Holy Cross College
Hope College
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois State University
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana University
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University
Lafayette College
Lake Forest College
Lawrence University
Lindenwood University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Lynn University
Marist College
Marquette University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mercyhurst University
Miami University
Michigan State University
New York University
North Central College
Northeastern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Oakton Community College
Oberlin College
Ohio State University-Main Campus
Parkland College
Pennsylvania State University
Pitzer College
Providence College
Purdue University-Main Campus
Regis University
Saint Louis University
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Seattle University
Siena College
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
The University of Alabama
Triton College
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana
United States Naval Academy
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Georgia
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 Rochester
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of St. Thomas
University of Tampa
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Utah State University
Villanova University
Wabash College
Wake Forest University
Walters State Community College
Washington University in St. Louis
Wesleyan University
Western Michigan University
Wilbur Wright College
William and Mary
William Rainey Harper College
Xavier University
Yale University