

STUDENT SERVICES

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Law School has approximately sixty student organizations that serve a variety of student interests. There are organizations devoted to scholarship and legal practice (e.g., the three student-edited law journals, the Hinton Moot Court, and the student clinic board); there are organizations devoted to legal subjects of interest (e.g., Environmental Law Society, Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Society), identity groups (e.g., Black Law Students Association, Christian Law Students), community outreach (e.g., Street Law, Public Interest Law Society), and social activities (e.g., Law School Musical, Wine Mess).

The University of Chicago Law Review, founded in 1933, is one of the country's pre-eminent legal journals. Managed and edited by students, *The Law Review* publishes articles and book reviews by leading scholars along with comments written by students. In addition to participating in the editing and publication of legal scholarship, staff members have the unique opportunity to develop their own skills as writers and scholars. *The Law Review* emphasizes student works; on average, half of each issue is devoted to student comments. In recent years, about 15 percent of the students in each first-year class have been invited to join *The Law Review* on the basis of either academic performance or excellence in an annual writing competition. Students may also join the staff during their second or third years by completing a publishable comment through the Topic Access program.

The University of Chicago Legal Forum is the Law School's topical law journal. Its student board annually publishes a volume of articles (by academics and practitioners) and comments (by students) that focus on a single area of the law. Recent volumes include Cutting-Edge Issues in Class Action Litigation, The Scope of Equal Protection, Antitrust in the Information Age, Frontiers of Jurisdiction, and The Law of Cyberspace. Each fall *The Legal Forum* hosts a symposium at which the authors of the articles present their work.

The Chicago Journal of International Law is a student-edited forum for discussion and analysis of international law and policy issues. *CJIL* is committed to publishing timely and concise scholarly work written by academics, judges, practitioners, policymakers, and students. The journal is published twice yearly, in the fall and spring.

The Hinton Moot Court Competition, founded in 1954 and named for Judge Edward W. Hinton (Professor of Law, 1913–36), is open to second- and third-year students. The competition gives them the opportunity to develop skills in brief writing and appellate advocacy. The focus of the preliminary autumn round is on oral argument. After studying the briefs and record of an actual case and participating in several practice arguments with student judges, each competitor must argue both sides of the case to panels of Chicago attorneys. Twelve to sixteen students advance to the semifinal round, where they brief and argue another case. A panel of faculty judges presides over the semifinal arguments and selects the four best advocates. In the spring, the four finalists work in teams on a new case and appear before a panel of distinguished judges. This panel selects the Hinton Moot Court champions and the Llewellyn Cup recipients.

Semifinalists from the previous year constitute the Hinton Moot Court Board and organize and run the competition.

The Law Students Association is the student government organization. Its president, five representatives from each class, and an LL.M. representative are elected annually by the student body. LSA organizes extracurricular activities, funds student groups, and, through student liaisons, communicates student opinion on academic and other matters to faculty committees. LSA also sponsors the weekly Wine Mess for students and faculty.

LSA supports a variety of student groups, including:

ACLU for students interested in exploring issues of civil liberty;

the American Constitution Society (ACS), a national organization dedicated to maintaining a rigorous exchange of ideas about the law with a focus on its effects on the lives of ordinary people;

Amicus, a group that provides networking opportunities for law students' spouses and significant others;

Apathy, the women's intramural sports teams (long reigning University champions in football);

the Asian-Pacific Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of Asian-Pacific students in law school;

the Black Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of African-American students in law schools;

the Bull Moose Society, an organization to spark debate about the nature and shortcomings of the current state of two-party politics;

the Chicago Law Foundation, a nonprofit organization providing funds for Law School students to work on public interest legal projects;

the Christian Legal Society, a group organized to discuss the relationship between legal education, the legal profession, and Christianity;

the Dallin H. Oaks Society for student members of the Church of Latter Day Saints;

the Edmund Burke Society, a conservative debating society;

the Entertainment and Sports Law Society, a group of students interested in exploring professional opportunities in the fields of entertainment and sports law;

the Environmental Law Society, to discuss the legal aspects of environmental issues;

the Federalist Society, a local chapter of a national society organized to discuss political issues from conservative and libertarian perspectives;

the Film Festival, organized to watch and discuss movies with legal themes;

the Group of Older Law Students, to provide support and social activities for students who have taken time away from school before attending Law School;

the Intellectual Property & Entertainment Law Society, to promote student understanding of intellectual property (including patent, trademark, and copyright law); entertainment, sports, and telecommunications law; and first amendment, libel, and media law;

the Japanese Law Society, organized to promote knowledge and awareness of Japan and its legal system through lectures by practitioners and scholars and sponsorship of students who wish to attend Japan-related business and academic conferences;

- the J.D./M.B.A. Student Association, providing information and support to students interested and involved in the J.D./M.B.A. program;
- the Jewish Law Students Association, a group concerned with Jewish issues of legal interest and legal issues of Jewish interest;
- the Latino/a Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of Latino/a students in Law School;
- the Law School Democrats and the Law School Republicans, promoting political awareness of issues and topics on the national, state, and local level;
- the Law School Musical, an annual student musical with faculty guest appearances;
- Law School Trivia, an annual student-faculty trivia tournament;
- the Law Women's Caucus, committed to understanding and improving the role of women in law school, the legal profession, and society;
- the Middle Eastern Law Students Association (MELSA), created to promote a better understanding of the cultures, politics, and legal institutions of the Middle East and to encourage students connected with the region to meet and exchange views;
- the Muslim Law Students Association, to satisfy the diverse social, cultural, religious, and intellectual needs of Muslim students and to introduce the Law School community to issues of importance to Muslims;
- Outlaw, a group that provides support and sponsors programs regarding the legal status of bisexuals, lesbians, and gay men;
- the Personal Finance Club, to help educate students about the importance of making sound financial decisions;
- the Phoenix, the Law School student newspaper;
- the Public Interest Law Society, for students interested in public service issues;
- Scales of Justice, an a cappella singing group;
- S.O.F.A., or Students Organized for Fun and Amusement, an organization of students seeking off-beat recreational and social activities for the sometimes overstressed student body;
- the South Asian Law Students Association, concerned with the interests of South Asian students of the Law School;
- Street Law, an organization that sends law students to local high schools to teach legal issues;
- the Thomas More Society, a group that provides spiritual support for Catholic students;
- the Transfer Students Association, a group dedicated to easing the transition for transfer students;
- Wine Mess, which organizes the weekly cocktail party for faculty and students;
- the Winston Churchill Gaming Society, to promote the wide variety of board games, card games, role-playing games, and computer games;
- and the Women's Mentoring Program, a program that pairs local alumnae with current women students.

ATHLETICS

Graduate students at the University have a wide range of opportunities each year to participate in intramural activities, club sports, and instructional classes. All indoor and outdoor athletic facilities are open throughout the year to all students displaying a campus card. Spouses and domestic partners of students have access to facilities for a yearly fee. The athletic program provides men and women opportunities for instruction and participation in sports such as archery, badminton, gymnastics, handball, martial arts, racquetball, rowing, squash, sailing, swimming, table tennis, track and field, and weight lifting. There are also over 725 intramural teams and forty-two Sports Clubs participating in a wide variety of activities, including volleyball, soccer, softball, basketball, and ultimate Frisbee.

RELIGIOUS LIFE

A rich diversity of spiritual communities is represented among the student body, faculty, and staff of the University. Together they create a wide variety of religious programming open to all. Through the arts, worship, social action, and study they seek to engage the life of the spirit with the life of the mind.

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel is the center of religious activity for the wider University. Its staff both supports the programs of specific religious groups and itself creates programming of interest to the entire community. World-renowned musicians, clergy, scholars, performers, and activists challenge the University to envision more expansively the role of religion and the bounds of the sacred.

Community service projects encourage students to give concrete expression to their convictions. Inter-religious dialogue enables participants to learn more about their own traditions by encountering others.

The independent religious organizations on campus offer innumerable opportunities for worship and fellowship within their own spiritual community. Cooperation flourishes among these organizations. Mutual projects for social uplift, conversations on the substantive issues that confront people of faith in our time—these activities and many more challenge each spiritual seeker to define for him or herself the path of greatest religious integrity.

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel serves as the liaison to the University for each religious organization. Some groups maintain houses on the periphery of campus, others are attached to local places of worship, and still others meet independently in Ida Noyes Hall or elsewhere. A helpful description of many of them can be found in "Religion on the Quadrangles," available at www.uchicago.edu/docs/religion. Alison Boden serves as Dean of Rockefeller Memorial Chapel. The Chapel offices are open daily to help students make their own meaningful connections with religious life on campus. The telephone number is 773/702-9202.

The University Ecumenical Service is held in Rockefeller Memorial Chapel at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday, except for the weeks between summer Convocation and the arrival of new students in September. The Chapel Choir sings at the weekly services. Organ, choir, and carillon recitals are frequent and open to all. Special services are held throughout the year in observance of significant religious and national holidays and anniversaries. During the Autumn, Winter, and Spring Quarters, the Divinity School

and Rockefeller Memorial Chapel sponsor an ecumenical service that takes place from 11:30 a.m. to noon each Wednesday at the Joseph Bond Chapel on the main Quadrangle. Diverse religious groups in the neighborhood of the University welcome student participation in their programs and worship.

CAREER SERVICES

The Office of Career Services offers comprehensive career services to students and graduates of the Law School. We welcome and encourage students and graduates to use the Office of Career Services to explore career options and to learn job search techniques that will serve them well in law school and throughout their professional careers.

Our professional staff members provide extensive individual career counseling to both J.D. and LL.M. students and graduates on all aspects of career planning and job search techniques. The Office of Career Services administers the on-campus interview programs, with approximately 650 employers in the fall program, followed by a smaller winter program. The office also co-sponsors or participates in numerous off-campus recruitment programs, conducts outreach to employers, and manages information about non-traditional opportunities for students and graduates. Approximately 1,000 term-time, summer, and permanent jobs are posted annually through our web-based job postings service. In addition to these job-search services, the Office of Career Services coordinates the judicial clerkship application process and maintains a database of judges to assist students during the application process. Throughout the year, the office conducts numerous informational and skill development programs.

Our Career Resource Center contains a variety of materials to facilitate student self-assessment and to design individual job searches. These materials include books, newspapers, periodicals, proprietary survey information, and online materials including a proprietary database of almost 4,500 employers. We also work with our administrative colleagues to reach out to Law School graduates, both to provide Career Services support to those in need, and to encourage graduates to work with current students as mentors and advisors. We try, in short, to prepare our students to meet the various challenges and opportunities that await them in their professional careers.

At the time of graduation, over 98% of the Class of 2006 had found employment: 74% entered private practice; 14% obtained judicial clerkships; 2% entered business; 6% obtained positions in public service and government; and 2% continued their academic studies. During the summer of 2006, virtually 100% of the Class of 2007 was employed in legal positions. The majority of these opportunities were with law firms; 5% of these positions were with public service and public interest organizations; and approximately 1% were with finance, business, and corporate positions. About 98% of the Class of 2008 obtained law-related employment in the summer of 2006. Approximately one-third of this class worked in the private sector at a law firm or business, one-third worked in the public interest/public service sector, 18% were employed at the Law School in one of our clinics or as research assistants to faculty members, and 17% accepted judicial internships.

In recent years, approximately 20-25% of the students in each graduating class have accepted a judicial clerkship. During the 2004-2005 United States Supreme Court Term, seven Law School graduates served as law clerks for United States Supreme Court justices.

PUBLIC INTEREST CAREERS

The Law School is committed to training lawyers and scholars who are dedicated to the public good as well as professional excellence. While the institutional support that the Law School offers for students and graduates seeking public interest work is multifaceted, the common goal is to educate, inspire, and support present, former, and future students in their efforts to pursue a career that incorporates a commitment to public service work.

The Office of Career Services is designed to assist students interested in public interest careers by providing a variety of career-related services including individual career counseling as well as informational and skill development programs. The Law School also supports a variety of public interest career-related programs developed by student-run groups including the Chicago Law Foundation and the Public Interest Law Society (PILS). In addition, the resource center in the Office of Career Services houses a combination of hard copy and electronic materials to assist students and graduates who are pursuing public interest opportunities. The Office of Career Services is a member institution of PSLawNet which offers comprehensive, current information on a broad range of pro bono and public service opportunities. The Office of Career Services also maintains a public interest list-serve for students and alumni interested in public service opportunities and information.

Each year the Office of Career Services participates in several programs designed to connect students with prospective public interest employers including a Public Interest Employers Reception co-sponsored with PILS, the Equal Justice Works Career Fair and Conference, the Chicago Area Law School Consortium Public Interest Employer Reception, and the Midwest Public Interest Law Career Conference. In addition, some public interest employers participate in both the fall and winter on-campus interview programs at the Law School. Additional public interest employers who cannot visit our campus request that resumes be forwarded from first-, second- and third-year students interested in summer or permanent positions. Many of the term-time, summer, and permanent jobs that are posted annually through our web-based job postings service come from public interest employers.

The Law School awards public service scholarships for entering students, offers guaranteed funding for qualifying summer jobs for first-year students, and administers a generous loan deferment and forgiveness program for graduates engaged in public service. The Law School also fosters public service opportunities for students through the activities of the Law School's Mandel Legal Aid Clinic, the Immigrant Children's Advocacy Project, and the Institute for Justice Clinic on Entrepreneurship.

ACADEMIC CAREERS

To support those students interested in careers in academia, the Law School has curricular offerings designed for students to develop their publications portfolio and faculty Law Teaching Placement Advisors who coach students and graduates through the search process.

COMPUTER SERVICES

Computer services at the Law School are maintained and continually upgraded by the school's Office of Information Technology and the D'Angelo Law Library. These services are designed to facilitate student work in all areas of legal course work and research.

The Law School maintains and staffs one student computer lab located on the third floor of the Library. The computers in the lab contain a full complement of software for students needing to do word processing, email, and general internet access including legal research through Lexis/Nexis and Westlaw. This lab and networked classrooms are used for training students on using the campus network, internet information sources, the Library's online catalog, Lexis/Nexis, and Westlaw. The lab also provides printers for student printing needs. Student documents are stored on servers maintained by the Law School allowing students to have fast and easy access to their files from any workstation. These servers are backed up on a regular basis. The 4th, 5th, and 6th floors of the Law Library each contain a pair of public terminals similar to those in the computer lab and a laser printer for student jobs.

Most study areas in the Library and all classrooms are wired for connection to the campus network. Wireless network access is available in many study areas. From these areas, any student with a properly configured laptop computer is able to access the Library on-line catalog, email, the Internet, campus network databases, Lexis/Nexis and Westlaw without having to use the Student Computer Lab.

HOUSING

The University provides a variety of housing units for single and married graduate students. All are within walking distance of the campus or near the route of the Campus Bus Service. In addition, Hyde Park has a number of rental apartments ranging from one to eight rooms in size, both in walkup and elevator buildings. Most law students prefer to live in University housing during their first year.

All inquiries concerning University housing should be addressed to the Graduate Student Housing Office, 5316 South Dorchester Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60615, 773/753-2218 or fax 773/753-8054. Students are advised to apply early in order to obtain the desired accommodations. Housing applications are mailed in April to all admitted applicants to the Law School.



*New Graduate
Residence Hall*

NEW GRADUATE RESIDENCE HALL

Many of the single first-year Law School students live in the New Graduate Residence Hall (New Grad). Designed by Edward Durrell Stone in 1963, New Grad is a three-story classical style building located two blocks east of the Law School. It has a capacity for about 125 graduate men and women. Approximately 90 of them are first-year law students. Most of the accommodations are single rooms with private baths; the remaining rooms, also with private baths, are for double occupancy. The average single room measures eleven by sixteen feet while the average double room measures twenty-one by fourteen feet. Common facilities in this residence are many and spacious. They include 24-hour reception, study and meeting rooms, computer terminal/typing rooms, music practice rooms, laundry and exercise facilities, as well as a cable-TV room, a game room, a House lounge, and a community kitchen where residents may prepare their own meals. (There is a nominal cleaning fee associated with the use of the kitchen.) The room rate is \$7,280 or \$8,835 per person in a single or a super-single respectively. A semi-single private room—two singles that share a bath—is available at \$6,740.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

The International House of Chicago was founded in 1932 through a gift from John D. Rockefeller, Jr. It is a coeducational residence for students from around the world. Each year, the House accommodates graduate residents—many from countries other than the United States—who are pursuing academic and professional degrees, preparing in the creative or performing arts, or training with international firms at Chicago institutions. International House promotes understanding and friendship among students of diverse national, cultural, and social backgrounds; provides facilities that can benefit social and cultural development of its residents; and serves as a center of cultural exchange between international students and the greater Chicago community. The building is designed to facilitate informal daily interactions among residents in the



*International
House*

House's cafeteria, Tiffin Room, courtyard, library, computer labs, and television lounges. These interactions make a major contribution to achieving the goals of the House. International House seeks residents who are willing to share their time and talent with the House community through its programs and activities.

A variety of rooms varying in size and amenities are available in International House. The average single room rate is \$2,125 per quarter. There is no mandatory meal plan. All rooms are furnished, including blankets and bed linen.

NEIGHBORHOOD STUDENT APARTMENTS

The University owns and operates more than 1,100 apartments in twenty-nine buildings for the housing of graduate students. There are furnished apartments ranging in size from one and one-half to three and one-half rooms; the unfurnished units range from two to six and one-half rooms. The rates (per student or family) for furnished apartments are from \$525 to \$995 monthly; those for unfurnished are from \$580 to \$1,526 monthly. Apartments are rented on a twelve-month basis, but special arrangements can be made to terminate the lease as of the first day of an academic quarter. Heat and water are included in all rents. Inclusion of cooking gas and/or electricity varies by building, although they are included in the rent payment for most furnished apartments. The furnished apartments do not include bedding, linens, dishes, silver or kitchen utensils. Both furnished and unfurnished apartments are provided with a stove and a refrigerator, and all apartments have a private bath.

MEAL SERVICE

Arrangements may be made by law students to purchase meal plans served in the Burton-Judson dining halls next to the Law School. The majority of contracts consist of a number of meals served per quarter plus a "purse" of Flex Dollars. Flex Dollars can be used to purchase meals in the dining halls or in Hutch Commons and the C-Shop, both

in the Reynolds Club. The maximum contract provides up to 187 meals per quarter at a cost of \$4,638 for the year. Other packages including Flex Dollars are available and can be used in any of the four residential dining halls including International House. Further information and meal plans can be obtained at the Office of Student Housing, 773/702-7366, or at rh.uchicago.edu.

CHILD CARE

A wide variety of day-care and baby-sitting options are available in the Hyde Park-South Kenwood area. Students with children, especially those who live in University housing, frequently form cooperative day-care networks in their buildings. Many graduate student spouses provide baby-sitting in their homes and advertise their services on campus bulletin boards. During the academic year, The Family Resource Center provides activities for the families of graduate and professional students, as well as referrals for various child care services. Please contact the Director by phone at 773/702-5094. There are many fine nursery schools in Hyde Park, including one run by the University. The University of Chicago helps employees and students find childcare through two main sources: (1) The Day Care Action Council, a resource and referral agency; and (2) Action for Children. Their referral services are free of charge.

The Day Care Action Council (DCAC) is a private, not-for-profit agency, which operates a resource and referral service. The University has contracted with DCAC to provide information regarding child care. The Day Care Action Council can be reached by phone at 773/564-8890 or by e-mail at childcare@daycareaction.org.

Action For Children provides free personalized assistance to University employees and students seeking child care. Students may contact Action For Children at 773/564-8890 or childcare@actforchildren.org.

It is important to remember that the Action for Children and the Day Care Action Council are referral services only and do not recommend or endorse any particular provider.

Hyde Park has excellent public, private, and parochial schools. Registration for public schools is based on neighborhood boundaries unless the school is a magnet school (open to children city wide) or unless a permit to attend is granted by the school. To ensure a place in a private or parochial school, enroll as early as possible (most schools are full by late summer).

For further information on nursery, elementary, and secondary schools, contact the Office of Graduate Affairs, Admin. 229, 5801 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637, telephone: 773/702-7813.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO STUDENT HEALTH CARE

HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

The University requires all students, other than those in programs explicitly excluded, to carry adequate medical insurance to cover, among other costs, hospitalization and outpatient diagnostic and surgical procedures. If the student is resident in Chicago, the insurance must cover medical care other than emergency care in the Chicago area. The insurance requirement may be satisfied in one of two ways:

1. Enroll in the Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan offered by the University, or
2. Complete the online insurance waiver application before the open enrollment deadline. The waiver application requires the student to certify that his or her insurance coverage is comparable to the Student Accident and Sickness Insurance plan.

AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT

Students who fail to complete an insurance election or apply for a waiver by the open enrollment deadline for the plan year will be automatically enrolled in the University's Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Basic Plan and will be billed for that enrollment. The enrollment is binding for the entire plan year.

STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS FEE

All registered students, other than those in programs explicitly excluded, must pay the Student Health and Wellness Fee, which covers services at the Student Care Center and Student Counseling and Resource Services. The Student Health and Wellness Fee will be waived only for those students who live and study over 100 miles from campus and who will not be on campus during the quarter.

The Student Health and Wellness Fee will not be waived for participants of any other group or individual health plan.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

By State of Illinois law, all new students* are required to present proof of immunity from German measles, measles (two shots required), mumps, and tetanus/diphtheria (three shots required for international students). The Student Care Center (<http://scc.uchicago.edu>) notifies all new students of the requirement and provides instructions for compliance. Forms will be mailed to all incoming students and are available to be downloaded from the web. They must be returned by mail or in person. They cannot be returned electronically.

After the third Friday of the first quarter of enrollment, students who are not yet compliant will have their subsequent registrations restricted and will not have the restriction lifted until they have become compliant with the immunization requirement. A student who receives this notification is urged to call the Immunization Office at 773/702-9975 to resolve his or her status.

Restricted students will lose on-line access to grades as well as access to University libraries, athletic facilities, and health services, among other privileges. Restricted students will be required to leave the University if the restriction is not cleared by the fifth week of the subsequent quarter. Students required to leave will not receive credit for work done through the end of the fifth week of the quarter. Students living in undergraduate dormitories will be required to leave the University housing system.

*Students who are enrolled less than half time and non-degree international visiting scholars are exempt from this requirement.

SECURITY

The University Police Department operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, on campus and throughout the Oakland, Kenwood, Hyde Park, and Woodlawn neighborhoods. They patrol north to 39th, south to 63rd, east to Lake Shore Drive, and west to Cottage Grove.

Officers are armed and fully empowered to make arrests in accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Law Enforcement Officers Training Board and consistent with Illinois state statutes. University Police and the City of Chicago Police Department work together by monitoring each other's calls within the University Police's coverage area. University Police headquarters is located at 5555 South Ellis Avenue.

There are approximately 300 white emergency phones in the area located on thoroughfares heavily trafficked by pedestrians. Simply press the red button inside the phone box and your location will be immediately transmitted to the University Police. You need not say anything. Response time is rapid; usually within two to three minutes (sometimes less) an officer or patrol car will come to your aid. If you must keep moving to protect yourself, continue to use emergency phones along the way so that Police can follow your course.

The University has a multifaceted Safety Awareness Program, which is fully described in the publication, *Common Sense*. *Common Sense* describes how to get around safely, whom to call if you need advice or help in emergencies, and how to prevent or avoid threatening situations. Information is also included about crime statistics on campus and descriptions of security policies and awareness campaigns.

Common Sense is distributed to members of the University community and is available on request by writing to the Office of the Dean of Students, 5801 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637. The University also annually distributes its Drug and Alcohol policy to all students and employees.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

In keeping with its long-standing traditions and policies, the University of Chicago, in admissions, employment, and access to programs, considers students on the basis of individual merit and without regard to race, color, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or other factors prohibited by law. The Affirmative Action Officer (Administration 501, 702-5671) is the University's official responsible for coordinating its adherence to this policy and the related federal and state laws and regulations (including Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended).

ASSISTANCE FOR DISABLED STUDENTS

The University of Chicago is a community of scholars, researchers, educators, students, and staff members devoted to the pursuit of knowledge. In keeping with its traditions and long standing policies and practices the University, in admissions and access to programs, considers students on the basis of individual merit and without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or other factors irrelevant to study at the University.

The University does not have a comprehensive program oriented wholly towards educating students with disabilities, but strives to be supportive of the academic, personal, and work-related needs of each individual and is committed to helping those with disabilities become full participants in the life of the University.

Students with disabilities should contact their area Dean of Students and a representative of the Office of the Vice President and Dean of Students in the University (Administration 234, 834-9710) in as timely a fashion as possible to initiate the process for requesting accommodations at the University.

Once the appropriate documentation is received, professionals will review it to clarify the nature and extent of the disability. Ordinarily a representative of the Office of the Vice President and Dean of Students in the University and area Dean of Students then will meet with the student to discuss the matter. If academic work is at issue, faculty may also become involved in these discussions. The student and the area Dean of Students will maintain contact as appropriate in ongoing efforts to accommodate the student. Assuming the documentation submitted is current and complete, this process may require up to ten weeks.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

The University is committed to working with learning disabled students who have been admitted to help them become full participants in academic programs. In all cases, the usual standards of judgment and assessment of students' overall academic performance apply. Neither the community nor the students concerned are well served by applying special or lesser standards of admission or of evaluation. The representative of the Office of the Vice President and Dean of Students in the University may make accommodations to assist learning disabled students. Such accommodations need to be reasonable and appropriate to the circumstances, should confer equal opportunity on students with learning disabilities, and must not infringe on the essential requirements of or fundamentally alter the program.

As in the case of other disabilities, faculty and academic staff should instruct learning disabled students to request assistance from their area Dean of Students and a representative of the Office of the Vice President and Dean of Students in the University. Assuming the documentation submitted is current and complete, this process may require up to ten weeks.

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP POLICY

A domestic partnership is defined as two individuals of the same gender who live together in a long-term relationship of indefinite duration, with an exclusive mutual commitment in which the partners agree to be jointly responsible for each other's common welfare and share financial responsibilities. The partners may not be related by blood to a degree of closeness which would prohibit legal marriage in the state in which they legally reside and may not be married to any other person.

Privileges will be extended to a student's domestic partner and partner's child(ren) for the Student Accident and Sickness Insurance plan, housing, athletic facilities, and libraries. Students who wish to enroll their domestic partner and/or his or her child(ren) for these privileges should contact the Benefits Office, 970 East 58th Street, 3rd floor, (773/702-9634) to request a Statement of Domestic Partnership form. Once approved by the Benefits Office, the statement will certify that the student's partnership meets the University's requirements.

If a student wishes to enroll his or her domestic partner and/or partner's child(ren) in the Student Accident and Sickness Insurance plan, the student will need to complete enrollment forms for the dependents and will need to present his or her approved Statement of Domestic Partnership. In order to obtain gym, library, and/or housing privileges, the student will need to present his or her approved Statement of Domestic Partnership at the appropriate office.

- Student Accident and Sickness Insurance plan - Administration Building room 231-2, 5801 South Ellis Avenue
- Athletic and Recreational Sports - Ratner Athletic Center, 5530 South Ellis Avenue, Front Desk
- Library - Regenstein Privileges Office, 1100 East 57th Street, 1st floor (bring partner)
- Housing - Graduate Students Assignment Office, 5316 South Dorchester Avenue

UNIVERSITY REPORTS

The University of Chicago annually makes information, including several reports and policies, available to its community and to prospective students and employees. These reports provide abundant information on topics from equity in athletics to campus safety, including several items for which federal law requires disclosure. The following are reports that are presently available from the University of Chicago. For those reports not available on the Internet, the University will provide copies upon request.

1. The University's campus safety report, *Common Sense*, is published annually and includes the following:

- information regarding transportation on and around campus;
- safety tips and information on security and crime prevention programs;
- campus policy regarding the sale, possession, and use of alcohol and illegal drugs;
- information regarding drug and alcohol education programs;
- crime statistics for the three most recent calendar years;
- campus programs to prevent sex offenses and procedures to follow when sex offenses occur; and
- information regarding reporting of criminal activity.

Common Sense is available, upon request, from the University of Chicago Police Department, 5555 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, (773/702-8190); and from the Office of the Vice President and Dean of Students in the University, 5801 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, (773/702-7770). It also can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.uchicago.edu/commonsense/>.

2. The University of Chicago Department of Physical Education and Athletics' report for the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act is available, upon request, from the Department at 5734-A S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, (773/702-7684).

3. The University's policy concerning privacy and the release of student records is published annually in the University's Student Manual of Policies and Regulations. The policy explains the rights of students with respect to records maintained by the University and outlines the University's procedures to comply with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Copies of the Manual are available, upon request, from the Office of the Vice President and Dean of Students in the University,

5801 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, (773/702-7770). The information is also available on the Internet at <http://www.uchicago.edu/docs/studentmanual>.

4. Information on accommodations for persons with disabilities can be found in the Student Manual of Policies and Regulations and in each division's Announcements, including this one. The Student Manual of Policies and Regulations is available from the Office of the Vice President and Dean of Students in the University, 5801 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, (773/702-7770). The information is available on the Internet at <http://www.uchicago.edu/docs/studentmanual>.

5. Information regarding current tuition and fees, including estimated miscellaneous costs, is available through the SSA Dean of Students Office at 969 E. 60th Street, Chicago, IL 60637, (773/702-1135). The information is also available on the internet at uchicago.edu/financial/index.html.

6. For information on financial aid programs, contact the Student Loan Administration, 970 East 58th Street, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60637, or the SSA Dean of Students Office (773/702-1135).

7. Information regarding student graduation rates, tuition and loan refunds, and withdrawals can be obtained from the Offices of the Registrar and the Bursar, 5801 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, (773/702-7891) and (773/702-8000) respectively. This information is also available on the Internet at <http://registrar.uchicago.edu> under the section entitled Times Schedules.

8. Information on the University's accreditation can be obtained from the Office of the Provost, 5801 South Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, (773/702-8806).

9. Information on academic programs, faculties, and facilities, can be obtained from the SSA Dean of Students Office, 969 E. 60th Street, Chicago, IL 60637, 773/702-1135.

STUDENT REGULATIONS AND DISCIPLINE

Any conduct, on or off campus, of students as individuals and as members of campus groups, that threatens the security of the University community, the rights of its individual members, or its basic norms of academic integrity is of concern to the University and may become a matter for action within the University's system of student discipline.

The All-University Disciplinary System is set out in the Student Manual of University Policies & Regulations, copies of which are available through the dean of students in each area. Every student should become familiar with the Student Manual of University Policies & Regulations, which is updated annually.

