Student Life

The Divinity School is located in Swift Hall, near the center of the main quadrangles of the University of Chicago campus.

Swift Hall houses the administrative offices of the Divinity School, the offices of the faculty and staff, class and seminar rooms, Swift Lecture Hall, Swift Common Room, a student lounge, and a coffee shop. Upon occasion, University facilities outside of Swift Hall are used for classes and meetings. The John Nuveen Wing of Swift Hall houses the Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, a research arm of the Divinity School dedicated to interdisciplinary inquiry in religion. It contains offices, seminar rooms, and a small reference library for the use of research fellows.

The Divinity School’s Divinity Students Association sponsors a number of area clubs and student organizations, including several affinity groups. Please see https://divinity.uchicago.edu/clubs-and-workshops for more information on Divinity School student clubs.

Visitors may reach the main quadrangles from downtown Chicago by Metra commuter train (from Randolph and Michigan to 59th Street, University of Chicago stop); by bus (CTA No. 6 Jackson Park Express, boarded along State Street in the Loop); and by car (via Lake Shore Drive). Persons arriving at O’Hare or Midway Airports may take the Omega Airport Shuttle (phone: 773-483-6634; web site: http://www.omegashuttle.com) to Ida Noyes Hall at the University, approximately three blocks from Swift Hall.

Divinity Students Association

The Divinity Students Association (DSA) is an organization run by and for University of Chicago Divinity School students. The organization attempts to contribute to many spheres of life in the Divinity School: academic, professional, and social. Above all else, the DSA is committed to fostering a true community of Divinity students from every degree program.

DSA funds student academic clubs: one for each area of concentrations and many others sparked and organized by students according to their interests. DSA also funds major events and conferences that several clubs organize, like the annual Ministry Conference and "Alternative Epistemologies" speaker series.

In addition, DSA makes available a limited amount of funding for students participating in international conferences.

For more information about the DSA please visit http://dsa.uchicago.edu/

Research Resources

The Library

The University of Chicago Library provides comprehensive resources and services in support of the research, teaching and learning needs of the University and broader research community. The Library has built holdings of national significance
in many fields. As of June 30, 2011, Library holdings total 10,729,052 volumes in print and electronic formats, 284,142 serial titles, 444,251 maps, 66,318 audio recordings, and 12,135 films and videos. The University of Chicago Library is housed at six campus locations: the Joseph Regenstein Library for humanities, social sciences, business, and special collections; the John Crerar Library for science, medicine and technology collections; the D’Angelo Law Library; the Eckhart Library for mathematics, statistics and computer science collections; the Social Services Administration Library; and the new Joe and Rika Mansueto Library. Locating the vast majority of the Library’s print collections in open stacks at five of its six campus locations allows users to access holdings rapidly and to make serendipitous discoveries while browsing. To maintain this extraordinary accessibility while growing collections, the Mansueto Library was opened adjacent to Regenstein Library in 2011. The Mansueto features an elliptical glass dome capping a 180-seat Grand Reading Room, state-of-the-art conservation and digitization laboratories, and an underground, high-density automated storage and retrieval system with the capacity to store 3.5 million volumes.

Research-level collections include humanities, social sciences, business, physical and biological sciences, medicine, technology, law, mathematics, statistics, computer science, social work, and area studies. The greatest strengths of the collections lie in areas that are broad as well as deep, such as the history of religions, both Western and non-Western; the literatures of East Asia, South Asia, the Middle East, and Slavic and Eastern Europe; anthropology; sociology; the histories of science, technology and medicine; and the history of education. In addition, the Library is a leading advocate of digitization as a method of preservation and has created extensive digital collections accessible online to all.

Religious Studies was a core component of the original library of the University of Chicago, formed around the Berlin Collection (57,630 volumes and 39,020 dissertations, or 96,650 volumes in all) and the Baptist Union Theological Seminary Library (40,000 volumes), which included the Hengstenberg Collection and American Bible Union Collection. The Religion collection focuses on the academic study of religion rather than a confessional study with a focus on religious practice. Historic strengths of the collection include German scholarship in systematic theology, biblical studies, and the history of Christianity (due in part to the Berlin and Hengstenberg collections). The private libraries of Joachim Wach, Mircea Eliade, and Joseph Kitagawa were incorporated into the collections, thereby strengthening the Library’s focus on the history of religions. The private library of Marvin Fox strengthened the Library’s collection in Jewish studies, and specifically in Maimonides studies. Current strengths of the collection match those of the Divinity School (e.g., history of religions; biblical studies, especially New Testament textual and historical criticism). Thanks to the generosity of the Kern Foundation Endowed Theosophical Book Fund, the Library has a strong collection of Theosophical materials.

The tradition of interdisciplinary research and instruction of the University is reflected in the organization and philosophy of the Library. The Joseph Regenstein Library brought together the various University collections in humanities and social sciences under one roof in order to complement interdisciplinary research and
facilitate ease of access. The most immediate benefit of this move was the merger of the Religion collection, formerly held at the Divinity School, with complementary collections in Philosophy, Classics, Ancient Near East, Jewish Studies and Area Studies along with supportive collections, such as anthropology, literature, history and political science.

The Berlin Collection and the Baptist Union Theological Seminary Library also form the basis of the University’s collections in Philosophy, Jewish Studies, Ancient Near East and Classics. Strengths of the Philosophy collection include ancient and Medieval, and modern philosophy, especially British, French, German, and American philosophy. The collection also reflects the historical strengths within the Department, including the work of Alfred Whitehead, George Herbert Mead, John Dewey, Charles Hartshorne, and Paul Ricoeur as well as the broader areas of the philosophy of education, the philosophy of language, and American Pragmatism. The Jewish Studies collection covers the ancient Near East as it pertains to the origins of Judaism, Jewish life and culture in the Greco-Roman, Medieval, Renaissance and Modern world and contemporary studies, such as the Holocaust, the State of Israel, Arab-Israeli relations and contemporary Hebrew literature. The Rabbinics collection emphasizes critical editions of primary texts and works by classical commentators, important works on Mishnah, Talmud, and Midrash, Responsa, Kabbala and mysticism, and Medieval Jewish philosophy. There is a special emphasis on works first published from manuscripts or new editions of classical works with corrections or additions.

The Ancient Near East Collection includes all materials relating to the study of the ancient Near East, defined as the region encompassing the modern states of Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, and the countries of the Arabian peninsula. These materials cover such topics as the archaeology, art, history, languages, law, and religions of Sumer, Babylonia, Assyria, Egypt, Nubia, Persia and other ancient peoples of Anatolia and the Fertile Crescent, such as the Phoenicians, Hittites, and Canaanites, to name a few. The Classics Collection spans the time from the rise of Bronze Age Aegean cultures through the period in the Middle Ages that provided many of our scholastic commentaries. While the ancient Greeks and Romans stand at the heart of this collection, included as well are Carthaginians, Etruscans and Lydians. Materials relating to the history, art, and archaeology of the classical world are targeted as well as texts of classical authors on these subjects (such as, Herodotus, Thucydides, Pausanius, Strabo, Manetho, Caesar, Livy, Tacitus and Vitruvius). The University’s Ancient Near East Collection is commonly recognized as one of the top two collections in North America; the Classics Collection remains easily one of the top ten in the country.

The study of Religion in vernacular languages is further facilitated through the four distinguished Area Studies collections at the Library, in particular, study in the vernacular languages these areas represent. The Middle East Collection covers the medieval through modern civilizations of the Middle East, from the rise of Islamic civilization in the sixth century until the present. The East Asian Collection is devoted to Chinese, Japanese, and Korean materials, primarily in the humanities and social sciences. Manchu and Mongolian materials are also represented. The Southern Asian Collection, which includes Southeast Asia, have
publications on all aspects of life and culture in India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bhutan, as well as materials on Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Indonesia, and the Philippines. In addition, Tibetan materials are grouped with the Southern Asian Collection. The Slavic, East European and Eurasian Collections encompass all areas of the social sciences and humanities for the countries of the former Soviet Union and other East European countries, including Modern Greece; strengths include Judaica in all regions and Islamic Studies in Central Asia.

Subjects and texts relevant to the study of religion are strongly represented in the rare books, manuscripts and archival holdings at the Library. The Special Collections Research Center is the Library’s repository for the rare book collection, the manuscript collection and the University of Chicago Archives. Special Collections provides primary sources to support research, teaching, learning, and administration at the University. Collections comprise 265,000 books and 46,135 linear feet of archives and manuscripts. Collections relevant to Religious studies include the Berlin Collection, the Hengstenberg Collection, the Ludwig Rosenberger Collection of Judaica, the Emma B. Hodge Collection of Reformation Imprints, the Edgar J. Goodspeed New Testament Manuscript Collection, the Maurice T. Grant Collection of English Bibles, materials on the religious history of Kentucky and the Ohio River Valley from the Reuben T. Durrett Collection on Kentucky and the Ohio River Valley. Important manuscript and archival collections include materials relating to Baptist Union Theological Seminary, the Divinity School, and the founding of University.

The Religion collection is further supplemented by the many resources available in the Hyde Park neighborhood and Chicago metropolitan area. The Library has established borrowing agreements with the JKM Library of McCormick Theological Seminary (Presbyterian Church, USA) and Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America), the Chicago Theological Seminary Information Commons (United Church of Christ), and the United Library of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary (Episcopalian) and Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary (United Methodist), located near Northwestern University. There are complementary collections at other denominational seminaries within Hyde Park, including Catholic Theological Union (Roman Catholic), as well as the greater Chicago area, including the Asher Library at Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies and Wiggins Library at Meadville Lombard Theological School (Unitarian Universalist). In addition, the Archdiocese of Chicago’s Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Archives and Records Center is located in downtown Chicago. There are additional libraries which are part of the Chicago Area Theological Library Association, including the Moody Bible Institute (Independent Baptist), North Park University (Evangelical Covenant), Trinity International University (Evangelical Church), Wheaton College (non-denominational Evangelical) and its Billy Graham Center Archives and Marion E. Wade Center (with books and papers of Owen Barfield, G.K. Chesterton, C.S. Lewis, George MacDonald, Dorothy L. Sayers, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Charles Williams).

The Library’s physical and virtual spaces respond to the changing habits of its users to enrich the campus experience and to multiply the ways in which people can
pursue inquiry. The Library preserves information across all formats and ensures effective storage and delivery systems. Among the notable full-text electronic resources available for Religious studies are Acta Sanctorum, Library of Christian Latin Texts, Digital Library of Classic Protestant Texts, Digital Library of the Catholic Reformation, Patrologia Latina Database, and Thesaurus Linguae Graecae. Online indexes include the ATLA Religion Database. The Library maintains the vast majority of its print collections on open shelving. The search tool, LENS, allows for virtual browsing of stacks and the material stored in Mansueto Library. In January 2012, the Library began piloting a new Scan & Deliver service that allows UChicago faculty, students, and staff to request that articles and book chapters from the Library’s print collections be scanned and made available online. To extend access even beyond its millions of volumes, in February 2012, the Library launched another new service, UBorrow, which offers rapid access to over 90 million books from the collections of 12 university libraries in the Midwest and the nearby Center for Research Libraries. All patrons are welcome and encouraged to submit purchase requests to the Library, the vast majority of which are filled.

Teaching and learning support includes reference services, course reserves, library instruction and curriculum support, bibliographic management software, and technologically equipped classrooms. The Regenstein Library is in the final stages of reorganizing its stacks to facilitate accessibility. As a result, the majority of the print volumes of the Religion collection are now accessible on the 4th floor with the Philosophy and Classics print volumes; the relevant reference materials are conveniently located in the 4th floor reading room. Reference librarians provide orientation to library collections, services, and facilities. The reference staff is available for individual and group consultation, and can be contacted in person as well as by e-mail, telephone and online chat. The Library has a large number of subject specialist bibliographers who build and maintain the various collections, including Anne K. Knafl, Bibliographer for Religion and Philosophy. Bibliographers are available to provide specialized reference services, such as instruction in research techniques through private consultations and group workshops.

Helpful Resources

The University of Chicago Library: http://www.lib.uchicago.edu
Religion Research Guide, including the Collection development policy: http://guides.lib.uchicago.edu/religion
Subject Specialists: http://guides.lib.uchicago.edu/religion
Special Collections Research Center: http://guides.lib.uchicago.edu/religion
The Association of Chicago Theological Schools: http://guides.lib.uchicago.edu/religion

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The University provides a wide range of facilities and services to meet the information technology needs of students and faculty at the University. Students have access to numerous electronic resources, such as full-text and bibliographic databases from workstations in the libraries and through the campus network. The Library has over 1,700 network connections throughout its facilities. Information
about computer facilities in the libraries is available at http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/using/computing.

IT Services makes available to students general and advanced instructional and research applications, UNIX server systems, technical workstations, advanced research systems, the Multimedia and Learning Technologies Center, public computing labs, and assistance for users of these services, as well as electronic mail and Internet access. These allow national and international transmission of electronic mail and digital information, including images and links to specialized resources, such as supercomputers (the University is an Academic Affiliate of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications). The University also operates an advanced high-speed network for advanced research and instructional applications, including scientific visualization applications—Internet2, which interconnects most major research institutions. For more information about IT Services, visit http://itservices.uchicago.edu.

In addition to these central services, each division and most of the professional schools provide information technology services, including computer labs, related to specific disciplines. Consequently, there are over sixty computer labs located throughout the main campus.

THE MARTIN MARTY CENTER

The Martin Marty Center, established in the spring of 1998 to recognize Professor (emeritus) Martin E. Marty’s manifold contributions to the understanding of religion, aims to promote research that is oriented toward public life and toward the role that religion plays—for good and for ill—in culture. The Marty Center oversees the development of major faculty research projects; sponsors research assistantships, a student research colloquium, and teaching assistantships; and fosters interactive connections to those public constituencies for whom specific research projects in religion will have significant consequences. Inquiries should be addressed to W. Clark Gilpin, Director, The Martin Marty Center, The University of Chicago Divinity School, 1025 East 58th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637 (phone: 773-702-7049; fax: 773-702-8223; web site: http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martin-marty-center.

HOUSING

LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS

The University of Chicago provides a variety of living options for its graduate students. For single students, the choices include International House (see below), Neighborhood Student Apartments, and the New Graduate Residence Hall. Neighborhood Student Apartments also offers apartment arrangements suitable for couples, students with a domestic partner, and families.

The University owns and operates numerous apartment buildings located around and within the campus area. Graduate students who are single, married, or in a domestic partnership, and who are registered and making normal progress toward their degrees, are eligible to live in Neighborhood Student Apartments. Apartment sizes range from efficiency units to large three-bedroom apartments, furnished or unfurnished, in walk-up or elevator buildings. Parking lots are available at
some buildings. Options for single students include single occupancy and shared apartments. Couples with children are given priority for the two- and three-bedroom apartments. Inquiries should be addressed to:

Graduate Student Housing Assignment Office
5316 South Dorchester Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60615
phone: 773-753-2218
fax 773-753-8054
web site: http://reo.uchicago.edu

New Graduate Residence Hall is a University residence hall for students in the professional schools of Law and Business. Housing at New Graduate Residence Hall is available only for students in their first year of study at the University. Students who wish to remain in University housing after their first year should make arrangements with Neighborhood Student Apartments or with International House. Inquiries about New Graduate Residence Hall should be addressed to the Graduate Student Housing Assignment Office.

Additional information on housing options, including current costs, is sent to all newly admitted students.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

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 over five hundred graduate residents—about half 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 the 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 House’s dining room, 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. Scholarships and fellowships are available.

All inquiries should be addressed to:

Resident Manager
International House
1414 East 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637
phone: 773-753-2280
fax: 773-753-1227
e-mail: I-house-housing@listhost.uchicago.edu
web site: http://ihouse.uchicago.edu
**Disciples Divinity House**

Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago is a foundation for theological education directly affiliated with both the University and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Its major purpose is to provide scholarships and related educational services to Disciples of Christ students attending the Divinity School. In addition, Disciples House maintains an ecumenical coeducational residence facility to which all Divinity School students are welcome to apply for housing. Located at the corner of the main quadrangles of the University, Disciples House has twenty-three furnished student rooms, a common room, library, chapel, and community kitchen. During the academic year, Disciples House sponsors a series of lectures and colloquia and subsidizes social activities organized by an elected student council. For further information and application forms, write to:

Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago  
1156 East 57th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60637  
phone: 773-643-4411  
fax: 773-643-4413  
web site: http://ddh.uchicago.edu

**Private Housing**

The private housing market in the neighborhood around the University is generally very tight. Students interested in housing outside the University system are advised to come to Chicago well in advance of the opening of the quarter in which they enter the University in order to secure accommodations. It is virtually impossible to obtain private housing by telephone or mail. The University itself does not have an off-campus housing office, nor does it maintain listings of inspected and approved private housing. However, private real estate companies publish lists of housing available in the Hyde Park area and online resources are available, including http://marketplace.uchicago.edu.

**University of Chicago Health Insurance Requirement**

The University requires all students, other than those in programs explicitly excluded (see “Ineligibility,” below) to carry adequate medical insurance to cover, among other costs, hospitalization and outpatient diagnostic and surgical procedures. If the student resides 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. Enrolling in the University Student Health Insurance (U-SHIP) plan offered by the University, or
2. Completing 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 U-SHIP plan.
Mandatory Quarterly Fee

All registered students must pay the Student Life Fee, which covers services at the Student Care Center and the Student Counseling and Resource Center, as well as Student Activities, including student organization activities and programs coordinated by the Office of the Reynolds Club and Student Activities. This 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. Students need to petition their area Dean of Students to receive this waiver. There are no other grounds for waiver from this mandatory fee.

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 Health Insurance Basic Plan and billed for that enrollment. The enrollment is binding for the entire plan year, from September 1 until August 31 of the following year.

The open enrollment period ends at 5 p.m. on the third Friday of the autumn quarter. For students who are not registered for the autumn quarter but do register during the winter, spring, or summer quarter, the open enrollment period ends at 5 p.m. on the second Friday of the first quarter in which they are registered during the insurance plan year.

Ineligibility

Students in the GSB evening and weekend, SSA evening, and the MLA programs are not eligible to enroll in the University Student Health Insurance Plan. Doctoral students in Extended Residence are also not eligible to enroll in USHIP. Students excluded from this requirement are not eligible to purchase the U-SHIP plan.

Student Life Fee

All registered students are assessed a quarterly Student Life Fee which allows them access to Student Care Center (SCC) and Student Counseling & Resource Service (SCRS). This fee also covers student activities through the Office of the Reynolds Club and Student Activities (ORCSA). Seventy-eight percent of this fee goes towards health and wellness services (the SCC and SCRS). Students are assessed this fee for each quarter they are enrolled on campus. Students may also elect to pay this fee during quarters, such as the summer or during a medical leave of absence, when they are not enrolled but wish to access the SCC and SCRS.

The Student Life 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. These waivers are administered by the Dean of Students. Students in the Divinity School who are NOT assessed the Student Life Fee and cannot access the SCC or SCRS include:

- Students in Extended Residence
- Students in pro forma status.
Dependent spouses or same-sex domestic partners and dependent children age 14 and older, who are insured through the University Student Health Insurance Plan (U-SHIP), are assessed the Dependent Life Fee and are entitled to receive services at the Student Care Center (SCC) and the Student Counseling & Resource Service (SCRS). The Dependent Life Fee will be charged to the student’s bursar account, in addition to the Student Insurance Premium.

While most of the services provided at SCC and SCRS are covered by the Student Life fee, some services incur an additional charge. More information is available on the Student Health website at http://studenthealth.uchicago.edu.

**SUMMER STUDENT LIFE FEE**

Students and June graduates who remain in the Chicago area during the summer but are not enrolled in classes have the option to purchase the Student Life Fee for continued access to the Student Care Center and Student Counseling and Resource Services. Students’ family members already on the U-SHIP plan may also purchase this fee.

Non-registered students for summer: Please note that summer coverage at the SCC/SCRS is not automatic. Students in eligible programs who would like SCC/SCRS coverage during the summer must specifically elect this coverage through the Student Health Enrollments website at https://studentinsurance.uchicago.edu/studentlifefee/authenticate.php before the end of the summer registration period. By selecting the summer Student Life Fee enrollment your student account will be updated to reflect the summer Student Life Fee, and you will have access to the SCC and SCRS during the summer. Students who are in Chicago for the summer but have not paid the summer Student Life Fee will not have access to the NurseLine or the SCC or SCRS persons-on-call. These students and recent alumni will still have access to the resources listed at http://help.uchicago.edu.

NB: Students in the Divinity School are not required to be registered for summer. If you do enroll in summer language courses, (at your own expense, limited tuition aid available), you will be automatically billed for the Summer Student Life Fee.

**IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

By State of Illinois law, all new students (except those enrolled less than half time and non-degree international visiting scholars) 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 online 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.

**GRADUATE STUDENT PARENTS POLICY**

The University of Chicago’s commitment to diversity has shaped the course of research and education at the University throughout its history. As we move into the 21st century, we seek to increase the number of women pursuing and successfully completing advanced degrees in preparation for assuming leadership positions in universities, government, and industry. We also believe that a graduate student parent has a better chance of successfully continuing the program and completing the degree when the duties of a new parent are shared by the spouse/partner. We recognize that a woman’s prime childbearing years often are precisely those years when she is engaged full-time in preparation and study for these positions. Her prime childbearing years may also be those years when the spouse/partner is engaged full-time in his or her academic studies or career. This policy addresses the conflicts and issues that may arise as the two goals—pursuit of an advanced degree and parenthood—come into play simultaneously.

This policy cannot anticipate every individual circumstance relating to childbirth and parenting. Rather, this policy establishes the principles and the minimum modifications for women graduate students who become pregnant and give birth and for all graduate students who become new parents. Students must always work closely with their advisors, departmental chairs, and Area Deans of Students in planning for a birth or having a child, arranging a timeline for meeting requirements, and accommodating particular circumstances. Students must communicate early, frequently, and clearly with their advisors about their progress and their engagement in courses and research. Advisors, too, must be realistic about the rate of progress of students experiencing childbirth or taking care of a newborn. The success of this policy depends upon full and open communication and cooperation among the student, the advisor, departmental chair, and the Area Dean of Students. The desired goal is to maintain the student-parent’s full-time status in his or her academic program and to ease the return to full participation in classes, research, teaching, or clinical training.

**OPTIONS**

Several options are available to graduate students in various statuses in the University. A student who has reason to believe that she or he will wish to exercise one or more of these options should discuss her or his situation with the Area Dean of Students as early as possible to draw up an agreement and clear timeline for academic requirements.

1. **Extensions**

   New parents in doctoral programs may request a one-quarter extension for departmental, program, and University milestones and requirements that come due after the birth of the child. Thus, for example, in a department in which
petition to candidacy must be made by the end of the Scholastic Residence (normally, that is, by the end of the fourth year), a birth mother (whether or not she takes a one-quarter leave of absence for childbirth during those four years, see below) may request one additional quarter to prepare for the petition to candidacy.

New parents in Master’s and professional programs may request a one quarter extension for departmental, program, and University milestones and requirements that come due after the birth of the child. Such extensions are not to exceed professional regulatory requirements toward degree completion. Thus, for example, in a Master’s or professional program with a limited number of years in which the degree is to be completed, a birth mother (whether or not she takes a one-quarter leave of absence for childbirth during those four years, see below) may request one additional quarter to complete the degree.

Note: Extensions for departmental, program, and University milestones and requirements do not extend a doctoral student’s eligibility for full-time status in Scholastic and Advanced Residence beyond the total of twelve years from entry in the PhD program nor the Master’s or professional student’s eligibility for full-time status beyond the maximum duration of enrollment from entry in the program.

2. **Academic Modification**

   **One- or Two-Quarter Academic Modification.** A birth mother in a Master’s or professional program, or in a doctoral program until admission to candidacy (that is, normally during Scholastic Residence or the early years of Advanced Residence), may choose to maintain full-time status during the quarter of her late-stage pregnancy, the quarter in which she gives birth, or the quarter in which she is engaged in the care of a newborn and receive an Academic Modification for these extra demands. The period of Academic Modification permits adjusting her course load and/or due dates for course assignments, papers, examinations, and other course-work requirements. Class and seminar attendance and participation are expected to the extent permitted by the health of the mother and newborn. New fathers or adoptive parents in Master’s and professional programs or in a doctoral program until admission to candidacy (that is, normally during Scholastic Residence or the early years of Advanced Residence) engaged in the care of a newborn may request similar Academic Modifications for one quarter.

   *Students with teaching duties* are urged to initiate conversations with their department or program chairs and the Area Dean of Students well in advance to arrange to teach in a quarter other than that of the birth or care of the newborn. This modification should be given to new mothers and new fathers.

   *Students receiving tuition and/or stipends dependent upon laboratory and field research* are urged to initiate conversations with their department chairs, lab supervisors, and the Area Dean of Students well in advance to adjust laboratory and research schedules. Students who are supported by fellowships external to the University must follow the rules specified by the granting
agency for absences and leaves. Certain research grant conditions may necessitate the P.I. hiring additional help during the period of reduced activity. The mechanisms for continued financial support will be addressed on an individual basis with the P.I. and the Area Dean of Students.

Further modifications and considerations may be necessary throughout a woman’s pregnancy or period of lactation, for example for students who may be exposed to toxic chemicals or who must travel for field research. Advisors, Area Deans of Students, and students are urged to work together to provide a safe learning environment.

Note: The quarters of Academic Modification do not extend a doctoral student’s eligibility for full-time status in Scholastic and Advanced Residence beyond the total of twelve years from entry in the PhD program nor the Master’s or professional student’s eligibility for full-time status beyond the maximum duration of enrollment from entry in the program. Moreover, because the student continues to be enrolled full-time, the quarters of Academic Modification in and of themselves do not stop the clock on departmental, program, and University academic milestones and requirements.

3. Leave of Absence for Childbirth

One-quarter leave of absence for childbirth. Since academic year 2000-2001, the University has permitted a female doctoral graduate student in Scholastic or Advanced Residence to take a one-quarter leave of absence for childbirth (see Student Manual, Residence Track). This option remains available. A pregnant student should discuss with her Area Dean of Students and with the Office of International Affairs (if relevant) the implications of such a leave for medical insurance coverage, visa status, loan repayment, University housing, etc. She may choose to use the leave-of-absence for childbirth in addition to or instead of the other options outlined above.

Note: A leave-of-absence does not extend a doctoral student’s eligibility for full-time status in Scholastic and Advanced Residence beyond the total of twelve years from entry in the Ph.D. program. However, the leave-of-absence does stop the clock on departmental, program, and University academic milestones and requirements; the clock resumes when the student returns to full-time status.

Students in Master’s or professional programs also may take a one-quarter leave of absence for childbirth. A pregnant student should discuss with her Area Dean of Students and with the Office of International Affairs (if relevant) the implications of such a leave for medical insurance coverage, visa status, loan repayment, University housing, etc. She may choose to use the leave-of-absence in addition to or instead of the other options outlined below.

CHILD CARE AND SCHOOLS

A wide variety of day care and baby-sitting options is 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. There are many fine nursery schools in Hyde Park, including one run by the University. The University of Chicago helps employees and students find child care through two main sources:

1. **Action for Children** (formerly the Day Care Action Council) is a private, not-for-profit agency, which operates as a resource and referral service. The University has contracted with Action for Children to help you locate arrangements for your children. The organization is located at 4753 North Broadway, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois 60640 (phone: 773-687-4000; fax: 773-481-6610; Web site: http://www.actforchildren.org/).

2. Human Resources provides some services and resources, including the Child Care Referral Program (http://humanresources.uchicago.edu/lifework/life/child/referral.shtml). Please see Human Resources at 6054 S. Drexel Avenue, Chicago IL 60637, or email benefits@uchicago.edu.

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 citywide), 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 childcare, nursery, elementary, and secondary schools, visit the information kiosk at the Office of Graduate Affairs’ Family Resource Center located at University Church (57th and University) or http://grad.uchicago.edu. The Family Resource Center also offers weekly parent/child activities, a parent lecture series, quarterly events, space for babysitting exchanges, support groups and nursing/changing stations. To join the parent list serve or register for the Family Resource Center, contact the Office of Graduate Affairs at 5801 S. Ellis Avenue, Room 226-A, or call 773.702.7813.

**CAMPUS/NEIGHBORHOOD BUS SYSTEM**

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), in cooperation with the University, operates three daytime bus routes that link the central campus with its periphery. During the evening, the University itself operates five bus routes: buses leave the central campus every thirty minutes, and traverse established routes. University students ride free by showing their University photo ID. An express bus route links the main campus with the University’s downtown Gleacher Center and near-north Chicago. A shuttle links the main campus with the 53rd Street/Lake Park office building. For updated schedules, maps, and other information, visit http://facilities.uchicago.edu.

**SECURITY**

The University Police Department operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, on campus and throughout the Hyde Park-South Kenwood neighborhood — the area bounded by 47th Street, 61st Street, Cottage Grove Avenue, and Lake Shore Drive. 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, Chicago, Illinois 60637 (phone: 773-702-8181).

There are 242 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 the 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 about crime statistics on campus and descriptions of security policies and awareness campaigns, including the University’s drug and alcohol policy, are also included (see the section on University policies).

**CHASEL AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS**

Ecumenical Christian services of worship are held Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. during the academic year and at 10:00 a.m. during the summer in Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, which is located at 5850 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637. Chapel Staff, Divinity School interns, and occasional guest preachers from across the nation address a congregation composed primarily of University students, faculty, staff, and Hyde Park residents. Special services are scheduled for the major seasons of the church year. The Chapel is open daily for private meditation and prayer. For more information, contact Rockefeller Chapel at 773-702-7059, or visit http://rockefeller.uchicago.edu.

The Chapel Choir, which sings at the Sunday services during the academic year, is open through audition. Organ concerts are given by the University Organist, and carillon concerts are offered every weekday when classes are in session by the University Carillonneur and qualified students and community members.

Four groups regularly hold worship in the Joseph Bond Chapel, located adjacent to Swift Hall. The Divinity School sponsors a short worship service, "Open Space," each Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. during the academic year. These services, planned by students, utilize the talents of students, faculty, and staff. Brent House, the Episcopal campus ministry, offers a Eucharist service Thursdays at noon during the academic year; the Muslim Students Association holds its Friday noon prayers throughout the year; and Calvert House, the Roman Catholic campus ministry, offers a Eucharist service every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

There are numerous religious groups in the University neighborhood that welcome student participation in their programs and worship. Following is a partial listing of religious groups and/or campus ministries at the University:

- Asian American Students for Christ
- The Baha’i Association
• The Bible Club
• Brent House Episcopal Campus Ministry
• Buddhist Association
• Calvert House Catholic Campus Ministry
• Campus Crusade for Christ
• Chabad Jewish Center
• Christian Science Organization
• Graduate Christian Fellowship
• Hillel (The Newberger Hillel Center for Jewish Life)
• Bhav Bhakti Hindu Society
• InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
• Korean American Campus Ministry
• Latter-Day Saints Student Association
• Lutheran Campus Ministry (Augustana Lutheran Church)
• Muslim Students Association
• Orthodox Christian Fellowship
• Quaker House
• Rockefeller Memorial Chapel
• Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry
• United Protestant Campus Ministry
• University Church

For more information on any of these groups, go to http://rotq.uchicago.edu.

MINORITY AND ETHNIC STUDENT GROUPS

There are over a dozen student organizations representing students of color (and various ethnicities) on campus, including the Organization of Black Students, the Minority Graduate Student Organization, the Organization of Latin American Students, the Middle Eastern Student Association, and PanAsia.

Each year, the Organization of Black Students sponsors its Kent Lecture; the Minority Graduate Student Association sponsors an annual conference, “Eyes on the Mosaic”; the Latin American and East Asian Studies Centers, the Committee on African Studies, and the Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture offer both academic and social opportunities; and the International House offers a variety of culturally diverse activities. In addition, each quarter, there are colloquia and receptions designed especially for graduate minority students.

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) works with student groups, faculty, and administrators to develop ways to enhance the academic and personal experiences of students of color who attend the University. For more information, contact:

OMSA
5710 South Woodlawn Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60637
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) has the dual function of serving the University’s international students and scholars, and its American students who are interested in grants for overseas research. OIA advises international students about United States government regulations and University rules and policies. The staff helps with personal problems and concerns arising from study in a foreign country and also acts as a liaison with international groups and activities on and around campus. OIA conducts competitions for overseas study awards, such as Fulbright grants.

Inquiries may be addressed to:

the Office of International Affairs
International House
1414 East 59th Street
Room 291
Chicago, Illinois 60637
phone: 773-702-7752
fax 773-702-3058
e-mail: internationalaffairs@uchicago.edu
web site: http://internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

In addition to the rich cultural and recreational opportunities provided by the city of Chicago, there is much to do in the University itself. Most University students take part in one or more of the many musical, cultural, social, religious, and political organizations on campus. Due to the large number of graduate students at the University—about twice that of undergraduates—and because many faculty members live near campus and are able to attend cultural and social events, there is much that will appeal to graduate students.

Of special interest to international students is the yearlong program of events at International House. Trips to concerts or the theater, language tables, the weekly Film Society program, the Consul General Dinner series, and the annual Festival of Nations offer opportunities for residents to interact with other people of different backgrounds and cultures in a friendly, informal manner that is achieved in few other places.

With more than 275 University-wide student organizations and the many organizations in the schools and divisions, there are countless ways for you to get involved in campus life. Student activities, including large-scale entertainment events and programs with an all-University focus, are mounted by student organizations using a portion of the student life fee paid by every student. Thirty-eight percent of the funds collected from graduate students are allocated to the graduate divisions and schools. These funds are distributed by the Deans
of Students in each area to their graduate student councils, graduate student organizations, or to fund events for the students in that division or school. Each division and school distributes funds differently. Students should contact their area Dean of Students for more information. Funds are also allocated to the Graduate Council (GC), which is made up of the representatives from each graduate area. In addition to meeting to discuss issues that are important to graduate students, GC plans activities designed to encourage interaction between each academic area, including quarterly mixers and outings to museums and Chicago fun-spots, among other activities. GC’s web site (http://sg.uchicago.edu) —part of the Student Government’s web site— offers information on its activities, as well as useful links to campus services. The Office of the Reynolds Club and Student Activities (ORCSA) also maintains a Web site (http://studentactivities.uchicago.edu/) that provides information on campus events, student organizations, starting a new student organization, and other services.

ATHLETICS

Graduate students at the University have a wide range of opportunities 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. The athletics department also offers opportunities to participate in approximately fifty intramural sports and forty sports clubs.

Opened in September 2003, the Gerald Ratner Athletics Center includes a 50- by 25-meter swimming pool, cardiovascular exercise equipment, weight machines, free weights, a multipurpose dance studio, a competition gymnasium, and an auxiliary gymnasium, among other features.

In addition to the Ratner Athletics Center, the Henry Crown Field House provides indoor athletic and recreational opportunities to the University community. Among the features of the Henry Crown Field House are four multipurpose courts, an indoor running track, and racquetball and squash courts.

PLACEMENT

The Divinity School provides placement counseling for academic and ministerial employment to all of its students.

The Office of Graduate Education supports graduate students in the development of effective research and work habits that will benefit them in a variety of careers. On the job market, it is crucial for graduate students to articulate how the skills they have acquired at UChicago apply in a range of contexts. See more at http://grad.uchicago.edu/training_support/

In addition, the University of Chicago's Office of Career Advancement (CAPS) provides information and assistance on jobs in academia, business, secondary and
higher education, government, and non-profit organizations. This office maintains a resource library of career, internship, and employer information as well as guides to job-hunting skills. Experienced counselors are available by appointment to discuss with students immediate employment plans or long-range career interests. In addition, the CAPS office provides an online database of job openings, and sponsors a number of programs each year on both job-hunting strategies and opportunities in selected career fields. For more information, contact

Career Advancement
Ida Noyes Hall
1212 East 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637
phone: 773-702-7040
web site: http://caps.uchicago.edu/

Questions about placement may be directed to the Dean of Students in the Divinity School.

Alumni Relations and Development

The Divinity School pursues a program of alumni relations and financial development through the offices of the Director of Development as well as through cooperation with the University’s Office of Alumni Relations and Development. It also promotes contact with its friends and some 3,000 graduates through Criterion, the biannual magazine of the Divinity School, and Circa, a biannual newsletter from the Dean. For more information, contact Dale Walker, Director of Development, The University of Chicago Divinity School, 1025 East 58th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637 (phone: 773-702-8248; fax: 773-702-6048; web site: http://divinity.uchicago.edu/alumni-and-friends ).

University Policies

For information on University Policies, please consult the Student Manual of University Policies and Regulations. The Student Manual is the official statement of University policies and regulations, and expected standards of student conduct which are applicable to all students. This document contains information on University Policies, Academic Policies and Requirements, Administrative Policies and Requirements, and Student Life and Conduct. The Student Manual can be accessed online at http://studentmanual.uchicago.edu/university/ .

Disciplinary Policies

The University Disciplinary Systems regarding student misconduct and the policy on unlawful discrimination and sexual misconduct are available online (see links below.) Questions about these policies should be directed to the Dean of Students.

University Disciplinary Systems: http://studentmanual.uchicago.edu/disciplinary