Offices:

Bursar Office: supporting University students and their support networks with an array of student account management tools

Career Advancement: provides career development and job search resources

CCRF: College Center for Research and Fellowships, supports undergraduate research and nationally competitive fellowships, promotes academic excellence, and connections between faculty and students

CCSS: Center for College Student Success, provides resources and tools with a focus on First-Generation, Lower-Income, and Immigrant (FLI) students in the College

CI+I: Center for Identity and Inclusion, home of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, LGBTQ Student Life, and Student Support Services

CLI: Center for Leadership and Involvement, home to student activities and leadership development programs

CPO: College Programming and Orientation, organizers of events for College students and families, including Orientation, Family Weekend, Senior Week, Class Day and Diploma Ceremonies

CSRPC: Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture

IOP: Institute of Politics, a non-partisan institute for the study of politics

OMSA: Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, creating intentionally diverse and inclusive communities at the University

RSVP: resources for Sexual Violence Prevention, using dialogue and education to work toward the elimination of interpersonal violence at UChicago

Spiritual Life: destination for all things spiritual and religious at UChicago

Student Wellness: including medical services, counseling services, and Health Promotion and Wellness programs for assisting with student’s wellbeing

Transportation and Parking Services: provides a variety of accessible transportation options for University students and guests

UCSC: University Community Service Center, providing students a platform to engage in service and social change

UCPD: University of Chicago Police Department, 773.702.8181

People:

Adviser: staff member assigned to support each student through their transition to the College and the range of decisions to be made throughout their four years

Collegiate Master: head of a collegiate division

Dean-On-Call: the Dean-on-Call and Sexual Assault Dean-on-Call are available to offer assistance and support while ensuring that the full resources of the University are available to and are working for students in crisis

Harper Fellow: members of the College faculty whose primary responsibility is to teach in the general education (Core) program

Ombudsperson: investigates students’ problems regarding academics, financial aid, housing, health service, etc. when other channels of communication and dispute prove unsatisfactory

RA: Resident Assistant, a second-, third-, or fourth-year student in the College who assists Residence Life

RD: Resident Dean, a senior member of the faculty or administration who lives in a residence hall

RH: Resident Head, a graduate student or staff member heading a dormitory House in the campus residence life program

TA: Teaching Assistant

Academics:

Add/Drop: begins finals’ week and through 3rd week of the following quarter in which you can adjust the courses you are enrolled in

BA: The bachelor’s thesis required by certain majors for graduation

Civ: Civilizations Core, pronounced “Siv”

Core: set of classes that provides the foundation for the College’s liberal arts education, required for graduation (aka general education)

Course Catalog: includes offered courses, Major/Minor requirements, academic regulations and procedures, and additional academic opportunities

Hum: Humanities Core, pronounced “Hume”

Pre-Reg: opportunity to register for desired courses for upcoming quarter. Usually takes place during the 7th week each quarter

P/F: Pass/Fail, taking a course but not for a letter grade

Reading Period: select days prior to finals week to give students extra time to study and prepare for finals

Sosc: Social Sciences Core, pronounced “Sosh” with a long “o”
Buildings

Arley D. Cathey Learning Center: picturesque study areas on the third floor of both Harper Memorial Library and Stuart Hall

Bart Mart (aka Maroon Market): convenience-style store located on the first floor of Bartlett Dining Commons; a source of late-night snacks for on-campus students

Baker: Baker Dining Commons, located at 55th and University

Bartlett: Bartlett Dining Commons, located at 57th and University

BJ: Burton-Judson Courts, a residence hall located at Ellis and 60th

Campus North: Residence hall and dining commons at 55th Street and University

Cathey: Cathey Dining Commons, located at 60th and Ellis

C-Bench: gift from the Class of 1903 located in front of Cobb Hall, it is considered to be acoustically perfect

Co-op: Seminary Co-op Bookstore, a treasure trove of popular and hard-to-find books, including many of the texts required for social sciences and humanities classes

Crerar: science library known for collaborative study spaces, hard-core studying, and the MADD center

Crown: Henry Crown Field House, track and gym

C-Shop: popular coffee shop located in the Reynolds Club, home to a Pret A Manger and Dollar Shake Day every Wednesday

GGRC: Renee Granville-Grossman Residential Commons, formerly South Campus, located at Ellis and 61st

Harper: (a) Harper Memorial Library, central building of the College, (b) Charles M. Harper Center, home of the Booth School of Business

Hutch: Hutchinson Commons, a dining hall modeled after Christ Church Hall at Oxford that is connected to the Reynolds Club C-Shop; houses a food court as well as many large portraits of past University presidents

Ida: Ida Noyes Hall, overseen by Student Centers, and home to Career Advancement, Doc Films, and Spiritual Life

I-House: International House, a center for international and campus cultural events that also offers housing to students at Dorchester and 59th

Logan: The Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts, UChicago’s multidisciplinary arts center with classrooms and performance, exhibition, studio, and rehearsal spaces

MADD: The Media, Art, Data, and Design Center located in Crerar

Mansueto: commonly known as the Reg Egg, the Bibliodome, or just the Egg, the Joe and Rika Mansueto Library boasts a reading room housed in an all glass dome and robotic arm book retrieval system

Max: (a) Max Palevsky Residential Commons, also known as Max P, (b) Max Palevsky Cinema in Ida Noyes Hall

Midway: Midway Plaisance, a mile-long avenue running from Cottage Grove to Lake Park between 59th and 60th, also home to an ice-skating rink and lots of open, green space for recreation; it once hosted the sideshows of the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition

Quads: Quadrangles, the central plots of land around which the original thirty-four campus buildings were constructed

Ratner: Ratner Athletics Center, campus gym with swimming pool

Reg: Joseph Regenstein Library of which the First Floor Reading Room is open 24 hours a day from Sunday through Friday

Reynolds: Reynolds’s Club, Building at University and 57th; home to CLI and many RSOs

Rockefeller: ceremonial and spiritual center of the University, with major performing arts program

Snell-Hitchcock: oldest residence hall on campus, located at Ellis and 57th

Stagg: (a) Stagg Field, located at Cottage Grove and 55th, (b) Amos Alonzo Stagg, the University’s first athletic director

The Point: Promontory Point beach and park at Lake Michigan and 55th

The Smart: The Smart Museum of Art

Woodlawn Residential Commons: newest residence hall on campus, located on 61st street.

Student life

COUP: Council on University Programming, organizers of several annual celebrations on campus

IM: intramural sports

Kuvia: Kuviasungnerk winter festival, presented by COUP

MAB: Major Activities Board, coordinating campus entertainment

Maroon: (a) The Chicago Maroon is the official University of Chicago student newspaper, (b) the official school color

Maroons: University of Chicago’s varsity athletes

Maroon Dollars: allow students, faculty, and staff to use their University IDs like a debit card at any dining commons and most cafes and markets on campus. The unlimited meal plan provides $100 each quarter

Maroon Monday: members of the UChicago community are encouraged to wear maroon and show their school spirit on Mondays with special events occurring on the first Monday of each month

My.UChicago: personal account where students can manage class enrollment, transcript requests, finances, etc.

RSO: Recognized Student Organization

Scav: a large, annual scavenger hunt held in the spring

UCID: 8-Digit Student ID number or UChicago Card ID