

City Colleges of Chicago

KEYFACTS

Institutional control: Public

Religious affiliation: None

Setting: Urban

Number of undergraduate students: 34,000

Number of graduate students: 0

Number of international students: 261

Admissions office:

Phone: (+001) 312-553-2500
E-mail: e-studentsfirst@ccc.edu

Cost of attendance:

Tuition, books, and room and board: approximately \$16,000

Financial aid:

Grants offered: No
Scholarships offered: No
Loans offered: No

Organizations:

Number of registered organizations: 30
Number of honor societies: 2
Number of fraternities: 1
Number of sororities: 2

Most popular areas of study:

1. University Transfer Programs
2. Allied Health Professions
3. Computer Information Science
4. Business
5. Culinary/Hospitality Programs

Overview

The City Colleges of Chicago offers its students a vast selection of academic tracts to follow with flexible class schedules. CCC boasts enrollment of approximately 34,000 students, and 7 campuses across the culturally rich city of Chicago. While the number of international students is relatively small, the numbers are continuously growing and we offer our international students over 200 different programs of study. Students can prepare for transfer to a four-year university by earning an associate degree, or improve their English skills through our English as a Second Language program. In addition to traditional academics, CCC provides technical and vocational training courses (including the renowned French Pastry School) and pre-professional instruction through seven diversified Colleges, three satellite learning centers, and two technical institutes.

Location

Our seven campuses and related learning facilities are all conveniently located within easy access to public transportation. Our central facilities are situated within walking distance to beautiful Lake Michigan, parks, museums, theaters and surrounding activities offered by the City of Chicago.

Student Life

Being a large organization within a major metropolitan city, our student body is culturally diverse. With enrollment from almost 50 countries, students are likely to meet others from their home countries. International students are given platforms to interact with their American peers through various on and off-campus activities and cultural programs. Students are encouraged to participate in student government, and can choose to participate in as many as 30 clubs sponsored by each campus. Personal academic advising is offered to students, tutoring, computer labs, and campus libraries with access to all public libraries in the City of Chicago. Select campuses also offer swimming pool, gymnasium, dance studio, weight training center, and a 430-seat Performing Arts Center.

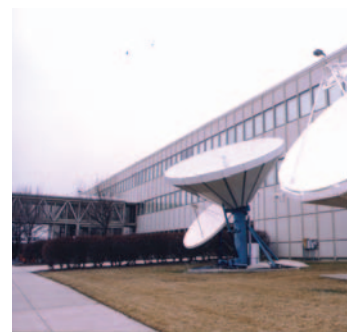
Housing

Although CCC does not offer on-campus housing, students find it quite easy to locate off-campus housing in close proximity to school. Most of our students commute by bus or train and all full-time students are given access to free, 24-hour public transportation during the week and on weekends. Many of our students find it fun, and economically feasible to reside with roommates during their academic career.

Admissions Checklist

To be considered, prospective international students must submit the following:

- Complete admission application (to be completed by applicant only).
- Notarized or true copies of academic transcripts from secondary or college institution.
- A certified translation and evaluation in English of academic records.
- Applicants must take the TOEFL. A minimum score of 450 or 133 computer-based results is required for admittance.
- Notarized I-134 affidavit of support form.
- Certified bank letter of verification. Sponsors must show a minimum of US\$16,000 in their account. If self-sponsored, students must show a minimum of US\$30,000 in his/her account.
- Employment verification form. Sponsor must show a minimum of US\$30,000 annually.
- A \$100 application processing fee



STUDENT FACTS

Year: Certificate program

Country of origin: Mexico

Major: L'Art de la Patisserie

Favorite campus activities: To eat the pastries I produce

Career aspirations: Pastry chef who owns her own shop

Where is the best place to eat on campus? In our kitchen classrooms

Favorite campus-wide event: Graduation Buffet

Car, bus, or bike-how do most students travel? Most students take the train or bus to school

Name five things that you love about your school:

1. Making cakes
2. Other students
3. Learning from the chef instructors
4. Coming to school each day; looking forward to what I will make that day
5. I am just very proud to attend The French Pastry School



CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO Angela Garza Lobo

My name is Angela Garza Lobo. I am 22 years old, majoring in French pastry and baking. I am from Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, in Mexico. When I graduate in December 2005, I will have earned the L'Art de la Patisserie certificate from The French Pastry School. I chose to come to the City Colleges of Chicago to study after one of my instructors in Mexico, who was familiar with The French Pastry School, noticed my passion for pastry and recommended that I pursue school in the United States.

I did not have the opportunity to visit The French Pastry School before the first day of class, but I was so happy when I arrived. The kitchen has the best equipment one can use. There are plenty of supplies for everyone. The chef instructors and staff are friendly, informative, and helpful. I have met many friendly students and my class has made me feel very comfortable being in the United States. The whole classroom environment is great.

There are no culinary schools in Mexico that can compare to The French Pastry School's curriculum. The caliber of the chef instructors cannot be duplicated. My school's program is very hands-on. I am in the kitchen six hours a day, five days a week for 24 weeks. I have the opportunity to use the freshest and best ingredients available. I have used the best equipment available and I have access to many different supplies.

The faculty at the French Pastry School, especially, Chef Jacquy, Chef Sebastien, and Chef John, are all very friendly and approachable. They are all knowledgeable instructors and it has been easy to learn from them. The classroom atmosphere is wonderful. The one-on-one attention is great. The chefs spend time

with you to ensure that you understand what is taking place in the classroom. I feel very comfortable here, like I belong.

This fall I have volunteered to assist with the school's Open House. I am looking forward to sharing my experience at the school with other people who are interested in attending the school. I wanted to be involved to share my experience with others, to tell them how I am enjoying my experience. I feel I will benefit from my involvement with the school by meeting new people and being able to learn from others who can share their knowledge with me.

One of my favorite off-campus activities is shopping and sightseeing around Chicago. This is one of the greatest cities to spend time in. After graduation I plan to return home to Mexico and work in a hotel while I make plans to open my own bakery next year with my mother.

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