### CUSTOMIZED & FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS IN CHICAGO





# WHY CHICAGO CENTER



50+ years as a **TRUSTED PARTNER** to colleges and universities



**1,500 LEARNCHICAGO** programs developed



**DEDICATE STAFF** will support you every step of the way



Expand your students' learning OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



AFFILIATED WITH 200+ sites, community leaders, and schools in Chicago



## PARTNER WITH US

The Learn**Chicago** Program Team works with you to design a customized urban learning experience for you and your students. Our program is designed to provide you with necessary support that leverages our deep connections with experts and community leaders in Chicago. The Chicago Center has been designed more than 1,500 Learn**Chicago** programs. From your campus to Chicago, our staff is here to partner with you each step of the planning process.

- Dedicated LearnChicago Program team members learn about your needs and develop your program with an integrated approach in mind.
- Our LearnChicago Program Manager works with you to design your program to fulfill your learning goals and support your logistical needs.
- Once you and your students are on-site, our experienced staff ensures your program runs as smoothly as possible. Whether coordinating a trip to try a new cuisine in a community or arranging to meet with an expert in your subject area, we help you and your students experience and develop competencies in these areas.

### Build your program from sample frameworks or completely customize your program with many options!

# SAMPLE PROGRAMS

#### **EXPOSURE TO WORLD CULTURES**

We designed a Learn**Chicago** program for a music education students to fulfill a university "exposure to world cultures" requirements. Students were introduced to Chicago Public Schools and various communities in Chicago. Using Chicago Center's unique, first voice approach and experiences from community leaders throughout Chicago, this Learn**Chicago** program provided these faculty and students with exclusive access to educators and leaders, as well as a framework to better understand urban public education and Chicago's music cultures. Students stay in our residential apartment building in Hyde Park or the Chicago Getaway Hostel in Lincoln Park.

#### SAMPLE SCHEDULE

| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   |
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|   | 8 AM<br>Depart for<br>Saucedo<br>Elementary<br>for classroom<br>observations                  | 7:45 AM<br>Depart for Ruiz<br>Elementary for<br>classroom<br>observations                                    | 7 AM<br>Depart for<br>Swift<br>Elementary for<br>classroom<br>observations   | 10:30 AM<br>Listen to the<br>Bell<br>Elementary<br>Sinfonietta<br>rehearse |
| 1 PM<br>Arrive in<br>Chicago +<br>Welcome,<br>Orientation             | 12:30 PM<br>Lunch at 5<br>Rabanitos +<br>Pilsen Mural<br>Tour and<br>Mexican<br>Museum of Art | 11:30 AM<br>View the<br>Chinese<br>American<br>Museum + a<br>concert and<br>erhu and dizi<br>lessons         | 3 PM<br>visit Chicago<br>Children's<br>Choir<br>neighborhood<br>elementary<br>group<br>rehearsal +<br>Middle Eastern<br>dinner | 1 PM<br>Depart<br>Chicago for<br>home                                      |
| 6 PM<br>Overview of<br>Chicago Public<br>Schools + deep<br>dish pizza | 6 PM<br>Watch Chicago<br>Voices<br>practice +<br>dinner in the<br>park                        | 7 PM<br>Dinner at a<br>Greek<br>restaurant and<br>World Music<br>Series concert<br>featuring<br>Indian music | 7 PM<br>Jazz Showcase<br>featuring<br>Chicago Soul<br>Jazz Collective  |  |

## **OUR PROCESS**



### CONSULTATION

We'll listen to your ideas, explore possibilities, discuss course outcomes, provide suggestions based on our expertise and local knowledge, and get a holistic understanding of your program needs.



### CREATION

We'll create a program proposal with activities, logistics, and pricing and work on revisions with you until it aligns with your vision.



#### CONFIRMATION

We'll confirm your program details with our Learn**Chicago** program manager. We'll get to work scheduling and coordinating every detail prior to your arrival in Chicago.



#### PROMOTION

We'll support your promotion efforts with our marketing and other helpful materials to support your program.



### PREPARATION

Pack your bags! We'll collect the remaining student forms, share a final version of your program and housing details, and provide arrival instructions.



### IMPLEMENTATION

We'll provide an orientation that empowers students with the understanding needed to navigate the city and the people they meet.



Front Cover: Eduardo Arocho guiding a tour through Chicago's Puerto Rican community. Above: Diane Latiker, founder of Kids Off the Block in Chicago's Roseland neighborhood.

"I really wanted the students to experience the different cultures and neighborhoods we visited in Chicago when we come for in-person programming. Many of our students are from rural, minimally diverse communities. Their only experience with certain cultures was our visits to Chicago. Cultural competency is important in the public health field, and exposure to new cultures leads to respect and understanding."

Vicki A. Stanavitch, PhD Chair, Biological and Physical Sciences and Mathematics at Keystone College



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