THE LOYOLA EXPERIENCE

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Mission, Transition and You
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Transferring to Loyola

➔ Why are you transferring to Loyola?
  - Academics
  - Chicago
  - Closer to home
  - Hundreds of other reasons

➔ So what’s it going to be like for you at Loyola?
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The Loyola Experience

- The Loyola Experience is a guide to everything that makes Loyola distinct
  - It’s designed to integrate you into our community
  - You can build on what you’ve already done
  - Faculty and staff want you to achieve these goals

- This isn’t a prescription—it’s a road map.
Why is Loyola different?

- Loyola is a Jesuit school
- Jesuits were founded by Ignatius of Loyola in 1540, have focused on education and social justice
- Education rooted on “Cura Personalis” – Care for the whole person
- It’s education that takes into account, who you will become, not just what you learn
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“Education is who you become”

➤ Education
   ➤ Facts & Figures
   ➤ Skills
   ➤ Integration

➤ Character
   ➤ Values & Ethics
   ➤ World View

➤ Experiences & Growth
   ➤ Opportunities
   ➤ Connections
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Five Characteristics of a Jesuit Education

- Commitment to excellence
- Faith in God and the religious experience
- Service that promotes justice
- Values-based leadership
- Global awareness
Key Concepts of Loyola Experience

In the Loyola Experience, these are spread over four phases:

1: Build community
2: Make commitments
3: Engage Chicago and the world
4: Create the future

These four phases can be adapted to meet you at your particular place.
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1. Build Community

- While Building Community, students who transferred will integrate with existing Loyola resources, activities, and programs:
  - Peer Mentors
  - Immersions, retreats, learning communities, campus jobs
  - Student organizations and co-curricular activities
  - Academic advising and resources

- Start to think about an integrated plan with both academic and co-curricular activities – then discuss it with your academic advisor!
1. Build Community

Our Jesuit Identity focuses on:

- Recognizing dignity in all people
- Celebrating Diversity – and meaning it
- “Home for All Faiths” & “Seeing God in All Things”
2. Make Commitments

Now, you will begin to build on your first experiences and delve deeper into them by:

- Exploring community service or service-learning activities
- Trying vocational exploration and planning
- Confirming your major and explore post-grad opportunities
- Taking leadership positions in student organizations

Begin to think about how your knowledge from classes, activities and other experiences are integrating together.
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2. Make Commitments

→ Pursuing excellence in your education
→ Developing Leadership
→ Connecting Classroom & Community
→ Service that does Justice
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3. Engage Chicago and the world

- During this phase, you will begin to expand beyond campus and out into the city and beyond through:
  - Undergraduate research
  - Internships and career opportunities
  - Leadership opportunities outside Loyola
  - Study abroad or international immersion programs

- Students will start to reflect on how their experience at Loyola will help them succeed after college.
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3. Engage Chicago and the world

- Service to Community
- Widening Perspectives & Paradigms
- Global Citizenship
- Social Justice & Responsibility
4. Create the Future

➤ Now you can start to reflect on your experiences and look to the future with:
  - Reflective components and capstone courses
  - Refined leadership skills from conferences or workshops
  - Graduating with a Loyola degree

➤ You will integrate the knowledge, skills, values of your Loyola experience and take them out into the world.
4. Create the Future

→ Values Based Leadership
→ Ethical Formation
→ Sense of Vocation
→ Magnanimity – “Taking great risks with great love.”
These phases may take different amounts of time for each person.

Faculty and staff are here to help you connect to the elements of the Loyola Experience so that you can maximize your time with us.

You are Loyolans once you finish Orientation.
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UNIV 201: Transfer Seminar and Learning Community
This presentation can also be found at LUC.edu/fye/AfterOrientation