

Most summer programs require a student visa. However, if you are already on a visa in the U.S. that permits you to study over the summer, you may not require visa sponsorship from the University of Chicago.

Please refer to the chart below to determine which option best describes your situation; this will indicate to you whether you need to request an I-20/DS-2019 from UChicago and subsequently apply for an F-1/J-1 visa stamp.

Your Current Status	Visa document needed from University of Chicago?	Explanation
I am a current High School student and not a U.S. citizen. I will be attending one of the following High School programs: Immersion, Pathways, Research in the Biological Sciences, Stones and Bones, or Summer College. I do not have a student visa (F-1 or J-1 visa); nor do I have an F-2, J-2, H-4, T-D, or other type of dependent visa status in the U.S.	Yes	Proof of student status is required to qualify for a student visa.
I am a current High School student and not a U.S. citizen. I will be attending one of the following High School programs: Immersion, Pathways, Research in the Biological Sciences, Stones and Bones, or Summer College. I have a tourist (B-1 or B-2) visa.	Yes	Entering the U. S. to take credit classes under a tourist visa is a violation of visa status. If a student is found to be in violation of visa status it will make getting a visa in the future very difficult.
I am current High School student and not a U.S. citizen. I will be attending one of the following High School programs: Immersion, Pathways, Research in the Biological Sciences, Stones and Bones, or Summer College. I am a citizen of a Visa Waiver Program country and plan to apply for an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization)	Yes	For credit study is not allowed under the Visa Waiver Program or ESTA.
I am a university student and not a U.S. citizen. I will be attending Undergraduate courses, including the Summer Business Scholars Program. I do not have a student visa (F-1 or J-1 visa); nor do I have an F-2, J-2, H-4, T-D, or other type of dependent visa status in the U.S.	Yes	Proof of student status is required to qualify for a student visa.
I am a university student and not a U.S. citizen. I will be attending Undergraduate courses, including the Summer Business	Yes	Entering the U. S. to take credit classes under a tourist visa is a violation of visa status. If a student is found to be in violation of visa status it will make getting a visa in the future very difficult.

Scholars Program. I have a tourist (B-1 or B-2) visa.		
I am a university student and not a U.S. citizen. I will be attending Undergraduate courses, including the Summer Business Scholars Program. I am a citizen of a Visa Waiver Program country and plan to apply for an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization)	Yes	For credit study is not allowed under the Visa Waiver Program or ESTA.
I am in F-2, J-2, H-4, T-D, or other type of dependent visa status in the U.S.	No	As a dependent of those in F-1, J-1, H-1B, or TN status, you are eligible to participate in Summer Session courses without additional sponsorship
I am a current student with an I-20 or DS-2019 from a different U.S. institution that is valid through summer 2019	No	If you are maintaining your immigration record at your home institution, no SEVIS transfer of your immigration record is necessary
I am a recent graduate from a U.S. institution and am on active or pending F-1 post-completion OPT	No	You can participate in a non-degree bearing program while on OPT or while your OPT is pending
I am a recent graduate from a U.S. institution and will be in my grace period (60 days for F-1; 30 days for J-1) during the summer program.	No	You can participate in a non-degree bearing program while in your grace period
I am a Canadian citizen and none of the above apply to me, do I need to request an I-20 or DS-2019?	Yes	You will need an I-20 issued from the University of Chicago but will not need to apply for an F-1 visa to enter the U.S. Citizens of Canada are not required obtain a visa stamp from a U.S. consulate/embassy but do require an I-20 or DS-2019.