On the program, you will:

Engage
• Use the program’s flexible curriculum — the seminar, internship, and independent study project that you choose — to fit your academic interests and needs.
• Examine information and issues from a variety of perspectives — artistic, entrepreneurial, social justice, and more.
• Compare, contrast, and synthesize what you learn in the classroom, what you see on the city streets, and what you experience in your internship.

Experience
• Explore Chicago’s diverse neighborhoods.
• Meet Chicagoans from every corner of the city and all walks of life.
• Apply your knowledge and increase your skills in an internship.

Create
• Develop your interests into a substantial independent project.
• Build a network of people — professionals, mentors, peers — to share ideas and contacts.
• Become an active and aware citizen of the city.

ACM brings a liberal arts perspective to your off-campus experience by emphasizing:
• Diverse viewpoints and ways of learning,
• Interdisciplinary courses and seminars,
• Personal attention, working closely with faculty and local experts,
• Independent projects tailored to your academic interests, and
• Education that provides the cultural and intellectual context to understand the world around you.

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Fall semester
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How to apply
• Access the ACM application at acm.edu/apply.
• Students should check with their Off-Campus Study Office about their college’s application procedures and deadlines.
• ACM must receive completed applications by:
  March 15 — Fall semester deadline and early deadline for spring programs in the following academic year
  October 31 — Spring semester deadline
  November 15 — Spring quarter/trimester deadline

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