YOU’RE READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

(BUT MAYBE YOU’RE READY FOR SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT. WE ARE, TOO.)
Have you ever...

1) Thought that you have too much meaningless homework?

2) Shown up to school too tired to focus?

3) Gotten behind in Math class and felt totally stuck?

4) Wanted to learn about something other than what you were learning about in class?

5) Faced a conflict with another classmate?

6) Been distracted by a tough situation outside of school?

WE’RE OVER IT, TOO.

We’re actually doing high school differently... not just talking about it.

1) ELIMINATING ‘BUSY WORK’
   Homework for the sake of homework is not cool. It eats up valuable time without helping students learn. Balance is key. You should have time for friends, family, school, work, hobbies, and sleep.

2) STARTING SCHOOL LATER
   Research suggests starting school later for better school performance... so why don’t we? Done! Mornings are a little easier.

3) STAYING ON TOP OF YOUR GAME
   Your teachers are committed to helping you grow and learn in any difficult area. That means personalized learning software, a flexible schedule and individual attention.

4) LEARNING THROUGH CREATING
   Our process involves students collaborating with teachers to create classes, clubs, athletics, and learning expeditions. We understand that when you're invested, you'll learn more and do better work.

5) BEING THE CHANGE
   Dealing with conflict makes a community stronger. You'll learn to do this at UCA so you can be a uniter, not a divider.

6) DEALING WITH LIFE STUFF
   Sometimes we need to process conflicts or current issues before quality learning can happen. For that reason and more, we'll start each day in Circles, together.
Our Approach: How We’ll Learn

Community Integration
With learning expeditions, education happens outside the school walls. It’s about seeing things in person. But more than that, it’s about seeing the world’s interconnected nature through the lens of your neighborhoods. By being in the community, we will flourish; the community will flourish.

Self-Knowledge
Unlock your future by knowing yourself better—Your Loves, Experiences, Abilities, Personality, and Spiritual Gifts will help you approach your education with well-chosen internship experiences. Why wait until college to find out that you’re a skilled architect, artist, or engineer, or that you’re going to end up loving hospitals but preferring Hospice over Nursing? Move on from high school with confidence.

Authentic Work
Participate in meaningful, socially relevant work. Develop your craft as a writer while writing passionately about a local issue. Study government and economics by presenting a report to local governments about bringing more transportation options to South Chicago. What do you want to show the world?

Collaboration
You’ll work with teachers to co-design the UCA curriculum. This means that student input is not just helpful; it is absolutely necessary. Students will have the opportunity to help design deep learning projects, create clubs, and give peer feedback. The sky's the limit. Students will leave UCA ready to participate in—and lead—high performing teams.

Servant Leadership
Students must be given the opportunity to hone their gifts and use them for the good of others. UCA students will have plenty of opportunities to do this, connecting their faith and learning. We start with the assumption that you want to help make your school and community a better place. A UCA experience will help empower you to use your gifts for the good of others.

Heart, Mind, and Hands
The goal of the UCA curriculum is the formation of the entire person through the work of the Spirit. Learning, which proceeds from the heart, will connect our minds and our hands in relevant, rigorous, and relational work. In this way, we will use our strengths for the good of the community.

Not your typical classroom
Classrooms at UCA are designed around values like flexibility, collaboration, and independence. Space design at UCA is meant to provide optimal learning environments and opportunities to practice leadership and self-discipline.
WE NEED
ARE YOU READY
TO
EXPLORE?

A soap factory (method soap factory in Pullman, Chicago)
A mosque (KAM mosque, Chicago)
A cemetery (Graceland cemetery, Chicago)
A forest preserve (???? a nice looking)
A land fill (there's one right off the highway around South Holland... it's huge.)

AUTHENTICITY
SELF-DISCOVERY

MAKING
HIGH SCHOOL COUNT
Are you ready to explore?

These are a few of UCA’s ‘extended classrooms’, all within a short bus ride from our campus. We take learning out of the school building and into the Chicago community.

- Museum of Science and Industry
- Sweet Woods Nature Preserve
- University of Chicago Campus
- Frank Lloyd Wright’s Robie House
- Kam Synagogue & Al Sadiq Mosque
- Method Brand Soap Factory

Visit Washington D.C. • Build robots from scratch
Code the next cool app • Argue a mock trial case
Launch a new business • Design some furniture
Get through a high ropes course with classmates
WE NEED inventors innovators leaders builders competitors risk takers empathizers thinkers doers you

UCA NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU...BECAUSE THE WORLD NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE US

Talk to your parents about setting up a conversation with the Academic Dean.

Get in touch and find more information: weareuca.org
Our Values

Empowerment
Our students graduate with increased confidence and clarity about their future. The UCA learning process encourages all students to recognize and develop their unique gifts and to boldly use them for the good of others.

Diversity
We seek to admit and serve students and families from all social, economic, ecumenical and cultural backgrounds. A diverse learning community deeply committed to one another stands as a powerful testament to the Gospel and prepares students to seek restoration in a world marred by conflict and injustice.

Excellence
As a result of our obedience to Christ, we promote relational, rigorous, and relevant scholarship that integrates faith and learning. Students and teachers must invest all the knowledge, skills, and gifts they have been given so as to glorify God. The pursuit of excellence is worship.

Flourishing
The purpose of education is ultimately wrapped up in God's mandate for human beings to create, improve, and seek the fulfillment of His creation. We do this by learning, working, building culture, and having faith that God will finish His good work.

Unity
The school we create together enthusiastically affirms the Gospel of Jesus Christ and it is by this hope alone that we seek unity in diversity. The love of Christ compels us to work together for the restoration of this world.

Our Mission
Empowering a diverse community united by Christ, to achieve excellence in education for the flourishing of all creation.