Loyola University Chicago (LUC) was established on June 30, 1870, as St. Ignatius College. The college was renamed to Loyola University Chicago in 1909. The university has two campuses in Chicago, one in Maywood (a suburb of Chicago), and one in Rome. Loyola University Chicago was designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense in 2020.

The Department of Computer Science in the College of Arts & Sciences offers B.S. degrees in cybersecurity, computer science, software engineering, information technology, and data science, and M.S. degrees in computer science, software engineering, information technology, and data science. The department provides program guidance and oversight for the Loyola Center for Cybersecurity and Privacy, which was established in 2019 to coordinate cybersecurity activities throughout the university. The Center engages in interdisciplinary activities, collaborating closely with researchers and educators from the departments of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Psychology, Political Science, Engineering, Digital Humanities, and Sociology. The B.S. in Cybersecurity includes interdisciplinary courses as electives. Students participate annually in cybersecurity competitions, such as the DoE CyberForce competition, National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC), HackTheBox, NCAE Cyber Games, and National Cyber League (NCL). The Cybersecurity Club, 7968, offers students a place to further their experiential learning. Invited talks are also part of the Center and club activities. Faculty members are highly engaged in both cybersecurity research and education. These activities have been funded by the NSF, NIH, US DoD, NSA, Motorola Solutions Foundation, Dr. Scholl Foundation, and Intel.