1912  Request of Archbishop Aelen to open a College in Madras in February.

1924  Foundation stone laid by His Excellency Willington, Governor of Madras on 10th March.

1925  Beginning of the College with 75 students enrolled in the first year B.A. in Economics, History and Mathematics.
      3 blocks of hostel were constructed.
      Inauguration of the College by Sir A.P. Patro, Minister of Education.

1926  Establishment of Departments of Physics and Chemistry. Number of students increased to 300.

1927  Commencement of the First year Honours in Mathematics and Economics.
      Enrollment of students went up to 503. Closure of B.A. History.

1929  Eleven hostel blocks came into existence.

1930  Construction of the College Church.


1933  Annexes were built for the Physics Department.
1937 Establishing Oriental Languages (Hindi, Telugu, Sanskrit).
1942 The strength of the College increased to 1387.
  Initiating Hindi, French in Part III of the B.A. Re-introduction of Latin, Botany and Zoology in the B.Sc., B.Com.(Honours) & B.Sc (Honours) in Chemistry.
  A storey was added to the Jesuit Residence. Two hostel blocks each of 3 storeys completed. Construction of the Chemistry Block.
1945 Inception of B.Com.
1948 Starting of Department of Natural Sciences.
1949 Department publication of the first research paper in Zoology division of Department of Natural Sciences.
  Launching of B.A. French.
1950 Opening of Department of Botany. Commencement of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations on 27th October.
1950 Inauguration of the Bertram Hall.
1951 The student body numbered 1800.
1952 Two Hostel Blocks, new mess-rooms, a store cum dispensary and a temporary indoor games building were built.
  Construction of 40 houses in two quarters at the corners of the College for the non-teaching staff.
1954 Installing the Institute of Social Science offering Diploma in Social Work.
  Cardinal Gracias presided over College Day.
1956 Introduction of PUC after an initial hesitancy.
  Celebration of the 400th anniversary of the death of St. Ignatius.
  Addition of a Block of 15 rooms to the Jesuit Residence.
  Construction of the Teaching Staff quarters.
  Shedding of Intermediate in Arts & Sciences.
1958 Starting of new two year PG courses.
      Visit of Cardinal Agagianian accompanied by Archbishop Knox.

      Establishment of Entomology Research Institute.


1968  Introducing German Language.

1969  Initiating B.A. Tamil.

1970  Opening of Sauliere Hall for Hostelites on 31st July.

1971  Starting of Loyola College (Evening).
      The strength of the College stood 2500.
      A floor was added to the Day Scholar's Centre.

1972  Appointment of a full time Counselor.

1973  Commencement of Ignatian Institute for Career Development.

1975  Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

1978  The College becomes Autonomous

1979  Establishment of Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA)

1981  Initiation of M.Phil. Economics.
      Introduction of Dept. of Foreign Languages (French & German).


1984  Commencement of M.Phil. in Chemistry and Mathematics.


1986  Celebration of the Diamond Jubilee on 9th October.
1987  Starting M.Phil. Commerce & Statistics.  
Upgradation of Dept. of English as a PG Dept.

1988  Commencing of M.Phil. Zoology.  
Administrative Block.

Establishment of Ph.D. 
in Statistics, M.Phil. in Physics, Economics & Social Work.

1990  Construction of the New Physics building and 
Computer Centre.

1991  Inception of the New Racine Research Centre in 
Mathematics.

1992  Inauguration of the New Physics Block.  
Establishment of Ph.D. in Physics. 
Launching of Loyola Extension & Awareness Programme for 
PG students (LEAP).

1993  Introducing M.A. Applied History and 
B.Sc. Computer Science.

1995  Setting up Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE).  
Hosting of the First National Jesuit Alumni Congress.

1996  Foundation of the New LIBA building in September.  
Visit of Cardinal Lourdusamy.  
Upgradation of Department of Commerce as a 
research department.

1997  Celebration of the birth Centenary of Fr. Jerome D'Souza, S.J.

1998  Beginning of Loyola Institute for Industrial and 
Social Science Research.  
Introduction of M.A. Philosophy. Re-introduction of 
B.A. French.  

Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Evening College in March.  
Inauguration of the Platinum Jubilee Building by 
Superior General, Rev.Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.


2001  Restructuring of the Syllabi - Choice Based Credit System introduced for UG.

2002  Inauguration of the LIFE Building.


2004  Restructuring of the Syllabi - Choice Based Credit System introduced for PG. Initiation of M.A. Medical Sociology, Biomedical Instrumentation Science.

**College with Potential for Excellence conferred by UGC.**

2005  Dept. of Zoology renamed as the Dept. of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology.

Blessing of new buildings “School of Media Studies” and additional floor in J.D.Block.

Opening Loyola - Kovalam Tsunami Rehabilitation Project and Kovalam Community College, assisted by TATA Relief Committee.

Introduction of MSW (SF)
M.Sc. Corporate Governance, London South Bank University, UK

**Evening College became Autonomous.**

2006  Autonomous status for M.C.A.

**Restructuring Phase - II for UG implemented.**

Starting M.A. Media Arts, M.Phil History, and M.Sc. Industrial Biotechnology, Management and B.B.A., Lille Catholic University, France.

Founding Resource Center for Differently Abled Students and School of Physical Sciences.

**Reaccredited at A+ Level by NAAC.**
2007  Renovation of the 75 year old College Church.  
Setting up Guest Rooms & IOB, Loyola Branch in New Premises.  

2008  Commencement of M.Sc., Food Chemistry and Food Processing. Renaming of LISOR as LISSTAR

2009  Opening M.C.A., in PULC and Euroasian Management in South Bank University, London

2010  Conferment of SIRO (Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation) status by Dept. of Science and Technology, GOI.

2011  Initiating second section in B.Com. Corporate and M.A. Tamil Course Establishing e-resources for research and publications  
Institution of Ritu and Sanjiv Kaura Chair in Liberal Arts.

2012  New Restructuring of syllabus for UG & PG.

2013  NAAC reaccreditation, 3rd cycle with 3.70 CGPA out of 4.00.  
Hon’ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, inaugurated the School of Commerce and Economics.

2014  Conferred “College of Excellence” in February by UGC for a period of 5 Years from 2014 to 2019.  

2015  UGC has recognized the college as the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Centre for Knowledge Acquisition and Upgradation of Skilled Human Abilities and Livelihood.


2017  All India 2nd Rank in the category of colleges by NIRF, MHRD, Govt. of India.

2018  Commencing of B.Com. Honours in collaboration with Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)