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Pre-Arrival Handbook

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Dear Student,

Congratulations!

Welcome to the **International Year program at Illinois Tech!** We are looking forward to working with you on our beautiful Chicago campus!

We hope that your preparations for your studies are going well and that you are looking forward to this exciting next step in your education. We have compiled this handbook to help you prepare for the **International Year** program. It has a great deal of information about our campus, program, and student life in the United States.

Through the **International Year** program you will benefit from full access to our host campus, **Illinois Institute of Technology**. Our partnership allows you to enjoy a true American college experience including on-campus housing, full access to all facilities and a multitude of extracurricular activities. You will also benefit from a special community of international students just like you who have joined our program. You will have the best of both worlds – a supportive and welcoming international student community as part of an American college!

We believe that successful students need a strong learning community. During your time with us we hope you will be inspired to learn, develop new skills, understand different cultures, and make friendships that will last a lifetime.

We look forward to seeing you in Chicago very soon!

Kind regards,
The **Global Education Center** Team

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Student Pre-Arrival Responsibilities:

- Meet the **Global Education Center** team
- Review your immigration documents and how to maintain your visa status
- Read information about Illinois Tech and the GEC Pre-Arrival Packet
- Meet other new students and start to make friends
- Have orientation for academic courses
- Learn about health insurance and the Student Health and Wellness Center on campus
- Take a virtual campus tour
- Prepare for the placement tests
- Ask questions
- Obtain visa**
- Email centreheadiit@oncampus.global with your arrival details:
 - o Scanned copy of visa/passport
 - o Detailed flight information
- Bring all important documents:
 - o Passport and visa
 - o I-20
 - o Proof of SEVIS payment
 - o Proof of immunizations
 - o Official transcripts
 - o English proficiency scores (IELTS, TOEFL)

COVID Update

The Global Education Center and Illinois Tech understand that decisions surrounding studying abroad are difficult this year due to Coronavirus (COVID-19). While the situation surrounding international travel is frequently changing, we understand there may be additional challenges in traveling to the United State of America, and arriving on campus for the Fall 2020 semester. However don't worry, the Global Education Center and Illinois Tech have created options for you to complete your Fall 2020 semester. This includes completing your semester online from outside of the US, or taking classes on Illinois Tech's campus in a hybrid format including a mix of online and in person instruction.

You will be receiving information by email about your International Year program options and we will be asking you to confirm if you are planning on arriving on campus for Fall 2020, or if you will be starting your program online from outside of the USA. This information is important to us so that we can ensure we are prepared for your arrival.

While you consider your options, we would like to share information on all of the things Illinois Tech are doing to prepare for students to return to campus safely in August 2020.

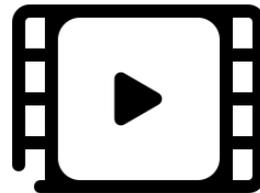
- Illinois Tech Covid-19 website: <https://www.iit.edu/COVID-19>
- Illinois Tech Re-opening Plan website: <https://www.iit.edu/fall2020>

We want to reassure you that we are committed to supporting you through your **International Year** program, and if you have any questions please reach out to the Global Education Center at centreheadiit@oncampus.global.

Get Involved

One of the keys to success during the International Year program at Illinois Tech is for you to get connected with other students. Illinois Tech is located on an urban campus **just minutes from downtown Chicago**, local Lake Michigan beaches, hiking and biking trails, and busy city life. Many university **sponsored outings** are planned to these areas, as well as your CTA U-Pass enabling easy access to transport around the city. We think you'll be even more impressed by what is happening on campus! Illinois Tech offers more than **150 clubs and student organizations** for students to explore and participate in, including:

- 33rd Street Productions
- Dance Organizations
- Environmental Clubs
- E-Sports
- Multicultural Organizations
- Film Club
- Quidditch Club
- Sports Groups
- WIIT89.9FM



For a full list of campus clubs and organizations, please visit HawkLink. hawklink.iit.edu/Organizations

If you like to attend **big-league sports, concerts, or performances**, there are a number of major events to attend across the city at locations such as Soldier Field, the United Center, Wrigley Field, and multiple Theaters in the Theater District. Interested in fine arts, music or theater? Illinois Tech and Chicago has options for you! There are **hundreds of Art galleries** and music venues for every taste within the city, from small scale music rooms to one of the largest art museums in the world, the Art Institute of Chicago. Be sure to check their websites for student days and discounts, and upcoming events.

Keep fit

If living an active lifestyle appeals to you, Illinois Tech has many individual and group sporting activities. Starting at the **Keating Sport Center**, which is located in the heart of Illinois Tech's campus – students can take advantage of the up-to-date cardio equipment, weight training apparatus, volleyball/basketball courts, and swimming pool. Many students travel around campus via bicycle, rollerblades, skateboard, and on foot. There are many ways to get around. The campus is even close to the Chicago Lakefront Trail, a paved path that runs from the north to the south of the city from 5800 N. Sheridan Road to 7100 South Shore Drive. Additional information on Illinois Tech's fitness facilities can be found on their website.

https://www.illinoistechathletics.com/information/athletic_links/facilities

Campus

Want to see more of campus?

Check out the virtual tour available on the Illinois Tech website.



<https://www.iit.edu/admissions-aid/visit-and-tour/virtual-tour>



Campus Map



Center for Disability Resources Campus Accessibility Map

- Accessible Entrance
- Accessible Entrance w/
Power Operated Door
- Elevator/Lift
- Parking
- Accessible Parking
- Single Occupant
Bathroom



Housing

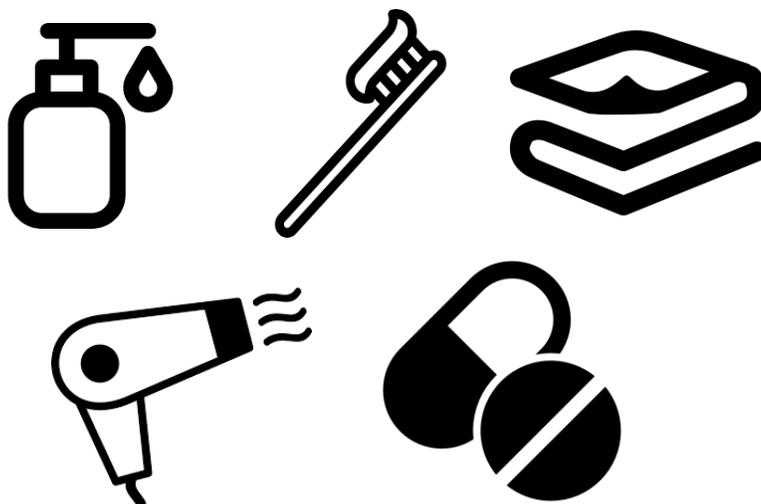
Illinois Tech houses just over **1,600 students** in 5 residence halls and 2 apartment complexes, including the brand new Kacek Hall opening Fall 2020. The Office of Residence Life also coordinates with several university-affiliated **Greek Houses**. With different living options, including shared or individual rooms and private or shared bathrooms, there are many options to choose from when living on campus. **You are required to live on campus** for your International Year, and Undergraduate students are required to live on campus following that in order to complete the Illinois Tech 2-year on campus housing requirement. International Graduate Year students have the option to live on campus after their International Year program if they wish to. All on-campus housing is conveniently located near **the library, dining halls, MTCC, sports facilities,** and classroom buildings. Most of the halls include **community spaces, free laundry facilities, access to mail,** and **areas to study.**

Rooms are generally equipped with twin extra-long beds and mattresses, a desk and chair, a wardrobe or closet, and dresser drawers. Students may choose to rent a small micro-fridge as regular microwaves are not permitted due to their energy usage. It is strongly recommended that roommates discuss sharing appliances due to space constraints. If you have space in your luggage and want to bring your own sheets/linens you can, but it is easiest to either order a set online and have them delivered, or plan for a shopping trip to a nearby store during your free time on your move in day.

Personal Items:

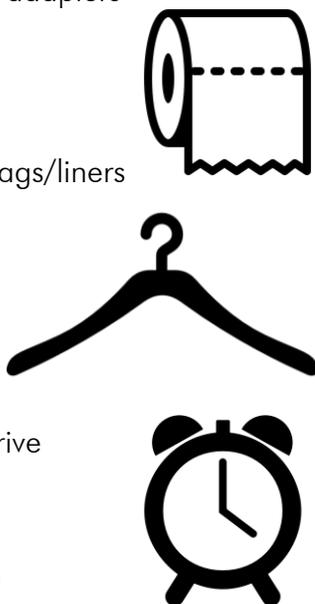
You should plan to bring or purchase upon arrival, the following items: (There are many nearby stores and so it is easy to purchase these items once you arrive on campus instead of having to bring them in your luggage.)

- Soap, shampoo, etc.
- Dental products
- Shower caddy/basket
- Shower shoes/sandals
- Bath towels
- First aid kit
- Medicine (Tylenol, Advil)
- Prescription medication
- Hairdryer
- Umbrella
- Pillows and pillowcases
- Twin extra long sheets



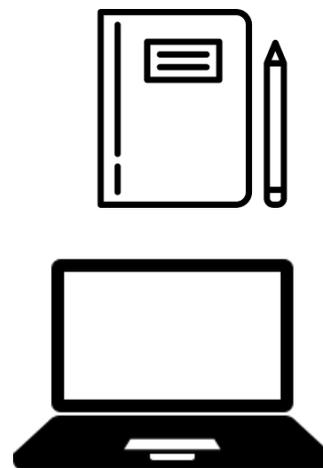
For the Room:

- Fan
- Clothes hangers
- Surge protectors and adapters
- Alarm clock
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Plastic wastebasket bags/liners
- Laundry basket
- Bulletin board
- Broom/dustpan
- Stereo/Wireless Speaker
- Thumb drive/ hard drive
- Television
- Lamp
- Light bulbs (for lamp)



For the Desk:

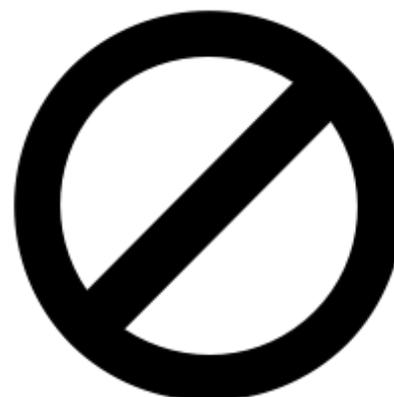
- Computer
- Laptop lock
- Printer and paper
- Notebooks
- Stapler
- Tape
- Pushpins
- Tool kit
- Calendar
- Headphones
- Batteries
- Lamp (desk, floor)
- Pencils, pens, highlighters
- Specialized computer software



For additional suggestions visit: <https://web.iit.edu/housing/what-bring-and-what-not-bring>

Please be advised that the following items are **forbidden** in the dormitories:

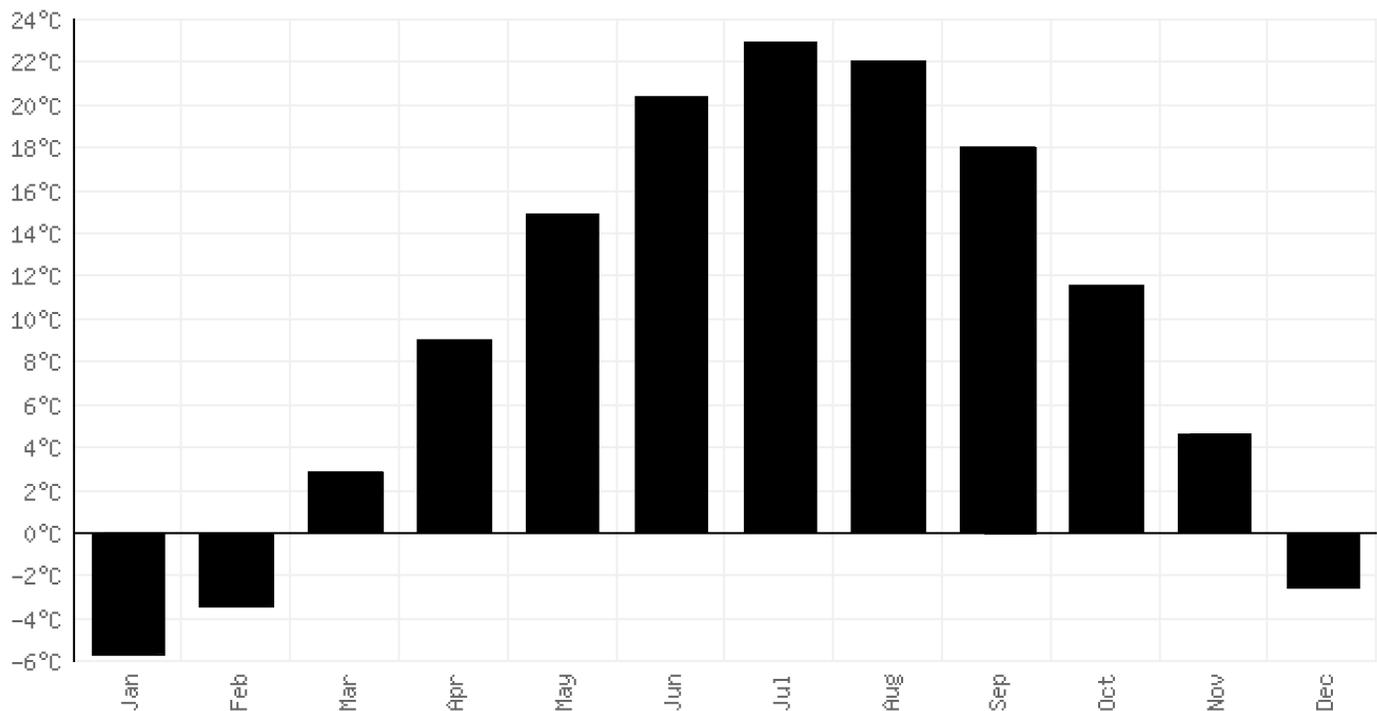
- Appliances without a manufacturers label stating it is approved for safety
- Refrigerators exceeding 3 cubic feet
- Halogen bulbs
- Extension cords, outlet splitters, or multiple plugs, except power strips with circuit breakers
- Loft kits
- Alcohol (if under 21)
- Candles and incense
- Appliances with heating element, such as, toasters, grills, woks, or crock pots, hot plates Space heaters
- Weapons, explosives, or flammable fluids
- Hookahs
- Illegal drugs and banned substances
- Pets (except fish in a tank less than 5 gallons)
- Waterbeds
- Drum sets
- Music amplifiers



What to bring with you

Clothes

Chicago, Illinois, has all **four seasons** and can go from humid and very warm in the summer to very cold and snowy in the winter. To make your travel time easier, pack for the season during which you will arrive and have a friend or family member mail a pre-packed box for the next seasons. You can easily purchase more clothes once you've settled in and learn what you will need. There can be a big difference between the temperature indoors compared with the temperature outdoors due to heating in the winter and air-conditioning in the summer, therefore multiple different layers are recommended.



Weather-us.com's Average Temperatures for Chicago, Illinois

Carry-On Luggage

It is a good idea to have an extra set of clothes and basic toiletries in your carry on, just in case your luggage gets lost. Fragile/expensive/technology items should go in your carry-on luggage. Remember to follow airport guidelines and your liquids cannot be over 100ml.



Money

It is a good idea to exchange a small amount of money into U.S. dollars for spending during the first few days. We recommend about \$200. Internationally accepted credit cards will be helpful also, but check with your credit card company about any international transaction fees that you may be charged.



Important Documents

Bring the following documents in your carry-on luggage:

- Official I-20 form
- Your passport (valid for at least six months beyond the date of admission)
- Your valid F-1 visa in your passport
- Copy of SEVIS fee receipt
- Official transcripts and proof of English proficiency (IELTS, TOEFL)
- Address and telephone numbers of the **Global Education Center** office and staff



Tip: Make copies of all important documents.

Mail

The Illinois Tech Post Office is located in the McCormick Tribune Campus Center (MTCC) located on 32nd and State Street. State Street Village, Gunsaulus Hall, and Carman Hall mailboxes are located in the MTCC. McCormick Student Village mailboxes are on the first floor of MSV in the McCormick Lounge. All packages are delivered to the Post Office.



- **MSV Mailing Address:** Resident Name, 3201 South State Street, Box #, Chicago, IL 60616
- **ASA Mailing Address:** Resident Name, 3340 South Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60616
- **Jeanne and John Row Village, CH, and GU Mailing Address:** Resident Name, 3201 South State Street, Box #, Chicago, IL 60616
- **KPD Mailing Address:** Resident Name, 3330 South Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60616

Mail arrives at the Post Office Monday – Friday between 10AM – 12PM. You will receive an email upon arrival of packages. Students are required to provide photo ID to claim packages from the MTCC Post Office Monday – Friday between 9AM – 4:45PM. Illinois Tech is not responsible for packages, flowers, etc. delivered directly to residence halls/apartments.

Personal Toiletries

If there is a particular soap, toothpaste or other grooming product you prefer, you should bring some until you can find an equivalent here.



Books

You might want to bring textbooks and dictionaries that you use frequently to help you with your studies. However, many books can be found here at the campus bookstore, the library, or purchased online and shipped to you. Your courses will require certain textbooks. These can be purchased once you arrive on campus. Textbook costs are in addition to the cost of tuition.



Personal Medications

If you are taking any type of medication, make sure it is approved and legal in the United States and then bring enough to last you until you can see a doctor at Health Services for a new prescription. There is a pharmacy service for most medication at the Health Services building, as well as a Walgreens pharmacy nearby.



Telephones

There are a number of mobile phone providers in the Chicago, IL area. These include Sprint, T-Mobile, AT&T, and Verizon, as well as smaller more local companies. If you plan to contract a mobile phone when you arrive in the U.S., please visit their websites to learn more about their services and pricing.



Pictures/Mementos

Consider bringing pictures of your family, friends, pets, neighborhood, etc. Sometimes being away from home for months can be quite hard. Having something that reminds you of your home and the people you love can help you feel better during the days when you miss the people you care about.



Laptop Computers

You may bring your laptop computer with you or choose to buy one when you arrive in the US. It is quite easy to purchase a computer in the US. The Illinois Tech Computer Store in the McCormick Tribune Campus Center has many options and equipment that best meets the specifications of Illinois Tech's programs of study.



The electricity supply in the U.S. is 120v, so you may need to purchase an adapter for your electronics.

Getting to Illinois Tech



Arriving at the Airport

After arriving at the airport you will be required to pass through U.S. Customs and Immigration Checkpoints. Once you leave the airport, you will need to take transportation to the Illinois Tech campus. It is important that you communicate your travel plans to the Global Education Center staff so we can help you arrive to campus in a safe and timely manner.

It is best if you can arrange to fly to either Midway Airport or O'Hare International Airport, both which are just outside of the City of Chicago and have great transportation links. There are a number of car services, shuttles, and CTA (Chicago Transit Authority) Trains to take from Midway or O'Hare airports to campus. As soon as you inform us of your flight information, we can help you to make arrangements. Most international flights arrive at O'Hare International Airport.

Let us know your travel arrangements before you arrive so we can assist you in getting making plans to get from the airport or train station to your dormitory!

Email the **Global Education Center** at centreheadit@oncampus.global with your arrival details:

- Scanned copy of visa/passport
- Detailed flight information

Additional Information

U.S. Bank Accounts

You are encouraged to keep funds in a bank and not to store large sums of money in university housing or on your person. A savings and/or checking account with a debit card will make purchases easier and safer. To open a bank account, international students need to have:

- Your passport
- Your student ID
- Your address in your home country and in the U.S.



Nearby Banks and ATMs

Chase Bank

3500 S King Dr, Chicago, IL, 60653



Bank of America

1250 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL, 60605

Sales Tax

Sales tax for the City of Chicago is a minimum of 10.25%. Additional taxes may also be charged on things including eating out at restaurants, cell phone bills, and ride-share uses.

Tipping

- In the United States, you should leave a 15-20% tip for service in a restaurant. A 15% tip indicates acceptable service, and a 20% tip indicates good service. Servers generally earn less than minimum wage and depend on tips for their income.
- If you buy your food at a counter (e.g. at a fast-food restaurant or a café), you do not have to leave a tip. You might see a tip jar where you can leave some coins for excellent service, but it is not required.
- For other services, such as taxi service or hair styling, 15% tip is about average.
- When you are travelling, a standard tip for the person helping you with your luggage is \$1 a bag, and the standard for housekeeping is \$3-\$5 and more for longer stays.

Smoking, Alcohol, and Drugs



Cigarettes

Illinois Tech is a smoke-free campus and is subject to the Illinois Clean Indoor Air Act and Chicago Clean Indoor Air Ordinance. Smoking of tobacco is prohibited in all University buildings and in all enclosed public places and places of employment as well as student residence halls. "Tobacco" refers to any and all tobacco products, as well as electronic cigarettes or other smoking devices. Smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of all building entrances, windows, and air intakes to any buildings. You must be at least 21 years old to buy cigarettes in Illinois. You will be asked to show proper identification (an ID) to prove that you are 21 or older. Appropriate forms of ID are US driver's licenses and passports.

Alcohol

In the United States, you must be at least 21 years old to purchase and consume alcohol. You will be asked for proper ID when purchasing alcohol. Students under 21 cannot transport alcohol in their cars nor have it in their possession while on campus. All Residence Life, Illinois Tech Campus, and State laws must be followed when consuming alcohol. Serving alcoholic beverages to an individual under 21 years of age, purchasing alcoholic beverages for an individual less than 21 years of age, or negligently allowing a minor to consume alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Serving alcoholic beverages to someone who is visibly intoxicated is prohibited.



Drugs

The use of illegal drugs will not be tolerated. The use, possession, sale or distribution of narcotics, steroids, stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens, or any other controlled substance or paraphernalia without a prescription, is prohibited. Drug paraphernalia is prohibited on campus and may be subject to investigations for drug presence. Drug paraphernalia is defined as any equipment, product, or material of any kind which is primarily intended or designed for use in manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance, possession of which is unlawful. Being in an on-campus room where illegal drugs are knowingly used or negligently being allowed may result in conduct charges by Residence Life, IIT, and/or the Global Education Center, in addition to relevant legal action under Illinois State Law.



If you take prescription drugs, please bring your prescription in English (or bring a notarized translation). We recommend you bring at least one month's supply of your medication as it might take a while to fill your prescription in the U.S.

Transportation

Cars On Campus

Students are permitted to have a car on campus, but one is not really necessary. All classes are nearby to the residence halls, recreational areas, and event venues. Illinois Tech also has great transportation links on campus where Chicago Transit Authority bus and train services travel frequently between campus locations and the rest of the City of Chicago, Illinois, train stations connecting to the rest of the U.S., and two airports.



If you should choose to have a vehicle on campus, you will need to make sure the vehicle is registered with the city and has a valid a parking permit for on campus. You will also require a valid driver's license.

Parking Permits

If you have a car on campus you are required to purchase a parking permit, or you will get a parking ticket. Permits can be purchased at <https://web.iit.edu/acaps/parking>. Be sure to never park in handicap, pedestrian, or no parking zones.



** It is not advised or necessary to have a car as the public transportation, Uber, Lyft and other services are readily available and easy to use **

How to get an Illinois driver's license

There are written and driving tests that you must pass. The written test is based on the Illinois Driver's Handbook, which you can get at the Illinois Driver Services Department. Visit <https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/home.html>. The written test is offered in many languages. After you pass the written test, you can make an appointment to take the driving tests. You will have to provide a car for the test, ensuring that it is also registered and insured.

You need to provide the following documents at the Driver Services Department to take the test and obtain a license:

- Your passport
- CEG/ IIT I-20
- I-94 (available online)
- Social Security Number (SSN) or a letter from the Social Security Administration Office stating that you are not eligible for a SSN
- If you have a valid driver's license from your country, bring and show it to Driver Services Department.

If you do not have a United States driver's license

A driver's license issued in your home country can be used. If the license is not in English, an International Driver's Permit (IDP) is recommended. An IDP translates your government-issued driver's license into 10 different languages. An IDP can be obtained in your home country. A valid driver's license issued in your home country is required, whether or not you obtain the IDP. This policy changes frequently, so we recommend getting a US driver's license if possible.

CTA (Chicago Public Transit Authority - Local Bus/Train System)

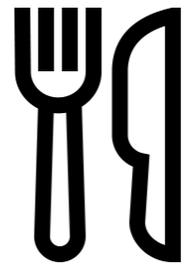
CTA buses and Trains on the Illinois Tech campus will take you to multiple points on campus as well as the whole city of Chicago! Your CTA Ventra U-Pass, which you'll receive upon arrival at Illinois Tech, will work on all CTA trains and busses during the Fall and Spring semester terms, and you can add additional travel passes onto the same card for use during the summer and semester breaks. Visit <https://www.transitchicago.com/> for route planning, stop locations, and schedule.

Biking

Biking is the easiest way to get around campus when it's not snowing, or even through the City if you're up for a long ride! You can purchase a bike at Walmart or Target (or another store) and bring it to campus. Be sure to buy a bike lock and keep your bike locked at all times!



Where to eat at Illinois Tech



Meal plan

All Illinois Tech students, either commuting or living on campus, have the option to purchase a campus meal plan. There are multiple meal plan options to fit your dining habits, and more information about the available options are available on the IIT Dining website.

<https://www.dineoncampus.com/iit>

Tech Cash Account

Students are also encouraged to use a feature of their Hawk ID card known as Tech Cash. Tech Cash is designed to provide Illinois Tech students with an added option of making convenient, safe and efficient purchases at Dining Services Retail Operations and, in addition, participating vendors on campus. After adding Tech Cash to their Hawk ID card students simply present their ID card for purchases at any locations that accept Tech cash, including vending machines. The account will automatically be debited for the amount of purchase.

Tech Cash is currently accepted On-Campus at Access, Card and Parking Services, the Campus Bookstore, Campus Dining Services, Office and Postal Services, the Student Health and Wellness Center, 7-Eleven, and Designated Vending Machines. For more information on Tech Cash please visit the Access, Card, and Parking Services website. <https://web.iit.edu/acaps/hawkcash/tech-cash>

Shops and Dining

There are a number of places to purchase snacks and essentials both on campus and off.

- **The Commons** is located in the McCormick Tribune Campus Center (MTCC), and offers all-you-care-to-eat selections including hot entrées, salad bar, deli, grill, and more!
- **10 West** is located in IIT Tower. It serves Starbucks coffee as well as grab and go food options.
- **Center Court** is located in the MTCC and serves Asiana Sushi and Poke, Melt Lab, and Saffron Indian Cuisine.
- **The Bog** is located in the MTCC and serves Starbucks coffee and Dorite Donuts
- **John + Pat Anderson's Cafe** is located in the Kaplan Institute and serves local Metropolis Coffee, Breakfast Sandwiches, Quiches, and more!

There are also many local restaurants and coffee shops near to campus that offer a wide variety of foods.

Health and Wellness

The Student Health and Wellness Center

Illinois Institute of Technology's Student Health and Wellness Center is located in IIT Tower at 10 West 35th Street, 3rd Floor, Chicago, IL, 60616. They provide students with a wide range of high quality, cost effective primary care services, including health services, counselling services, crisis services, and health education and wellness programs. The providers are all legally certified medical professionals with many years of experience. More information about the Student Health and Wellness Center is available on their website.

<https://web.iit.edu/shwc/>

All students registered for classes are able to receive services at the Student Health and Wellness Center. Students are seen by appointment during their office hours between 8:30am – 5pm Monday through Friday. For non-emergency appointments or information, call +1 312 567 7550. Appointments are also able to be made through the Patient Portal accessible through the My IIT portal. <https://my.iit.edu/>

The Student Health and Wellness Center is the recommended first stop for all non-emergency medical needs as it is conveniently located on campus. Students should print a copy of their health insurance card, which is available through the My IIT portal, and carry it with them for in the case of an emergency.

Prescriptions

Students can pick up prescriptions and over the counter medications at local pharmacies located very close to Illinois Tech's campus. The Student Health and Wellness Center has a limited number of basic medications which are available for a fee, and the nearby Walgreens pharmacy is one of the popular locations that is easily accessible from campus and is open until late at night.

If the SHWC is closed and you have a medical emergency

- Use any one of the emergency phones around campus
- Call the Department of Public Safety at +1 312-808-6363 on campus or 911 off campus

Walgreens Pharmacy 3405 S. King Dr, Chicago, IL, 60616



Urgent Care Centers

Urgent Care Centers are recommended in situations when fast, efficient, lower-level emergency care is needed, beyond that of which your regular primary care physician can provide in a timely manner. Urgent care is appropriate for non-life-threatening illnesses or injuries, e.g. sprains, broken bones, respiratory infections, sore throats, vomiting, earaches, minor eye injuries, and other minor injuries such as cuts and burns.

Urgent care centers are not suitable for life threatening emergencies. In a life-threatening emergency an Emergency Room at a hospital is recommended.

***** Please be sure to check with your Health Insurance Provider which locations are considered In-Network and Out of Network as this may significantly affect your medical treatment costs. *****

Area Hospitals

In serious and life-threatening medical emergencies where an Emergency Department is required, there are many hospitals located within the Chicago area, open 24hrs a day.

Mercy Hospital & Medical Center
2525 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616
Phone: 312-567-2000
<https://www.mercy-chicago.org/>

Northwestern Memorial Hospital Emergency Department
251 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611
Phone: +1-312-926-2000
<https://www.nm.org/locations/northwestern-memorial-hospital-emergency-department>

Rush University Medical Center Emergency Department
1653 W Congress Pkwy, Chicago, IL 6612
Phone: +1-312-947-0100
<https://www.rush.edu/services/emergency-department>

***** Please be sure to check with your Health Insurance Provider which locations are considered In-Network and Out of Network as this may significantly affect your medical treatment costs. *****

Immunizations

International students attending Illinois Tech at least half-time are required to provide proof of immunization prior to enrolling in the second semester of classes. Illinois state law requires proof of immunity for:

- Rubella (German Measles): Two (2) MMR shots required (or positive titer).
- Mumps: Two (2) MMR shots required (or positive titer).
- Measles: Two (2) MMR shots required (or positive titer).
- Tetanus, Diphtheria: 3 total doses of DTP, DTaP, DT, Td, or Tdap, with one dose being Tdap and one dose (any combination DTP, DTaP, DT, Td, or Tdap) having been administered within the past 10 years.
- Meningitis: One (1) dose required if under 22 years old; A booster (2nd dose) required if you were vaccinated prior to your 16th birthday.
- QuantiFERON or T-SPOT: One (1) required – (IL Tech requirement) – must be within 4 weeks of arrival.

Immunization documentation is submitted online through Med + Proctor, once your IIT email account has been set up. At the following website click “register” to start a new account. <http://www.medproctor.com/> For additional information on immunization compliance please visit the Student Health and Wellness Center website. <https://web.iit.edu/shwc/immunizations> If additional vaccinations are needed then this can be arranged during your 1st semester at the Student Health and Wellness Center. Students are not able to register for their 2nd semester classes until the vaccination documentation requirement has been completed.

Health Insurance

Legal Requirement

International students are required to maintain adequate health insurance while attending Illinois Tech. A single day of hospitalization can cost thousands of dollars. A good insurance policy gives you access to excellent medical facilities and provides protection against the enormous costs of health care.

Health Insurance

Illinois Institute of Technology requires all students, who are register for 1 academic credit or more, to have health insurance. All students will be billed and added to the Illinois Tech Student Health Insurance Plan once enrolled in classes. There is no need for students to sign up for insurance as they are automatically enrolled.

More information about the Student Health Insurance Plan is available on the Student Health and Wellness Center website by <https://web.iit.edu/shwc/insurance/plan-glance> or by contacting the Student Health and Wellness Center at +1 312-567-7550 or student.health@iit.edu.

Coverage begins at the start of the enrolling semester (Fall, Spring, Summer) and continues through to the beginning of the next Fall semester coverage period. Student Insurance premiums are approximately \$1500 per year (actual cost may vary) and will be charged to your Illinois Tech student account.

Your Health Insurance Policy

Your health insurance is provided by Aetna Student Health. Detailed plan information can be found here <https://web.iit.edu/shwc/insurance/plan-glance>

Health Insurance Card

Once enrolled in the Aetna Student Health Plan, you will be able to access and print a copy of your ID card at the following link. <https://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/en/school/724532/members/get-id-card.html>

You may also want to download the Aetna Health App, and it's important to carry a copy of your health insurance card with you.

Supplemental Travel Insurance

If you arrive in the U.S. before the effective date of the Illinois Tech Student Insurance plan or depart after the date of coverage, you should purchase your own supplemental insurance during this uninsured period, to include grace periods, Optional Practical Training, and Academic Training periods.

Medication

Don't forget your medication and bring enough for your first couple months in the US. If you are taking any type of medication, make sure it is approved and legal in the United States. All medication should be labelled.

Tip: Always carry your insurance card with you!

Visa Information

It is important that you begin your visa application as soon as possible since the application process could take a long time. Most students require an **F-1 student visa**. Go to [U.S. Department of State's website](#) for complete information on the visa application and steps.

Documents you will need:

- Original I-20
- DS-160 (online application) completed
- Passport
- Original transcripts from previous schools and Universities
- TOEFL/IELTS scores
- Proof of financial support
- Receipt of SEVIS payment



If you have questions or need help, email the **Global Education Center** at: centreheadiit@oncampus.global

If you already have an F-1 student visa or are in the United States, let the Global Education Center know.

Immigration and Customs

When you arrive in the United States, you will need to pass through immigration before you can collect checked luggage. You will need to show the immigration officer the following documents:

- Passport and visa
- I-20
- Evidence of payment for your SEVIS application

The immigration officer may take your fingerprints and ask you questions about your reasons for studying in the U.S. It is important that you can answer these questions in detail. Make sure you have all of your academic and visa documents in your carry-on luggage if you are flying in to the U.S.; you will not have access to your luggage until you have cleared immigration. Failure to have the right documents will result in delays or possible denial of entry into the U.S.

Fee Payment

Student Tuition and Fees

All tuition and fees can be paid after you have registered for classes. Tuition needs to be paid in full usually after the 2nd week of classes. You can pay earlier or set up a payment plan if needed. You can view your student account invoice in the student portal. Tuition will not appear until you have registered for classes.

How to Pay

International Bank Transfer

Take advantage of our streamlined international payment process which gives you the option to pay in your own currency (most currencies available) with competitive foreign exchange rates available and no bank charges.

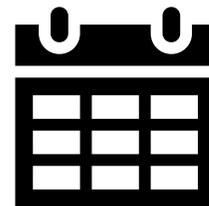


Simply visit Flywire <https://www.flywire.com/pay/iit> and follow the instructions on the website. You will need your student A number. More information is also available at the following link. <https://web.iit.edu/student-accounting/payments/payment-methods/international-wires> Students can include this letter from the University with the wire instructions, as confirmation of the agreement between Illinois Tech and Flywire: [IIT Wire Transfer authorization letter](#)

**In many countries you can pay online via Flywire using your credit or debit card, however in some countries please be aware that the process may still involve making a transfer through your bank.*

If you need another payment method, please visit Illinois Tech's Student Accounting website for alternative methods of payment. <https://web.iit.edu/student-accounting/payments>

2020-2021 Academic Calendar



Fall 2020

August 17	Residence Halls open
August 18-21	English placement test for all International Years students
August 18-21	New Graduate Student Orientation
August 18-21	New Undergraduate Student Orientation
August 18-21	Meet other international students enrolled in the Intensive English Courses
August 24	Fall classes begin
September 7	Labor Day – No classes
September 18	Last day of the extended arrival to campus for Fall 2020
October 12	Fall Break Day – No classes
November 25 – 29	Thanksgiving Break – No classes
December 5	Last Day of Fall classes
December 7 – 12	Finals Week

Spring 2021

January 4	Residence Halls open
January 5-8	English placement test for all International Years students (IFY/IGY)
January 5-8	New graduate student orientation
January 5-8	New Undergraduate Student Orientation
January 5-8	Meet other international students enrolled in the Intensive English Courses
January 11	Spring classes begin
January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No classes
March 15-20	Spring Break – No classes
May 1	Last Day of Spring classes
May 3-8	Finals Week

Important document checklist



Documentation Due Dates

- International Year deposit payment – refer to your Universities USA acceptance packet for instructions.
- Immunization Documentation – please submit your information via med proctor as early as possible. Students are not able to register for their second semester classes until this documentation is complete.
- Arrival and transportation information – **As Soon As Possible**

Checklist of Important Documents to Bring with You

1. Required for Customs at Airport (bring in your carry-on bag):

- Passport
- Original I-20
- Proof of SEVIS payment
- Student Visa

2. Academics:

- Original transcripts from high school and previous universities. Official notarized translations must be provided when originals are not in English.
- TOEFL/IELTS scores
- Illinois Tech/International Year acceptance letter

3. Health & Safety:

- Approved medications
- Your emergency contact information
- Proof of immunizations
- Medical insurance information

4. Additional Documentation:

- Proof of financial support or sponsorship

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