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# welcome from The International Center

Welcome. Our office, *The International Center*, will assist you once you arrive in the United States (U.S.). Among our many services are immigration advising, assistance with cultural adjustment, orientation, and many educational and social programs throughout the year. The purpose of this booklet is to help facilitate your smooth and safe entry into the United States and your arrival to IIT. Good luck, and we are looking forward to your arrival at IIT this August!

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#### Non-Discrimination Statement

It is the intention of Illinois Institute of Technology to act in accordance with all regulations of the federal, state, and local governments with respect to providing equality of opportunity in employment and in education, insofar as those regulations may pertain to IIT. IIT prohibits and will act to eliminate discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, or veteran status.

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# all about VISAS

## APPLYING FOR A VISA

If you are in the process of obtaining your **F-1** or **J-1 visa**, the following websites may be of help to you as you prepare for your visit to the U.S. Embassy/Consulate:

[www.nafsa.org](http://www.nafsa.org)

Once you are at this website, please take the following steps:

1. Locate the Search NAFSA box in the top left corner of the page
2. Type in the box, 10 Points to Remember
3. Click on the first link that appears in the search: 10 Points to Remember When Applying for a Nonimmigrant Visa.

For more information you can visit:

[www.unitedstatesvisas.gov](http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov)

## SEVIS FEE OF \$200

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has implemented a one-time SEVIS Fee for all F-1 and J-1 visa applicants.

Immigration Category	Before 10/27/2008	On or after 10/27/2008
F-1 Students	\$100	\$200
J-1 Students & Scholars	\$100	\$180

The fee must be received by DHS at least 3 business days prior to applying for your visa, or applying for admission to the United States at a port-of-entry for those who are exempt for the visa requirement (primarily Canadians).

Please be aware that this SEVIS fee is in **addition** to the visa application fee you pay to the U.S. Consulate. To find out more about the SEVIS fee and how to pay this fee, please refer to the following website:

[www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com)

# all about VISAS

## I-20/DS-2019

Forms I-20 (for F-1 students) and DS-2019 (for J-1 students) are documents issued by the school to the student upon admission to the university. The I-20/DS-2019 that you have obtained from IIT is *required* when you apply for an F-1 or a J-1 visa.

At this time, the *admission number field* on *Page 1* and the *travel signature field* on *Page 3* of your I-20 will be blank, as it is not needed for your first entry to the U.S. The name on your I-20/DS2019 must match your passport. Please note that the last name field is required. If your passport does not have a last name, your given name will appear in the last name field on your I-20/DS2019.

For those of you who have not yet received an I-20 or DS2019, the admission office will mail it to you shortly. If you have any questions regarding your I-20 or DS2019, please contact the admission office directly. Below is the contact information for the IIT admission offices:

### Office of Undergraduate Admission

10 West 33rd Street  
Perlstein Hall 101  
Chicago, IL 60616  
Phone: 312.567.3025  
Fax: 312.567.6939

### Office of Graduate Admission-Main Campus

10 West 33rd Street  
Perlstein Hall 201  
Chicago, IL 60616  
Phone: 312.567.3020  
Fax: 312.567.3138

### Stuart School of Business-Graduate Admission

565 West Adams Street  
Chicago, IL 60661  
Phone: 312.906.6576  
Fax: 312.906.6511

### Institute of Design

350 N LaSalle Street, 4th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60654  
Phone: 312.595.4927  
Fax: 312.595.4901

### Chicago-Kent College of Law

565 West Adams Street  
Chicago, IL 60661  
Phone: 312.906.5000  
Fax: 312.906.5280

### Professional Learning Programs

3424 South State Street, Rm 2035  
Chicago, IL 60616  
Phone: 312.567.5280  
Fax: 312.567.5283

# getting to iit

## DEFERRALS

If you have been issued either a SEVIS I-20 or DS-2019 form by IIT and you are unable to attend for the specified semester to which you were admitted, please contact your admission counselor in the admission office listed above.

## ARRIVAL INTO THE U.S.

If you are currently *outside* the United States, upon your arrival to the U.S., you will go through a U.S. immigration inspection at the airport. Please be sure to have:

- Your passport (containing your valid U.S. student visa)
- IIT admission letter
- SEVIS fee payment receipt (if you paid the SEVIS fee), and
- I-20/DS-2019

*We also recommend that you carry proof of your finances as indicated on your I-20/DS-2019.*

### **IMPORTANT:**

*Do not pack the above documents in your luggage; they should be in your carry-on bag for your immigration inspection.*

*At your inspection, you will receive a I-94 that you will need when you arrive at IIT. Make sure to keep this document in your passport, as you will need it throughout your stay in the U.S.*

For more information about what to expect at the U.S. Port of Entry, please consult the following website:

[www.ice.gov/sevis/faq.htm](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/faq.htm)

Once you are at this website, please take the following steps:

1. Scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on the **Fact Sheets** link.
2. Click on the SEVP Fact Sheets Archive (*New*)
3. Click on the fact sheet link: **10/1/04: Arriving at a U.S. Port of Entry... What a Student Can Expect**

# getting to iit

from O'Hare International Airport

## MEET AND GREET PROGRAM

### **Airport Meet and Greet Program**

Current IIT students will be waiting at O'Hare Airport to help you find transportation to your housing accommodations on or near the IIT Main Campus. *We will be sending more information with dates and times that this service will be offered this fall.*

Please look for IIT student greeters on the lower level outside of Customs. You will see students holding a sign that reads, "Illinois Institute of Technology: AIRPORT MEET & GREET PROGRAM" after you leave U.S. Customs. There are two exit gates from Terminal #5 (A, B); there will be a greeter there to meet you at either exit. If you do not see IIT students, please go to the Information Desk located in Terminal #5.

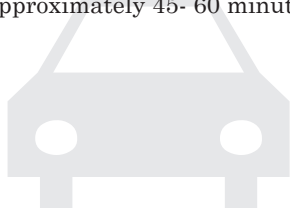
Please be aware that most IIT offices close at 5pm. Therefore, be sure to get dropped off at the McCormick Student Village (MSV), the International Youth Hostel (IYH), or other accommodations that you have booked. It is strongly recommended that you arrange accommodation before you arrive in Chicago. There is residence hall and apartment housing available on-campus.

**We do not recommend that new students use public transportation to get to campus or accommodations.** The trains and buses can be difficult to manage with luggage. Also as a newly arriving visitor you may be a target for pick-pocketing and theft.

For information on transportation options please see the Transportation section below.

## TAXI

The easiest form of transportation is a taxicab, which can be found on the ground level outside the arrival area of each terminal at O'Hare. **The cost is about \$50-55 including a tip of 15-20%.** Journey time to IIT is approximately 45- 60 minutes.



# getting to iit

from O'Hare and Midway International Airports

## GO AIRPORT EXPRESS SHUTTLE

“GO Airport Express” provides transportation between O'Hare or Midway Airport and Chicago's South Side, including IIT. You must make a reservation at least 24 hours in advance as there is no automatic schedule between these two locations. To sign-up for this program, *you must register online* at the following website:

[https://airportexpress.hudsonltd.net/res?  
USERIDENTRY=IIT&LOGON=GO](https://airportexpress.hudsonltd.net/res?USERIDENTRY=IIT&LOGON=GO)

*Keep your confirmation number after registering.*

You will need this number to board the shuttle.

You may purchase tickets for the shuttle when you arrive at O'Hare. The Airport Express ticket counter is located near the Information Center outside of Customs. *You will be charged full-price.* The special rate for IIT students is only available online.

### Coming from O'Hare Airport

Where: O'Hare Airport, Terminal #5

Cost: \$15-20 per person, payable online

### Coming from Midway Airport

Where: Midway Airport, Ground Level, Door 3.

Shuttle Bus Times: Must make a reservation online

Cost: \$15-20 per person, payable online

*There will not be student greeters at Midway Airport.*

NOTE: We strongly recommend that you book your “one-way” shuttle before departing from your home country. The cost will be higher if you do not sign-up prior to arriving in the U.S. Please visit the online registration website as soon as possible to secure your transportation from O'Hare International to IIT.

## CTA - PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

**The current train fare for one ride is \$2.25.**

### Coming from O'Hare International Airport

The CTA trains are located at **Terminal 2**. *If you arrive at another terminal, you will need to go to Terminal 2.*

Take the **Blue Line** to the **Jackson** stop and change to the **Red Line** towards 95th/Dan Ryan. **The IIT stop will be at Sox/35th Street.** You will exit the train station north towards 33rd Street.

### Coming from Midway International Airport

Take the **Orange Line** towards the Loop/Downtown to the **Roosevelt** stop. Change to a southbound **Green Line** train (direction Ashland/63rd or Cottage Grove/E. 63rd). The IIT stop will be at **35th/Bronzeville/IIT**. This stop is located 1 block south of the IIT residential campus.

For more information, go to: [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com)

\*\*We do not recommend this form of transportation if you are travelling with more than one bag, unless you are travelling with friends or fellow students.

# check-in at iit

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHECK-IN

International students must report to the International Center **within** two business days **upon arrival** in Chicago. The International Center is located at:

3300 South Federal Street  
Main Building, Room 405  
Chicago, IL 60616

Phone: 312.567.3680

Fax: 312.567.3687

**[icenter@iit.edu](mailto:icenter@iit.edu)**

**[www.ic.iit.edu](http://www.ic.iit.edu)**

### Hours

Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Please bring:

- Your I-20/DS-2019 form
- I-94 card (*you will receive this at port of entry*), and
- Passport with you to be processed by the center
- Students transferring from another school in the U.S. must bring their previous I-20.

The check-in allows us to remove a special hold from your records.

To contact us via e-mail please write to:

[icenter@iit.edu](mailto:icenter@iit.edu)



# orientation at iit

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

International orientation for new students will be held on the following dates:

**Undergraduate Students:** August 18-19, 2010

Move-In Day: August 17, 2010 at 9:00 AM \* You must be registered for the International Student Orientation and have a Fall Housing Contract to move into the dorms early.

**Graduate Students:** August 18-19, 2010

**Institute of Design:** August 16-20, 2010

**Professional Learning Programs:** August 20, 2010

Move-In Day: August 19, 2010

**Stuart School of Business and Chicago-Kent College of Law:** Please contact the admission office for more information.

Please direct questions to:

**Office of Student Activities & Orientation**

Phone: 312-567-3720

[orientation@iit.edu](mailto:orientation@iit.edu)

Note: All new international students except those in the Professional Learning Programs will be charged for the orientation fee. The orientation fee will appear on the first tuition bill. Please note that the orientation fee is non-refundable.

## CAMPUS MAP

To find your way around campus, you might want to look over the campus map and virtual tour.

Main Campus' map can be found at:

[admission.iit.edu/pdfs/IITcampusMap.pdf](http://admission.iit.edu/pdfs/IITcampusMap.pdf)

Main Campus' virtual tour can be found at:

[admission.iit.edu/virtual\\_tour.html](http://admission.iit.edu/virtual_tour.html)



# housing at iit

## ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

For general on-campus housing information including housing rates and applications, please consult the Housing & Residential Services website:

<http://housing.iit.edu>

There is ample residence hall and apartment housing available. Please email [rooms@iit.edu](mailto:rooms@iit.edu) for more information.

*If you have questions about check-in, room assignments, or housing in general, please contact Housing and Residential Services directly:*

McCormick Student Village  
3241 South Wabash #110  
Chicago, IL 60616  
Phone: 312.567.5075  
Fax: 312.567.5926  
**[housing@iit.edu](mailto:housing@iit.edu)**

## OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

For information about off-campus housing go to:

[www.ic.iit.edu/forms/off\\_campus\\_housing.pdf](http://www.ic.iit.edu/forms/off_campus_housing.pdf)

[www.ic.iit.edu](http://www.ic.iit.edu), click on the “resources” link

[www.bridgeportnews.net](http://www.bridgeportnews.net)



# housing at iit

## TEMPORARY HOUSING

### 1. On-Campus Housing

On-campus short-term housing is available for the first two weeks of classes in McCormick Student Village double rooms.

Please make reservations at <http://housing.iit.edu>

### 2. Hostelling International Chicago

If you plan to arrive earlier than the opening of the residence halls or prior to the start of your apartment lease, temporary housing may be available at Hostelling International Chicago. The *maximum* permitted stay is two weeks. The hostel is conveniently located about three miles from IIT's Main Campus and is easily accessible by public transportation.

For hostel reservations and other information go to their website at:

[www.hichicago.org](http://www.hichicago.org)

*Reservations are preferred.*

For more information on public transportation, go to:

[www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com)

### 3. Local Hotels

There are also a number of local hotels that provide discounted rates to IIT students. Please see the Hotel List at:

[www.ic.iit.edu/forms/hotel\\_rates.pdf](http://www.ic.iit.edu/forms/hotel_rates.pdf)



# facts and figures

## TUITION AND FEES

Tuition and fees for each semester are due **by** the first day of classes and can be paid as soon as you have registered for classes. Please make payments at the Cashier's Office located at:

3300 South Federal Street  
Main Building, Room 104  
Chicago, IL 60616

For more information about tuition and fees and to learn about payment options please see [www.enrollment.iit.edu/bursar/](http://www.enrollment.iit.edu/bursar/).

## TRANSFER PROCEDURES

If you are coming to IIT directly from another school, university, or college in the United States, please visit the International Center website for more information on the transfer procedures: [www.ic.iit.edu](http://www.ic.iit.edu)

**Please take the following steps:**

1. Click the **New Students** link on the left-hand side.
2. Click the **Pre-Arrival** link underneath *New Students* on the left-hand side.
3. Click the **Transferring to IIT** link in the center panel of the screen.

*This site will explain everything from eligibility to the procedure for transferring to IIT.*

Upon your **arrival** in Chicago, you must report to the International Center **within** two business days to complete the transfer of your F-1 status to IIT. Please remember to bring your passport and **all** previous I-20s for check-in.

## A Levels, AP, IB, AND TRANSFER CREDITS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

If you have questions concerning A Levels, AP, IB, or transfer credits, please contact the Office of Educational Services at:

Office of Educational Services  
3300 South Federal Street  
Main Building, Room 101  
Chicago, IL 60616  
Phone: 312.567.3640  
Fax: 312.567.3302

# facts and figures

## LIFE IN CHICAGO

To learn more about Chicago and what it's like to live in Chicago, please visit the following websites:

[www.ic.iit.edu](http://www.ic.iit.edu)

Once you get to this website, click on the **Resources** link on the left-hand side.

City of Chicago website:

[egov.cityofchicago.org](http://egov.cityofchicago.org)

## HELPFUL LINKS

International Center: [www.ic.iit.edu](http://www.ic.iit.edu)

Student Handbook: <http://iit.edu/~osa/Handbook>

International Students' Organization at IIT:  
[www.iit.edu/~iso/](http://www.iit.edu/~iso/)

Office of Student Affairs: [http://www.iit.edu/student\\_affairs/](http://www.iit.edu/student_affairs/)

Housing & Residential Services: <http://housing.iit.edu>

### **Undergraduate Students**

Admission Website: <http://admission.iit.edu>

Admitted Student Steps: [http://iit.edu/undergrad\\_admission/admitted\\_fall10.htm](http://iit.edu/undergrad_admission/admitted_fall10.htm)

Admission Blog: [www.inventingthefuture.iit.edu](http://www.inventingthefuture.iit.edu)

### **Graduate Students**

Admission Website: [http://www.iit.edu/graduate\\_admission/](http://www.iit.edu/graduate_admission/)

Admitted Student Steps: [http://www.iit.edu/graduate\\_admission/admitted\\_students/](http://www.iit.edu/graduate_admission/admitted_students/)



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## IIT's Mission

To advance knowledge through research and scholarship, to cultivate invention improving the human condition, and to educate students from throughout the world for a life of professional achievement, service to society, and individual fulfillment.

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