

# WELCOME

## Your next steps as an iit undergraduate International Student

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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 January!

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Illinois Institute of Technology  
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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. Click on the **Knowledge Community Networks & Resources** link on the left-hand side.
2. Click on the **International Student and Scholar Services** link located under *Knowledge Communities*.
3. Click on the first major link titled **International Student Advising Network**.
4. Click on the **Practice Resources** link on the right-hand side.
5. Click on the **10 Points to Remember When Applying for a Nonimmigrant Visa** link on the right-hand side.

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. Also, please note that *middle name* is *not* a required field for an I-20; therefore, your middle name may not appear on your I-20 even if you have one.

### **For those of you who have not yet received an I-20**

The Office of Undergraduate Admission will mail it to you shortly. If you have any questions regarding your I-20, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission directly. Below is the contact information for the international staff for the the Office of Undergraduate Admission:

#### **Carolyn Schoen**

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**schoen@iit.edu**

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*International Senior Admission Counselor*  
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*International Senior Admission Assistant*  
312.567.6938  
**taylorlk@iit.edu**

You can reach all staff through mail and fax at:

Office of Undergraduate Admission  
10 West 33rd Street  
Perlstein Hall 101  
Chicago, IL 60616  
Fax: 312.567.6939

## 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 (see above) in the Office of Undergraduate Admission.

# getting to iit

## 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:** At your inspection, you will receive a I-94 that you will need when you arrive at IIT. Make sure to keep this document until you check-in at the International Center at IIT.*

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 fact sheet link dated **10/1/04: Arriving at a U.S. Port of Entry ... What a Student Can Expect**

*\*Please note that all new international (including Canadian) students are not permitted to enter the U.S. earlier than 30 days prior to the program start date listed on your I-20/DS-2019.*

# 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.

**Dates:** January 12 - 14, 2009

**Times:** 4pm – 8pm daily

**Where:** O'Hare Airport International Terminal #5

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's offices will be closed by the time you reach campus (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.

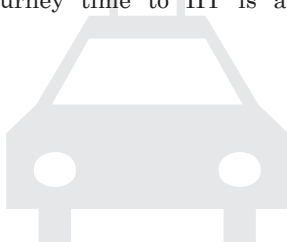
The International Center will *not* provide free shuttles to campus.

**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. Do not take public transportation if you are carrying large amounts of cash with you.

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 \$40.00.** Journey time to IIT is approximately 45 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 \$2.00.**

### Coming from O'Hare International Airport

The CTA trains are located at **Terminal 2**. *If you arrive at another terminal, you will need to take the terminal trains to get 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. Your journey should last approximately 1.5 hours.

### 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)

# 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 – 4:30 pm

Closed December 2 - January 4

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

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:

New Undergraduate International Move-In Day  
Tuesday, January 13, 2009\*\*

New Undergraduate International Students Orientation  
Thursday to Friday, January 15- January 16, 2009

IIT Students Day of Service  
Monday, January 19, 2009

First Day of Classes  
Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Please direct questions to:  
Office of Student Activities & Orientation.  
Phone: 312-567-3720  
**orientation@iit.edu**

*Note: All new international students, except students attending Stuart School of Business, Institute of Design and Kent College of Law, will be charged for the orientation fee—\$110 for all undergraduate students and \$50 for all full-time graduate students. The orientation fee will appear on the first tuition bill. Please note that the orientation fee is non-refundable.*

## CAMPUS MAP

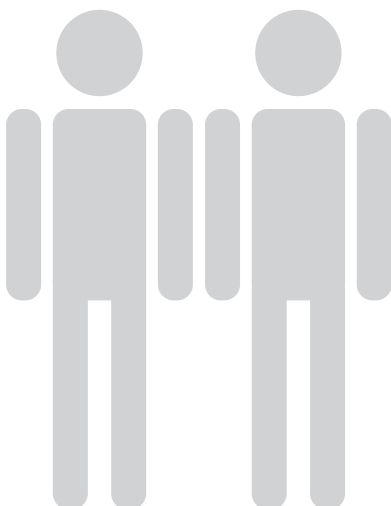
To find your way around campus, you might want to look over the campus map and virtual tour.

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 Office website:

[housing.iit.edu](http://housing.iit.edu)

### Spring Arrivals

If you have a Spring Housing Contract at IIT, the residence halls open on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

The McCormick Student Village (MSV) does *not* open until Sunday, January 18, 2009. However, if you would like to move in between the 13th and 18th of January, you can *request* “early arrival” by emailing [rooms@iit.edu](mailto:rooms@iit.edu) as soon as possible.

**\*\*Please note:** The cost is \$38 per person/per night.

In addition, there are still a variety of on-campus housing options for interested students. 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 the Housing Office 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)

or

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



# housing at iit

## TEMPORARY HOUSING

### 1. 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.*

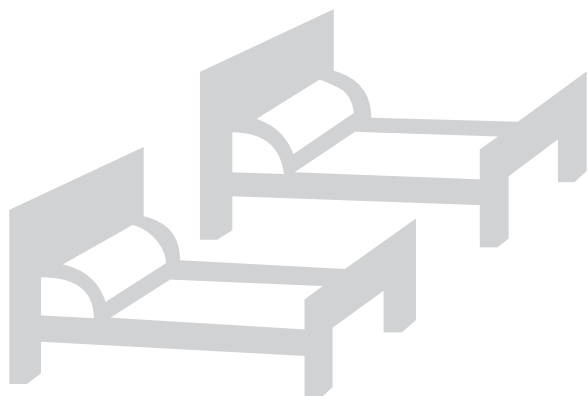
For more information on public transportation, go to:

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

### 2. 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

## TRANSFER PROCEDURES

**If you are coming to IIT directly from another school, university, or college in the United States**, please visit our website for more information on the transfer procedures:

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

Once you are at this site, 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 to the International Center for check-in.

## A Levels, AP, IB, AND TRANSFER CREDITS

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

**Gregory Welter**  
*Associate Director*  
Office of Educational Services  
3300 South Federal Street  
Main Building, Room 101  
Chicago, IL 60616  
Phone: 312.567.3640  
Fax: 312.567.3302  
[welter@iit.edu](mailto:welter@iit.edu)

# 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:

[iit.edu/~osa/Handbook](http://iit.edu/~osa/Handbook)

Registered Student Organizations at IIT:

[www.iit.edu/~stuact/a-list.htm](http://www.iit.edu/~stuact/a-list.htm)

International Students' Organization at IIT:

[www.iit.edu/~iso/](http://www.iit.edu/~iso/)

Undergraduate Admission:

[admission.iit.edu](http://admission.iit.edu)

Admission Blog:

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

New International Student Facebook Page:

[facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=16232883207](https://facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=16232883207)



# helpful contacts

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