Living on Campus

Housing and Dining Options for Your First and Second Years
Welcome to Illinois Tech

We are excited that you will be joining our community this year. We hope that you will find this brochure helpful when planning your move to campus. Please take the time to review this important information. The 2020–21 academic year will be full of exciting opportunities and experiences that begin when you move into your new living community.

The Office of Residence Life is eager to help you make a smooth transition. Our staff will be up bright and early to help make your move-in just right! In addition, we have a team of student leaders, staff, and faculty volunteers who will be available to answer your questions, provide directions, and even help you move things into your residence hall space.

Move-in for first-year students will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 17, 2020. We hope that you, your family, and your new Illinois Tech classmates will join us for lunch in The Commons and attend convocation at 3 p.m. in Hermann Hall Auditorium.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at housing@iit.edu.

Housing Timeline for Incoming Fall Class

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First-Year Communities

The Office of Residence Life is here to support you in your success as you live, learn, and grow during your first year on campus! All first-year students are part of a community that will enable you to meet and interact with students from around the globe. Each floor is led by a Resident Advisor (RA). The RA is a student who is trained to create meaningful experiences for you so that you have the tools to build meaningful relationships, gain support from your roommates, and learn more about the world and yourself.

All residents are members of the Residence Hall Association (RHA). Participating in activities sponsored by RHA provide additional opportunities to get involved and meet new friends. Additionally, you can create an organization to match your interests, passions, curiosities, needs, and leadership skills.

Residents are encouraged to contribute to the vibrancy of their floor community by being a points leader in Game of Hawks! Together, you and your roommates will comprise a team in the first year experience competition—Game of Hawks! Earn points by participating in Residence Life and Illinois Tech events. Compete against other floors and teams to earn bragging rights in your Residence Hall, as well as, have fun and make new friends.

Each residence hall is equipped with community space, study rooms, conference rooms, fitness areas, and laundry rooms, making it easy and convenient to keep your mind and body sharp throughout the year! All residence halls are located within walking distance of academic buildings and The Commons Dining Hall.

2020 first-year students head over to the Welcome Week Playfair after attending the Convocation Ceremony.
Rates for 2020–21 will be posted in February. Rates for the current year can be found at Housing Rates.

If you know someone you would like to room with, let us know! You can indicate your preferred roommate’s name on the Room and Board Contract. All housing and roommate assignments will be posted in MyRoom at myroom.iit.edu.

Exemption from the Two-Year Residency Requirement

Students may apply for a waiver if they live with a parent or legal guardian within the Chicago metro area. The address provided must be no more than 20 miles away from campus via public transit or major roadways. Addresses will be verified with what is on file with Illinois Tech Financial Aid.

Transfer students who have three or more semesters of college credit are exempt from the residency requirement. If you are a transfer student with fewer than three semesters of college credit, you are not exempt from the residency requirement and must fill out a Housing Application Waiver. Waivers are considered on a case-by-case basis.

The Housing Application Waiver can be found at myroom.iit.edu.
If you reside in MSV, you may order a lofted bed. Lofts are optional but are popular among students, as they allow for more floor space in the rooms. Lofts are not available in Kacek Hall or SSV. Only lofted beds from Bedloft are allowed in the residence halls. Place your order for a lofted bed online at bedloft.com.

**LAUNDRY**

Washing machines and dryers are available in all residential complexes. The cost for laundry is included in room and board rates.

**REFRIGERATORS**

MicroFridges are available to rent for the semester and academic year. Place your order online at bedloft.com. Approved refrigerators should not exceed 3.0 cubic feet (or 4.0 cubic feet if Energy Star-rated) and should not draw more than 2.0 amps. All wiring should be UL approved and properly grounded. There is a maximum of one refrigerator or MicroFridge per room or apartment, so please plan accordingly with your roommate. Microwaves are permitted only in units with kitchens (unless it is a rented Bedloft MicroFridge); microwaves are available in public spaces throughout the residence halls.

**FITNESS ROOMS**

As a resident, you will be able to use the fitness rooms located in any residential complex. All campus residents can access the fitness rooms during regular building hours. A variety of fitness machines and open floor space make up these convenient facilities.

**RESIDENCE HALL AMENITIES**

**SHIPPING PACKAGES/MAILBOX KEY**

If you are shipping personal belongings, please have them arrive after Monday, August 17. All packages are delivered to The McCormick Tribune Campus Center post office.

- SSV/Kacek Room #
- 3201 South State Street
- Box # ______
- Chicago, IL 60616

You can find your mailing address and mailbox number in your MyRoom profile at myroom.iit.edu. Mailbox keys are available beginning Monday, August 17, at the MTCC post office.

**HAWKCARD**

The HawkCard is your photo identification card given to you by Illinois Tech. It not only serves as your ID but also gives you access to the residence and dining halls, dorm rooms, laundry and vending, parking lots, computer labs, and the Keating Sports Center, as well as library equipment check-out and TechCash balances.

**FURNISHINGS AT ILLINOIS TECH**

Room amenities include bunkable bed frames with XL-twin mattresses, curtains or shades, dressers, study desks and chairs, and access to a wireless network. Dimensions for standard room types are available on the Residence Life website at iit.edu/housing.
Under the university’s Hawk Unlimited Meal Plan, students receive unlimited meals in The Commons Dining Hall (MTCC), the primary dining resource for residents living on campus. The Commons offers all-you-care-to-eat selections, including hot entrees, a salad bar, deli, grill, and more!

The Hawk Unlimited Meal Plan also provides 35 meal exchanges and $100 in bonus points to be used at the following retail dining locations:

- Center Court (MTCC): Serving Asian Fusion Sushi and Poke, Saffron Indian Cuisine, and Student Choice, which lets students vote and decide the food for the next semester.
- Global Grounds (MTCC): Coffee shop serving Starbucks, local Do-Rite Donuts, and Bubble IIT.
- 10 West (IT Tower): Proudly serving Starbucks and breakfast options, as well as a variety of Grab and Go and hot lunch options.
- The Bog (Hermann Hall): Pub-style restaurant serving Tex-Mex favorites including tacos, nachos, and quesadillas.
- John + Pat Anderson’s Cafe (Kaplan Institute): Trendy cafe on campus featuring breakfast and lunch options, and local Metropolis coffee.

In addition to meals, snacks and drinks are available to students through the Hawk Unlimited Meal Plan with the featured Bonus Points and Meal Exchanges. Bonus Points are attached to meal plans and help cover the periods between meals or snacks at our retail locations on campus. Students can also use a swipe from their meal plan to exchange it for a meal at any of our retail locations around campus.

Meal Plan Rates

Meal Plan rates are established by the Illinois Institute of Technology Board of Trustees in early spring before each academic year. Once the rates are set, you can view them online at:

DINEONCAMPUS.COM/IIT

Have a food allergy?

Chartwells Dining at Illinois Tech supports students with food allergies, and understands the importance of helping you adjust to campus life. Our goal is to provide safe food as well as quality meals. We aim to provide students with the tools needed to manage their food allergies or medical conditions when dining on campus.

If you have questions or concerns regarding dining with allergies, or would like to schedule an allergen consultation, please contact the Chartwells Dining staff at dining@iit.edu.

Here are a few reasons why students enjoy the Hawk Unlimited Meal Plan:

1. The convenience of having someone else do the cooking and cleaning up allows students more time to study and socialize.
2. Commuter students don’t risk losing their valuable parking space or using up expensive gas when eating on campus!
3. There are a large variety of great quality meals.
4. Well-balanced and healthy meals—our Balanced U program reinforces our commitment to using the most nutritious products available and healthiest cooking methods possible.
5. Students can use their student ID cards to dine, so there is no need to carry cash.
6. The Hawk Unlimited Meal Plan guarantees meals throughout the semester, which makes it easier for students to budget expenses.
7. Convenient service hours accommodate any schedule.
8. Access to promotions and social events such as theme nights, premium meals, contests, and specials.
Move-In Tips

Make Your Move-In Experience Quick and Easy

1. Park your vehicle in a designated spot. There are 30–minute designated unloading zones in Lots A1, A6, or D1. After you unload your car, please park in Lots A1, D1, or D6. Remember, parking is prohibited on State Street. See the map at right where these lots are located.

2. Bring your HawkCard ID to your designated residence hall check-in location. Pick up your room key. Once your vehicle is unloaded, move it to complimentary full-day parking in lots A1, D1, and D3.

3. Pick up your mailbox key at the MTCC post office. Keys will be available beginning on August 17.

4. Unpack your belongings. Meet your new roommate, Resident Advisor (RA), and get to know your neighbors!

Move-In Day Tips

1. Manage what you bring. If you need a moving truck, you are bringing too much! However, a dolly or hand truck will be helpful for a quick move-in.

2. Label your boxes with your full name, building, and room number. Pack smaller boxes that are not too heavy. Not all buildings have elevators, and it is common for lines to be very long when waiting for the elevator, so you may want to use the stairs.

3. Recruit family and friends to assist you. In order to unload your car and move your belongings into your room quickly, it is beneficial to have helping hands. We’ll buy them lunch, too!

4. Bring your patience. Residence Life staff will be at all buildings to make your Move-In Day seamless.

5. Observe all parking restrictions and traffic patterns. Please don’t park in fire lanes, service areas, driving lanes, roadways, or other areas not designated for parking.

The Office of Residence Life encourages all new residents to arrive on Monday, August 17 between 9 a.m.–3 p.m. If you are participating in a sports or academic program that necessitates an early arrival, please contact housing@iit.edu.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Office of Residence Life partners with the Center for Disability Resources to provide accommodations and to support residents with disabilities so that they are able to fully participate in programs and services that are available at Illinois Tech.
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