

# 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](mailto:housing@iit.edu).

### Housing Timeline for Incoming Fall Class

NOW	EARLY SPRING	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Submit your room and board contract	Room and board rates for 2020–21 announced	Receive your housing and roommate assignment	Connect with your roommate	Move in on <b>Monday, August 17</b>

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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 lead 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 floormates, 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 floormates 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.

2019 first-year students head over to the Welcome Week Playfair after attending the Convocation ceremony.

## Housing Specifics



### Room and Board Contract

First-year students will be placed in either Kacek Hall, MSV, or SSV. Submit your Room and Board Contract as soon as possible to reserve your room on campus. The contract guides you through all the information we need to successfully place you in a residence hall and match you with a compatible roommate.



### Roommate Matching

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](https://myroom.iit.edu).



### Housing Rates

Rates for the current year can be found at <https://web.iit.edu/housing/rates-contract-terms>. Rates for 2020-21 will be posted in February.

### 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. Additional or supporting documentation may be requested.

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](https://myroom.iit.edu).

# Residence Halls



### George J. Kacek Hall

*Pod-style living*

**Room type:** Double and triple rooms

George J. Kacek Hall will be opening its doors for the first time in August 2020. Kacek Hall is a legacy Ludwig Mies van der Rohe building revitalized by alumnus architect Dirk Denison. It imbues classic modernism with a vibrant, new living experience for first- and second-year students.

Each floor has two large lounges for social interaction and studying. The "social lounges" are located on the north side of each floor. The "study lounges" are on the south side of the building touting amazing views of downtown Chicago. There is a mix of single-, double-, and triple-occupancy spaces and common-use bathrooms.

#### BUILDING FEATURES

- All residential spaces provide a twin-size bed, desk, chair, dresser, and closet space for each resident
- Beds are ready to bunk
- Single point of entry and exit that is staffed 24 hours a day by community desk assistants
- Lounge space on every floor
- Laundry and fitness facilities in the lower level
- Wifi internet and cable TV provided by Comcast and Xfinity on the Go



### McCormick Student Village

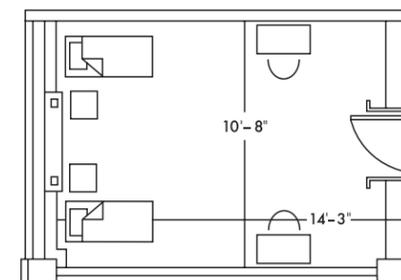
*Traditional, communal-style living*

**Room type:** standard double

McCormick Student Village (MSV) is a complex of student residence halls on Mies Campus. There are five halls that house approximately 700 students in a "communal-style" environment where up to two students share a bedroom and the floor shares a community lounge and restrooms. Looking for more action or a larger space? Head to the Center, McCormick, or Cohen lounges to relax, unwind, or spend time in a quiet place to concentrate on tomorrow's assignment. Residents on each floor typically set their own study times and quiet hours, and agree on other guidelines for community living. Leaders from each hall serve as floor/hall representatives and participate in Residence Hall Association (RHA) activities. RHA supports student life by organizing various events such as intramural sports, concert outings, coffee houses, film screenings, and other social activities.

#### BUILDING FEATURES

- Enter through central doors, staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by community desk assistants
- Students use their student IDs to access the front door entrance and while passing by the front desk
- Student lounges on each floor and between halls
- Standard rooms are set up as doubles, with two desks, two chairs, two beds, four dressers, and two T3 internet connections
- Laundry and fitness facilities
- Wifi internet and cable TV provided by Comcast and Xfinity on the Go



### State Street Village

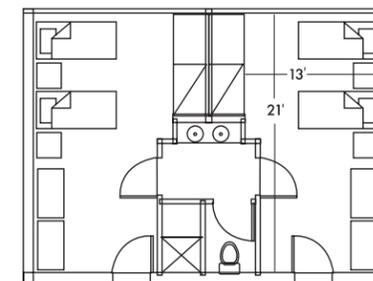
*Suite-style living*

**Room type:** standard double

State Street Village, designed by acclaimed international architect Helmut Jahn, consists of three, five-story "pods" that face the primary thoroughfare running through Mies Campus. Some distinctive features of this building are the rooftop decks and the Green Line elevated train running right behind it. This building is urban in every way! First-year students are assigned to suite-style spaces connected by a bathroom, where two students share a bedroom on either side.

#### BUILDING FEATURES

- Suite-style means that two students share a room and share a bathroom with two other students
- Rooms are set up as doubles and are furnished with a desk; study chair; armoire; and a twin, extra-long mattress and frame for each resident
- Entry and exit are staffed 24 hours a day by community desk assistants
- Lounge space on every floor and community lounges or fitness facilities on the fifth floor
- Multiple outdoor terraces with panoramic views of Chicago
- Wifi internet and cable TV provided by Comcast and Xfinity on the Go
- Laundry room and a small kitchen with a stove, oven, refrigerator, and microwave on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors



# RESIDENCE HALL AMENITIES



## 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](https://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!

## LOFTS

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](https://bedloft.com).**



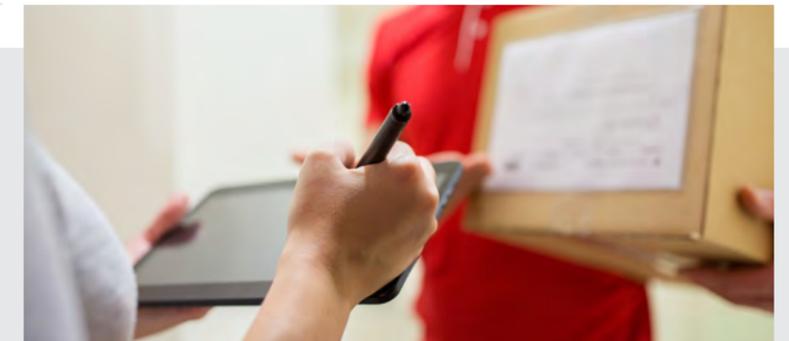
## FURNISHINGS AT ILLINOIS TECH

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](https://iit.edu/housing).



## 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.



## 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](https://myroom.iit.edu). Mailbox keys are available beginning Monday, August 17, at the MTCC post office.

# Dining Options

We hope you're hungry! From sushi to tacos, from vegan to gluten-free and everything in between, Illinois Tech's **Culinary and Hospitality Services** have your cravings and dietary preferences covered.

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 (IIT 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 Policies

College is a transition time for most students and in order to get the most out of your college experience, the university assists by providing a structured housing and dining program. When the needs for food and shelter are met, students can focus on their studies and on adjusting to college life. **All first- and second-year residential students are required to be on the Hawk Unlimited Meal Plan.**

## 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](https://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 allergens, or would like to schedule an allergen consultation, please contact the Chartwells Dining staff at [dining@iit.edu](mailto: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 and Check-In Dates

New residents move in on Monday, August 17, 2020.

### August 17

Housing check-in will be held between 9 a.m.–3 p.m. and will resume at 5 p.m. after Convocation. Please report directly to your assigned hall for check-in. Moving volunteers will be available from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. If you need to pick up your HawkCard ID or check in with the International Center, you will have time before and after Convocation.\*

### August 18–23

Please report directly to the front desk of your assigned hall for check-in.

### August 24

**8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.:** Check-in at the Office of Residence Life in McCormick Student Village.

### Can't make it on these dates?

We'll miss you, but have no fear! Simply visit the Office of Residence Life in McCormick Student Village for your key and move-in packet when you arrive.

**\*INTERNATIONAL CENTER CHECK-IN AND HAWKCARD ID PICTURE AND PICK-UP DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS**

**Obtain your HawkCard ID picture and pick up:** MTCC Color Rooms, August 17, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

**International Center check-in:**

MTCC Color Rooms, August 10–27, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

## 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 A5, A6, or D3. After you unload your car, please park in Lots A3, D1, or D3. 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 A3, D1, and D2.
- 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.

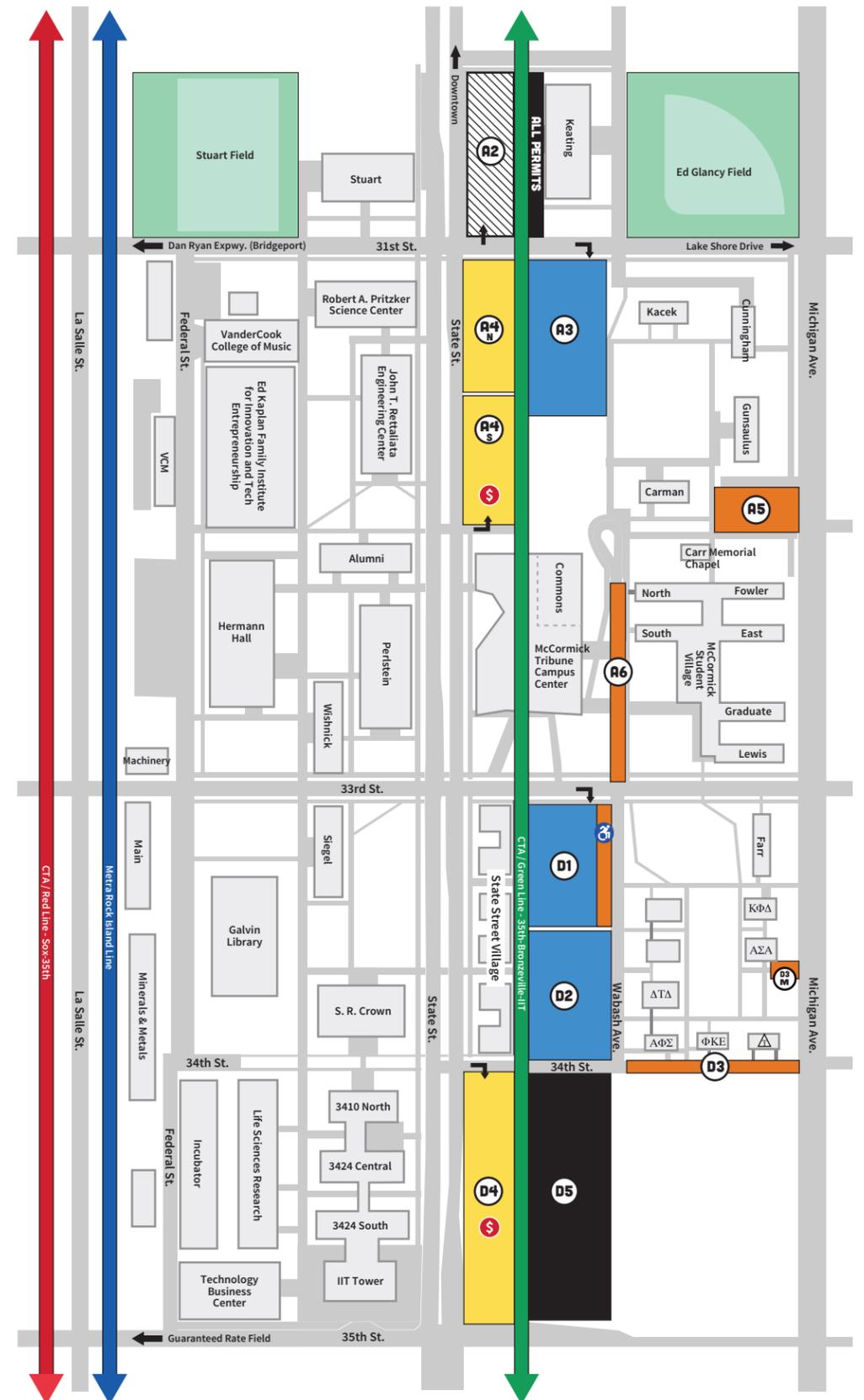
*The Office of Residence Life encourages all new residents to arrive on Monday, August 17 between 9 a.m.–3 p.m.*

If you are participating in a sports or academic program that necessitates an early arrival, please contact [housing@iit.edu](mailto: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.

## Move-In Map



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**Office of Campus Life**

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