Food

• For something close to Illinois Tech’s campus, Red Line Cafe/Stix n Brix has great oven-fired pizzas and Velvet Taco has some delicious options as well.

• Chinatown has some great bites: Strings Ramen Shop for great ramen; UniUni, Tiger Sugar, JoyYee, and Hello Jasmine for bubble tea; and MingHin Cuisine for a meal!

• Fulton Market is another great neighborhood for foodies to check out, especially Ramen-San’s doughnuts!

Activities

• Try renting a Divvy bike or electric scooter to explore the city! We have rental stations available right here on campus.

• We love chilling at the beaches around Chicago. Ohio Street Beach by Navy Pier and 31st Street Beach by Illinois Tech’s campus are great for watching sunsets!

• If you haven’t before, we recommend going to Navy Pier! There’s great food, boat tours, the ferris wheel, and more.

• See some of our favorite lakefront spots while walking the Lakefront Trail, such as Promontory Point and Northerly Island.

Museums

• Adler Planetarium is always fun! The rest of Museum Campus — located a short walk from the Green Line “L” stop at Roosevelt — is also a good place to check out while you’re there.

• Stony Island Arts Bank is an awesome stop if you’re interested in art, or want to learn more about the South Side of Chicago!

• The Museum of Science and Industry is a fun stop for students interested in STEM and the arts alike.

Ambassador Favorites

“I love visiting cafes in River North. Some great places to visit are Fox Glove Cafe, Blue Bottle Cafe, and Joe and the Juice. If you want to try somewhere outdoors with gelato, you should try Whispers Coffee and Tea House!”

- Pooja, 3rd Year Biomedical Engineering

“The Art Institute of Chicago is definitely worth visiting. Or, during the winter, I enjoy going ice skating at the Maggie Daley Park skating ribbon, which is super close to the Art Institute in Millenium Park.”

- Julia, 2nd Year Architecture

“I like going to Devon Avenue up north of the city. There’s lots of South Asian restaurants, and they have buffets during the weekends. Love it!”

- Abrar, 2nd Year Mechanical Engineering

Thank you for visiting campus!

Have any questions? Please reach out to the Office of Undergraduate Admission at 312.567.3025 or admission@iit.edu.

Trying any of our recs out? We’d love to see it! Let us know by tagging @illinoistechadmission in your Instagram post or stories.