

Elevate College Prep

Daytime Summer Programs



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Dear Student,

On behalf of Illinois Tech's Elevate College Prep team, I'd like to welcome you to your Illinois Tech summer program! Participating in Elevate College Prep is a great way to explore your interest in STEM subjects, to make new friends, and to get a taste of college life on Illinois Tech's campuses.

Elevate College Prep also offers you the chance to see firsthand how **Illinois Tech's one-of-a-kind Elevate initiative** empowers our students with a world-class education that provides guaranteed access to hands-on experiences such as internships, research projects, study away, competitions, and more.

Elevate College Prep is a first step in college readiness, preparing you for a journey that knows no bounds! We are delighted to provide you with experiences that will develop your leadership in a college and career setting.

The summer will be here before you know it, so please use this welcome guide to learn important information about your life as a summer program student. Please review it carefully, and let us know if you have any questions. We are very excited to meet you in a few short weeks!

Best,

Scott Tillman

Associate Director of Pre-College Access
Elevate College Prep
Illinois Tech



Check in



Please plan to arrive at least 20 minutes prior to the start of your program. Our staff will then walk students to their classroom to ensure that students are welcomed and received.

► **Mies Campus Programs:**

Please plan to meet at the Center Court located in The McCormick Tribune Campus Center (3201 South State Street, Chicago, IL 60616).

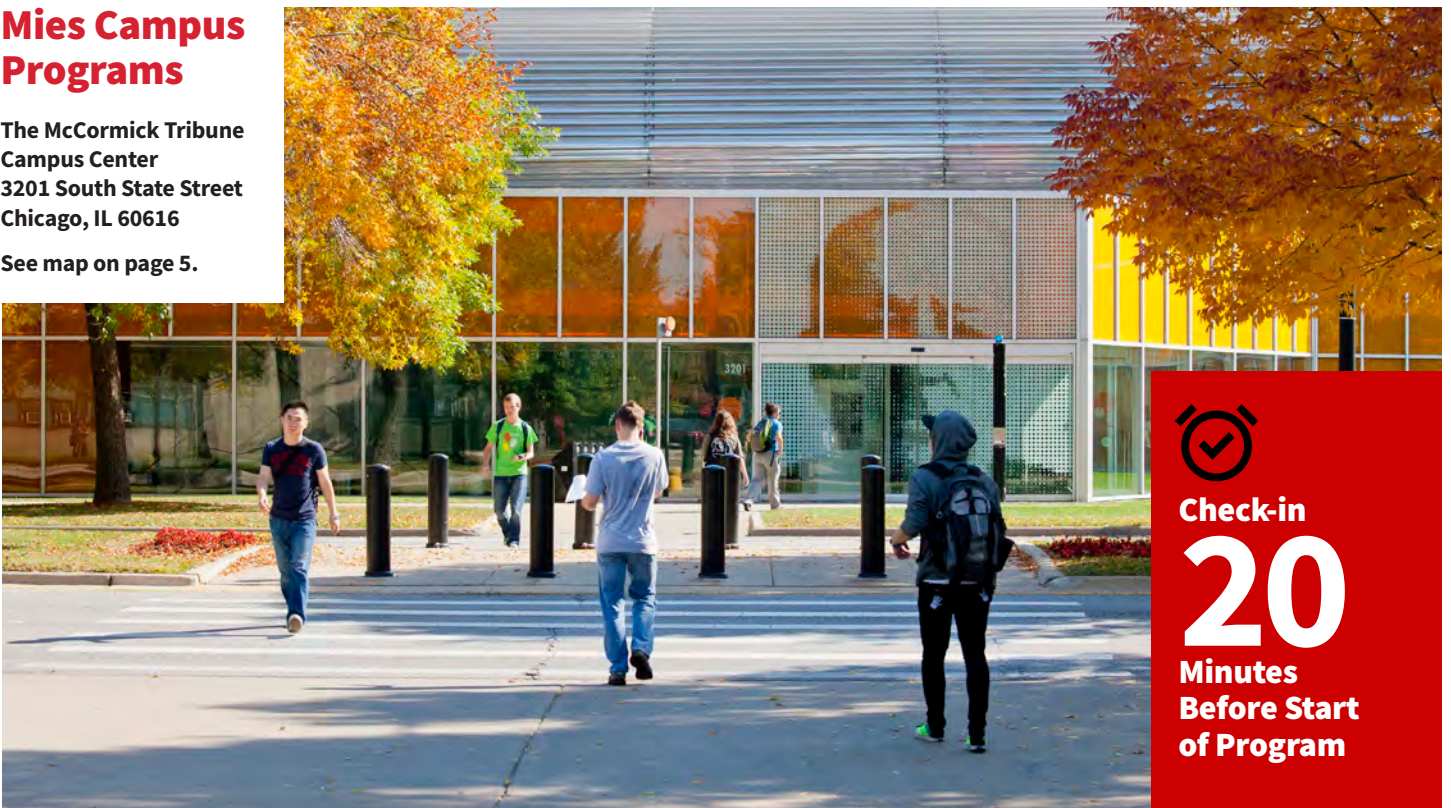
► **Rice Campus Programs:**

Please plan to meet at the lobby near the main entrance (201 East Loop Road, Wheaton, IL 60189).

Mies Campus Programs

The McCormick Tribune
Campus Center
3201 South State Street
Chicago, IL 60616

See map on page 5.



Getting to Campus

It’s easy to get to Illinois Tech’s campuses by drop-off or public transit. View our [directions to campus](#) to plan your route.

» Mies Campus Additional Information: View the campus map.	
Parking and Drop-off: Visitors can drop off students using the parking lots below or check out our parking map: ▶ A4 (31st and State) ▶ A6 (32nd and Wabash) ▶ B4 (3140 South Federal) ▶ B5 (32nd and Federal)	
Public Transportation: Illinois Tech has two Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) “L” stops on and near campus: ■ Green Line (35th-Bronzeville-IIT) ■ Red Line (Sox-35th) CTA bus lines 29, 31, and 35 also make stops at Illinois Tech’s Mies Campus.	 
» Rice Campus Additional Information: Location: Rice Campus is located approximately three miles north of I-88 and approximately four miles west of I-355.	
Parking: Parking is free and abundant at Rice Campus.	

Mies Campus has a Green and Red Line stop on and near campus.



Campus Map

-  Accessible Entrance
-  Accessible Entrance w/ Power Operated Door
-  Elevator/Lift
-  Parking
-  Accessible Parking
-  Single Occupant Bathroom

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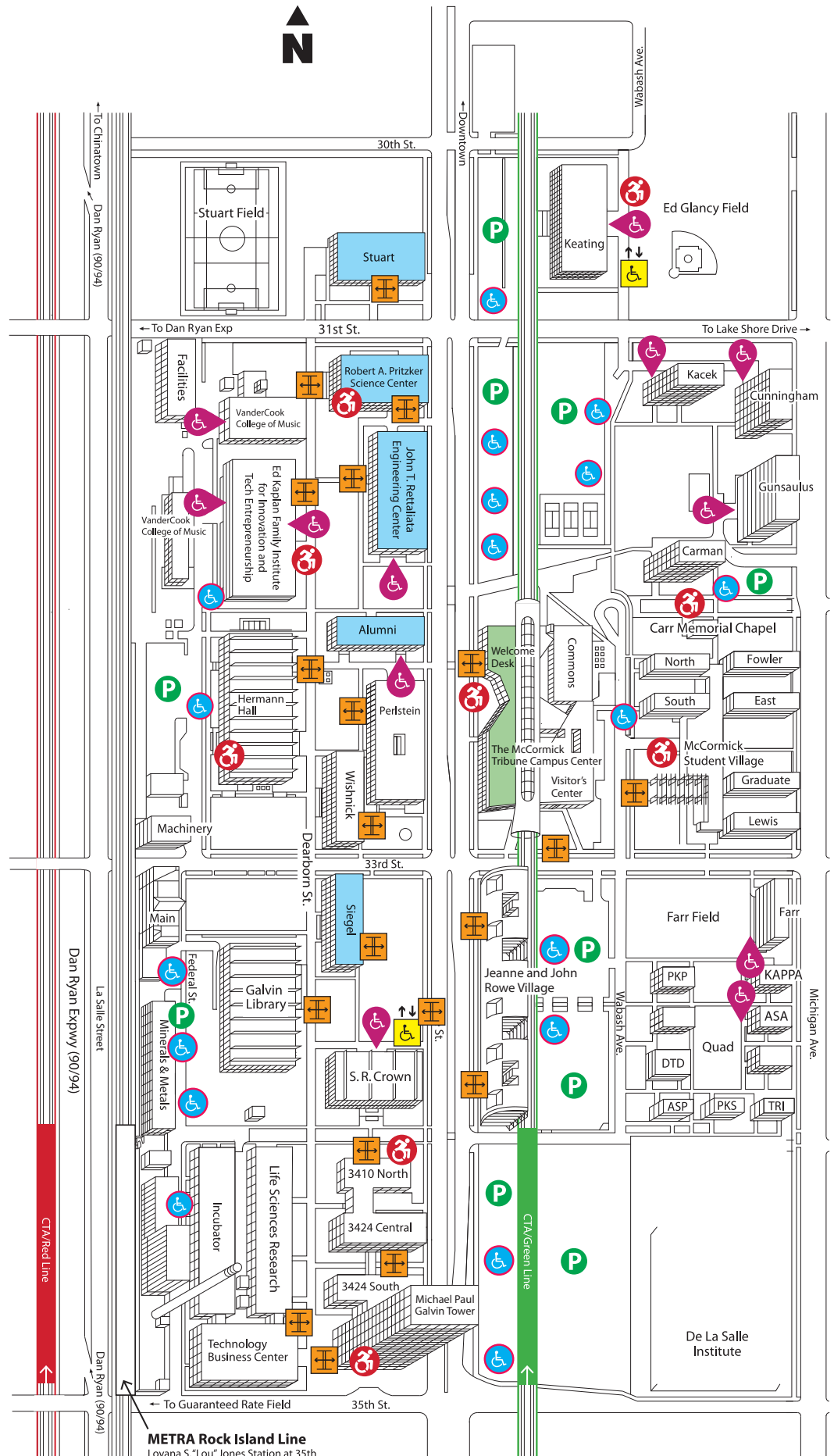
-  Elevate College Prep Check-In
-  Elevate College Prep Buildings and Labs



Illinois Tech Online
Mies Campus Map



go.iit.edu/mies-map



Program Information

Program	Dates	Time	Campus
Young Entrepreneurs Academy (Middle School)	June 15–18 *No programming on June 19, in observation of Juneteenth	9 a.m.–5 p.m.	Mies
RoboCamp (Middle School)	June 22–26	9 a.m.–5 p.m.	Mies
Coding Bootcamp: Introduction to Python	June 22–26	10 a.m.–4 p.m.	Mies
Chemistry Scholars	July 6–31	9 a.m.–5 p.m.	Mies
From Lab to Life: A Chemistry Career Exploration	July 6–17	9 a.m.–3 p.m.	Mies
Decision Leadership and Negotiation	July 6–17	9 a.m.–3 p.m.	Mies
Build Your Own Robot	July 20–24	10 a.m.–3 p.m.	Mies
Code Creators Camp: App Building	July 20–24	9 a.m.–3 p.m.	Rice
Rocket Engineering 101: Design, Build, Launch	July 27–31	10 a.m.–3 p.m.	Mies
Game Design from the Ground Up	July 27–31	10 a.m.–3 p.m.	Mies
Influencing the Digital World: Social Media 101	July 27–31	9 a.m.–3 p.m.	Mies



Meals

Mies Campus: For those participating in programs at Mies Campus, meals will be served in the Center Court located in The McCormick Tribune Campus Center. If you have dietary restrictions, please let us know.

Rice Campus: Since this location does not have a meal area, we will be ordering catering. If you have any dietary restrictions, please let us know.



Community Standards

Illinois Tech summer programs are an excellent opportunity to engage in academically rigorous activities, experience independence on a world-class university campus, and make friendships that last a lifetime!

Like Illinois Tech undergraduate students, summer programs students are held to high behavioral standards to ensure the health and safety of the community.

Medication

Students are expected to store and administer their own prescription and non-prescription medications over the course of their Illinois Tech summer program. Summer program staff are not permitted to administer medications, and they may not provide any medications aside from those explicitly defined on the Authorization, Consent, and Release for Certain Over-the-Counter Medications and Treatment form.

Attendance

Elevate College Prep participants are expected to attend the entirety of their designated summer program. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis by summer program staff and instructors; this is contingent upon written approval that is sent from a parent/guardian to precollege@illinoistech.edu at least two business days in advance of the absence. In the case of emergencies, the approval process will be expedited.

Conflict

Minor conflicts and disagreements with fellow students are a normal part of participating in summer programs and gaining independence. Students should attempt to discuss and resolve their disagreements between themselves. If they are unable to reach a successful resolution, students are encouraged to seek the assistance of STEM learning interns or professional staff, all of whom are trained to mediate conflicts.

Community Standards:

Mutual Respect

Together, Elevate College Prep students create and uphold a mature, welcoming, and safe community. Participating students acknowledge the value that diversity adds to their educational experience, and they are compassionate and open-minded to fellow students, instructors, summer program staff, and the Illinois Tech community. Illinois Tech terms this good will toward our fellow humans **mutual respect**.

Students determined to behave in a way that is not mutually respectful will be disciplined at the discretion of Elevate College Prep staff. This may include, but is not limited to, warnings, notifying parents/guardians of indiscretions, and/or dismissal from their summer program at the student's expense.



Health and Safety

The health and safety of the Illinois Tech community, including Elevate College Prep participants, is of the utmost importance.

Participating students are chaperoned at a 10:1 ratio for all in-person summer programs.

In the **case of medical emergencies**, summer program students will be transported to:

Insight Hospital and Medical Center
2525 Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616



Public Safety

Please refer to Illinois Tech's **Public Safety** website for additional information regarding campus safety policies and procedures. We encourage all summer program attendees to store Public Safety's emergency number on their personal phones and sign up for **campus alerts**:

- ▶ **Mies Campus: 312.808.6363**
- ▶ **Non-Emergency: 312.808.6300**



Summer program participants will be supervised by trained Illinois Tech professional staff, faculty, or STEM learning interns during the course of their programs.

Staff on Duty

During summer programs, an on-duty phone number will be accessible to students and parents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The number will be provided closer to check-in via email and shared at orientation with both parents and students. A summer program staff member on duty will respond to all calls.



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