



WHY CHOOSE TO STUDY IN OUR CHICAGO SCHOOL?

5 reasons to study here

- Located on the Magnificent Mile, a famous shopping district in downtown Chicago
- Situated just a short walk from the parks that line Lake Michigan
- Surrounded by a variety of entertainment, from dining options and museums to sporting events
- Easy access to Millennium Park and the Art Institute of Chicago

Location and contact information

ADDRESS:	444 N Michigan Ave Mezzanine Level, Chicago, IL 60611
PHONE:	+1 (312)-962-2460
FAX:	N/A
EMERGENCY CONTACT:	+1 (877)-404-9976
AT THIS ADDRESS SINCE:	2014
PROVIDING ENGLISH COURSES SINCE:	2006



School information

SCHOOL DIRECTOR:	Anthony Osborne
TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS:	11-15
LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY STAFF:	Spanish
TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS:	All teachers have a level of education normally represented by a degree and they also have a CELTA or equivalent qualification. Some also hold the higher level DELTA qualification, PGCE, or MA in applied linguistics

Accreditations and memberships



Is this school an exam center?

No, it is not an exam center.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

NUMBER OF BUILDINGS:	1
NUMBER OF FLOORS:	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSROOMS:	15
SCHOOL FACILITIES:	Elevator, air conditioning, heating, Wi-Fi, computer lab/ multimedia center, library, vending machine, prayer room, student lounge/ common room, wheelchair accessible
WHEELCHAIR / DISABLED ACCESS:	Yes
EXTRA COST OF FACILITIES:	No
OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED:	Accommodation, Airport transfer, University Placement Service, Medical Insurance
EXTRA COST OF OTHER SERVICES:	See our price list
NUMBER OF COMPUTERS AVAILABLE:	15
LEVELS OF ENGLISH OFFERED:	All levels
FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL:	Orientation starts every Monday at 10:30 central time. This includes registration, a placement test, and informative sessions about the school and city. Students will be able to enjoy the city in the early afternoon. Classes start on Tuesdays. On their first day, students are expected to bring their passport, visa, I-20, and proof of medical insurance (if they have no insurance, it can be purchased at the school).



SAMPLE CLASS TIMETABLE

Morning

CLASS:	08:30 - 10:00
BREAK:	10:00 - 10:15
CLASS:	10:15 - 11:45

Afternoon

CLASS:	12:45 - 14:00
BREAK:	14:00 - 14:15
CLASS:	14:15 - 16:00

SAMPLE SPECIFIC SKILLS CLASS TIMETABLE

Morning class (Monday to Thursday)

10:45 - 12:15

Afternoon class (Monday to Thursday)

12:30 - 14:00

SCHOOL MATERIALS

MATERIALS PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS:

K+ Course Books, K+ Learning Clubs, K+ Online, K+ Online Extra, Interactive smartboards

IS THERE A BOOK DEPOSIT?

No

IS THERE A MATERIALS FEE?

No



Courses and students

COURSES PROVIDED AT THIS SCHOOL:

General English, Semi-Intensive English, Intensive English, Academic Year, Academic Semester, TOEFL IBT & Academic English Exam Preparation

SPECIAL / EXTRA COURSES PROVIDED:

AVERAGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER CLASS: 11-15

MINIMUM AGE OF STUDENTS: 16

AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENTS: 22-25

STUDENTS PER AGE GROUP: 18-21: 15% / 22-25: 50% / 26-30: 15% / Over 30: 20%

TOP 10 STUDENT NATIONALITIES: Saudi Arabia, Korea, Brazil, Turkey, Venezuela, Japan, Colombia, France, Germany, China

School location and transport

	By foot	By bike	By bus	By subway/train
Time to the nearest café / restaurant:	On-site	On-site	On-site	On-site
Time to the nearest supermarket:	5 minutes	2 minutes	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest post office:	5 minutes	2 minutes	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest ATM / bank:	1 minute	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest sports center:	45 minutes	15 minutes	30 minutes	15 minutes
Time to the nearest hospital:	15 minutes	5 minutes	10 minutes	N/A
Time to the city center:	1 minute	N/A	N/A	N/A



AIRPORT TRANSPORT

CLOSEST AIRPORT: O'Hare International Airport

	Line or Number	Cost	Duration
Airport to city center by bus:	N/A	N/A	N/A
Airport to city center by train:	Blue Line	\$3	50 minutes
International train station to city center:	N/A	N/A	N/A

ABOUT CHICAGO

NAME OF LOCATION:	Chicago
FAMOUS LANDMARKS:	Magnificent Mile, Millennium Park and The Bean, Lake Michigan, Art Institute of Chicago, the Field Museum, Lincoln Park Zoo, and the Shedd Aquarium
CUISINES WITHIN A 20-MINUTE WALK:	Chicago style deep dish pizza, Chinese, French, Indian, Italian, Japanese, Mexican, Middle Eastern, Spanish, Thai, Vegetarian,
TRANSPORT WITHIN A 10-MINUTE WALK:	Train, buses
TOP 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE THIS CITY:	Full of historic and contemporary architecture, home to an exciting sports culture, one of the best cities for cutting-edge cuisine and a thriving jazz scene, enjoys the diversity of all four seasons
WHAT MAKES THIS CITY UNIQUE?	Chicago has all the action and excitement of a big city, but it also offers a uniquely friendly and relaxed atmosphere.
ALTERNATIVE THINGS TO DO:	Bike along the lakefront trails on Lake Michigan, Kayak down the Chicago River, Indulge in a variety of food tours
CITY PERSONALITY:	Active, architecture, artistic, big city, charming, coffee haven, cosmopolitan, entertainment capital, foodie scene, friendly, iconic landmarks, museums, picturesque, vibrant

Examples of nearby cities to visit

MILWAUKEE	Travel time: 2.25 hours, price of return ticket: \$50
MINNEAPOLIS	Travel time: 1 hour flight

Regular social activities

INTERNATIONAL DAY	Free
SPORTS GAME	\$10–40
HOLIDAY PARTY	\$20
ARCHITECTURAL BOAT TOUR	\$20
ICE SKATING	\$10
BEACH VOLLEYBALL ON LAKE MICHIGAN	Free

Typical 2-week social schedule

Days	First week	Second week
MON	Welcome new students	Museum visit
TUE	Architecture tour	Game night
WED	Bike ride	Beach volleyball
THU	Visit Millenium Park	Deep dish pizza tasting
FRI	Graduation party	Graduation party
SAT	Boat cruise	Tour of Wrigley Field

Number of Social activities per week: 1

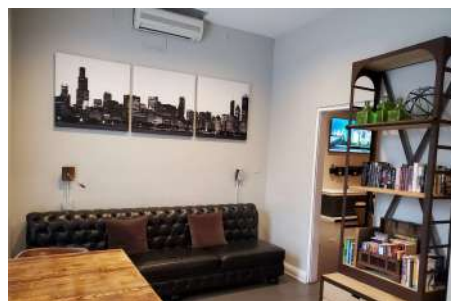
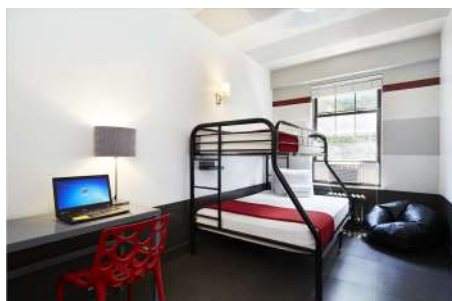


LIVING COST (SAMPLE PRICES FOR ITEMS IN THIS CITY)

- Bottle of water: \$1–2
- Meal out for two: \$40
- Local bus ticket: \$2.25
- Cinema ticket: \$11
- Coffee: \$2–3
- Takeaway pizza: \$12
- Local train ticket: \$2.50
- Can of coke: \$1
- Sandwich: \$8
- Bike rental: \$20

ACCOMMODATION IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO STUDENT HOSTEL - GETAWAY

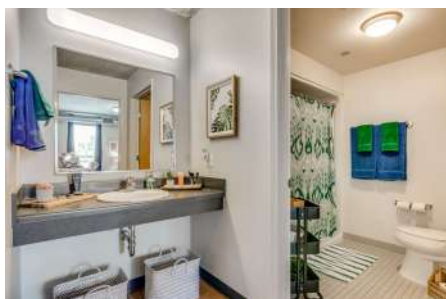


ADDRESS:	616 W. Arlington Place Chicago, IL 60614
WEBSITE:	
ACCOMMODATION TYPE:	Hostel, single room(s), twin room(s), shared bathrooms
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Laundry (extra charge), Wi-Fi, phone (extra charge), linen and towels (free)
EXTRA COST OF SERVICES:	
BEDROOM:	Bed, closet, desk
KITCHEN:	Shared kitchen
FACILITIES:	Coin-operated laundry facilities, lounge with television and games, outside patio, free breakfast is served daily in their cafeteria from 7am – 9:30am.
EXTRA COST OF FACILITIES:	
FAMOUS LANDMARKS NEARBY:	Lincoln Park, Lincoln Park Zoo, Lake Michigan, Wrigley Field
VISITORS OR GUESTS ALLOWED?	Yes
NOISE RESTRICTIONS?	Yes
SMOKING ALLOWED IN THE RESIDENCE?	No
24-HOUR SECURITY?	Yes
ROOMS CLEANED EVERY:	Cleaned on arrival
LINEN CHANGED EVERY:	Linen provided on arrival
AVAILABILITY:	Year-round
MINIMUM NUMBER OF WEEKS?	4 weeks
CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES	Check-in: Saturday 4:00 pm-10:00pm / Check-out: Saturday 10:00am
ROOM DEPOSIT?	A credit/debit card may be required upon check-in at hostel to cover incidentals

	By foot	By bike	By bus	By subway/train
Time to the school:	60 minutes	15 minutes	30 minutes	25 minutes
Time to the nearest café / restaurant:	3 minutes	1 minute	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest supermarket:	10 minutes	5 minutes	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest post office:	5 minutes	3 minutes	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest ATM / bank:	3 minutes	2 minutes	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest sports center:	30 minutes	15 minutes	20 minutes	15 minutes
Time to the nearest hospital:	10 minutes	5 minutes	10 minutes	N/A
Time to the city center:	60 minutes	15 minutes	30 minutes	25 minutes
Time to the main airport:	N/A	N/A	N/A	45 minutes

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THE FLATS STUDENT RESIDENCE



ADDRESS:	829 S. Wabash Street Chicago, IL 60605
WEBSITE:	www.theflatsstudenthousing.com
ACCOMMODATION TYPE:	3-bedroom apartment, single room(s), twin room, 2 shared bathrooms in the apartment each with shower; private kitchen for the apartment, lounge/common area for the apartment, communal lounge/common area for the floor, study area for the floor, TV in the common area on floor
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Laundry machines available, Wi-Fi, linen and towels
EXTRA COST OF SERVICES:	Free
BEDROOM:	Wardrobe/closet, desk, chair
KITCHEN:	Pots & pans, utensils, cutlery & crockery, microwave, oven, stovetop, coffee maker, fridge, freezer
FACILITIES:	Gym, full indoor basketball court, yoga studio, computer lab
EXTRA COST OF FACILITIES:	No; all amenities are included
FAMOUS LANDMARKS NEARBY:	Buckingham Fountain, Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Art Institute of Chicago, Buddy Guy's Legends (famous Chicago blues club), Lou Malnati's (famous Chicago deep dish pizza), Lake Michigan and the lakeshore path, Grant Park, Millennium Park
VISITORS OR GUESTS ALLOWED?	Yes
NOISE RESTRICTIONS?	No
SMOKING ALLOWED IN THE RESIDENCE?	No
24-HOUR SECURITY?	Yes
ROOMS CLEANED EVERY:	Cleaned on arrival
LINEN CHANGED EVERY:	Students responsible for linen cleaning
AVAILABILITY:	Year-round
MINIMUM NUMBER OF WEEKS?	No minimum
CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES	Check-in: Saturday 3:00pm - 10:00pm / Check-out: Saturday 10:00am
ROOM DEPOSIT?	No

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Time to the school:	35 minutes	10 minutes	35 minutes	20 minutes
Time to the nearest café / restaurant:	3 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest supermarket:	5 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest post office:	15 minutes	3 minutes	10 minutes	N/A
Time to the nearest ATM / bank:	5 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest sports center:	On-site	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest hospital:	50 minutes	25 minutes	40 minutes	30 minutes
Time to the city center:	35 minutes	10 minutes	35 minutes	20 minutes
Time to the main airport:	N/A	N/A	N/A	45 minutes

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HOST FAMILY INFORMATION



THINGS STUDENTS NEED TO BRING:

SERVICES INCLUDED:

EXTRA COST OF SERVICES:

MEALS PROVIDED:

Personal items to make their room feel like home, prescription medication

Bed linen, towels, laundry once a week (free of charge) – our homes have laundry but most students will be expected to take care of their laundry themselves

No

Yes (depends on booking type)

- **BREAKFAST:** Breakfast is usually a light meal consisting of cereal, fruit, toast, juice, or coffee. Hosts will usually ask you to prepare your own breakfast.
- **LUNCH:** You will be responsible for buying your own lunch at school, from a local restaurant, or the local shops.
- **DINNER:** You will usually eat dinner with your host, or occasionally you may prepare your own meal with food supplied by your host.

WILL THE HOMESTAY ARRANGE TO PICK UP THE STUDENT FROM THE AIRPORT?

TRANSPORT TO SCHOOL:

WHERE ARE THE HOST FAMILIES LOCATED?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

No

Your host will help you plan your way to and from school on your first day and explain how to use public transport.

Chicago & suburban areas

Homestays are 45–60 minutes of commute time to the school.