

WELCOME

Your next steps as an **iit** undergraduate International Student

Aloha mai Swaagatam Suswaagatam Nej tuaj los Nej tuaj los Hats'i Hoan ging di lai kao Keuwawata Isten hozta Velkomin Ilomunities Atsua marang Selamat datang Waachiyaa Emukela Byú'u Gashlee Maiem Cat oc lok paja Welkom Keblar Fesapshi Ahup yan Mayad-ayad nga pag-abot Willkommen Kirzeer Salam Merhaba Marhaban Ahlan wa sahlan Kirzeer Ha'ándáh Mireserdhet Biemplegaus Pari yegak Barev hyer Ghini vinishi Werte marda Akwaaba Afayaivos Karibu Abala, lite utchole Om swastyastu Khush amdeed Yang shok Kanani n'oumagner Mauri Kaze Karibu Koram pyrny Vidza koram Yo Yeya Hwangyong-hamnida Oso oseyo Ng jabre Benuni Bëgnudüs Bienvenida A-kk'aw la Esiet sveicinati Laipni ludzam Temike Boyei bolamu Oyei oi Benvenuto Sveiki Volgid terintöt Terinch tulumözt Bienvenios Tubasanyukidde Tubasanyukidde Wëllkomm Dobre doshle Dobre dojdovte Hooy Tonga soa Selamat datang Swagatam Merhba Mápá tzúla Gyaari Huan yin Huan ying Bisimallah Maeva Haere mai Poryn vashliyna Enaa neenyo Ba ngung Ya ngung Ongi etorriak Untsa jin Qaimarutin Tikilluarit Tikilluaritsi Fäilte Benvenuto Benvenuti Yokoso Oideru Oideyasu Sugeng rawuh Beinv'nu Yaw Ingileni Shagatom Magandang umaga po Welkam Dobro dosli Degemer mat Namwikhoyele Dobre doshal Mingalaba Foon ying Witôjtaz Benvinguts Hafa adai Märsha dooghiil N''éstséhnêstse Tikulandirani Lówání Titambirei Ant chukoa Ochen macu' Ráán ánnim Yra sunsa ketetper Karibu Dynnargh dhis Wachiya Benvindo Dobro došli Srdechne vitam Hau koda Yokwe yok Á seneo Posoh Maiem Aya aya Che hun tah mo A'hneiv zipv meih Wezon Salamaik datang Bien ati veni Benvegnüu Tavtai moril Sain irsenee Kenyardtano eizenk Allo qui maniere Yah oohkááh Kuq xeq Siyaalemukela Tyuda' Swagatam Lasa-kusa 'Á-cim Dé téá Fakaalofa lahi atu Nsai Nayak La'uk nya Velkommen Tkoenok tem Selamat datai Sinda Bienvenidos Silamo Wilujeng Sumping Välkommen Mabuhay Maeva Rahmat Enna vishayam Hush kildegez Suswaagatam Chin'an gu hin yu Yin dee Sewa Chaaphe nang Enqai dehan mesakum Yak'ei haat yigoodee Mipela welkam yupela Malo e lava mai Balle Hos geldiniz Mensooree Bitamo Khush amaadiid Hosh keldingiz Hush kelibsiz Benvingut Tervhen tulda Chào mung Wilicom Croeso Salam alaikum Siya namkela nonke Zayt vilkum Go rali marrtji O kaabo Tistik Hulel Jingiwalli wahu Ukwemukela Gashlee Quyanaaghalek tagilusi Quyana tailuten Us-salaam alaikum Djirri-nyurra Kasanangan do kinorikatan Van harte welkom Nginda wundyjantung Tashi delek Kwareganigure Welcome Bonvenon I-yu-i-yu Tere tulemast Weizo Ye oso mvoé Akwäba Vælkomin Khosh aamadid Bula vinaka Tervetuloa Doo nù mi Kuabo Bienvenue Kushe Kahbo Kwahaup Nuegambi uese be noniki Hun bi xer hatin Velkomen Aasantu Myu Alii Witaj Bem-vindo Sushri akal Ji ayan nun Ji aian nu Chetorochak Gila kasla Owe uya po Omwe uya po Byenvini Wäljkiimen Wilkemen Benvignüt Benrivät A jaraama Lale Toolii Heni odjen Benvidos Mobrdrzandeeet Willkommen Willkumm Welkumme Zhoyo Kalos orisate Kali' i'rtato Sansofé Tapeguahepora Swaagat Ao padharo Anangan do kinoikatan Kopivosian Sew ngapa Irkht erganavidn She:kon Okan yul Banni luid Maligayang pagdatang Choš kiel'di Tulguah terveh Terveh tulgua De N lei De zaanem Na marni Khosh keldiniz Khosh keldinizder Sa sa' inch'ool wankat arin Aalzhy polyngar Soh m swaakohm Svaakeatang Kumpriapsua Mbote na nge Ukenereri Ukaribithio Ni mwamukirwo Wiza kyambote Urakaza Ketachok Kosh kelenizder Shamupai Alli shamushca capay lorana Oté Bun venit Bures boachtin Buerie biejjie Puä'ö tiörvân Pyerestorättin Melu mai Ndini nanga Bene bennios Marhaba Fäilte Fair faa ye Amogel Leb da booyanyu Ta' woganga ka pula Hue ying Phep nang dong Lasse In buis Karibu Benvinutu Mulumeni Khush amdeed Piliganimu Ayubowan Sondzela Vitajte Dobrodošli Soo dhawoow Witany Witajce k nam

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welcome from The International Center

Welcome. Our office, *The International Center*, will assist you once you arrive in the United States (U.S.). Among our many services are immigration advising, assistance with cultural adjustment, orientation, and many educational and social programs throughout the year. The purpose of this booklet is to help facilitate your smooth and safe entry into the United States and your arrival to IIT. Good luck, and we are looking forward to your arrival at IIT this August!

Sincerely,

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all about VISAS

APPLYING FOR A VISA

If you are in the process of obtaining your **F-1** or **J-1** visa, the following websites may be of help to you as you prepare for your visit to the U.S. Embassy/Consulate:

www.nafsa.org

Once you are at this website, please take the following steps:

1. Click on the **Knowledge Community Networks & Resources** link on the left-hand side.
2. Click on the **International Student and Scholar Services** link located under *Knowledge Communities*.
3. Click on the first major link titled **International Student Advising Network**.
4. Click on the **Practice Resources** link on the right-hand side.
5. Click on the **10 Points to Remember When Applying for a Nonimmigrant Visa** link on the right-hand side.

For more information you can visit:

www.unitedstatesvisas.gov

SEVIS FEE OF \$100

As of September 1, 2004, first-time applicants for the F-1/J-1 visa are required to pay a \$100 SEVIS fee to the U.S. Government in advance of their visa application.

Please be aware that this SEVIS fee is a **separate** fee from the visa fee. To find out more about the SEVIS fee and how to pay this fee, please refer to the following website:

www.fmjfee.com

Note: Illinois Institute of Technology would like to help alleviate the financial burden of these government fees. During your second term of enrollment at IIT, we will provide new degree-seeking students with a tuition credit of \$100 if you can show us a copy of your SEVIS fee receipt. More information about this tuition credit will be given to you after you enroll at IIT.

all about VISAS

I-20/DS-2019

Forms I-20 (for F-1 students) and DS-2019 (for J-1 students) are documents issued by the school to the student upon admission to the university. The I-20/DS-2019 that you have obtained from IIT is *required* when you apply for an F-1 or a J-1 visa.

At this time, the *admission number field* on *Page 1* and the *travel signature field* on *Page 3* of your I-20 will be blank, as it is not needed for your first entry to the U.S. Also, please note that *middle name* is *not* a required field for an I-20; therefore, your middle name may not appear on your I-20 even if you have one.

For those of you who have not yet received an I-20

The Office of Undergraduate Admission will mail it to you shortly. If you have any questions regarding your I-20, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission directly. Below is the contact information for the Office of Undergraduate Admission International Counselors and staff:

Carolyn Schoen

Assistant Director, International Admission
312.567.6940
schoen@iit.edu

Christy Drescher and Faye Bulaclac

International Admission Counselors
312.567.3975 (Christy), 312.567.5772 (Faye)
drescher@iit.edu, bulaclac@iit.edu

Kelly Taylor

International Admission Assistant
312.567.6938
taylor@iit.edu

You can reach all counselors through mail and fax at:

Office of Undergraduate Admission
10 West 33rd Street
Perlstein Hall 101
Chicago, IL 60616
Fax: 312.567.6939

DEFERRALS

If you have been issued either a SEVIS I-20 or DS-2019 form by IIT and you are unable to attend for the specified semester/quarter to which you were admitted, please contact your admission counselor (see above) in the Office of Undergraduate Admission.

ARRIVAL INTO THE U.S.

If you are currently *outside* the United States, upon your arrival to the U.S., you will go through a U.S. immigration inspection at the airport. Please be sure to have:

- Your passport (containing your valid U.S. student visa)
- IIT admission letter
- SEVIS fee payment receipt (if you paid the SEVIS fee), and
- I-20/DS-2019


We also recommend that you carry proof of your finances as indicated on your I-20/DS-2019. At your inspection, you will receive a I-94 that you will need when you arrive at IIT.

For more information about what to expect at the U.S. Port of Entry, please consult the following website:

www.ice.gov/sevis/faq.htm

Once you are at this website, please take the following steps:

1. Scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on the **Fact Sheets** link.
2. Click on the fact sheet link dated **10/1/04: Arriving at a U.S. Port of Entry ... What a Student Can Expect.**



**Please note that all new international (including Canadian) students are not permitted to enter the U.S. earlier than 30 days prior to the program start date listed on your I-20/DS-2019.*

getting to iit

from O'Hare International Airport

There are several ways to get to IIT from Chicago's O'Hare and Midway International Airports:

MEET AND GREET PROGRAM

Airport Meet and Greet Program:

Current IIT students will meet you at O'Hare Airport and bring you to IIT's Main Campus. Transportation will be provided and there is no cost to participate in this program.

This program allows you to sign up and have IIT pick you up at O'Hare International Airport.

Dates: August 11 - August 18, 2008

Where: O'Hare International Airport
(International Terminal 5)

Shuttle Bus Times: 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm daily
(Monday - Monday)

There will be an IIT Student Greeter inside *Terminal 5* to welcome you and answer any questions about IIT. You will receive a Welcome Packet provided by the International Center.

How to sign up:

If you would like to participate in this program, please complete and submit the Airport Meet and Greet Registration Form, available at

www.ic.iit.edu

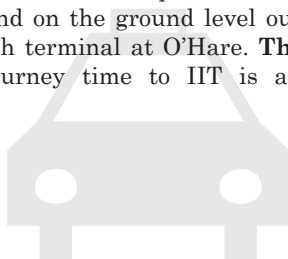
This form must be completed at least **ONE WEEK PRIOR** to your arrival date in Chicago. This form will be available starting June 9, 2008.

***Please note that it may take up to 2 hours to go through customs and baggage claim; please plan accordingly for the appropriate shuttle bus time.*

***Please also note that if you arrive in a different terminal, you will need to take the O'Hare tram to Terminal 5 to meet up with IIT students and take the shuttle bus to IIT.*

TAXI

The easiest form of transportation is a taxicab, which can be found on the ground level outside the arrival area of each terminal at O'Hare. **The cost is about \$40.00.** Journey time to IIT is approximately 45 minutes.



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from O'Hare and Midway International Airports

OMEGA AIRPORT SHUTTLE

“Omega Airport Shuttle” provides transportation between O’Hare or Midway Airport and Chicago’s South Side, including IIT. You *must* make a reservation *at least* 24 hours in advance as there is no automatic schedule between these two locations. For more information regarding boarding locations, shuttle schedule or fares, please call the Omega Airport Shuttle at 773.483.6634 or visit their website at

www.omegashuttle.com

Coming from O’Hare Airport

Where: O’Hare Airport, Terminal #1, Door 1G

Shuttle Bus Times: 6:30am to 11:30pm (departs every 30 minutes)

Cost: \$31 per person, payable to the driver

Coming from Midway Airport

Where: Midway Airport, Ground Level, Door 3.

Shuttle Bus Times: Must make a reservation

Cost: \$18 per person, payable to the driver

To make a reservation for Midway International Airport, visit:

www.omegashuttle.com/contact_us.htm

or

call 773. 483.6634 Ext. 15

NOTE: The Midway shuttle bus stops at the corner of 31st and State Streets, just two blocks northwest of the IIT Housing office. The O’Hare shuttle bus stops at the corner of 33rd and State Streets, just one block west of the IIT Housing office. Please inform the bus driver where you would like to be dropped off ahead of time.

CTA - PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The current train fare for one ride is \$2.00.

Coming from O’Hare International Airport

The CTA trains are located at **Terminal 2**. *If you arrive at another terminal, you will need to take the terminal trains to get to Terminal 2.*

Take the **Blue Line** to the **Jackson** stop and change to the **Red Line** towards 95th/Dan Ryan. **The IIT stop will be at Sox/35th Street.** You will exit the train station north towards 33rd Street. Your journey should last approximately 1.5 hours.

Coming from Midway International Airport

Take the **Orange Line** towards the Loop/Downtown to the **Roosevelt** stop. Change to a southbound **Green Line** train (direction Ashland/63rd or Cottage Grove/E. 63rd). The IIT stop will be at **35th/Bronzeville/IIT**. This stop is located 1 block south of the IIT residential campus.

For more information, go to:

www.transitchicago.com

check-in at iit

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHECK-IN

All international students must report to the International Center **within** two business days **upon arrival** in Chicago. The International Center is located at:

3300 South Federal Street
Main Building, Room 405
Chicago, IL 60616
Phone: 312.567.3680
Fax: 312.567.3687
icenter@iit.edu
www.ic.iit.edu

Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Friday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Please bring:

- Your I-20/DS-2019 form
- I-94 card (*you will receive this at port of entry*), and
- Passport with you to be processed by the center

The check-in allows us to remove a special hold from your records.

To contact us via e-mail please write to:

icenter@iit.edu



orientation at iit

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

International orientation for new students will be held on the following dates:

New Undergraduate International Student Early Arrival
Tuesday and Wednesday, August 12 – August 13, 2008

New Undergraduate International Students Orientation
Thursday and Friday, August 14 – August 15, 2008

Undergraduate Student Welcome Week
Sunday to Wednesday, August 17 – August 20, 2008

Please direct questions to:

Office of Student Activities & Orientation.

Phone: 312-567-3720

orientation@iit.edu

Note: All new international students, except students attending Stuart School of Business, Institute of Design and Kent College of Law, will be charged for the orientation fee—\$110 for all undergraduate students and \$50 for all full-time graduate students. The orientation fee will appear on the first tuition bill. Please note that the orientation fee is non-refundable.

CAMPUS MAP

To find your way around campus, you might want to look over the campus map. Main Campus' map can be found at:

admission.iit.edu/pdfs/IITcampusMap.pdf



housing at iit

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

For general on-campus housing information including housing rates and applications, please consult the Housing Office website:

housing.iit.edu

Fall Arrivals

If you have a Fall Housing Contract at IIT, the residence halls open on Tuesday, August 12, 2008.

If you have questions about check-in, room assignments, or housing in general, please contact the Housing Office directly:

McCormick Student Village
3241 South Wabash #110
Chicago, IL 60616
Phone: 312.567.5075
Fax: 312.567.5926
housing@iit.edu

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

For information about off-campus housing go to:

www.ic.iit.edu/forms/off_campus_housing.pdf

OR

www.bridgeportnews.net



TEMPORARY HOUSING

1. On-campus Temporary Housing

If you plan to arrive earlier than the opening of the residence halls, temporary housing on campus may be available. However, you may only do this if you have a room assignment AND you must notify Housing Office.

2. Hostelling International Chicago

If you plan to arrive earlier than the opening of the residence halls or prior to the start of your apartment lease, temporary housing may be available at Hostelling International Chicago. The *maximum* permitted stay is two weeks. The hostel is conveniently located about three miles from IIT's Main Campus and is easily accessible by public transportation.

For hostel reservations and other information go to their website at:

www.hichicago.org

Reservations are preferred.

For more information on public transportation, go to:

www.transitchicago.com

3. Local Hotels

There are also a number of local hotels that provide discounted rates to IIT students. Please see the Hotel List at:

www.ic.iit.edu/forms/hotel_rates.pdf



facts and figures

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition and fees for each semester are due **by** the first day of classes and can be paid as soon as you have registered for classes. Please make payments at the Cashier's Office located at:

3300 South Federal Street
Main Building, Room 104
Chicago, IL 60616

TRANSFER PROCEDURES

If you are coming to IIT directly from another school, university, or college in the United States, please visit our website for more information on the transfer procedures:

www.ic.iit.edu

Once you are at this site, please take the following steps:

1. Click the **New Students** link on the left-hand side.
2. Click the **Pre-Arrival** link underneath *New Students* on the left-hand side.
3. Click the **Transferring to IIT** link in the center panel of the screen.

This site will explain everything from eligibility to the procedure for transferring to IIT.

Upon your **arrival** in Chicago, you must report to the International Center **within** two business days to complete the transfer of your F-1 status to IIT. Please remember to bring your passport and **all** previous I-20s to the International Center for check-in.

AP, IB, AND TRANSFER CREDITS

If you have questions concerning AP, IB, A Levels, or transfer credits, please contact Gregory Welter in the Office of Educational Services at:

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facts and figures

LIFE IN CHICAGO

To learn more about Chicago and what it's like to live in Chicago, please visit the following websites:

www.ic.iit.edu

Once you get to this website, click on the **Resources** link on the left-hand side.

City of Chicago website:

egov.cityofchicago.org

HELPFUL LINKS

International Center

www.ic.iit.edu

Student Handbook:

iit.edu/~osa/Handbook

Registered Student Organizations at IIT:

www.iit.edu/~stuact/a-list.htm

International Students' Organization at IIT:

www.iit.edu/~iso/

Undergraduate Admission:

admission.iit.edu

Admission Blog:

www.inventingthefuture.iit.edu



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To advance knowledge through research and scholarship, to cultivate invention improving the human condition, and to educate students from throughout the world for a life of professional achievement, service to society, and individual fulfillment.

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