



**Chicago-Kent College of Law  
Illinois Institute of Technology**

Information Sheet Student Exchange 2011/12

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## **About Chicago-Kent College of Law, IIT**

Chicago-Kent College of Law has a long history marked by diversity, innovation, and excellence. It is consistently regarded among Chicago's top three law schools, with a faculty ranked among the nation's top 35 based on scholarly impact.

Founded in 1888, the law school was named after New York Chancellor James Kent, one of the most eminent jurists of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Chicago-Kent is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools and the Order of the Coif. Located in one of the nation's leading legal markets, the law school is within walking distance of one of the world's largest integrated court systems and a full range of city, county, state and federal agencies as well as Chicago's famous financial center. Chicago-Kent is housed in a modern, 280,000-square-foot building with a five-story library, state-of-the-art courtroom, a bookstore and an inviting cafeteria. The building features an extensive computer network with widespread wireless access and comprehensive online student services.

## **Courses Offerings**

International students from approved partner schools are permitted to take a variety of courses in both the day and evening divisions.

Each semester a new course catalog for international students is available here:  
<http://www.kentlaw.edu/international/llm/newstudents/exchangestudents.html>

## **Language of Instruction**

All courses are conducted in English and home universities must certify an international exchange student's language proficiency. It is the policy of Chicago-Kent College of Law to provide limited accommodation for non-U.S. law students who are studying in English for the first time. The accommodation consists of extra time for exams and the use of paper English or other language dictionaries in all exams. More information on policy specifics can be found here: <http://www.kentlaw.edu/international/llm/newstudents/LLMPoliciesandProcedures.pdf>

## **Academic Calendar 2011-2012**

Fall Semester: Monday, August 22, 2011 – Saturday December 17, 2011

Spring Semester: Tuesday, January 17, 2011 – Friday, May 11, 2011

## **Grading**

A grade point system is used to determine academic standing. The GPA is computed by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total number of graded credit hours. All GPAs are calculated using a 4-point scale. Letter grades, A through E, are assigned in all



courses. Graded credit hours do not include courses graded WP (withdraw passing), P (pass), or I (incomplete), but do include grades of E (fail) and WE (withdraw failing). The Law School uses an anonymous grading system. Instructors do not have access to the identity of students while final examinations are being graded. For more information, review the grading guidelines in the Student Handbook: <http://www.kentlaw.edu/depts/acadadm/handbook.html>.

## **Housing**

University-owned housing is located at the Illinois Institute of Technology's Main Campus, which is approximately 5-miles southwest of the Law School campus. Most international students choose to live in private apartments near the Law School Campus located west of the "the loop" in downtown Chicago.

The Office of International Law and Policy publishes a housing guide for all international students here: <http://www.kentlaw.edu/international/llm/newstudents/exchangestudents.html>

## **Living Costs**

One semester cost of living in U.S. Dollars (estimates for Fall 2010, subject to increase):

Rent/Living Expenses:	\$8,000.00
Incidental Expenses:	\$1,250.00
Health Insurance:	\$425.00
Student Activity Fee:	\$65.00
U-Pass Fee (Mass Transit):	\$125.00
Books & Supplies:	\$750.00

## **Tuition Costs**

Tuition costs for exchange students are waived; however, there is an administrative fee of \$2,500.00 that is charged to exchange students from certain partner schools. This administrative fee reverts to a tuition scholarship if the exchange student is subsequently admitted to the LL.M. program.

## **Work Permit**

International exchange students are permitted to work on-campus for up to 20-hours each week. IIT's International Center can provide additional information regarding international student employment (<http://www.ic.iit.edu>).



## **Student Visa**

Nominated students from approved partner schools will receive further information regarding the visa application process directly from the Office of International Law and Policy at Chicago-Kent.

## **Application Procedures**

Prospective international exchange students should first apply for nomination with their home university. After a student is nominated, he or she should complete the online application form here: <http://www.kentlaw.edu/international/ilm/newstudents/Housing.pdf>

## **Further Information**

<http://www.kentlaw.edu/international/>

<http://www.kentlaw.edu/international/ilm/exchange.html>

<http://www.kentlaw.edu/international/news/>