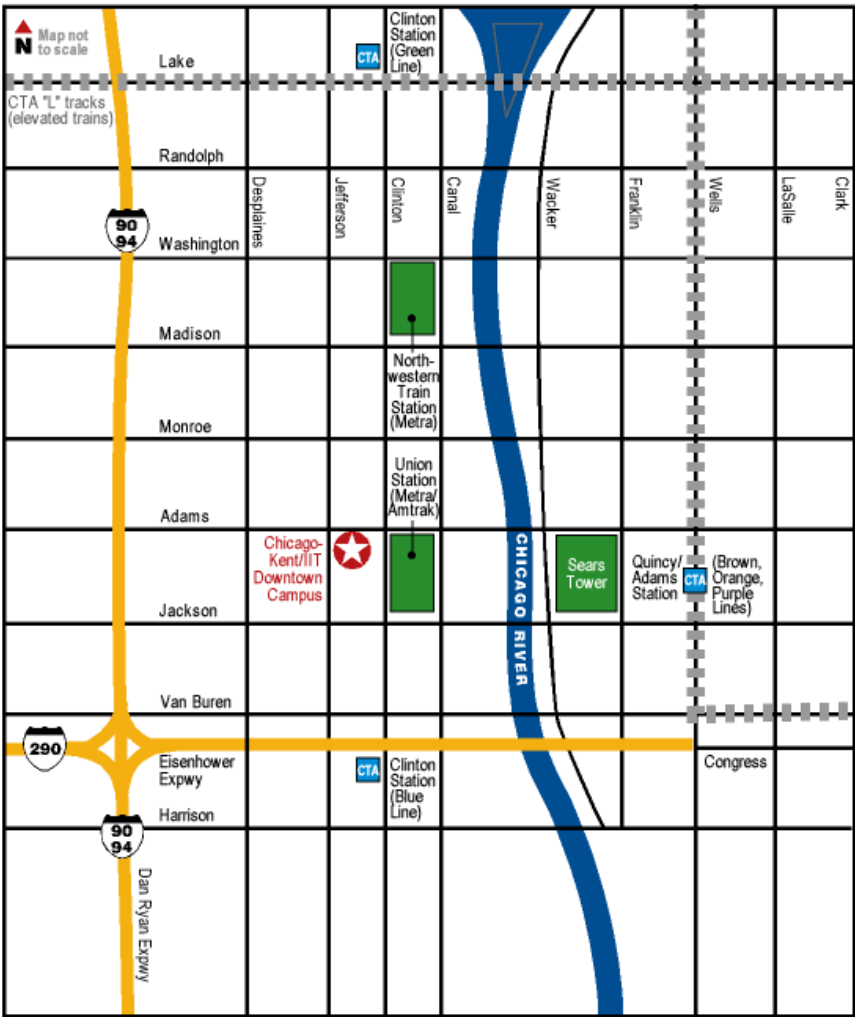


Chicago-Kent LL.M. and Exchange Student Housing Guide





This housing guide will provide you with information on some of the more popular places to live in Chicago and some general suggestions to help you get started on your search. Keep in mind that it is the responsibility of each individual student to locate and organize a satisfactory housing situation.

With the exception of Tailor Lofts (Chicago-Kent's recommended housing partner), Chicago-Kent does not endorse any particular company, service or building. We encourage you to explore all that the city's housing market has to offer.

The index below is hyperlinked so that you can quickly navigate to different portions of the Housing Guide. However, we suggest that you read the entire guide to get a good sense of the layout of Chicago and the resources available to you.

If you have any questions as you look for housing, please feel free to contact the Office of International Law and Policy Development at 312-906-5134 or intllm@kentlaw.edu.

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About Chicago

Chicago is a wonderful place to call home and we are excited to share this great city with you. Using the city as our residence hall, Chicago-Kent students immerse themselves in the diverse cultures and environments of urban life. Housing in Chicago is plentiful and relatively inexpensive for a large city. Many students live on their own, while others share residences with friends or family. Our location makes commuting from anywhere in the Chicago metropolitan area easy, convenient, and cost-efficient.

Chicago is made up of many different neighborhoods, each with its own distinct character. Some of the neighborhoods popular with Chicago-Kent students are listed below. The law school is easily accessible from all of these areas by public transportation. Keep in mind that these are just a few of Chicago's many neighborhoods; you do not need to restrict your search entirely to these areas.

- **Downtown:** Loop, West Loop, Printer's Row (South Loop), River North, Streeterville
- **North Side:** Old Town, Lincoln Park, Lakeview, Wrigleyville
- **Far North Side:** Andersonville, East Rogers Park, Uptown
- **South Side:** Bronzeville, Hyde Park, Bridgeport, Pilsen
- **Near West Side:** Wicker Park, Bucktown, Logan Square
- **Suburbs:** Chicago-Kent is located near two of the main [Metra](#) train stations which makes commuting from many of the neighboring suburbs convenient. Popular suburbs adjacent to the city include Oak Park and Evanston.

For more information on Chicago neighborhoods, visit www.chicagoneighborhoods.cc.

Some students love the convenience of living near the law school and are willing to pay slightly higher downtown rents in exchange for the ability to walk to school and go home for meals during the day. Other students prefer to live in neighborhoods such as Lincoln Park or Lakeview on the city's near north side where the rents are more affordable and social activities are plentiful. In exchange, they are willing to commute on either the bus or el to reach the law school.

Getting Around Chicago

Chicago-Kent is located in downtown Chicago at 565 West Adams Street, between Clinton and Jefferson Streets. This places the school one block west of Union Train Station, three blocks south of the Ogilvie Transportation Center and three blocks west of the Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower). Many of the buses that head downtown (to the "Loop") end up at the train stations, so commuting to Chicago-Kent is very convenient. Multiple elevated train ("el") lines also stop within a few blocks of campus. The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) offers route maps, timetables, and a trip planner on their Web site at www.transitchicago.com. All full-time international students will automatically be

enrolled in the CTA's U-Pass program, which provides unlimited rides on all CTA buses and trains during the academic year for a modest per-semester fee.

Chicago addresses are laid out in a grid, which makes it easy to find your way around the city. The official city center is at the intersection of State Street (running north-south) and Madison Street (running east-west), with all street addresses referencing their relationship to this point. If you go north one city block, you will be at 100 N.; go north two blocks, you are at 200 N., and so on. Eight city blocks is approximately one mile, which can help you determine the distance between two locations. For example, Wrigley Field is at 3600 N. Clark, which is approximately 36 blocks (or 4.5 miles) north of Madison Street. Chicago-Kent is at 565 W. Adams Street, which is just over five blocks west of State Street.

Things to Consider

Before you begin your search, think about what is important to you. Is living in an area with a lively nightlife important? Do you want to minimize your commute to and from law school? Is price a factor? Do you want to live near other law students? Are you a city person? Fortunately, Chicago offers a diverse set of options, which will allow you to find the housing situation that best suits you.

The process of looking for an apartment can seem like a huge undertaking – especially if you are not from the Chicago area. A good way to start your search for a place to live in Chicago is to look at a map that shows the public transportation lines and then locate areas within easy walking distance of the bus/el/train stops. (Public transportation maps are available through the [CTA Web site](#).)

Online Resources

For international students preparing to move to a new city in the U.S., the Internet is an invaluable tool. However, as with anything, there is always room for people who use the Internet with less than good intentions. As such, here are few simple rules that will keep you safe as you look for an apartment:

- If an apartment or roommate sounds too good to be true, it probably is!
- Always exercise caution when meeting a prospective roommate or apartment manager for the first time.
- Avoid meeting with people you are not familiar with at night and avoid neighborhoods you do not feel comfortable living in.
- **NEVER** provide money (in cash, wire transfer or in a check) to an apartment manager or roommate without signing a lease first, and if you have any concerns about a potential property owner or a particular housing situation, please ask Hilary Waldron (hwaldron@kentlaw.edu) or Lauren Reinhalter (lreinhalter@kentlaw.edu) for assistance.
- Always get a paper (written) receipt for any money you do give someone.

Below are several websites that you can use:

- <http://classifieds.chicagoreader.com/>
- <http://www.chicagotribune.com/classified/realestate/apartments/>
- chicago.craigslist.org (exercise particular caution when using Craigslist)
- www.domu.com
- www.forrent.com
- www.apartments.com
- www.rent.com

Apartment Rental Services

There are numerous companies that help people find apartments in the city and suburbs. Many of these services are free (the fees are paid by the building owners), while others require you to pay a fee. These companies provide apartment listings based on price range, apartment size, building amenities and location. Several companies that are commonly used by Chicago-Kent students are listed below, and their services are free.

Apartment People: After an initial consultation with a staff member, you are driven to visit each of the listings that meet your criteria. (www.apartmentpeople.com / 800-447-3684)

Chicago Apartment Finders: Similar to the Apartment People, an agent will drive you to see available apartments. (www.chicagoapartmentfinders.com / 773-883-8800)

Additional Recommendations

Below are several options that previous LL.M. and exchange students have recommended to us to share with incoming students.

Tailor Lofts

315 S. Peoria

Chicago, IL 60607

312-563-LOFT (5638)

TailorLofts@PeakCampus.com

As the recommended housing partner for Chicago-Kent students, Tailor Lofts provides convenient downtown housing with individual leases, furnished apartments, and rates that include cable and internet. Located just ½ mile from campus on the 126 bus route and a 2 minute walk from the stop, Tailor Lofts offers studio, 2-bedroom, and 4-bedroom units. All units include a 42" plasma television, microwave, dishwasher, and garbage disposal, with access to a laundry center on every floor. The complex also boasts a 24-hour fitness center, computer lab, tanning dome, and game room. Availability may be limited, especially for one semester leases, so you are encouraged to contact Tailor Lofts as soon as possible. Additional information is available at www.tailorlofts.com/kentlaw.

Presidential Towers

555 West Madison
Chicago, IL 60661
(866) 273-0973 Fax: (312) 902-2285
PresidentialTowers@newhome1.com

Presidential Towers offers convenience, exceptional service, comfort, excitement and affordability. With spectacular views, Presidential Towers features spacious studio, convertible, one and two bedroom apartments. You will discover an array of options that include newly renovated apartments with new appliances, granite countertops and oak cabinets. Conveniently located across from Metra and near all public transportation, your commute to work instantly becomes easier. Presidential Towers also offers a full-time concierge, on site restaurants, a complete valet service, 24 hour service and door staff, and a thoughtful maintenance team. Experience the uniqueness of Presidential Towers, where you will find an outstanding lifestyle with affordable prices.

Canterbury Court Apartment

1220 North State Parkway
Chicago, IL 60610-8112
(312) 944-4900
canterburycourtapartments.com

Canterbury Court Apartments has provided furnished apartments since opening in 1928. Canterbury Court Apartments is family owned and managed. The building is well maintained, professionally managed by courteous on-site personnel, including a Resident Manager and a Resident Janitor. There is controlled secure access into the building with a Front Desk Attendant providing service and security 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our Front Desk Attendant is always on duty to help you with a variety of needs, including receiving packages and mail and providing neighborhood directions, information and tips on public transportation and shopping. We also have a modern laundry room and a bicycle storage room, both located on the lobby level.

Nearby parking is available. Our building is also walking distance to dry cleaning, grocery stores, [Millennium Park](#), [Navy Pier](#), [The Magnificent Mile](#) and public transportation.

State Street Village

33th and State Street
Chicago, IL 60616
IIT Housing Office Rooms Coordinator
(312) 808-6505
www.housing.iit.edu

While most law students prefer to live in more vibrant areas of Chicago, housing on the IIT campus (approximately 6 miles south of the law school) is an option for students who place a premium on affordability and convenience. A free shuttle bus is available between the IIT campus and the law school. (For more information, see

www.iit.edu/directory/shuttlebus.html.) We encourage you to visit the residence halls and neighborhood before finalizing an agreement. State Street Village is the newest residence hall at IIT. SSV consists of three, five-story buildings facing State Street and backing up to the Chicago Transit Authority's Green Line elevated train. Both apartments and suites contain bathrooms which are shared with no more than three others. State Street Village provides the following amenities: 24-hour security attendant at each building entrance; a dresser, desk, desk chair, and twin bed & frame; individual temperature controls for heating and cooling in each suite and apartment; and much more.