

Arrival Guide for Chicago-Kent LL.M. Students

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I. General Travel Information:

For general information about Chicago-O'Hare International Airport visit:
<http://www.ohare.com/Ohare/OhareHomepage.shtm>.

For information about United States travel security requirements visit
<http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/index.shtm>.

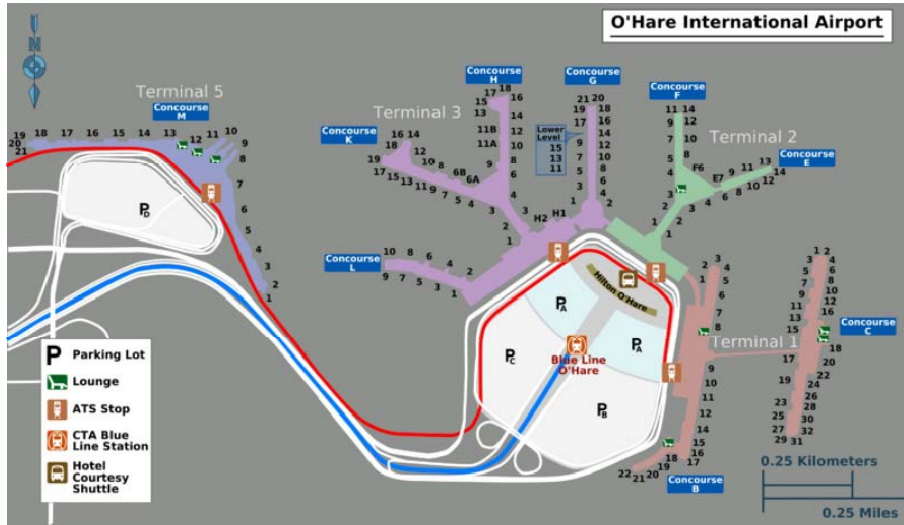
If you have a flight arriving at Chicago's Midway International Airport, contact Hilary Waldron at (312)-906-5237 or via e-mail at hwaldron@kentlaw.edu.

II. Departing O'Hare

Departing O'Hare via inter-city Train

The Chicago Transit Authority Blue Line departs from O'Hare every six minutes during peak periods and every one-half hour in the late evening and early morning. The Blue Line operates 24-hours a day with trip times ranging from 45 minutes to over 1-hour due to rail construction. A one-way train ticket costs \$2.00. Automated machines inside the O'Hare Blue Line train station accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express, and cash to purchase train tickets.

The O'Hare Blue Line station is located beneath the Bus & Shuttle Center, closest to Terminal 2 and easily accessible by underground passageways between Terminals 1 and 3.



If you arrive at Terminal 5 (the hub for most international flights), you must take O'Hare Airport's automated Airport Transit System (ATS) from Terminal 5 to Terminal 2. A red sign, similar to the one below, will indicate where the Terminal 5 station for the O'Hare Airport Transit System is located.



Below is a map of the Chicago Transit Authority's inter-city Blue Line train route. Downtown Chicago stops include: Washington, Monroe, Jackson, LaSalle, and Clinton.



Departing O'Hare Airport by Taxicab

Taxicab stands are located outside the baggage claims of each terminal at O'Hare Airport. Most taxicabs offer a fixed rate for travel from O'Hare airport to the Loop (the center of Chicago). Fares will vary depending on the location, but may cost approximately \$30.00 - \$40.00 excluding gratuity (tip) and depending on traffic conditions. Costs for travel to a destination outside of the Loop may be more expensive. Every taxicab is required to accept both cash and credit or debit cards.

Departing O'Hare Airport by Airport Express Van

While there are many shuttle and limo services available from O'Hare, Airport Express is one common form of shuttle service in Chicago. The shuttle departs from O'Hare every 10-15 minutes. Loading zones for the Airport Express van are located at Door 1E in Terminal 1, Door 2D in Terminal 2, and Door 3E in Terminal 3. Fares will vary by location, but may cost approximately \$35 for one person departing O'Hare and arriving to downtown Chicago. A discount may be available if you order your ticket in advance. For additional information visit: <http://www.airportexpress.com>.

III. Hotels near O’Hare Airport

Upon your arrival to Chicago, you may decide to reserve a hotel room near O’Hare Airport. There are a number of available hotels near O’Hare. The price for a single occupancy hotel room may range from \$90.00 to \$150.00 per night. This price range is subject to change depending on how early in advance you make a reservation and the date of your intended stay at the hotel.

You can search for available hotel rooms near O’Hare through a number of online search engines including Hotels.com (<http://www.hotels.com>). To search for a hotel near O’Hare Airport type “ORD” in the box marked “Destination” and select Chicago-O’Hare International Airport.

A list of hotels near O’Hare Airport, with contact information, is below:

i. Hilton Hotel at Chicago O’Hare Airport

Address: O’Hare International Airport

Chicago, IL 60666

Phone Number: 1-773-686-8000

Website: http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/CHIOHHH-Hilton-Chicago-O-Hare-Airport-Illinois/directions.do

ii. Best Western - O’Hare

Address: Best Western Hotel by O’Hare Airport

10300 W. Higgins Road

Rosemont, IL 60018-3818

Phone Number: 1-847-296-4471

Website: <http://www.bestwesternohare.com>

iii. Holiday Inn Select – O’Hare

Address: 10233 W. Higgins Rd.

Rosemont, IL 60018

Phone Number: 1-847-954-8600

Website:

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/sl/1/en/hotel/chirt?rpb=hotel&crUrl=/h/d/sl/1/en/hotelsearchresults>

Each of the hotels listed above provide free transportation for guests to and from O’Hare Airport. The times for this service vary by each hotel but typically operate seven-days a week from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. You should consult your hotel to confirm availability of this service.

Pickup for hotel-sponsored transportation is located within O’Hare Airport at the Bus & Shuttle Center. If you arrive at Terminals 1, 2, or 3 you should proceed to Door 2 located within Terminal 2. If you arrive at Terminal 5 (the hub for most international flights) you should proceed to Door 5E. Phones are available at the Bus and Shuttle Center to contact your hotel upon arrival at O’Hare.

IV. Finding Housing in Chicago

Chicago Neighborhoods

Chicago has many diverse neighborhoods with a wide range of housing options. Neighborhoods typically chosen by past students include, but are not limited to the West Loop, South Loop, Greektown, Gold Coast, Streeterville, Old Town, Lincoln Park, and Wrigleyville.

Specific information regarding each neighborhood can be found at <http://www.bestchicagoneighborhoods.com>.

To check criminal activity for a specific building address, you can visit the Chicago Police Department's CLEARMap (Citizen Law Enforcement Analysis and Reporting Map) website at <http://gis.chicagopolice.org/>.

Housing Options

There are numerous companies which can help people find apartments within the city. 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.

Two commonly used companies specializing in finding housing in Chicago are Apartment People (<http://www.apartmentpeople.com/>) and Chicago Apartment Finders (<http://www.chicagoapartmentfinders.com/>). You will need to contact the company via telephone or e-mail to arrange for a consultation. A representative will find apartments that meet your criteria and drive you to each apartment to view the unit.

If you decide to search for housing on your own, two websites post advertisements for available housing. The Chicago Reader Newspaper posts available housing for rent at <http://classifieds.chicagoreader.com/chicago/Results?subsection=oid%3A122>. Craigslist is an online community with postings for available housing. Chicago-area apartment listings are located at <http://chicago.craigslist.org>.

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 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) for assistance. Always get a paper (written) receipt for any money you do give someone.

Your Rights as a Renter

Before signing any lease, you should familiarize yourself with your legal rights and responsibilities as a tenant in the City of Chicago. You can find this information at: <http://www.cityofchicago.org/housing>.

You may contact the City of Chicago Department of Housing for questions regarding municipal rental regulations at (312) -742-7368.

Temporary Housing Options

You may need to secure temporary housing between the time you initially arrive to Chicago and the time you move into your new apartment. Chicago has two hostels providing inexpensive housing:

- i. **Arlington House** (Lincoln Park Neighborhood)
Address: 616 West Arlington Place
Chicago, IL 60614
Website: <http://www.arlingtonhouse.com/>

- ii. **Hostelling International Chicago** (Loop Neighborhood)
Address: 24 E. Congress Parkway
Chicago, IL 60605
Website: <http://www.hichicago.org/>

In addition to these two youth hostels, you can find hotels online using the search engine Hotels.com (See Page 4). Note that hotels located close to downtown Chicago may cost significantly more than hotels near O'Hare Airport, however it can take an hour or more to travel between the O'Hare area and the city.