Countdown to Chicago!

PRE-ARRIVAL COMMUNICATION FOR NEW UIC INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

OIS and many UIC offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 26.

THIS WEEK: HOUSING IN CHICAGO
Deciding where to live in a new city can be intimidating. There are so many choices and the terminology, costs, and locations are unfamiliar. As you search for your new home in Chicago, here are some things to keep in mind…

**Consider living on-campus**
Living in one of the on-campus residence halls is a great way to familiarize yourself with UIC and Chicago in a welcoming, supportive, and safe environment. It's also a great way to meet other UIC students and get involved! Visit Campus Housing to browse your residence hall options including the unique Living Learning Communities like the Global Village!

**Research off-campus housing options but don’t commit to anything from abroad**
There are many great websites that you can use to research off-campus housing options. The Commuter and Off-Campus Programs hosts an off-campus housing directory along with an extensive list of apartment agencies, apartment listing sites, and other helpful off-campus housing search resources. While it’s a good idea to research your options from abroad, especially to help you build an accurate housing budget, it’s best to view the rental property in-person before signing a lease or handing over any money.

**Make plans for temporary housing**
You will need a place to sleep and store your luggage after arriving in Chicago and before moving into your permanent accommodation. Unlike apartments, temporary housing options like hotels and hostels can be safely booked from abroad. Visit our housing resources webpage for a list of temporary housing options close to campus and make your arrangements before departing for Chicago.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION
Still haven’t registered for Spring 2019 International Student Orientation hosted by OIS? Let us know you’re coming by confirming your participation today! The full schedule of events and online registration link can be found on the OIS website.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?
Send specific questions to our New International Student Team at newintl@uic.edu or give us a call at +1 (312) 996-3121. Or, if you’re already in Chicago, feel free to visit us during Open Advising.

Check out previous Countdown to Chicago pre-arrival communications along with additional arrival resources on the OIS website.