Countdown to Chicago!

PRE-ARRIVAL COMMUNICATION FOR NEW UIC INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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 UIC Campus Housing to browse your residence hall options and learn about the application process.

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 UIC Commuter Student Resource Center 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 but 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.

NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION
Still haven’t registered for New 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.