LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO
CONFERENCE SERVICES

YOUR
GREEN
GUIDE
AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO, we take sustainability to heart and apply it to everything we do—from the buildings we construct to the programs we offer—and we make it a central part of all the events held on campus. Which means we’ve got everything you’ll need to make your next event as green as possible.

Scan this code to view a video of our Lake Shore Campus

DID YOU KNOW?

Loyola received gold campus sustainability from Illinois, the highest recognition.
ENERGY AND BUILDINGS

Loyola’s energy-efficient buildings are more than just technological wonders; they’re also beautiful spaces that you can use to host your conference, meeting, or event.

LEED-CERTIFIED BUILDINGS

Silver • Damen Student Center, Norville Athletics Center, Richard J. Klarchek Information Commons

Gold • Cuneo Hall

Pending certification • Halas Sports Center (silver), de Nobili Hall (silver), Institute of Environmental Sustainability/San Francisco Hall (gold)

GREEN HOUSING OPTIONS

Baumhart Hall (Water Tower)
• Energy Star rated—top 75 percent of energy conservation
• Year-round housing: 90 beds year-round, 418 beds from June 1–August 1

de Nobili Hall (Lake Shore)
• 200 beds available from June 1–August 1
• 350-seat dining hall

San Francisco Hall (Lake Shore)
• 400 beds available from June 1–August 1
• Connected to the Institute of Environmental Sustainability and Engrained Café

Retreat and Ecology Campus
• Hotel-style suites and traditional residence halls for 200 guests
• On-premise dining hall with sustainable menu options

Other amenities include modern furnishings, linens, and heated/air-conditioned rooms.

DID YOU KNOW?

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Loyola has the most LEED-certified buildings and buildings pending certification of any university in Chicago.
FOOD AND CATERING

Whether planning a small meeting or a large multi-day conference, Loyola has several ways to make your event eco-friendly and help reduce the amount of trash that ends up in landfills.

WHAT WE’RE DOING

Dining halls
Tray-free dining in all Loyola dining halls reduces plate waste by 25 percent.

Biodiesel program
Used cooking oil is recycled and converted into biodiesel for shuttle buses and soap.

Organic farming
Loyola’s student-run farm produces vegetables, eggs, and honey for the dining hall at the Retreat and Ecology Campus. Food is also sold at a weekly farmers market at Lake Shore Campus from mid-May to October.

Engrained Café
Loyola’s first green cafe at Lake Shore Campus.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Ask for reusable plates, glassware, cutlery, tablecloths, and napkins.

Request that attendees RSVP to get an accurate guest count and only order that amount of food.

Consider ordering local and organic menu items off our sustainable catering menu.

Avoid individual packaging.

Train staff to separate recyclables.

Make arrangements to have leftover food donated to a shelter.

Request composting through Loyola housekeeping (seasonal).

DID YOU KNOW?

5,000+
Pounds of food produced by the student-run farm at Loyola’s Retreat and Ecology Campus between 2011–12.
TRANSPORTATION

When planning an event it is important to consider how attendees will get to and from the venue. Loyola’s urban setting provides a wealth of transit options for you and your guests.

TRANSIT OPTIONS

Trains:
CTA Red Line
(Chicago and Loyola stops)

Buses:
CTA routes 10, 66, 125, 143, 146, 147, 148, 151

Airport Shuttles
Taxis

Cars
Bicycles, Divvy—bike rentals

30 minutes
Approximate commute time from Midway airport to Water Tower Campus.

40 minutes
Approximate commute time from Midway airport to Lake Shore Campus.

45 minutes
Approximate commute time from O’Hare International Airport to Loyola’s Lake Shore (Rogers Park) and Water Tower (Gold Coast) campuses.

DID YOU KNOW?

Only one in 10 Loyola students takes a car to campus. The rest either walk, take mass transit, or ride a bike.

10%
WASTE AND MATERIALS

To cut down on paper waste at your conference, make sure you take advantage of any mobile event apps and urge attendees to use electronic devices to take notes whenever possible. Some other useful tips:

- Send files and data electronically
- Share any mobile apps for the conference
- Try to send all correspondence electronically
- Use double-sided printing on recycled paper, if necessary
- Have guests bring their own name badges
- Reuse signage

DID YOU KNOW?

36%

Loyola recycles between 250 and 300 tons per year or 36 percent of our waste.
WATER CONSERVATION

To address global water initiatives and access to healthy drinking water, Loyola students voted to ban the sale of all bottled water on campus in 2012. Since the ban became effective, refillable bottles are provided to first-year students—and with roughly 50 refill stations scattered across campus, more than 400,000 plastic bottles have been saved. Other water conservation efforts include:

SMART SOLUTIONS

Loyola uses permeable pavers, drought-tolerant landscaping, rainwater collection devices, and green rooftops to divert storm water run-off.

INTELLIGENT IRRIGATION

Smart irrigation system uses real-time weather data to conserve water use on campus.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Bring your own water bottle and encourage guests to do the same.

Be conscious of your water usage and conserve when possible.

DID YOU KNOW?

10 million

Gallons of rainwater that Loyola keeps out of the sewer system annually, which reduces basement flooding and sewer overflows.
LANDSCAPE AND BIODIVERSITY
Loyola’s campus landscapes are award-winning locations that connect to Chicago and the larger ecological region, providing people with rich spiritual and ecological experiences.

GREEN ROOFS
Loyola has almost 55,000 square feet of green roofs on its campuses, more than any other college in the Midwest.

NATURAL HABITAT
The University uses native landscaping on its grounds, which serves as a natural habitat for migratory birds traveling along the Lake Michigan shoreline on the Mississippi River flyway.

BIRD-SAFE BUILDINGS
By closing blinds on buildings and turning off lights during migratory season, Loyola has drastically reduced the number of birds injured by flying into windows on campus.

A PEACEFUL PLACE
Home to globally rare wetlands and oak woodlands, the Retreat and Ecology Campus is the perfect place for a quiet getaway.

WHAT YOU CAN DO
Explore the quiet landscapes of our campuses.
Visit a forest preserve while in Chicago.
Consider adding native plants in your home.
Support birds and wildlife.

DID YOU KNOW?
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Loyola’s Retreat and Ecology Campus is home to nearly 100 acres of environmentally sensitive prairies, grasslands, and wetlands.
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