Living in Chicago :  
The 1L Edition

GETTING AROUND CHICAGO

Chicago is set on a north/south and east/west grid. The location of 0/0 is the intersection of State and Madison Streets, in the heart of the Loop. Each city block is given an increment of 100. The law school is located at approximately 800 North and is one block east of State Street on 25 E. Pearson Street. A map of the downtown area may help you to better conceptualize this grid system.

Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) carries over 1.6 million customers a day throughout Chicago and 40 suburbs. Several daily bus routes and a 24-hour railway system enable students to travel to any area of the city. Loyola University Chicago offers students U-Passes that provide unlimited access to CTA buses and trains. Regular bus fares are $2.00 if you have a CTA card, or $2.25 if paying by cash. Train fares are $2.25 and you cannot pay with cash. CTA cards can be reloaded at rail stations. The U-Pass service will greatly reduce your total cost.

The School of Law is within walking distance from a number of bus routes that stop along Michigan Avenue, State Street and Clark Street (Bus lines 145, 146, 147, 151, 36, 22). There are also many bus routes that run east and west along many of the major streets (Bus lines 66, 70, 74, 77).

Additionally, the school is located one block north of the “Chicago” Avenue stop on the Red Line train (“El”), and 8 blocks east of the “Chicago” Avenue stop on the Brown and Purple Line trains.

For up-to-the-minute bus arrival information, check out the CTA Bus Tracker.

Metropolitan Rail Service (Metra)

“Metra” offers commuter rail service throughout Chicagoland, giving passengers comfortable cars that serve three downtown stations and with routes throughout the greater Chicago and suburban areas. The cost to ride Metra varies based upon the distance of your travel on each route. You may purchase tickets at several of the major stations, onboard the trains, by mail or online.

There are three downtown stations in Chicago that service the Metra Lines in the city: Union Station at Canal Street between Adams & Jackson, 312.322.4269; Ogilvie Transportation Center at Madison & Canal Streets, 312.496.4777; and Millennium Station at 151 East Randolph Street, 312.782.0676. Please check individual train schedules for additional station information.

CTA transportation is convenient to all three stations, so students who live in the suburbs are still able to take advantage of the U-PASS.

Loyola’s Shuttle Bus

Loyola University has its own transportation shuttle bus service, which is free for Loyola students. The shuttle bus travels several times each day (about every 20 minutes) between the Lake Shore and Water Tower campuses during the academic sessions. There is no shuttle service on Saturday or Sunday. There is one shuttle that travels to Metra Stations from the Water Tower Campus at 9:05 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Parking

Loyola University Chicago’s Water Tower Campus does not offer parking accommodations for its students. However, several commercial parking facilities in the area offer discounted rates to Loyola students. Tickets must be validated at the Corboy Law Center information desk, located in the lobby of the building.

Car Sharing Programs

On occasion, our students have found it beneficial to have access to a car. Car sharing programs provide an alternative to owning or renting a vehicle.

I-GO Car Sharing

Zipcar
**BOOKSTORES**

Many of our students use bookstores online and throughout the city of Chicago. Two bookstores that are located near the law school are:

**Loyola University Bookstore** – Water Tower Campus – We have temporarily relocated to 25 E Pearson St (Corboy Hall) 7th Floor.

Orders usually take up to 2-3 business days to pick and pack for shipment. Business days are defined as Monday Through Friday, with the exception of certain holidays. Once the order has been picked and packed, it will be sent via ground, second day or next day delivery. Please plan accordingly! Please have your ID and order number for in-store pick ups!

**Beck’s Bookstore** – Located at 50 E. Chicago

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**SUGGESTED APPS FOR YOUR CELL PHONE**

**Transit Stop: CTA Tracker** — Estimated bus and train arrivals, location map, saved stops, and service alerts

**Embark Metra** — Quick access to trip planning, station information and arrival times.

**RedEye Chicago** — Read the latest RedEye news, CTA Bus and Train Tracking, and Metromix’s bar and restaurant guide.

**Uber** — Request a car or taxi right from your Uber app and the nearest driver will pick you up. *Tip requesting black cars and taxis cost the same amount, but the taxis will reach you sooner.

**Loyola University Chicago** — Access directory, LOCUS, campus maps, athletics and more.

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**LOCAL BEVERAGE STOPS**

The Capital One 360 Cafe

Argo Tea

Starbucks

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**HEALTH CLUBS**

Many of our students utilize health clubs around the city to help keep in shape and de-stress. There are a number of clubs located all over the city.

There is a facility located at [Loyola University's Lake Shore Campus](#). More information about the facility’s hours, location and membership fees

[WTC Fitness Studio](#) is open to all residents living in Baumhart Resident Hall free of charge and will be accessible by graduate students for a fee of $100 per semester or $224 annually.

For more information or specific questions, please contact

**WTC Fitness Studio**

312-915-7072

fitness@LUC.edu

Below are some of the clubs with multiple facilities in the city. You may want to ask if they have any specials and/or student rates.

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“The "Not for Tourists" (NFT) Guide to Chicago is great. The maps list gyms, grocery stores, coffee shops, pizza places, public transportation - all very helpful!”

“Sell your car! A car is not needed in Chicago. In fact, it is expensive and can be a hassle. Street parking (can be) difficult in most neighborhoods and garages are costly.”

“(Car sharing programs) are good alternatives if you take public transportation, but need a car sometimes such as going to IKEA or Target, etc.”

“The more affordable areas (to live in the city) include moving farther north and/or west. All of these areas have great restaurants, nightlife and gyms. It is just a question of how far you want to be from the school.”

### Groceries and Pharmacies Near Loyola Law

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<td>933 N. State Street 312.943.0671</td>
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<td>Treasure Island Foods</td>
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### Banking

Chicago has many banks and lending institutions, and you should shop around to find one you feel comfortable with. Some things to consider are:

**Location:** Some choose to bank near the school, others choose near home. **Accounts:** Does the bank offer free banking or student accounts? **ATM:** Are there a number conveniently located to you?

Some of the banks with multiple nearby locations are listed below.

- Bank of America
- Chase Bank
- mb Financial Bank
- Harris Bank
- North Community Bank
- Northern Trust
- PNC Bank
- TCF Bank

*Note, Loyola’s campus have PNC ATMs located on both campuses.*

### Parks and Recreation in Chicago

Below is list of parks and beaches that students have recommended. For a full list of parks please visit the Chicago Park District for more information.

- Grant Park
- Millennium Park
- North Avenue Beach

### Preschools and Daycares

Loyola sponsors a pre-school program for children between the ages of two and five at our Lake Shore Campus (approx.10 miles north of the law school) Applications can be submitted for care five days a week, with flexible scheduling. For more information, call 312.508.3444.

Other Childcare facilities are listed below.

- Francis Xavier Ward School (part of Holy Name Cathedral)
- Bright Horizon's Early Education
- Creative Children's Learning Center