

Off-Campus Housing

What is the difference between on-campus and off-campus housing?

Off-campus housing refers to locations where students live that are not part of the College House system. The on-campus residence hall system is known as the House System.

Is living off-campus safe?

The services of the University of Chicago police are equally available to off-campus students as to students living in the dorms. More information about safety and emergency services is available on the Student Services page under the Parent Resources link above.

Will my student still be able to access University services?

Students living off campus remain eligible for the University health and wellness resources, career advising services, student activities and organizations, and other aspects of campus life. Your student will continue to have the support of his or her College adviser, as well as the resources of the Dean-on-Call and the University of Chicago police in case of emergency.

Many opportunities offered by the House system, such as subsidized event tickets and House trips, are only available to House residents. Similarly, the presence and assistance of the Resident Heads and Resident Assistants are unique to on-campus housing.

All Houses offer associate membership programs, whereby former House residents can continue to participate in their House communities after moving out of the dorm.

How will my student know about programs on campus?

As long as your student keeps his or her contact information up-to-date, he or she will continue to receive important information about both academics and campus life.

Will my student be living far from campus?

Students who live off-campus typically reside in Hyde Park or in the neighboring Woodlawn and Kenwood communities. Many student apartments are a short walk from campus and other neighborhood destinations. If your student owns a bicycle, he or she may be able to store it in a designated location in the apartment building. Furthermore, all Hyde Park-area apartments are within a short walk of a route serviced by the University of Chicago bus system.

How will my student get around campus and the city?

Many students choose to bring or buy a bicycle, which is a convenient mode of transportation. It is strongly recommended that a bicycle always be secured with a U-shaped lock and that students register their bike with the University Police. Also, Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) buses travel throughout campus and the surrounding Hyde Park-South Kenwood neighborhoods during the day and evening. The University provides free neighborhood transportation on designated CTA routes, and free night-time shuttles. Students have to show their Chicago card ID card in order to ride these routes for free. Buses and trains make other parts of the city easily accessible.

How can my student find housing off-campus?

Apartments and some houses are available for rent all throughout Hyde Park. Many apartments are owned by private individuals, and property management companies control the rest. The Chicago Life website (chicagolife.uchicago.edu) maintains a list of contact information for the larger apartment buildings and property management companies.

What are my student's dining options?

Many off-campus students cook for themselves, buying groceries from one of Hyde Park's grocery stores or from a delivery service (such as Peapod). Other students choose to purchase a meal plan and continue eating in the dining halls. All off-campus students are eligible to purchase an Unlimited Residential Meal Plan from the Office of Undergraduate Student Housing.

What should my student do if s/he has problems with a landlord?

This will be most students' first experience as independent renters, so they may have questions about landlord and tenant laws. To help with these questions and issues, the City of Chicago website (cityofchicago.org) includes a Home & Property link on its Residents page. A wealth of information for renters is available on this page.

Will moving off-campus affect my student's financial aid?

For information about how your student's financial aid package may be affected by the move off-campus, please visit the Financial Matters page under the Parent Resources link above.

Can my student move back into a University dorm after living off-campus?

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The University of Chicago guarantees on-campus housing for any full-time registered college student. If at any time – mid-quarter, mid-year, or between academic years – your family should decide that living off-campus is not a good fit, the Office of Undergraduate Student Housing is able to place your student back in a residence hall. The staff in the Office of Undergraduate Student Housing will work with your student to learn his or her housing preferences, but are unable to promise a room in a certain hall or House. However, a room in one of the College Houses is guaranteed.

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Living Space

On-campus housing for upperclassmen

International House

Web: ihouse.uchicago.edu
 E-mail: i-house-housing@uchicago.edu
 Address: 1414 East 59th Street
 Phone: 3-2270

Live and learn with people of different nationalities and cultures in a community that fosters mutual respect and understanding. International House residents come from across the United States and from more than 50 countries around the world. They include second-, third-, and fourth-year undergraduates, graduate students, and post-docs.

Rooms are singles with high ceilings, large windows, central light, ceiling fan, campus telephone service, self-controlled radiant heat, fresh-air ventilation system, newly tiled floors, and modular furniture, including a bed, dresser, large bookcase, desk, chair, side desk, book hutch, and wardrobe.

No meal plan is required to live at I-House. Cook your own meals in the well-equipped community kitchen or purchase snacks and light meals in the Tiffin Café.

The exceptional community spaces at I-House include the elegant main lounge with grand piano, library, and outdoor courtyard. Additional amenities include the kitchen, dining room, computer labs, laundry room, private study rooms, music practice rooms, mail service, and 24-hour security. I-House is close to the center of campus as well as to public transportation.

Housing fellowships are available; living terms are convenient, particularly for study-abroad students. Yearly and quarterly contracts are available.

For information on the residential House system for undergraduates, see Student Life, Living on Campus.

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Tips on finding an apartment



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There are plenty of privately owned apartments for rent in the Hyde Park area. Check with local realtors, look on bulletin boards, and surf the Net to find out what's available. If you're in the market to buy, look for realtors in the phone book. Some of the larger apartment buildings and property management companies in the area are listed on this page.

If you're having trouble with your landlord, you can go to the City of Chicago Web site at www.cityofchicago.org and click on "Home and Property" to review the landlord/tenant ordinance and find other helpful information.

- Algonquin Apartments
1606 East Hyde Park Boulevard
324-1213
- Poinsettia Apartments
5528 South Hyde Park Boulevard
363-7500
- Flamingo Apartments
- Regents Park
www.regentsparkchicago.com

*5500 South Shore
Drive
752-3800*

- Hyde Park Tower
*5140 South Hyde Park
Boulevard
752-5140*
- Madison Park
Apartments
*1380 East Hyde Park
Boulevard
536-4300*

*5020 South Lake Shore Drive
288-5050*

- Twin Towers
*1649 East 50th Street
684-2333*
- Versailles
*5254 South Dorchester Avenue
324-0200*
- Windermere House
*1642 East 56th Street
643-1406*

Cooperative Housing

- Qumbya Cooperative
*www.qumbya.com
592-6780*

Property management companies

- Blackstone Management
*5418 South Woodlawn Avenue
667-1568*
- Draper and Kramer, Inc.
*33 West Monroe Avenue
312-346-8600*
- Hyde Park Management
*5337 South Hyde Park
Boulevard
643-1400*
- MAC Property Management
*1613 East 55th Street
548-5077*
- Marian Realty Inc.
*5480 South Cornell Avenue
684-5400*
- McKey & Poague
*1348 East 55th Street
363-6200*
- Parker-Holsman Co.
*1461 East 57th Street
493-2525*
- Wolln-Levin, Inc.
*1740 East 55th Street
684-6300*

Apartment locator service

Chicago Apartment Finders
www.chicagoapartmentfinders.com
1504 East 53rd Street
800-FINDERS

MovingOffCampus.com
www.movingoffcampus.com
customerservice@movingoffcampus.com

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