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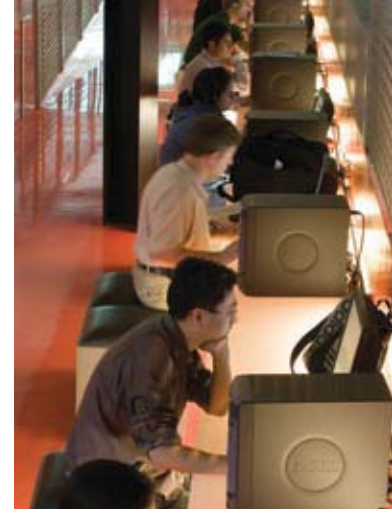
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Welcome to IIT

Welcome to the IIT community and thank you for giving us the opportunity to educate and assist in the development of your sons and daughters.

The mission of the Illinois Institute of Technology is to “provide distinctive and relevant education in an environment of scientific, technological, and professional knowledge creation and innovation.” We are confident that your involvement as a parent/guardian will help us with our mission and give your student the confidence and skills to succeed and thrive in their new community.

As parents/guardians of IIT students, you have many opportunities to get involved on campus and stay connected. We are proud of the vibrancy of student life on campus. Our summer orientation and welcome week programming allows students the opportunity to get involved on campus and meet new people before the first day of classes. Once the academic year begins, more opportunities become available when new and returning students come together. The Student Organization Fair allows all IIT students to explore over 80 options for extracurricular experiences. “Taste of the Quad” is the perfect chance to learn about Fraternity & Sorority Life on campus. Union Board, the main student programming board, always has creative ideas for student programming.

Experiences outside the classroom are exciting and important but we understand that academic success is the number one priority for IIT students. Student Affairs and the Office of Undergraduate Affairs are partners in assisting students



with their academic success through our retention program. This program provides individual attention from IIT staff and academic advisors. The one-on-one follow-up with students gives them direction toward specific resources that will allow them to thrive in the classroom. The Academic Resource Center (ARC) is another tool for IIT students to work with their peers with their challenging curricula.

Finally, our “back yard,” the City of Chicago is the perfect complement to the IIT experience. The IIT Strategic Plan and Vision includes using this wonderful city as a platform for global recognition, technology-oriented focus, and innovation and excellence.

We are proud of our institution and welcome you to the IIT community. Please contact the Office of the Dean of Students for more information on anything mentioned above or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Katie Murphy-Stetz
Dean of Students ■

Student Demographics

Female:	36%
Male:	64%
Minority:	16%
International:	40%
Countries of Origin:	107

Student Enrollment

	Total	Female	Minority
Undergraduate	2562	775	376
Graduate	3355	1304	148
J.D.	977	442	112
Ph.D.	577	190	27
Special & Certificate Enrollment	303	101	38
Total Enrollment	7774	2812	701

IIT History

The Sermon & the Institute

In 1890, when advanced education was often reserved for society's elite, Chicago minister Frank Gunsaulus delivered what came to be known as the "Million Dollar Sermon." From the pulpit of his South Side church, near the site Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) now occupies, Gunsaulus said that with a million dollars he would build a school where students from all backgrounds could prepare for meaningful roles in a changing industrial society. Philip Danforth Armour, a Chicago meat packer and grain merchant, heard Gunsaulus' sermon and came to share the minister's vision. He agreed to finance the endeavor with the stipulation that Gunsaulus become the first president of Armour Institute.

When Armour Institute opened in 1893, it offered professional courses in engineering, chemistry, architecture and library science. IIT was created in 1940 by the merger of Armour Institute with Lewis Institute (est. 1895), a West Side Chicago college that offered liberal arts as well as science and engineering courses. The Institute of Design, founded in 1937, merged with IIT in 1949.

Mergers & Changes

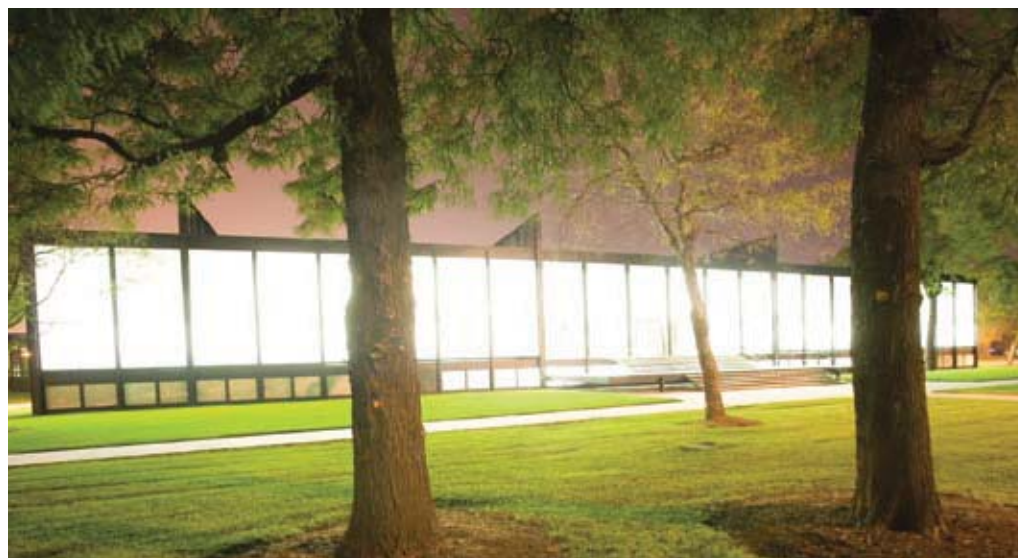
In 1969, IIT became one of the few technology-based universities with a law school when Chicago-Kent College of Law, founded in 1887, became an integral part of the university.

Stuart School of Business was added in 1969, with a gift from the estate of Lewis

Institute alumnus and Chicago financier Harold Leonard Stuart. The school became the Stuart School of Business in 1999. Midwest College of Engineering, founded in 1967, joined the university in 1986, forming the nucleus for IIT's Rice Campus west suburban Wheaton.

Today, IIT is a private, Ph.D.-granting university with programs in engineering, science, psychology, architecture, business, design and law.

One of the 16 institutions that comprise the Association of Independent Technological Universities (AITU), IIT offers exceptional preparation for professions that require technological sophistication. Through a committed faculty and close personal attention, IIT provides a challenging academic program focused by the rigor of the real world.



Inventing the Future

The university and its contract research affiliate, IIT Research Institute (IITRI), have an annual research volume of \$130 million. Current research strengths include fluid dynamics and aerospace, synchrotron radiation science, environmental engineering and regulatory policy, polymer science and recycling, food safety and technology, and transportation and infrastructure.

IIT has more than 40,000 living alumni and is known as the alma mater of accomplishments as well as of people. IIT and IITRI scientists and engineers have made some of the century's most important technological advances, such as the invention of magnetic recording and the development of re-entry technology for spacecraft. IIT architects have shaped the skyline of Chicago and cities throughout the world.

IIT Research Institute has several locations throughout the United States, and the university has five campuses in the Chicago area. The 120-acre Main Campus, centered at 33rd and State

Streets in Chicago, as well as many of its buildings, was designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, who directed the architecture program 1938 to 1958 and was one of the 20th century's most influential architects. In 1976, the American Institute of Architects recognized the campus as one of the 200 most significant works of architecture in the U.S.

S.R. Crown Hall, home of IIT College of Architecture, was named a National Historic Landmark in 2001, and the remainder of the IIT Main Campus was entered into the National Register of Historic Places in 2005.

The state-of-the-art, 10-story Downtown Campus at 565 West Adams Street houses Chicago-Kent College of Law, the Center for Financial Markets, the Master of Public Administration Program, and Stuart School of Business.

The Institute of Design, an international leader in teaching systemic, human-centered design, is located at 350 N. LaSalle Street in Chicago's River North neighborhood.

The 19-acre Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Campus in west suburban Wheaton complements area community colleges, serving west suburban residents and employees in Illinois' high-tech corridor by offering graduate programs, upper-level undergraduate courses, and continuing professional education.

The five-acre Moffett Campus in suburban Summit-Argo houses the National Center for Food Safety and Technology, a unique consortium of government, industry and academia that seeks to improve the quality and safety of the nation's food supply. ■



Student Health

Student Health Services

Student Health Services (SHS) is a health facility at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Services are available for all students regardless of insurance coverage. The office is staffed by a registered nurse and a master's prepared nurse practitioner who functions as an advanced practice clinician in collaboration with a physician. Diagnosis and management of common illnesses and injuries as well as prescriptive authority is within the scope of advance practice nurses. Preventative medicine such as women's health care, immunizations, nutrition and diet information, and laboratory testing are available. SHS also provides educational programs throughout the academic year and is available to assist students with wellness or other informational workshops.

The nurse and nurse practitioner are available Monday through Friday by appointment and on a walk-in basis in

emergency situations. The physician is on site approximately two hours per week. All services through SHS are available by appointment as often as needed without a co-pay. Some services may require fee. Appointments may be scheduled online at www.iit.edu/student_health or by calling 312.567.7550.

Student Health Insurance

All students registered for at least 12 credit hours are automatically enrolled in and billed for student health insurance.

Domestic students may waive health insurance coverage if the student presents evidence of other health insurance coverage that provides benefits equal to or greater than the Student Health Insurance Plan. Students must present evidence of coverage and complete a waiver form by the waiver deadline. All full-time and part-time J-1 and F-1 international

students are automatically enrolled in student health insurance and required to keep the IIT health insurance plan. Waiver forms are available at www.iit.edu/student_health/insurance. The deadlines for waiving insurance coverage are September 1, 2011 for the fall semester and January 26, 2012 for the spring semester.

If you have not already received confirmation from Aetna Student Health, you can check to see if you are enrolled by confirming that your student account has been charged for insurance. Students can check their account online through Web for Students or call the IIT Student Health Services at 312.567.7550. For more information regarding immunization requirements and other health services at IIT please visit www.iit.edu/student_health.

Student Counseling Services

Student Counseling Services, which provides psychological services to IIT students, is located next to Student Health Services in the IITRI Tower on 35th and State Street. The clinical services include evaluation, brief psychotherapy, referral, and medication management. Student Counseling Services assists students with many issues including loneliness, relationship concerns, family issues, depression, anxiety, concentration problems, sleeping difficulties, eating problems, addiction, career concerns, grieving, sexual concerns, anger management, cultural adjustment, and other personal issues.

Sessions typically begin by assessing a student's needs and then offering recommendations which may include meeting with a counseling services therapist on a regular basis, meeting our psychiatrist for a medication evaluation, and/or a referral to a nearby mental health professional. A treatment plan is made in collaboration with each student to best meet his or her needs.

Clinical Services are CONFIDENTIAL. Information communicated to IIT counselors will not be disclosed to anyone outside Counseling Services without written consent from the student. There are rare exceptions to this policy, such as when a therapist has concerns an individual is at risk of seriously hurting him/herself or someone else.

There is no charge for therapy services, although there is a fee (usually covered by health insurance) for appointments with our psychiatrist and for medication. Student Counseling Services follows the ethical and professional standards of the American Psychological Association.

In addition to individual appointments, the Counseling Center also offers outreach programs to IIT students. Outreach includes workshops on topics such as stress management, time management, and overcoming test anxiety, etc.

Student Counseling Services provides consultation to staff, faculty and parents of IIT students who may be concerned about a student's welfare. Finally, the Student Counseling Services collaborates with other university departments to improve student well-being at IIT.

For students who have been receiving continuous mental health treatment prior to attending college, continuation of treatment is usually a good idea. Our Counseling staff is happy to speak with parents about this or other issues. While Illinois mental health confidentiality laws may prevent us from telling you if we are providing treatment to your student, we can always listen and help you come up with a plan to address any concerns you may have about his or her mental health. To learn more call us at 312.567.5900 or visit us on the web at www.iit.edu/counseling_center ■

Events

IIT hosts a wide variety of programs and events on campus every year. From traditions like Homecoming and Greek Week to more non-conventional events such as skydiving and scuba diving, the Office of Student Life partners with student organizations to enrich the outside of the classroom experience. College is all about experiences. The programs, events, and traditions offered by the Office of Student Life and IIT's 100+ student organizations are an important enhancement of the college experience.

Taste of the Quad takes place during the first week of fall classes, hosted by the fraternities and sororities of IIT. Featuring food, music and carnival games, it is one of the largest social events on campus all year and designed to entertain and feed a large number of IIT students, incoming and returning, Greek and non-Greek alike.

Homecoming is a traditional celebration of IIT spirit, hosted in the fall of each year. This week-long series of events is full of pride and excitement. Homecoming festivities include athletic events, spirit competitions, a carnival and the Homecoming Dance.

International Fest is hosted by the International Student Organization each semester to spread the rich cultures and traditions of IIT's student population. Organizations representing countries and ethnic groups from around the globe present a variety of food and entertainment from their culture.

Midnight Breakfast rewards our late-night studiers during exam week with a midnight breakfast on the Tuesday of finals week in both the spring and fall semesters.

Spring Formal allows students to experience a night out in the City of Chicago. An evening of dinner and dancing, this event is one of the highlights of the spring semester and brings the end of the academic year to a close.

Greek Week is a celebration of pride and spirit in IIT's fraternity and sorority community. Held in the spring of each year, the ten Greek chapters on campus compete in games that test both mind and body.

Stress Free Zone is a chance to work off the steam created during finals week. Puzzles, games and snacks give students a perfect break from cramming for finals each semester. ■



Student Resources

University Web Portal

The myIIT portal is your student's personalized access to email, online course registration/information, student life, web links, tools, and other content designed to help them study, live and play better—in and around IIT. Your student can log in to the portal at my.iit.edu.

myIIT Features:

- University announcements, IIT Today, student news and events
- Collaboration tools for student organizations
- Customized page layouts. Opt-in to dozens of content channels
- Personal calendaring system: Share your calendar, subscribe to group calendars, view calendar sets
- Single sign-on access to your printing account, Blackboard, E-mail, Galvin Library databases, Web for students, and the OTS Support Desk.

Academic Resource Center (ARC)

The ARC is a comprehensive learning center with a variety of services for students and faculty. The mission of the ARC is to enrich the academic experience through a student-centered approach to education. By integrating a variety of resources, the ARC strives to support students and faculty at all stages of the learning process. Free on campus services include:

- **Peer Tutoring:** The goal of peer tutoring is to provide students with the appropriate tools to consistently achieve academic success. ARC tutors are available on a walk-in basis for one-on-one and group study. The tutors are top-performing undergraduate and graduate students trained to assist their peers academically and gain a sound understanding of course concepts and materials.
- **Exam Reviews:** Upon instructor request, ARC tutors will hold exam review sessions. During a ►

review session, tutors will review course material and answer questions about concepts and problems. Review sessions are typically held at night, one to three days before an exam.

- **Workshops and Seminars:** Workshops and seminars are available for students on a variety of topics. Recent presentations include Time Management and a seminar on MatLab. New workshops and seminars are developed periodically throughout the semester.
- **Computing and Printing:** The ARC houses a computer lab with black and white and color printing. All equipment is continually upgraded and maintained. In addition to desktop computers, students can also check out laptops for use within the ARC area.

Visit arc.iit.edu or call 312.567.5216 for more information.

Writing Center

IIT's Writing Center is supported by the Communication Across the Curriculum (CAC) program and the Lewis Department of Humanities. The Writing Center offers one-on-one assistance, by appointment, to help students with the writing process. Through the Writing Center students learn to interpret assignments, gather information, analyze and organize language, as well as, address grammar and punctuation.

CAC writing consultants provide individual conferences for writing assignments in engineering and science courses, particularly:

- **Introduction to the Profession (ITP)**
- **C-Course (writing intensive)**
- **I PRO**

The Writing Center Director and an additional writing consultant provide



help with writing assignments for both graduate and undergraduate students. These services are especially geared toward assisting students for whom English is a second language.

Center for Disability Resources (CDR)

Illinois Institute of Technology is deeply committed to the full participation of students with disabilities in all aspects of the university's academic and co-curricular life. The mission of the CDR is to ensure that qualified individuals with disabilities are provided an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from the academic and vocational opportunities available at IIT. The CDR provides reasonable accommodations and support services to qualified students, faculty, staff, and guests with disabilities on an individualized case-by-case basis and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The CDR is the designated office of the Illinois Institute of Technology that obtains and files disability-related documents, certifies eligibility for disability services, determines reasonable accommodations,

and develops and coordinates plans for the provision of such accommodations for students, faculty, staff, and guests with disabilities. To begin the process of registering for disability services, or for more information about how to receive accommodations, visit www.iit.edu/cdr or contact disabilities@iit.edu.

Bursar's Office

The Bursar's Office manages all student receivables including the following:

- Processing of electronic monthly statements
- Third party sponsor billing for students who receive outside funding
- Management and application of monthly payment plans and deferment plans
- Disbursements of financial aid refunds via direct deposit
- Processing of all payments received for university

The Bursar's Office is pleased to offer all of its services online to parents and

students. Students can access our secure systems by navigating to the Finances tab of the myIIT portal and clicking "Manage My Student Account".

We encourage parents who would like access to our online billing and payment system to have their student add them as an Authorized User. Authorized Users will receive their own login credentials to make payments and view statements. They will also be copied on all auto-generated emails and reminders sent to students from the Bursar's Office. Further instructions and information on becoming an Authorized User is available on our website www.iit.edu/bursar.

Career Management Center (CMC)

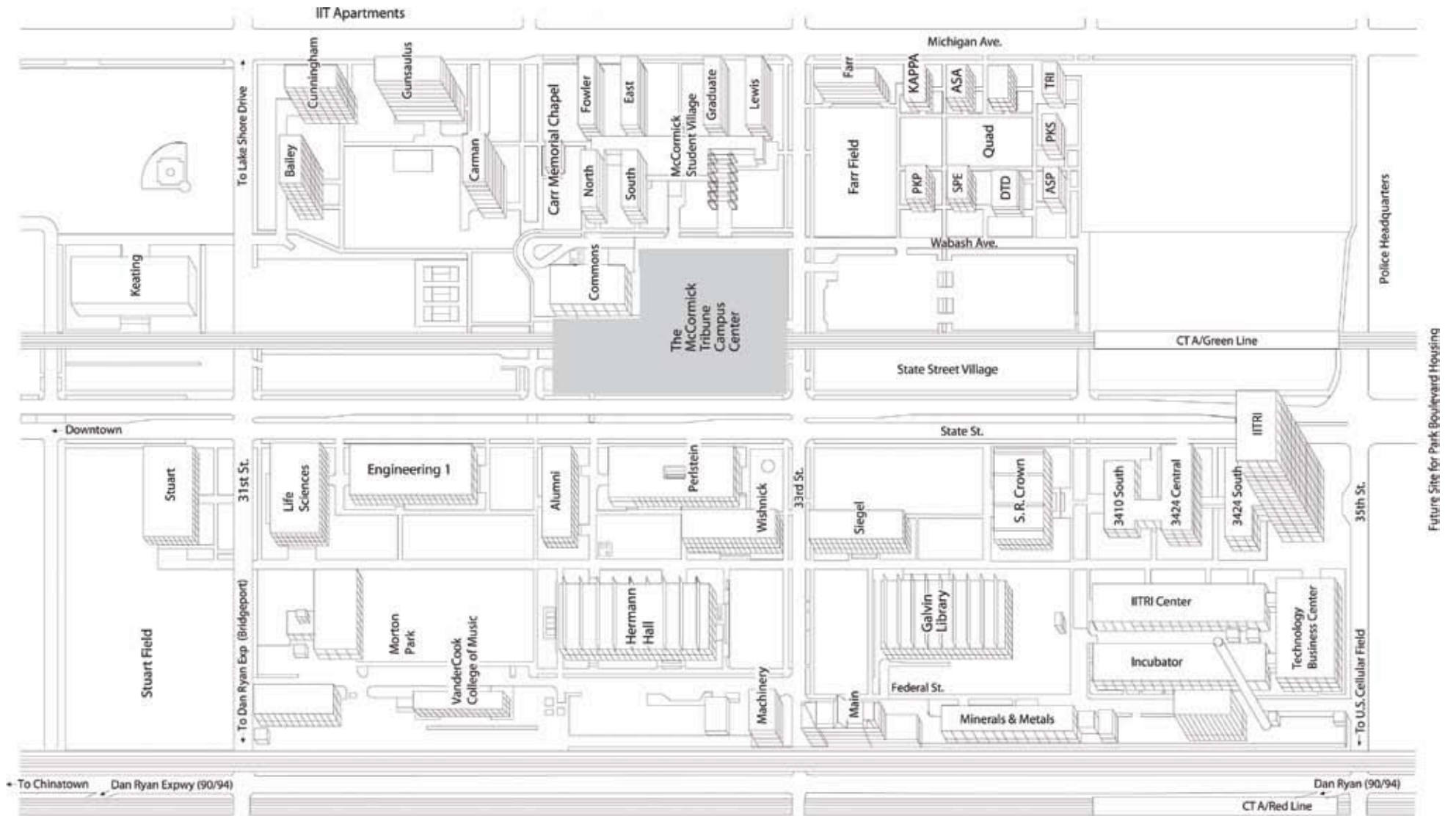
Located in the Galvin Library, the Career Management Center provides a comprehensive series of services designed to assist students and alumni in the areas of career information, exploration, and implementation.

Programs and services include:

- Career advising
- Cooperative education
- Internships (we offer them throughout the year)
- Part-time employment opportunities (we currently post on and off-campus employment opportunities)
- Job search and interview skills
- Resume/cover letter writing
- Company research
- Dinner/business etiquette training

The CMC sponsors two job fairs each academic year. The next job fair is September 22, 2011.

Please visit www.cmc.iit.edu for a full listing of the program schedule, helpful resources, and other student and alumni benefits. ■






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Academic Advising

After May 1 all students who submitted a deposit to IIT received an email with information about placement tests, advising and registration, including contact information about their faculty academic advisor.

Email or phone communication is always encouraged, but all students will meet their faculty academic advisor during New Student Orientation to complete their advising and registration. We urge all students to attend one of the June or July New Student Orientation sessions to have the best availability of classes to choose from.

Each undergraduate student is assigned an academic advisor who is a faculty member in their major. Academic advisors are also available to discuss opportunities and career plans in the student's chosen field, as well as, to plan and approve coursework that

meets department and university requirements. The associate chairs of a department (or their counterparts) also offer information on university requirements and academic procedures.

The Director of Undergraduate Academic Advising, Matthew Bauer (bauerm@iit.edu) can also be contacted about any academic advising issues.

We understand that registering for classes is a crucial experience for both parents and students.

Parents are encouraged to talk with their son or daughter about their class schedule prior to the advising session. Together you can create a draft schedule in preparation for the advising session (information was sent after May 1 on how to do this). This extra effort prior to the advising sessions allows for a more productive one-on-one session between the student and advisor. ■



Life on Campus

Student Life

The Office of Student Life promotes student learning and involvement beyond the classroom by offering programs and events that facilitate student growth on an intellectual, personal, and social level. Whether through joining a student organization, attending a program, or taking part in a service learning activity, the Office of Student Life encourages all IIT students to take part in life outside the academic environment.

Campus programs are offered to appeal to a wide variety of interests and personalities. The majority of events are produced by student organizations with support from Student Life. More information about traditional campus events can be found on the Events page of this guide.

Student organizations are an integral part of campus life at IIT. With over a hundred groups to choose from, there is guaranteed to be an organization for your student. If they do not find something

that grabs their attention, that's okay! The Office of Student Life will assist them in starting an organization to meet their needs and interests. To learn more about organizations or how to get one started, visit us online at www.iit.edu/student_life.

Fraternity and Sorority Life

The Illinois Institute of Technology affirms that social Greek organizations constitute an integral part of the campus community. Recognizing that membership in a Greek organization can be of significant educational value, the university supports the concept that membership can be a worthwhile component to a student's life.

These organizations afford their members leadership development, academic support and a range of social activities. Many of these organizations have received national honors for their services and achievements. Please feel free to contact the Office of Student Life at (312) 567-3720 or email student.life@iit.edu for more information. ►



Fraternities Sororities

Alpha Sigma Phi Alpha Sigma Alpha
Delta Tau Delta Kappa Phi Delta
Pi Kappa Phi Zeta Pi Omega
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Triangle
Phi Kappa Sigma
Omega Delta

Spiritual Life and Service Learning

The Office of Spiritual Life and Service Learning provides resources and support for all students regardless of religious affiliation. Devout practitioners, theists, atheists, and casual seekers will find something of spiritual interest through this office. Main services provided by this office include, but are not limited to, community service opportunities, finding places of worship, and discussing interfaith issues. View more information online at www.iit.edu/spiritual_life.

HOUSING & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Housing & Residential Services at Illinois Institute of Technology operates student, guest, and conference housing. Our mission is to empower residents by providing leadership opportunities and support services that foster community development, academic success, and personal growth. The department provides a quality living environment which promotes the well-being of campus residents and guests through well maintained facilities and accommodations.

The residence halls offer a focused and dynamic living and learning environment. In fact, 2,100 students live on campus and make their “home away from home” in our seven residence halls and four apartment buildings. In addition, Housing & Residential Services coordinates operational efforts with two university-affiliated sorority houses.



First year students not living with a parent or legal guardian must live in the residence halls. Rates, housing options, and other campus housing information is available on the Housing & Residential Services website at housing.iit.edu.

Residence Hall Handbook

The Residence Hall Handbook provides resident guidelines and expectations in tandem with the Room and Board Contract. Students living in Gunsaulus Hall, McCormick Student Village, and State Street Village are expected to be familiar with all policies and procedures in the Residence Hall Handbook. Each resident receives a copy of the Residence Hall Handbook upon check in. Additional copies of the handbook may be obtained from Housing & Residential Services. A downloadable PDF is also available online at www.iit.edu/housing/resident_resources.

Room Cancellation Policy

All Room and Board Contracts are for the entire academic year. Should a student want to cancel their Room and Board Contract, they must review the Cancellation Terms and submit an online Cancellation Form at iit.edu/housing/choices/cancellation_terms.shtml. Standard cancellation fees are also listed on the Room and Board Contract.

IIT DINING SERVICES

The backgrounds, tastes, values and nutritional requests of IIT students vary and Dining Services offers many options designed to provide a variety of healthy food choices. Dining facilities are conveniently located in the McCormick Tribune Campus Center (MTCC), Hermann Hall and the IIT Tower. Students, staff, faculty, and guests of IIT enjoy the welcoming social environment, quality food choices, and convenience of IIT Dining Services.

We go the extra mile to accommodate various food preferences and allergies. Anyone who adheres to a special diet (low-fat, vegetarian, gluten-free) will find supportive menus and staff committed to meeting most dietary needs and restrictions.

All residents of MSV and SSV (excluding SSV South residents) are required to be on a Commons Meal Plan. Bonus Points come with some Meal Plans and give students the flexibility to dine in Center Court, Global Grounds, Pritzker Club, 10west, the Bog or Einstein Bros. Bagels. Meal Plans are also available for commuters.

Students have the opportunity to join the student run Food Advisory Board to help make positive changes regarding food service on campus. This is an exciting way to get involved in campus dining. ■

Student Government Association

Illinois Institute of Technology's Student Government Association (SGA) and its members dedicate themselves to improving academics, student life, and student-administrator communications. SGA proudly draws students from every academic college and type of residence to create proportional representation for the whole student body. SGA impacts large and small-scale change for the benefit of students in every part of the university. Reopening the BOG, publishing professor evaluations, making the library open 24 hours, 5 days a week, switching student emails to Google are examples of how SGA has made Illinois Tech a better university through the students voices.

All SGA projects are conceived and carried out by students for students. Inside of SGA, students learn real-world skills such as critical thinking, negotiation, research, public speaking, and professionalism. Members of SGA are among the most skilled and passionate students in the student body, and the work of SGA hones their existing skills even further. Every student is encouraged to come to the meetings, join a committee, or run in elections. More information can be found at sga.iit.edu. ■

Parent Network



We recognize that parents are a very valuable resource for our students and campus alike. Therefore, you are invited to get involved in our Parent Network.

Your involvement in the Parent Network is completely voluntary and highly encouraged. We are looking for parents with great ideas who are willing to work with IIT administrators, new and current parents, and new and continuing students. Our website www.iit.edu/parents is your resource for everything IIT. From our mission to events on campus, you will learn a lot just from visiting the website.

We hope that through summer orientation you will take the time to become familiar with other families and IIT administrators. Your relationship is important to us and we look forward to having you a part of our community. Join our Parent Network Group on Facebook too. Please contact us via e-mail at parentsnetwork@iit.edu.

Another way to stay up-to-date on IIT events is to join us on Facebook! Search for "Illinois Institute of Technology Parent Programs" on Facebook and like us today!

2011 Summer Orientation Dates

Session I	June 27 – 28
Session II	June 30 – July 1
Session III	July 12 – 13
Session IV	July 15 – 16
Session V	August 15 – 16

Residence Halls Open

All incoming freshman are expected to return to campus on August 17, 2011. Residence Halls open for all other students on August 19, 2011.

First Day of Classes

Monday, August 22, 2011 ■

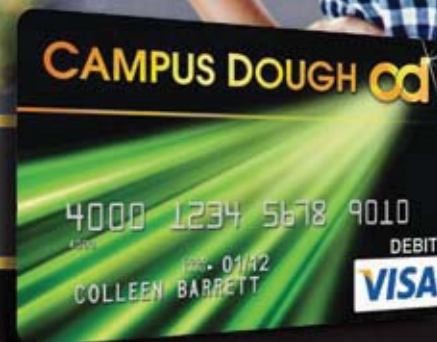
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Welcome To Chicago

Take the words of Chicago visionary Daniel Burnham to heart as you think about how to spend your time in this world-class city: "Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men's blood."

Chicago's great magic lies in its mix: sophisticated yet friendly, bustling city streets adjacent to long stretches of green parks and sparkling blue Lake Michigan, and a stunning year-round array of things to see and do unique in all the world.

Newcomers usually notice the architecture first. In this city where the skyscraper was born, city streets wind through urban canyons, shaped by the world's leading architects, and into diverse neighborhoods, each with its own fascinating flavor.

Chicago is more walkable than most global cities, and visitors of all ages enjoy the proximity of such attractions as Navy Pier, Millennium Park, Lincoln Park Zoo, Museum of Science and Industry, Art Institute of Chicago and other treasures.

The city's explosive performance art scene delivers audience-

thrilling theatre, music and dance in historic venues downtown and throughout neighborhoods.

Remarkable shopping opportunities in Chicago's renowned department stores, upscale and trendy neighborhood boutiques, galleries, and specialty shops will satisfy your quest for a special memento or all-out retail therapy. And when you're ready to recharge, the city's endless assortment of restaurants and nightlife is ready to match every taste, budget and mood.

Come and discover why so many visitors fall in love with the city every year. For more information on all that Chicago has to offer, visit www.choosechicago.com/meetinchicago.

Performing Arts

Chicago's theater industry pushes the envelope with cutting-edge performances in historic and state-of-the-art stages. The Chicago Theatre, Goodman, Bank of America Theatre, Cadillac Palace, Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University and the Ford Center have made visiting downtown a must for theatre lovers. Distinctive theaters can also be found

throughout Chicago. Theater's like the Steppenwolf and The Second City, all weave themselves into Chicago neighborhoods solidifying Chicago's reputation as a world-class theater destination.

Dining

Once in Chicago, visitors never have to worry about finding a place to eat. Chicago features thousands of restaurants that offer culinary favorites to suit every taste, budget, ►

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and mood. Whether the preference is Chicago-style hot dogs or a burger, fried clams or smoked ostrich, pirogues or pizza, Chicago has it all.

Soul food, Italian, Chinese, French, Japanese, Mexican, Asian, or Spanish... Chicago offers a virtual United Nations of eating choices. Ethnic neighborhoods such as Chinatown, Greektown, West Rogers Park, and Pilsen are among those offering tempting tastes from around the world.

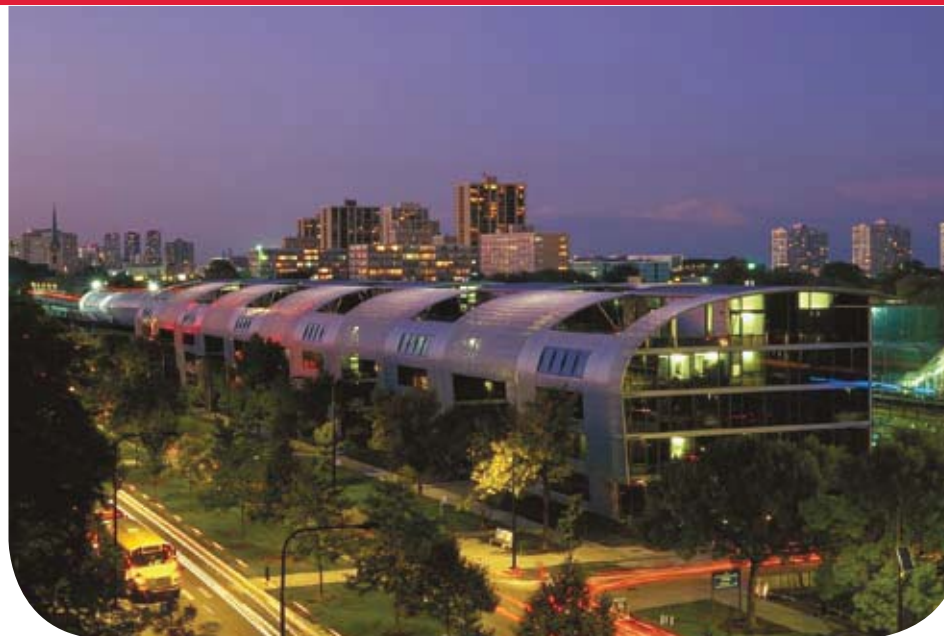
Chicago is also proud to be home of award-winning restaurants and world-renowned chefs, as well as home to deep-dish pizza... one of Chicago's most important contributions to 20th Century culture.

Museums

Chicago is world-renowned for its diverse collection of museums, which explore a variety of subjects including Chicago history, art, African-American culture, astronomy, natural history and much more.

Those visiting Chicago should plan on spending time at Chicago's Museum Campus. The scenic park conveniently joins the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum, the Shedd Aquarium/Oceanarium, and the Field Museum of Natural History with easy access to all three locations.

The Shedd Aquarium offers one of the world's largest array of more than 8,000 aquatic mammals, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates and fish. After exploring the oceans, attendees can gaze up at the heavens in the nearby Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum. The Field Museum offers exciting displays of mummies, Egyptian tombs, Native American artifacts, and



dinosaur skeletons are on display. It is also the permanent home of Sue, the world's largest, most complete and most famous Tyrannosaurus rex.

Other Chicago museums include the Chicago History Museum (the city's oldest cultural institution), the Museum of Science and Industry, the DuSable Museum of African-American History, the Art Institute of Chicago (one of the world's leading art museums), the Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Museum of Contemporary Photography.

Attractions

In addition to world-renowned museums, Chicago is home to a variety of spectacular attractions. The Chicago Cultural Center (pictured) is described as a "neo-classical masterpiece" that features two art-glass domes and glittering mosaic walls. The many galleries in the Cultural Center exhibit contemporary art from around town and works from around the world.

Shopping

A visit to Chicago wouldn't be complete without a shopping spree. Shopping in Chicago began on State Street (that great street!) with the opening of the original Marshall Field's Department store in 1852. Today, the former Field's flagship store is known as Macy's on State Street and shoppers will find an outstanding selection of men's and women's apparel, an extensive housewares department, several fine restaurants, a food court and a visitor center.

A shopping spree must include a visit to the famed "Magnificent Mile," which runs along Michigan Avenue from Oak Street to the Chicago River. Amidst department store giants such as Marshall Field's, Neiman Marcus, Lord & Taylor, Saks Fifth Avenue and Bloomingdale's, are hundreds of specialty shops and boutiques offering goods from around the world. Oak Street, just west of Michigan Avenue, is a boutique shopper's dream.

An abundance of shopping can also be found at The Shops at North Bridge, Water Tower Place, the 900 North Michigan Avenue Shops, Chicago Place Shopping Center, Navy Pier and "The Shops at the Mart" located at Chicago's Merchandise Mart.

Chicago's neighborhoods are also home to unique and diverse shopping. Bucktown, Lakeview and Lincoln Park are all neighborhoods that have a wonderful array of shopping; everything from trendy boutiques to one-of-a-kind shops. ■

Navy Pier is the city's lakefront playground and the state's most popular attraction, offering visitors a unique blend of family-oriented attractions. This famed attraction boasts the 150-foot high Ferris wheel, a musical carousel, the Chicago Children's Museum, Wave Swinger ride in Pier Park, a 3-D Time Escape ride, a variety of restaurants and the famed Chicago Shakespeare Theater.

Chicago's Millennium Park offers 24.5 acres of green space. It contains an outdoor performing arts pavillion, indoor year-round theatre, restaurant, ice-skating rink, contemporary garden, public art, fountains, promenade area for special events, landscaped walkways and green spaces.

Other Chicago attractions not to miss include Buckingham Fountain at Grant Park, the Hancock Observatory, and the Sears Tower Skydeck.

Academic Calendar

FALL 2011	
Fall Classes Begin	Mon, August 22
Last Day to Add/Drop with 100% Tuition Refund	Fri, September 2
Labor Day - No Classes	Mon, September 5
Fall Degree Conferral Applications Due	Mon, September 12
Homecoming Weekend	Sat, September 24
Spring & Summer Incomplete Grades Due	Mon, October 3
Fall Break Day	Mon, October 10
Midterm Grades Due	Fri, October 21
Spring Class Schedule Published	Mon, October 24
Last Day to Withdraw	Mon, October 31
Spring Registration Begins	Mon, November 7
Thanksgiving Break Begins	Wed, November 23
Last Day of Fall Classes	Sat, December 3
Final Exams Begin	Mon, December 5
Final Grades Due	Wed, December 14
Fall Degree Conferral Date	Sat, December 17
SPRING 2012	
Spring Classes Begin	Mon, January 9
Marchin Luther King Day - No Classes	January 16
Last Day to Add/Drop with 100% Tuition Refund	January 20
Spring Degree Conferral Applications Due	January 30
Fall Incomplete Grades Due	February 20
Commencement RSVPs Due	March 1
Midterm Grades Due	March 9
Spring Break Week Begins	March 19
Summer & Fall Class Schedule Published	March 26
Last Day to Withdraw	April 2
Summer & Fall Registration Begins	April 9
Graduate Salute Days Begins	April 23
Last Day of Spring Classes	April 28
Final Exams Begin	April 30
Senior Week	May 7
Final Grades Due	May 9
Spring Degree Conferral & Commencement	May 12

Helpful Web Sites

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Dean of Students	www.iit.edu/student_affairs
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HawkCard (Student ID)	www.iit.edu/~hawkcard
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Public Safety (Non-Emergency)	(312) 808-6300
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