



A GUIDE TO DEPAUL AND CHICAGO FOR
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS
AND AMERICAN STUDENTS LIVING ABROAD





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WELCOME TO DEPAUL.

DePaul is the fourteenth-largest private, not-for-profit university in the United States; the largest Catholic university in the nation; and home to nearly 23,000 students.

At DePaul, you will be part of a diverse student body that represents a broad range of geographic, ethnic, religious and economic backgrounds. You will be mentored by a challenging and caring faculty whose first priority is teaching. You will be connected to a variety of opportunities and experiences—professional, academic, cultural and social—a unique aspect of living and attending college in a world-class city like Chicago.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT

Talk to a member of our Global Ambassador Program (GAP), a group of current DePaul international students selected to serve as spokespeople for International Admission. Ambassadors will share their experiences with you, answer your questions and provide you with real opinions about DePaul and all it has to offer.

Connect with GAP:

- Email gap@depaul.edu
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CHICAGO BY THE NUMBERS

Nearly **3 million** people in the city

Approximately **9.5 million** in the Chicago area

More than **7,300** restaurants

26 miles of lakefront

552 parks

110 stories in Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower)

7 professional sports teams

32 Fortune 500 companies

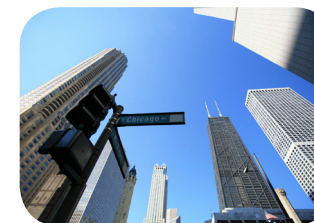
79 consulates/consuls general

28 sister cities

More than **21,555** International students on visa in
Chicago in 2011 (according to the Institute of
International Education)

I AM FULL OF LIFE.

“Looking back, DePaul University was definitely the right choice for me. I needed that urban vibe, a city and college experience molded into one. I’ve been able to get so much exposure and embark on opportunities that I never would have gotten otherwise.” **Barbara Obregon**, Honduras



EXPERIENCE CHICAGO.

To enjoy this world-class city in every way, you have to get out there and experience it—through its parks, theatre performances, museums, restaurants, live music, art galleries, shopping, award-winning architecture, the lakefront, festivals and major league sports teams, just to name a few.

With all that goes on in the city on any given day, it is sometimes difficult to narrow your choices. Here are some helpful online guides:

Time Out Chicago: **chicago.timeout.com**

The Chicago Reader: **chicagoreader.com**

Metromix Chicago: **chicago.metromix.com**

A CITY OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Chicago is known as a city of vibrant neighborhoods, and DePaul is right in the center. With 77 recognized neighborhoods—each with its own unique vibe—there is a place for everyone. Below are just a few examples of neighborhoods where you can live and explore. For an in-depth look at Chicago’s neighborhoods, visit explorechicago.org.



LINCOLN PARK

Lincoln Park is home to DePaul’s largest campus. Here, you’ll find historic brownstone buildings, unique shops, popular restaurants and the largest park in the city adjacent to Lake Michigan. DePaul’s College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, College of Science and Health, College of Education, School of Music and The Theatre School are all located in Lincoln Park.

Check out a map of the Lincoln Park Campus.

NEIGHBORHOODS NEAR THE LINCOLN PARK CAMPUS

Lakeview/Wrigleyville is located just north of Lincoln Park and is home to the Chicago Cubs professional baseball team and Wrigley Field. Entertainment is readily available in this neighborhood with countless cafes and restaurants, many catering to Chicago’s enthusiastic sports fans.

To the west of Lincoln Park, **Bucktown** and **Wicker Park** are popular neighborhoods for young professionals as well as artists. You’ll find plenty of trendy restaurants and boutiques lining the busy thoroughfare of Damen Avenue.

South of Bucktown and Wicker Park, **Ukrainian Village** is a historic neighborhood named for the immigrant population that founded it. Home to trendy clubs as well as mom-and-pop shops, Ukrainian Villiage offers residents a unique environment.

Further north, you’ll find **Logan Square**, which boasts a growing number of restaurants and entertainment options. From old mansions to condos and apartments, Logan Square offers housing to fit every preference and is a family-friendly neighborhood.

THE LOOP

The Loop, named for the elevated train track that circles its border, is home to DePaul’s downtown campus, including the College of Commerce, College of Communication, College of Computing and Digital Media, College of Law and School for New Learning. In the heart of Chicago’s business and financial district, you’ll have access to employment and internships, as well as the lakefront, Millennium Park, museums, restaurants and shopping.

Check out a map of the Loop Campus.

NEIGHBORHOODS NEAR THE LOOP CAMPUS

Located north of the Loop, **Streeterville** and the **Gold Coast** are home to the famed Magnificent Mile shopping district. In addition to the stately brownstone homes and high-rise condominiums, you’ll find world-class dining, dozens of tourist attractions and trendy nightclubs in these neighborhoods.

The **West Loop** is a former industrial area that borders downtown. Recent renovations have turned warehouse spaces into loft-style condos, apartments, boutiques, art galleries and restaurants.

Directly south of the Loop Campus is the **South Loop**, one of the latest neighborhoods in Chicago to experience a revival. The South Loop is home to new housing, restaurants, clubs and shopping as well as the Museum Campus, which includes the Shedd Aquarium, the Adler Planetarium and the Field Museum.

Now that you’ve learned a little about Chicago’s neighborhoods, you need to begin thinking about your living arrangements. Your biggest decision: Should you live on campus or off? It’s a question that has been asked since the invention of the residence hall. Whatever you decide, you’ll have lots of options. Take some time to explore both.



One of the greatest benefits of living in Chicago is that you won’t need a car to get to class or anywhere else. You’ll find that public transportation is plentiful and an easy way to navigate your way around Chicago.

ON-CAMPUS LIVING

Living on campus allows you to immerse yourself in the college experience. DePaul offers students 13 residence halls and affiliated housing buildings, each with its own sense of community.

Housing on the Lincoln Park Campus offers students a more traditional campus setting. Students may choose from various styles of apartments, and all accommodations are furnished and include wireless Internet and cable television.

For students interested in living near the Loop Campus, housing is available at the University

Center of Chicago (UCC). The UCC is shared by DePaul and three other neighboring universities. Suite and apartment-style units are available, and the building features its own dining hall, fitness center, rooftop garden and laundry facilities.

If you decide to live on campus, submit your housing request as soon as possible. Housing is determined on a first-come, first-served basis, and there are usually more requests to live on campus than spaces available.

For a complete look at DePaul’s on-campus housing, visit **offices.depaul.edu/housing**.

OFF-CAMPUS LIVING

Chicago’s neighborhoods offer a diverse range of living options, but finding an apartment can be a complex process. Before you arrive, determine your monthly budget for rent; research the neighborhoods; and look at apartment listings online. You may want to arrange for temporary housing when you first arrive so that you have extra time to find a place to live.

DePaul’s Housing Services has resources for finding off-campus housing, including temporary housing solutions. Visit **offcampushousing.depaul.edu**.

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) operates elevated, or “L,” trains, a subway system, and buses that interconnect and provide service to all parts of the city, 24 hours a day. Full-time undergraduate students at DePaul receive a U-Pass, a transit card that gives you unlimited access to ride on any CTA-operated bus and rail line. For CTA information and maps, visit **transitchicago.com**.

SUBURBAN TRANSPORTATION

Serving more than 100 communities in the Chicago area, Metra is a system of 11 commuter rail lines. Visit **metrarail.com** for more information and train schedules. The suburban bus system Pace serves more than 200 communities. For more information, visit **pacebus.com**.

OTHER TRANSPORTATION

Taxis are abundant in Chicago and easy to hail depending on where you are in the city and the time of day. Biking is also a popular form of transportation in Chicago. The CTA, Metra and Pace are all bike-friendly and offer ways to transport your bike when you ride public transportation. For more information, visit **divvybikes.com**

CTA RED LINE:
LINCOLN PARK TO THE LOOP

- Belmont
- Fullerton
- North/Clybourn
- Clark/Division
- Chicago
- Grand
- Lake
- Monroe
- Jackson
- Harrison

DEPAUL'S LINCOLN PARK CAMPUS

DEPAUL'S LOOP CAMPUS



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DEPAUL
BY THE NUMBERS

In 2017, DePaul enrolled:

- 14,816 undergraduates
- 7,953 graduate and law students

Approximately 1,800 international students
on visas from more than 110 countries

More than 3,200 students live on campus

- 15 NCAA Division I Big East athletic teams

98 percent of undergraduate classes have
fewer than 40 students

99 percent of classes taught by professors,
not teaching assistants

1 faculty member for every 15 students

Nearly registered alumni living in all 50 states
and in more than 55 countries

I AM PREPARED.

“The greatest experience is to have professors who are not only teachers, but also mentors who help you take steps towards your future career. One of my journalism professors helped me get my first internship, and others have helped me expand my network. There is no shortage of hands-on experience at DePaul.” Faten Bushehri, Bahrain



WHAT’S YOUR MAJOR?

Whether you have decided already or you’re still considering your options, you’ll be asked that question often during your time as a DePaul student. With more than 150 undergraduate majors, minors, certificate programs and concentrations to choose from, we know you’ll find the perfect fit. Visit go.depaul.edu/majors for a full list of programs.

COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

You already know that DePaul offers practical, hands-on learning, a wide range of degree options and a variety of innovative courses that keep pace with the ever-changing needs of today’s professional world. But you may not know some of these interesting facts about DePaul’s colleges, schools and our English Language Academy.



COLLEGE OF COMMERCE

DePaul’s College of Business is one of the nation’s premier business schools. It was the first business school in downtown Chicago and one of the first 10 in the country.

Notable: BusinessWeek ranked DePaul No. 40 on its 2010 list of the top undergraduate business programs in the country.

Interesting: The College of Business is ranked #13 undergraduate entrepreneurship program in the nation, The Princeton Review (2019);

Among the country’s best undergraduate business programs, U.S. News & World Report (2018)

Alumni: Smurfit-Stone Container CEO Patrick J. Moore; Driehaus Capital Management CEO Richard Driehaus; Navistar International Chief Executive Daniel Ustian; Kellogg Chairman James Jenness; Crate & Barrel Chief Financial Officer Diane M. Pearse

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION

Students in the College of Communication learn from professors who have extensive experience in the world’s leading media markets.

Unique: Last fall DePaul offered what is believed to be the first college-level journalism course focused on Twitter.

Interesting: The DePaulia student newspaper won 17 awards from the Illinois College Press Association (IPCA), including first place for General Excellence for a Non-Daily Big-School Newspaper, and first place honors for column writing and sports page design (2015).

Alumni: Turner International Asia Vice President of Corporate Communications and Marketing Grace Wong; Los Angeles Times Database Producer Ben Welsh; WGN Television Vice President and General Manager Marty Wilke

COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND DIGITAL MEDIA (CDM)

CDM is one of the most innovative colleges in the U.S., constantly updating and adding new degree programs to reflect evolving technology and trends.

Notable: More than 10 percent of the CDM student body is international.

Interesting: CDM was ranked #28 undergraduate school for video game design, The Princeton Review (2019);

#7 game design program in the nation, Animation Career Review (2018);

#14 animation program in the nation, Animation Career Review (2018)..

Alumni: OptionsXpress CEO David Kalt; NYSE Group Chief Technology Officer Steve Rubinow; Accenture Global Managing Partner Aziz Virani; PepsiCo Divisional Chief Technical Officer Michael Carioscio

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (LAS)

LAS is the oldest college at DePaul and offers students more than 28 degree programs to choose from.

Notable: DePaul is home to the personal archives of Sister Helen Prejean, C.S.J., the crusading New Orleans nun who has dedicated her life to serving the poor and who is a national voice for abolishing capital punishment through the Ministry Against the Death Penalty.

Interesting: The college keeps its degree programs on the cutting edge. Recent additions include Criminology and Critical Ethnic Studies.

Alumni: Superior Court Judge of the District of Columbia Laura Cordero; Best Buy Senior Vice President of Consumer Insights Bill Hoffman; Walgreens Vice President for Human Resources Mark Wattley, Esq.; Illinois State Senator Kwame Raoul



COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH (CSH)

CSH provides students with innovative, science-based curricula with a strong liberal arts foundation.

Unique: CSH educates students with a strong Vincentian commitment to social justice and civic engagement.

Notable: The recently built Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Environmental Science and Chemistry Building received gold-level LEED certification for its “green” features.

Alumni: Aetna Vice President for External Affairs Martin Castro; Florida Spaceport Authority Director Edward O'Connor; Emergency Nurses Association Executive Director Donna Nowakowski

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The College of Education prepares students to become professional educators and counselors in urban and multicultural communities.

Unique: The College of Education Family Lab provides low-cost diagnostic and instructional services to Chicago-area children who are struggling readers.

Notable: DePaul is one of 53 universities selected to participate in the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program, which trains a talented, diverse pool of young teachers to work in classrooms with the greatest needs.

Alumni: SPC Consulting President and U.S. Department of Education Former Regional Secretary Sunny Chico; Chicago Public Schools Area Instruction Officer Jim Cosme; Chicago Public Schools Parent Community Partnership Program Deputy Officer Beverly Butler

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

With a student to faculty ratio of 6-to-1, the School of Music offers personal interaction that is critical when preparing students for performance careers.

Notable: The School of Music was named one of the “Schools That Rock” by Rolling Stone.

Interesting: 2018 opening of the Holtschneider Building - The 185,000-square-foot building includes teaching studios, rehearsal space, a concert hall, two recital halls and a Corboy jazz hall.

Alumni: Pulitzer Prize-winning Composer George Perle; Metropolitan Opera Baritone Stephen Powell; jazz artists Brian Culbertson and Joe Vito; members of the rock group Chicago

THE THEATRE SCHOOL

Founded as the Goodman School of Drama in 1925, The Theatre School is the Midwest’s oldest theatre training conservatory.

Wow: Last year, alumni worked in more than 450 theatre productions, including 34 Broadway shows or national tours, more than 100 films and 80 television shows worldwide.

Notable: Recently, The New York Times listed The Theatre School among the top nine schools most often mentioned by casting directors and theatrical agents for the quality of the master’s program in acting.

Alumni: Oscar winner Tarell Alvin McCraney Actress Gillian Anderson; Actor W. Earl Brown; Actress Monique Coleman; Actress Judy Greer; Actress Elizabeth Perkins; Actress Amy Pietz; Oscar-nominated Actor John C. Reilly; Chicago Shakespeare Theater Executive Director Criss Henderson

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACADEMY (ELA)

ELA is a full-time, non-credit, intensive academic English certificate program that prepares students for success in university degree programs and offers a TOEFL-intensive preparation program.

Notable: In addition to English classes, students in the ELA enjoy rich social lives as members of the DePaul community and are actively assisted by ELA faculty and staff in integrating themselves into the vibrant city of Chicago.

Interesting: ELA classes are small, averaging 12 students per course. Total enrollment is approximately 200 students from 35 different countries.

Unique: ELA students can choose from a range of optional supplemental activities including conversation circles with American DePaul students, a writers’ forum, individual tutoring, intramural sports teams and a culturally oriented social club.



Oyinade Osisanya
NIGERIA

A Week in the Life of Oyinade

DePaul major: Accountancy

Internship: Ernst & Young

Monday: This is the busiest day of my week. I have three classes on both the Loop and Lincoln Park campuses—chemistry, accounting (my favorite class) and the Life and Times of St. Vincent de Paul. Being on both campuses is a good way for me to stay in touch with everything that’s going on at DePaul.

Tuesday: I have only one class today, so most of my day is spent working. After work, I attend company presentations hosted by the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA). My participation in this club helped me gain the skills I needed to secure my upcoming internship.

Wednesday: Today, is similar to Monday: I have chemistry, accounting and the Life and Times of Vincent de Paul. I also have office hours for NABA, which requires me to go to the club office and reply to emails, make phone calls and organize events. Afterward, I usually relax by taking a walk or hanging out with a friend.

Thursday: Today I have to work before and after my accounting class. I finish up the day with a few office hours for NABA, then it’s off to the Art Institute of Chicago. Once home, I catch up on the news, finish my homework and call it a day.

Friday: I have only chemistry today. The relatively slow pace of Friday allows me to participate in other activities. I also have time to workout at the Ray Meyer Fitness Center. Then, I get together with friends to hang out at a lounge and enjoy some music. It’s Chicago, and there’s so much to do on Friday night!

I AM INVOLVED.

At DePaul you will find a multitude of opportunities to connect outside of the classroom. With academic clubs, professional societies, recreational activities, intercollegiate athletics and intramural sports teams, there are countless ways to get involved.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

With more than 350 student organizations, DePaul has something to fit every interest, including student government, cultural groups, community service organizations, fraternities and sororities, The DePaulia (student newspaper), a literary magazine, radio station, yearbook, special interest clubs and honor societies. Visit go.depaul.edu/organizations for a complete list.

CAMPUS RECREATION AND ATHLETICS

The Ray Meyer Fitness Center, located on the Lincoln Park Campus, is a state-of-the-art facility featuring a gym, a pool, cardio machines, racquetball courts, strength training equipment, a 200-meter track and a café. Students have access to club and intramural sports, personal and group fitness instruction, drop-in recreation, outdoor equipment rentals and special events. All full-time, undergraduate students receive free membership.

Cheer on any of DePaul’s 15 NCAA Division I athletic teams, including women’s basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, and volleyball; men’s basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, and indoor and outdoor track and field.

SERVICE LEARNING

DePaul is committed to graduating students who get involved and contribute in a positive way to their communities. Through community-based service learning courses, you’ll combine classroom learning and service. Students have the opportunity to be involved in an organized service project and study its benefits and implications in class. DePaul’s service learning program matches over 3,400 students every year to more than 150 community organizations throughout Chicago, nationally and internationally.



Yahya Younus
PAKISTAN

CAREER CENTER SUCCESS STORIES



Yosef Cahmi
GUATEMALA
DePaul majors: Management and Marketing
Current position: International Assistance Coordinator, AXA Assistance USA

The people who work at the Career Center are a truly helpful resource. I was able to keep in close contact with the head of the Career Center, and she guided me through tough times. She was able to give me advice on how to approach the job market, considering the disadvantages I have as a foreign student.

The HR manager at AXA found my résumé posted on DePaul’s Experience website and decided to bring me in for an interview. Because of the tools and preparation the Career Center gave me, I was able to ace the interview and land the job.



Nadejda Roussinova
BULGARIA
DePaul major: Management, concentration in Human Resources Management
Current position: Job Developer, The Cara Program

I have used the Career Center since my freshman year at DePaul. I received assistance at different levels to meet my immediate needs—from determining my interests and career goals to full job search assistance.

What I loved most about the Career Center is that it was a safe place where I felt welcomed and supported. It is about “you” as an individual with passion, hobbies, interests, dreams and goals. I was challenged to think outside the box and take an employer perspective. Because the Career Center staff helped me think about and articulate how I could contribute to The Cara Program’s culture and goals, I got the job!

I AM CONNECTED.

Employers value DePaul’s practical education and integration of classroom experience with the real world. They know that DePaul graduates are prepared for the work force, and have a strong work ethic and integrity as well as teamwork and communication skills.

CAREER CENTER

DePaul’s Career Center will be an important resource for shaping your career path from the very beginning of your time at DePaul. The Career Center’s programs and services are designed to help you discover your strengths, explore options, build experience and find employment through:

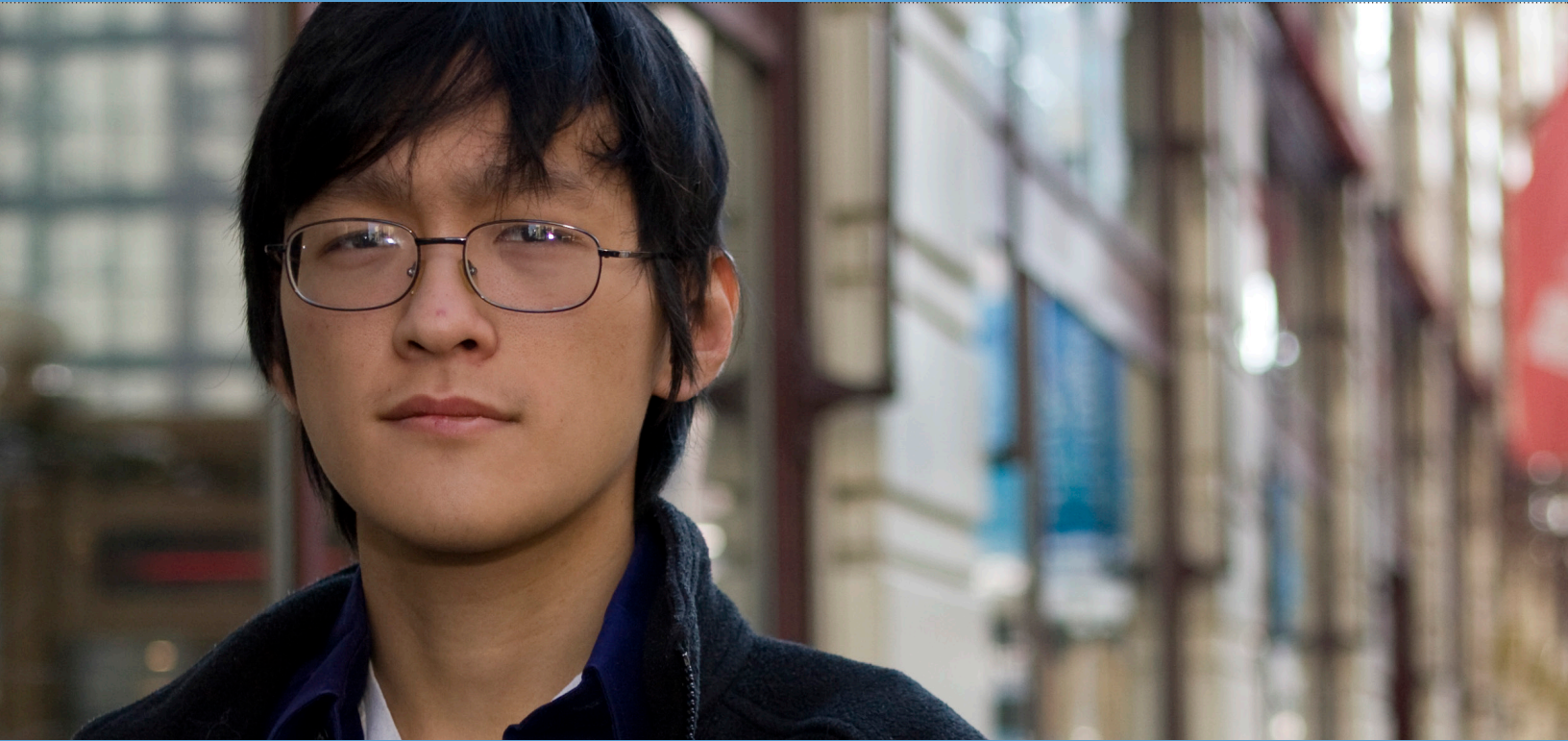
- > Workshops on résumé writing, job search strategies and interviewing.
- > Internship opportunities.
- > Networking events, job and internship fairs and company presentations.
- > On-campus interviewing program.
- > Online job postings.

ALUMNI NETWORK

DePaul alumni are all over the globe. In fact, there are more than 190,000 alumni located in more than 55 countries. More than 120,000 alumni live in the Chicago metropolitan area. DePaul’s career mentor program, Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK) is a volunteer network of more than 950 committed alumni and friends who work with students one-on-one, in practice interviews and at job fairs.

EMPLOYMENT

More than 500 companies actively recruit DePaul students and alumni for jobs and internships each year. In addition, compared to the national average, DePaul graduates are more likely to work for the non-profit/government sectors—29 percent of DePaul’s graduates do so, compared with 16 percent nationally. DePaul really does turn out graduates who become agents of social change.



Phil Kao
TAIWAN

TIPS BEFORE YOU COME TO THE U.S.

RENEW YOUR PASSPORT.

If your passport will expire within two years, it's time to renew.

APPLY FOR YOUR STUDENT VISA IF NEEDED.

This process can take several months, so plan ahead.

MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

Well in advance of your departure date, book your airline tickets.

TAKE CARE OF ROUTINE HEALTH CONCERNS.

Update your immunizations, get new eye glasses and buy at least a two-month supply of medications.

PACK APPROPRIATE CLOTHING.

Chicago has four distinct seasons. The hottest temperatures can reach 95F-100F (35C-37C). The coldest temperatures, usually in January, can drop to -5F (-20C).

CARRY IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS.

Documents you should plan to carry onto the plane include:

- > Your passport
- > SEVIS I-20 (F-1 students) or SEVIS DS - 2019 (J-1 students)
- > Important phone numbers
- > Health documents

I AM READY!

Now that you've had some time to get to know DePaul and Chicago, it's time to take the next step and enroll. Let's get started.



SUBMIT YOUR DEPOSITS.

Secure your place at DePaul by submitting your enrollment deposit to reserve your space in the incoming class. If you want to live on campus, you also will need to submit your housing deposit as soon as possible.

To submit your deposits, go to <https://connect.depaul.edu/account/login?r=https%3a%2f%2fconnect.depaul.edu%2fapply%2fstatus> and login with your user ID and password.

REGISTER FOR AN ISS ORIENTATION.

An Office for International Students and Scholars (ISS) orientation is mandatory for all international students on F-1 and J-1 visas who are new to DePaul University. To register go to iss.depaul.edu.

REGISTER FOR A CAMPUS ORIENTATION.

DePaul offers orientation programs for freshman and transfer students. Orientation provides you with the tools you need for a successful first year. You'll meet with your academic advisor, plan your first quarter, learn more about the university and talk to current students. Find more information, including how to register, at <https://connect.depaul.edu/account/login?r=https%3a%2f%2fconnect.depaul.edu%2fapply%2fstatus>



Barbara Obregon
HONDURAS

YOU WILL BE WELCOMED AT DEPAUL.

We're looking forward to seeing you. If you have other questions, International Admission is here to help.

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