



# Getting Settled in Chicago & at DePaul University

# Overview

Offer practical information about DePaul University and Chicago that will be useful as you settle in over the coming days and weeks.

- Finding housing in Chicago
- Getting around Chicago
- Getting involved in Chicago and at DePaul
- Questions & discussion



# Finding Housing @ Chicago







# Major choices of off-campus housing



- Apartments owned by companies
    - Standard contracts
    - Leasing office
  - Apartments and Townhouse owned by private owners
    - Maintenance (Who fix? Who pay?)
    - Contracts (see next page)
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# Contracts

- Rent
  - Deposit
  - Payment methods
  - Due date
  - Utilities (gas, water, electricity and internet)
  - Move-in / move out date and fees
  - Extra documents may be required
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**DePaul has free legal service!**





# Major considerations





# Common sources





- Social network
    - DePaul Students Living Off Campus  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/6600125319/>
    - Alumni from your country
  - Commercial websites
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# Before you make final decision

- Furniture, Air conditioner included?
- Washer, dryer in the building?
- Who receive packages when you are not at home?
- Who live with you?
- Cost of termination of leasing contract
- Pet allowed?

Subleased room may be a choice if you are sure whether you like it or not.

- Short tenancy: several months
  - Furnished room
  - Must see the contract or inform landlord to make sure he/she has this right.
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Good luck  
for searching  
housing!



# **Getting Around Chicago**

**By: Ariana Garfias**

# Getting on the CTA

Get from the university:

- U-Pass (add money during breaks)

Keep adding money:

- Ventra card

- Temporary ventra pass



# Costs of Pass

**1-Day CTA Pass** for \$10

**3-Day CTA Pass** for \$20

**7-Day CTA Pass** for \$28

**7-Day CTA/Pace Pass\*** for \$33

**30-Day CTA/Pace Pass\*** for  
\$100

Buy these at the vending machines  
and you may only reload ventra  
cards and the U-Pass.



# Buses

- Track the bus by texting CTABUS and the number next to it to 41411.
- The owl on the sign tells you the bus runs overnight.
- Tells you what time of the day the bus runs
- Displays the route it takes

**cta** bus stop

## 66 Chicago

Austin 600W  
Chicago 800N  
Pulaski 4000W  
Blue Line 1200W  
Brown/Purple Lines 200W  
Red Line 0 E/W  
Columbus/Fairbanks 300W  
Grand 530N  
Illinois 500N  
Navy Pier

East to Navy Pier  
Daily, early morning thru late evening  
Overnight (owl) service from Pulaski to Downtown (State/Washington)

TP 5742

TEXT **CTABUS 548** to 41411 for estimated arrival times.  
transitchicago.com 836-7000 TTY (312) 836-4949

Message to send, including this stop's ID.

# Buses

- The front of the bus will tell you where it is going. It will also have the number.
- Number 66 Chicago
- Pull the cord to request a stop



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# Trains

- Look at the front, side, and color of the sign.
- It may be the red line but it may be headed south (95th) not north (Howard)
- Signs above tell you the arrival time of the train
- Read the stairs to see if the train stops there. You may need to get on the other side.



# Trains

Purple: Linden to Loop

Red: 95th to Howard

Brown: Kimball to Loop

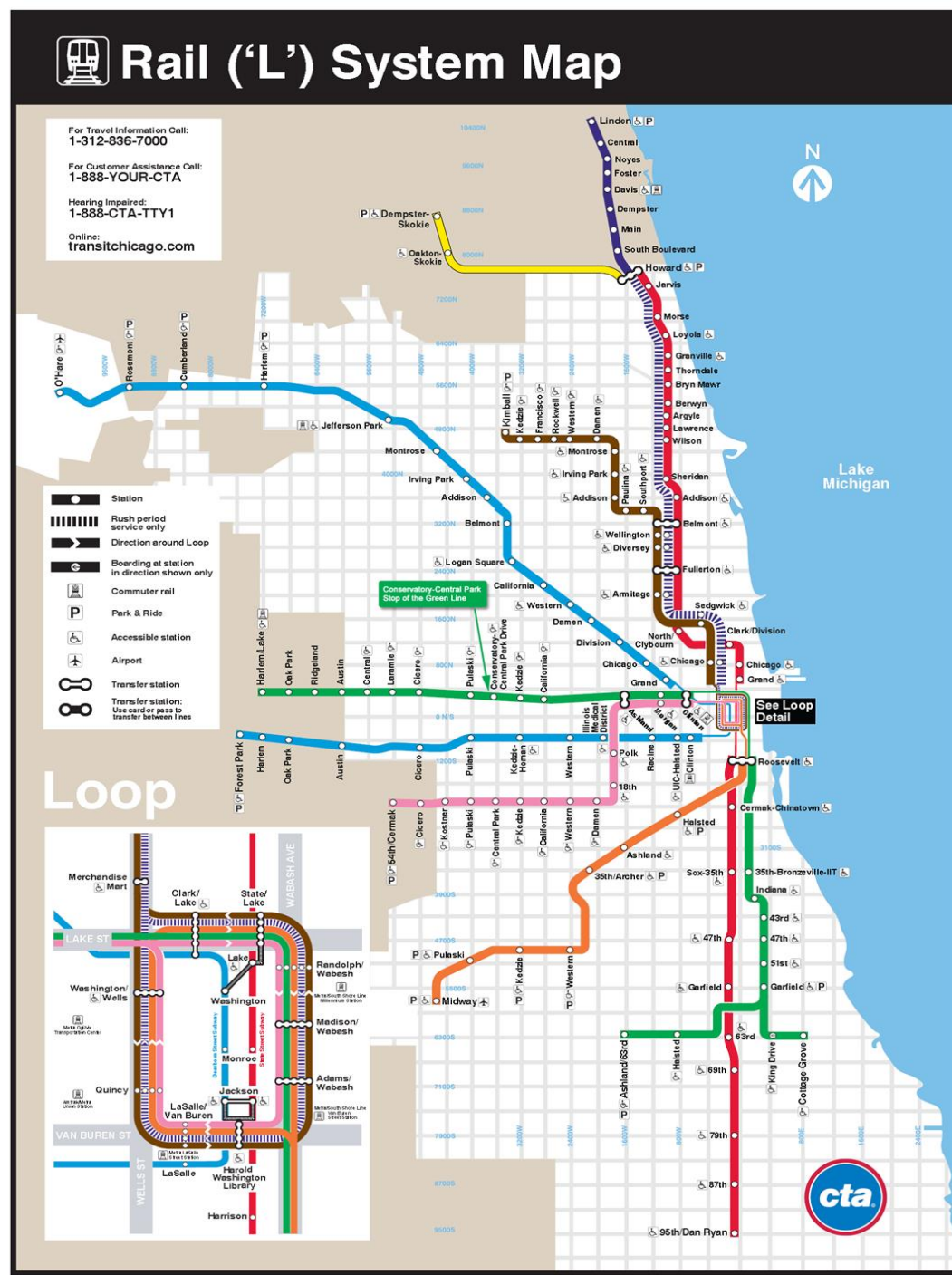
Orange: Midway to Loop

Green: Cottage Grove to Harlem

Blue: O'Hare to Forest Park

Pink: 54th/Cermak to Loop

Yellow: Dempster/Skokie to Howard





# Useful Apps

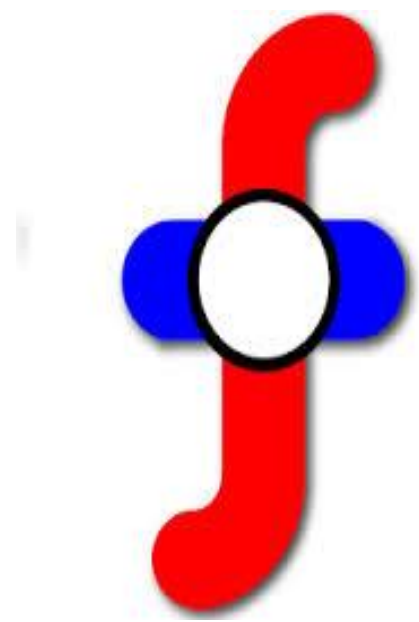
## *Directions*

Google Maps



## *Train and Bus arrivals*

Fast Times



## *Drivers*

Uber or Lyft

(enter credit card info)



**HOW TO GET  
INVOLVE IN  
CHICAGO & AT  
DEPAUL?**

# DEPAUL COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION



The DePaul Community Service Association (DCSA) seeks to promote the dignity of all by following the example of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac. The function of DCSA is twofold:

- To provide meaningful volunteer opportunities to DePaul students who serve our community partners in sustained, mutually beneficial relationships
- To promote reflection and social justice rooted in Vincentian values.

# SERVICE & JUSTICE

Students can get involved in DCSEA's 20 student organizations for weekly service, Monday through Saturday, across Chicago (***transportation provided***) to answer the Vincentian question "What must be done?" in the face of injustice.

# WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN?

- To explore Chicago locally other than tourist spots
- To find new friends
- To practice your language skills (e.g. English, Arabic, Spanish)
- To have fun!



# HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

1. Find the DCSA organization on [OrgSync](#) that fits your interest and schedule.
2. Contact Adila Mazlan (International Student Engagement Coordinator) at [MMAZLAN@depaul.edu](mailto:MMAZLAN@depaul.edu) or 773-325-1193 to get involved.
3. Come to weekly service and bring a friend!

# Connect with DePaul



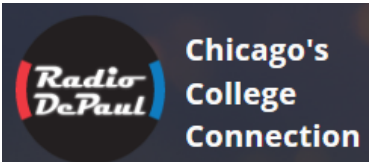
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# Questions & Discussion

- Finding housing in Chicago
- Getting around Chicago
- Getting involved in Chicago and at DePaul
- Other “getting settled” topics
  - Shopping for food and supplies
  - Banking
  - Cellular providers
  - Other



# Thank You

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