

Chicago Center: Quick Facts

Academics

- *Admissions requirements*
 - 2.5 minimum GPA
- *Program Academics*
 - Academic focus: anthropology, business, education, sociology, social work, urban issues, and more
 - Semester
 - Refer to the Chicago Center website for an explanation of the Internship, Seminar, and Directed Study.
 - Fulfills “S” course requirement. Also, *if* dates of attendance run into Alma’s May Term, this program may fulfill “S” course *spring term* requirement. Students must verify this with Registrar once program dates are published.
 - Summer
 - Refer to the Chicago Center website for an explanation of the Internship and the Chicago Communities and Cultures Seminar.
 - Fulfills “S” course credit.

Housing

- Furnished apartments in Hyde Park, shared with other Chicago Center participants
- Food account set up with local grocery store
- Each apartment has a fully equipped kitchen, wireless internet, cable T.V., and *most* have onsite laundry facilities. All roommates are responsible for cooking, cleaning, and other household needs.
- Coffee shops, restaurants, bookstores, banks, shops and the Chicago Center office are all within walking distance.
- Apartments are close to public transportation, and a short bus ride from downtown or a walk to the lakefront.
- Go to the Chicago Center’s website for precise information.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Can I request to live with (a) friend(s) from Alma?*
 - Generally, the program attempts to separate students from the same college so that you have a chance to meet new people. However, they will consider specific housing requests provided that both students email their requests to Lane Chesebro (lanec@chicagocenter.org). The Chicago Center will do their best to place you in the same apartment, but placement together is not guaranteed.
2. *What is the City Activity Expense cost?*
 - The Chicago Center lists the City Activity Expense on their website to provide students with an estimated out-of-pocket cost beyond the costs paid to Alma College or to the Chicago Center. The estimate will give students an idea of costs on class days for expenses such as meals and souvenirs during seminars. All program events will have been paid prior to arrival.

Frequently Asked Questions, continued

3. *Where can mail be sent to me while I'm attending this program?*
 - *Envelopes can be mailed to: (student name), 1347 E. Hyde Park Blvd, Chicago, IL 60615; Packages should be sent to (student name, c/o Chicago Center for Urban Life & Culture), 1515 East 52nd Place, Chicago, IL 60615*
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4. *Whom can I contact if I have questions about the application process, or general questions about the Chicago Center program?*
 - Your first point of contact should be the Chicago Center's official website (www.chicagocenter.org).
 - If you cannot find answers to your questions on their website, call the program at (773) 363-1312 or email info@chicagocenter.org
 - Off-Campus Studies staff are always here to help answer your questions.

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