

Chicago Center: Quick Facts

Academics

- *Admissions requirements*
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- *Program Academics*
 - Academic focus: anthropology, business, education, sociology, social work, urban issues, and more
 - Semester
 - Internship, three times/week
 - Two seminars, each meet once/week
 - Communities & Culture City Seminar = 4 AC credits
 - Directed Study (field study/research project) = 4 “independent study” AC credits
 - Earn up to 16 AC credits
 - Summer
 - Communities & Culture City Seminar = 3 AC credits
 - Internship
 - Fall Semester, Spring Semester, and Summer: All of these terms fulfill the “S” course requirement
 - Spring Semester and Summer: Fulfills “S” Spring Term course requirement if program runs through May. Student must confirm and get approval with the Registrar once the program dates are published.

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., phone service, and *most* have onsite laundry facilities.
- 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.
- All roommates will be responsible for cooking, cleaning, and other household needs.
- Go to the Chicago Center’s website for additional information.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *Will I have internet access at the school? Should I bring my laptop?*
2. *What is the public transportation system like in Chicago?*
3. *Can I request to live with (a) friend(s) from Alma?*
 - Generally, the Chicago Center attempts to separate students from the same college so that you have a chance to meet new people. However, they do respect specific housing requests. If you absolutely must live with another Alma student, both students must request this in separate e-mails 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.
4. *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 estimated cost is designed to give students an idea of how much will be spent on class days for expenses such as meals and souvenirs during seminar. All program events will have already been paid for prior to arrival.
5. *Where can mail be sent to me while I'm attending this program?*

All mail can be sent to (Student Name, c/o Chicago Center), 1448 E. 52nd St. #430, Chicago, IL 60615.
6. *Who 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 your questions aren't answered by thoroughly checking the website, you can call the Chicago Center at 773-363-1312, or e-mail them at info@chicagocenter.org
 - Off-Campus Studies staff are always here to help answer your questions.