Travel Directions and Visitor Parking

Public Transportation

RTA
The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is a special service unit of local government that operates public transportation systems for the six counties of northeastern Illinois—Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will. The RTA system includes the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), which provides bus and rapid transit service within the city of Chicago and to 38 suburban municipalities; Metra, the commuter rail division, which provides commuter rail service connecting downtown Chicago with 68 Chicago locations and 100 suburban communities; and Pace, the suburban bus division, which provides fixed-route bus, paratransit, and vanpool services to approximately 200 communities throughout the suburbs and from suburban locations to the city of Chicago.

The RTA Travel Information Center is open from 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. daily. For transit information or to order maps or timetables, call 836-7000 from any northeastern Illinois area code (312, 630, 708, 773, 815, or 847), or visit their Web site http://www.rtachicago.com.

CTA
The UIC campus is served by the CTA’s Blue Line (O’Hare/Forest Park and 54/Cermak branches) rapid transit trains and several bus routes. West-side train service includes stops at the handicapped-accessible 54/Cermak train Polk Street station and the O’Hare/Forest Park train Medical Center station. East-side train service includes both O’Hare/Forest Park and 54/Cermak stops at Racine and UIC/Halsted stations. Connections to all other CTA rail lines can be made in the Chicago Loop. For information on CTA service, call (888) YOUR-CTA or (888) 968-7282, or visit their Web site http://www.transitchicago.com.

Metra
Metra’s system of 12 lines serves 230 stations in the six-county area and connects with Pace and CTA buses and trains. For information on Metra service, call the RTA Travel Information Center at 836-7000 from any northeastern Illinois area code (312, 630, 708, 773, 815, or 847), or visit their Web site http://www.metrarail.com.

UIC provides commuter bus service between the Ogilvie Transportation Center, Chicago Union Station, and the UIC campus. Commuter bus tickets are sold in books of 25 by the cashiers in Student Center East and the Marshfield Building, and at the Campus Information Center in the Student Center West.

From the Ogilvie Transportation Center and Union Station, commuters may also use CTA bus No. 60 (Blue Island-26th Street) to reach the UIC campus. From the LaSalle Street Station and the Randolph Street Station, Metra commuters may take a westbound Blue Line (Congress/Douglas A or B) train to one of the campus stops.

Pace
For information on Pace service, call the RTA Travel Information Center at 836-7000 from any northeastern Illinois area code (312, 630, 708, 773, 815, or 847), or visit their Web site http://www.pacebus.com.

By Car

From the North
Take the Kennedy Expressway (I-90/94) eastbound to the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290) westbound.

East side: Keep to the right, exit immediately at Morgan Street, south to the campus.

West side: Exit at Ashland Avenue, south to Taylor Street, west to the campus.

From the South
Take the Dan Ryan Expressway (I-90/94) westbound to Roosevelt Road.

East side: West on Roosevelt Road to Halsted Street.

West side: West on Roosevelt Road to Ashland Avenue, north to Taylor Street, west to the campus.

From the East
Take Harrison Street or Roosevelt Road west.

East side: West on Harrison Street or Roosevelt Road to Halsted Street.

West side: West on Harrison Street to Ashland Avenue, south to Taylor Street, west to the campus. Or west on Roosevelt Road to Ashland Avenue, north to Taylor Street, west to the campus.

From the West
Take the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290) eastbound.

East side: Exit at Racine Avenue, south to the campus.

West side: Exit at Ashland Avenue, south to Taylor Street, west to the campus.

Visitor Parking

Visitors to the University may park in one of the following cash lots.

East Side
Lot 4: Garage on Halsted with entrances on Polk and Taylor streets.

Lot 5C: Parking lot on Morgan Street near Roosevelt Road.

Harrison Street Parking Structure: Garage between Morgan Street and Racine Avenue with the visitor’s entrance on Harrison.

Lot 9: Parking lot on the northeast corner of Morgan and Harrison streets with the entrance on Morgan Street.

West Side
Lot C4: Parking lot on Wolcott Avenue between Roosevelt Road and Taylor Street (enter on Taylor Street).

Paulina Street Parking Structure: Garage between Paulina Street and Marshfield Avenue at Taylor Street.

Wood Street Parking Structure: Garage on Wood Street between Grenshaw and Taylor Streets.