

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Aspect Chicago, Illinois Institute of Technology

### Background of the school

#### › When was the school / building established / built?

The Armour Institute first opened its doors in 1893. The institute offered professional courses in engineering, chemistry, architecture and library science. Illinois Institute of Technology was created in 1940 by the merger of Armour Institute with Lewis Institute (1895), a West Side Chicago college that offered liberal arts as well as science and engineering courses. The Institute of Design, founded in 1937, merged with IIT in 1949.

In 1969, IIT became one of the few technology-based universities with a law school when Chicago-Kent College of Law, founded in 1887, became an integral part of the university. Stuart School of Business was also added in 1969 with a gift from the estate of Lewis Institute alumnus and Chicago financier Harold Leonard Stuart. Midwest College of Engineering, founded in 1967, joined the university in 1986, forming the nucleus for IIT's west-suburban campus.

Today, IIT is a private, Ph.D.-granting university, with programmes in engineering, science, psychology, architecture, business, design and law. One of the 17 institutions that constitute the Association of Independent Technological Universities, IIT offers exceptional preparation for professions that require technological sophistication. Aspect is located on the institute urban campus.

#### › Briefly describe the style of the building (modern, Victorian etc...)

Modern style designed by Mies Van der Rohe.

#### › Where is it situated in the city? Is it set in its own grounds?

Situated 10 minutes south of downtown Chicago.

#### › Bus links to town – what numbers? Train, what numbers?

Bus No. 29 (State Street Bus).  
Train – the Red or Green line.

#### › How far (miles)?

4 miles from city centre.

#### › Travelling time by bus?

20 minutes.  
10 minutes by train.

#### › Time on foot (if applicable)?

N/A.

#### › How often do the buses and trains depart?

Train/bus every 10-15 minutes.

#### › Price of bus pass?

\$1.50/ride 30 cents transfer or \$20/week or \$75/month for unlimited rides.

#### › How far from rail station?

Aspect is located across the street from the station.

#### › How far are the premises from the bank / money exchange bureau?

On campus.

#### › How far are the premises from the nearest post office?

On campus.

#### › What kind of shops are situated near to the school and how far away are they?

Food shopping 5 minute walk, city centre all shopping available by 10-min train ride.

#### › Please confirm the postal address where students can receive their mail:

Aspect  
Attn. (student's name)  
3424 South State Street, Suite 301,  
Chicago, IL 60616  
USA

### Background to the city

#### › What is the population of the city?

Broad and diverse population of nearly 3 million people.



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› **General/historic/touristic/seaside etc?**

City of world class architecture located on shores of Lake Michigan in heart of Midwest. With over 150 years of its unique history, from the first settler Jean Baptiste Point de Sable to Michael Jordan, Chicago is home to many famous and fascinating people, and the invention home of many "first" products, places and events.

## School facilities

› **How many Aspect classrooms in total?**

5 (more in summer).

› **Which other organisations will be there ?**

N/A.

› **Size of the classrooms? (Large, spacious, airy, light, compact...)**

Intimate, sunlit classrooms.

› **Facilities in classrooms?**

White board, OHP, TV and video.

› **Computer room available?**

Yes.

› **Library available?**

Yes, students have access to the IIT Library.

› **How big is the cafeteria?**

Seats over 300 students.

› **Briefly describe the appearance of the cafeteria:**

Airy, located in the middle of the student dormitories, surrounded by windows with a view to outside, facilities refurbished in the spring of 2003.

› **Are there any vending machines?**

Yes.

› **Is there a smoking area?**

Yes.

› **What other facilities are available to us? (E.g. theatre, drama studio, pottery room.)**

Many facilities available through host university.

› **Is there a church / mosque nearby?**

Everything nearby located in downtown Chicago.

› **How many telephones are there and where?**

Payphones are located all throughout the campus.

› **Are there any common rooms?**

Student lounge in school, in dormitory and in Union building.

› **How big are they? (Could we use them for quiz nights etc?)**

Large enough for all students and guests. All have plenty of room and are decorated with chairs, sofa, and chalkboard.

› **Is there a phone line in the office?**

Yes.

› **Is this a direct line for us or do we have to go through their switchboard?**

1 main office line.

› **Is there a fax machine we can use?**

Yes.

› **Will we have exclusive use of this?**

No, only 1 in office.

› **What is the fax number?**

1 - 312 - 328 - 0360

› **What is the photocopying procedure**

Staff and instructors must share 1 copier.

› **Which notice boards can we use?**

In lounge, main office and in dormitory.

› **What is the name and job title of the contact person at the school who will deal with us?**

Norma Elliott, School Director

## Sports facilities

› **What outdoor sports facilities are there? (football pitch, tennis courts, volleyball facilities...)**

Football pitch and some grassy playing fields.

› **Indoor sports?**

Basketball courts and a track is available.

› **Is there a gym?**

Yes.



› **What is the gym like?**

General gym equipment and weights.

› **Is there a swimming pool?**

Yes.

› **Is sports equipment provided and included in the price ?**

Students can borrow equipment from the gym with a student I.D.

## Residential accommodation

› **How many beds in total?**

20 throughout year, 70 in summer months.

› **How many floors?**

One floor in the East Hall.

› **How many bathrooms?**

2- one female, one male.

› **How many toilets?**

3 female, 3 male.

› **How many showers?**

2 female, 2 male.

› **Has each room a bed, desk, and wardrobe per student?**

Yes.

› **Is bed linen provided?**

Yes, a cost of \$25.00 will be deducted from housing deposit

› **How often is it changed?**

Students get one set and are responsible for washing

› **Are towels provided?**

Yes, with linen at a cost of \$25.00

› **How often are they changed?**

Students get one set and are responsible for washing

› **Is soap provided?**

No.

› **When are the rooms cleaned and how often?**

Once a week.

› **Is there a laundrette?**

In dormitory basement.

› **Do all bedrooms have locks and a master key?**

Yes.

› **Is there a safe leaders / the CD could have access to?**

Yes, in the office.

› **What kind of Security System is there?**

Security Guard.

› **How far is the accommodation from the canteen?**

Cafeteria is located in dormitory.

› **Will the students have all three meals in the same canteen?**

Yes, except in the summer when breakfast is served in other cafeteria located 1 block away.

› **What common rooms are available to us?**

Any that you need.

## Excursions

› **Where are the excursion pick-up / drop-off points?**

Usually dorm/school but depends on excursion.

## Miscellaneous

› **What access / facilities for disabled students are there?**

Limited. Please ask your Aspect Representative for more information.