Frequently Asked Questions

TRANSPORTATION

Once I arrive at the airport in Chicago, how do I arrange for transportation to my hotel, apartment, etc.?

You will probably arrive at O'Hare Airport, northwest of the city. If you need U.S. dollars immediately, there is a foreign currency exchange in the International Terminal at O'Hare. It is unwise to carry large amounts of cash, so keep most of your money in traveler's checks (or other non-cash forms), until you open a bank account. There are multi-lingual information booths at the international terminal whose staff can help you reach your destination. A taxicab into the city from either the O'Hare Airport or the Midway Airport will cost about $30. An alternate choice is the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) train, which costs $2.25 one-way. The CTA option may be difficult if you are not familiar with the city or if you have a lot of luggage to carry. The CTA will take you into the Loop (the heart of downtown Chicago), then you may choose to get a taxi or bus from that point. Both airports have CTA lines, which will take you to downtown Chicago.

What is a U-Pass and how do I get one?

The CTA U-Pass is a transit pass that DePaul students can use for unlimited rides anywhere on the CTA (Chicago Transit Authority) system. Currently, eligible students include:

- Full-time traditional undergraduate students (12 or more credit hours) in all colleges
- Full-time Law (9 or more credit hours per semester)
- Full-time Music graduate (6 or more credit hours)
- Full-time Theatre graduate (8 or more credit hours)
- Full-time CDM graduate (8 or more credit hours)
- Full-time SNL graduate (8 or more credit hours)
- Full-time Communication graduate (8 or more credit hours)

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