

TIPS FOR GETTING TO CHICAGO...

Booking Travel and Arriving into Chicago

See full 2020 Chicago Summer Experience file with details on booking airfare or other travel to get to and from Chicago for the summer as well as other important program details.

Once You've Arrived into Chicago

Here are tips on how to get to University Center once you've arrived into Chicago.

You may have the same or similar travel arrangements as some of your fellow Kemper Scholars joining you in the summer program in Chicago. Consider coordinating ahead of time and sharing travel costs (e.g., taxi or Uber fares, etc) for once you arrive if your itineraries match up.

Where You're Headed... **The University Center @ 525 South State Street, Chicago, IL 60605.**
(the intersection of State St. & Congress Parkway)

By Car... If you are driving to Chicago, you can find information regarding unloading at the University Center by clicking on the following link: [University Center Move In](#) (updated information will be made available as it is updated).

From Union Station... If you come by train from beyond the Chicago suburbs, you will come into Union Station. We recommend that you get a taxi outside Union Station and give the driver the address of the University Center (525 South State St.) which is only about ten blocks east. The fare should be about ten dollars with tip.

Alternatively, you can easily catch an Uber from anywhere in the city, although rates will be dependent on rider demand at the time of your trip.

From the Airport...

If you are flying to Chicago, there are four ways to travel from O'Hare (ORD) or Midway (MDW) to the residence:

1) CTA Train—aka the "L"

If you can manage your luggage, the fastest, easiest and cheapest way to get to the University Center from either O'Hare (ORD) or Midway (MDW) is via the CTA transit system (called "the L" because most of the system trains use elevated tracks). Don't let the trains scare you. The trip is quite simple and straightforward. Think of it as a first adventure in the city.

From O'Hare (ORD)

- The Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) Blue Line provides 24-hour access between downtown Chicago and O'Hare International Airport.

One-way fare for the approximately 45-minute ride from O'Hare is \$5.00.

- The CTA station at O'Hare Airport (ORD) is located at the lowest level of the Main Parking Garage (next to elevator center 4) and is accessible by pedestrian tunnels located in Terminals 1, 2, and 3. Red and blue colored signs with arrows to the transit center are

located on the floor in the baggage claim areas. Overhead signs saying “CTA Train to the City” are also in the baggage retrieval area. All trains leaving ORD are going toward the city, so just look for the sign that indicates the next train scheduled to leave and get on it. You cannot go in the wrong direction! You will need to purchase a \$5.00 CTA ticket for this ride at the machines just before the turnstiles.

As part of the orientation program we will give you a permanent Ventra card to use for trains and buses during the summer, so you need not buy a permanent card for this ride. The trains start here, so you should have no trouble finding room for your luggage.

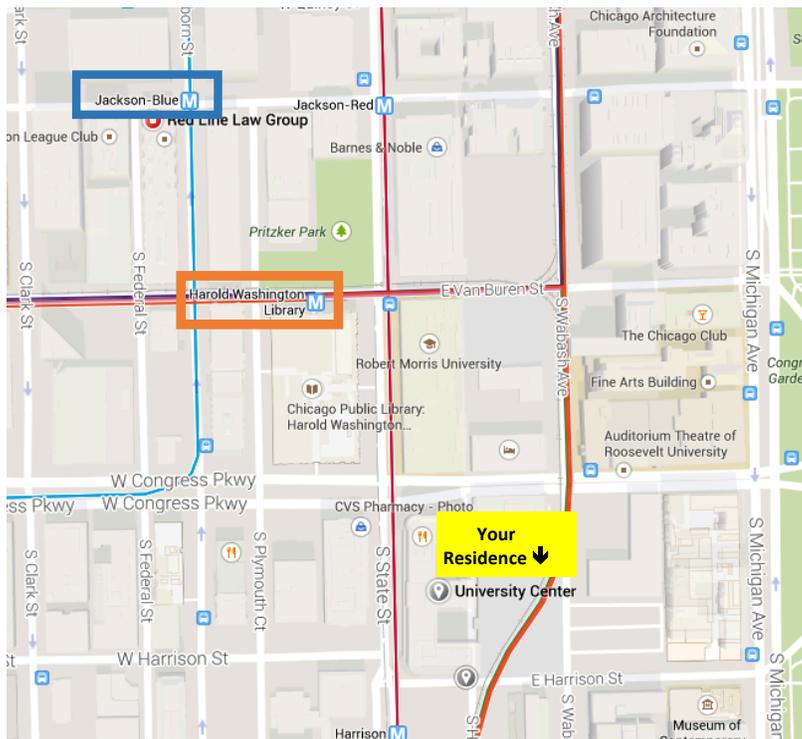
- You will exit the train at the **Jackson station**.

 See blue text box on the map below.

“M” icon: is the L station stop icon on the map.

To help you be prepared, the preceding two stations are Washington and Monroe. Look for signs for stairs to exit onto Jackson.

- When you get above ground from the station, you will be on Dearborn St. near Jackson. You want to walk toward Jackson. (If you come to Adams, you have gone in the wrong way.) When you get to the corner of Jackson and Dearborn, turn left to go east. (To help you orient yourself in Chicago, remember that Lake Michigan is east of the city.) You should come to State St. in one block. Cross State Street and turn right (south) and walk two blocks to Congress Parkway. The University Center is in that block. The entrance is in the middle of the block. (The yellow box on the map points to the University Center.)



From Midway (MDW)

- If you are coming from Midway (MDW) airport, you follow the signs for “CTA train to the city” and take the Orange line train to the Loop.

The Orange line is your only choice, so you won’t get on the wrong train. You will need to purchase a \$2.50 CTA ticket for this ride at the machines.

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- When it reaches downtown and after the Roosevelt station, the orange line goes clockwise around the Loop.

The first Loop station after Roosevelt is **Harold Washington Library/State/Van Buren; get off at this station**. (See orange text box on the map above. M is the station stop icon on the map.)

- Walk down the steps or take the elevator and walk straight ahead toward State Street (If you come to Plymouth Street you have gone the wrong way). The library (red stone base) will be beside you on your right as you walk to State St. Turn right (south) at State St. and walk one block to Congress Parkway.
- Cross State St. The University Center is in that block. The entrance is in the middle of the block. (The yellow box on the map points to the University Center.)

2) **GO Airport Express Shuttle Service**

If you have too much luggage to manage, you can take the GO Airport Express Shuttle Service or a taxi.

From O’Hare Airport – Prices start at \$33 one-way. Details here [GO shuttle ORD](#)

From Midway Airport – Prices start at \$28 one-way. Details here [GO shuttle MDW](#)

3) **Taxi**

Taxis are the most expensive way to get to the residence and will cost you in excess of \$40-50. Signs in all terminals direct you to taxi stands just outside the baggage claim areas.

4) **Rideshare (Uber & Lyft)**

Uber and Lyft also offer airport transportation to and from both O’Hare and Midway airports (this includes both individual rides and shared rides). Details on the next page on where to meet your ride at each airport.

UBER

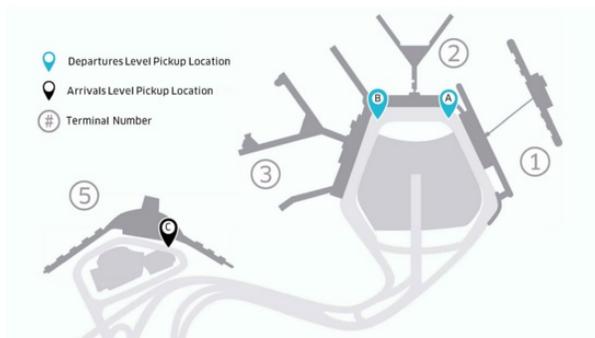
At O'Hare International Airport

Domestic Travel (Terminals 1, 2, and 3):

- uberX pickups occur upstairs on the Departures level
- For the 3 terminals, there are 2 pickup locations:
 - Terminal 1: Pickup A
 - Terminal 2: Pickup A or B
 - Terminal 3: Pickup B
- UberBLACK and uberTaxi pickups will continue to occur downstairs on the Arrivals level

International Travel (Terminal 5):

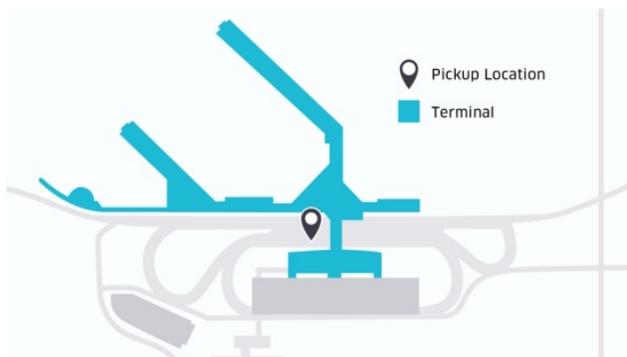
- All international pickups occur downstairs on the Arrivals level



At Midway International Airport

Domestic & International Travel:

- uberX pickups are upstairs on the Departures level. Exit through Door UL-1
- UberBLACK and uberTAXI pickups will continue as usual downstairs on the Arrivals level



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Getting picked up

1. When you have your bags in hand and you're ready to go, open up the app to request a ride.
2. Verify your pin was dropped near the terminal where you are currently waiting or follow the instructions in the app directing you to the appropriate door.
3. Once the request has been made, feel free to call your driver to confirm the best location to meet. Please note: Some airports designate specific areas for drivers to pick up passengers. Drivers are required to never leave their vehicle unattended on airport property.

O'Hare airport—Lyft

<https://www.lyft.com/rider/airports/ord>

Midway airport—Lyft

<https://www.lyft.com/rider/airports/mdw>