

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HANDBOOK



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**WELCOME
FROM
NORTH PARK'S
INTERNATIONAL
OFFICE**





Dear International Student,

We are pleased to have a part in what will probably be one of the most important educational experiences of your life. While you are here, you will learn not only from your academic work, but also from your contacts with people and institutions in the United States. We hope you will take advantage of the opportunity you have to learn about a society and culture different from your own, and to teach others about the society and culture you represent.

North Park University has established the International Office to help you transition to life in the United States and at North Park. Located on the first floor of Magnuson Campus Center, on the south side of campus, the International Office is your first stop for a variety of information and services. We are always open to meeting with international students, whether you have a specific question or just want to talk!

This handbook is intended to supplement the North Park University Student Handbook. In addition, for current information about what is happening on campus you are encouraged to read the student newspaper, *The North Park Press*, and the Daily Announcements, sent out twice each week by email.

The International Office and every member of the university staff are willing to assist you. We hope to make your time at North Park and in Chicago a very rewarding experience!

Sincerely,

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Director of the International Office

Ann-Helen Anderson
International Student Advisor

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International Admission Counselor

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME



Depending on your current location and visa status, you may have to complete several steps before you arrive at North Park.

1. Pay the SEVIS Fee (Form I-901 Fee)

If your I-20 or DS-2019 was issued on or after September 1, 2004, and is marked for **initial** attendance (see #3 on your I-20 form) or **new program** (see #2 on your DS-2019 form), you will need to pay the SEVIS fee. If you are transferring schools, extending your program, applying for an F-2 or J-2 dependent visa, or have paid this fee and been denied a visa within the last 12 months, you do not need to pay the SEVIS fee.

- To pay the SEVIS Fee (Form I-901 Fee) online:
 - Go to <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/>.
 - Complete the form online and supply the necessary Visa, MasterCard, or American Express information. You will also need to include the security code from the back of your card (typically a three digit number).
 - Be sure to enter your name exactly as it appears on your I-20 or DS-2019 form.
 - Include your SEVIS ID number (starts with N) and North Park's SEVIS code (CHI214F01106000 for F-1 programs or P-1-05545 for J-1 programs). You will find these numbers printed on your I-20 or DS-2019 form.
 - Print a copy of the online receipt. Be sure to make copies of your receipt, and keep one with your other important documents. Bring the receipt of fee payment with you to the visa interview.

- To pay the SEVIS Fee (Form I-901 Fee) by mail:
 - Go to www.ice.gov/sevis/i901 and print Form I-901.
 - Complete the form and be sure to write your name exactly as it appears on your I-20 or DS-2019 form. Be sure to include your SEVIS ID number (starts with N) and North Park's SEVIS code (CHI214F01106000 for F-1 programs or P-1-05545 for J-1 programs), both included on your I-20 or DS-2019 form.
 - Prepare a check, international money order, or foreign draft (drawn on U.S. banks only) in the amount indicated, made payable to I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee.
 - Mail the completed I-901 form and payment to:
 - I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee
 - 1005 Convention Plaza
 - St. Louis, MO 63101
 - United States
 - Phone Number: 1-314-418-8833 (United States Country Code 011)

2. Apply for an F or J Visa

- Contact your local U.S. Consulate or Embassy to ask about how to get an F or J visa, or check:
 - F-1 information: http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html#4
 - J-1 information: <http://j1visa.state.gov/participants/how-to-apply/interviews-documents/>

- After you receive your I-20 form (for F visas) or DS-2019 form (for J visas) from the school that you want to attend, follow the U.S. Embassy/Consulate’s instructions to schedule an interview. It is important to apply for your student visa as far in advance as possible. Many consulates require that appointments be made no more than 90 days prior to the intended dates of travel, but some can make earlier arrangements for interviews.
- Complete **Visa Application Form DS-160** (http://travel.state.gov/visa/forms/forms_4230.html), pay the visa application fee, and make an appointment for an in-person interview at your local U.S. Embassy or Consulate.
- Prepare and bring to your visa interview the following:
 - A passport valid for at least 6 months after your intended period of stay
 - Form I-20 or DS-2019 (make sure you have signed your name in **blue** ink)
 - Acceptance letter from North Park University
 - Completed visa application form DS-160
 - A receipt for the visa application fee
 - One 2” x 2” photograph in the prescribed format
 - A receipt for the SEVIS fee (I-901 fee)
 - Evidence that shows you have sufficient funds to cover your expenses. Your financial documentation should match the amounts and types of funding on your I-20 or DS-2019 form.
 - Any information that indicates why you have chosen to study at North Park University. You should be prepared to talk about your choice of school, even if you don’t have paper documentation.
 - Any information that proves that you will return to your home country after finishing your studies in the United States. This may include proof of property, family, or other ties to your community. Be prepared to talk about how your studies at North Park will help you make a difference in your home country.

Remain calm and answer all of the Visa Officer’s questions openly and honestly.

3. Pack to Travel

Carry all medication and important documents with you. You will need your passport and I-20/DS-2019 form at the airport; do not pack them in your checked luggage! Make a list of essential addresses and phone numbers and have photocopies of your insurance policy and passport.

Try to pack light because you will have to carry everything that is in your luggage between flights, in the airport, and on campus. Please consult other items you receive from North Park (especially the letter from Residence Life outlining your housing assignment, if you will live on campus) for a list of items to bring. Depending on where you will live on campus, you will need “long twin” or “standard twin” sheets. Sheet sizes often vary by country, so you will probably find it easiest to buy sheets and other bedding (pillows, bedspread, etc.) in the U.S.

North Park University works with Residence Hall Linens (RHL), a company that offers specially sized sheet and other linens to college students. If you would like to order linens from RHL and have them waiting when you arrive on campus, please go to www.rhl.org/npc. You should have your order shipped to:

International Office
North Park University
3225 W. Foster Ave. #7
Chicago, IL 60625

You will also have opportunities during orientation to go shopping for things that you need or may have forgotten.

We also recommend that you bring items that represent your culture or country such as pictures or music, to share with friends and professors you meet in the United States. Personal items such as photographs of family and friends may help you if you experience homesickness during the cultural adjustment period.

Please check <http://www.tsa.gov/311/index.shtm> for information on what types of items are allowed to be packed in carry-on or packed luggage.

4. Arrive at the Airport

○ Most North Park students arrive at O'Hare International Airport, which is approximately 10.5 miles/17 kilometers, from the North Park campus. At the International Terminal, you will pass through the "visitors" section of United States Customs and Immigration, where your papers will be processed. An immigration official will interview you and:

- Check the visa stamp in your passport
- Inspect your I-20 or DS-2019 form
- Write your visa status on your Form I-94 Card (Arrival-Departure Record)
- Staple the I-94 card into your passport

Make sure you clearly print your name on the I-94 card exactly as it appears on your I-20 or DS-2019 form. Also be sure to declare any food, plant, or seed items that you have with you. Due to heightened security, immigration processing at United States airports may take longer than what has been customarily expected. Consequently, you should allow ample time when making transportation arrangements.

- The next step in the process is to collect your luggage. Carts are available for a fee if you have a large amount of luggage to carry. If you experience difficulty locating your baggage, you can receive assistance from the Customs Office in the baggage claims area or at the airline counter of the airline with which you traveled. The airline counter is located in the airport terminal just outside the customs area.
- After you have your bags, you will exit the International Terminal. At the final exit, there will be a customs official that may stop you and ask a limited number of questions. Usually, they do not say anything to you as you exit. Since security is currently "enhanced," they may ask travelers to open some of their suitcases for random inspections.
- If you have submitted an arrival form to North Park, someone from the North Park admissions office will be at the airport to pick you up. Please look for someone with a sign saying "North Park University."

**YOUR TIME
AT
NORTH PARK
UNIVERSITY**



Who We Are

North Park University has a student population of approximately 3,200 students, about 2,000 undergraduate students and 1,200 graduate students. Each year North Park has approximately 200 international students on campus, representing over 40 countries. Some come for one semester of exchange studies, others come to improve their English in our English as a Second Language Program, and others graduate with bachelors or masters degrees. However long you stay with us, we are glad to have you as a part of the North Park family!

The mission of North Park University is to prepare students for lives of significance and service through liberal arts, professional, and theological education. North Park is a Christian university founded in 1891 by first-generation Swedish immigrants. It is associated with the Evangelical Covenant Church, and about one third of the undergraduate students are affiliated with this protestant denomination. The rest of the students represent other protestant denominations, Catholic and Orthodox Christian traditions, and other religions of the world.

North Park seeks to educate students as whole persons, not just as students in the classroom. This vision is supported by the curriculum as well as by community activities, including numerous voluntary worship, fellowship, and service activities that help students develop their values and prepare for lives of service to society. International students are encouraged to get involved in some type of extra-curricular activity, whether it's participating in a music ensemble, playing on a sports team, volunteering for a community service organization, acting in a play, being a member of a student club, running for a student government position, etc. Getting involved is a great way to meet people and for people to get to know you!

The International Office

The International Office is located on the first floor of Magnuson Campus Center, at the end of the hall farthest from Anderson Residence Hall. The office is staffed by Jennifer Pope, Director of the International Office, and Ann-Helen Anderson, International Student Advisor.

We are here to help you with any visa questions or cultural adjustment issues that you may have. It is always best to telephone or email to request an appointment in advance, but in case of an emergency, please stop by anytime between 9am-4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

On the following page, we've listed some important campus offices. If you can't find the answers you need, please contact the International Office; we might be able to help!

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Important Contact Information

<p>Admissions and Enrollment <i>...for information on changing academic programs at North Park and financial aid.</i> Old Main, first floor 773-244-5510 mpeterson@northpark.edu</p>	<p>Center for Career Development and Internships <i>...for career planning advice, help writing a resume, and information on internship opportunities.</i> Student Services Building, garden level 773-244-5291 gfry@northpark.edu</p>
<p>Center for Counseling and Health Services <i>...for basic medical care, referrals to other medical care providers, and mental health counseling.</i> Foster Avenue between Spaulding and Christiana 773-244-4897 mjarosz@northpark.edu</p>	<p>Computer Services <i>...for help with your email account or personal computer.</i> Caroline Hall, garden level 773-244-5540 zgelzer@northpark.edu</p>
<p>English as a Second Language Program <i>...for additional help with the English language.</i> Magnuson Campus Center, first floor 773-244-4942 dbricault@northpark.edu</p>	<p>Human Resources Office <i>...to learn about available campus jobs and fill out paperwork for campus employment.</i> Old Main, third floor 773-244-5599 gherrera@northpark.edu</p>
<p>Records Office <i>...to order transcripts, verification of enrollment forms, transcript evaluations, and graduation audits.</i> Student Services Building, first floor 773-244-5560 records@northpark.edu</p>	<p>Residence Life Office <i>...for help with campus housing or meal plans.</i> Student Services Building, garden level 773-244-5555 housing@northpark.edu</p>
<p>Security Office <i>...to request a campus escort, report a crime, or get general information about campus and city safety.</i> Magnuson Campus Center, lobby 773-244-5780 In an emergency, first contact the Chicago Police Department by dialing “911.”</p>	<p>Student Accounts Office <i>...to ask questions about or pay your North Park bill.</i> Student Services Building, first floor 773-244-5607 stillmon@northpark.edu</p>
<p>Student Activities Office <i>...to learn about getting involved on campus and enjoying activities around the city of Chicago.</i> Student Services Building, garden level 773-244-4994 lkonecky@northpark.edu</p>	<p>Student Enrichment Services <i>...for assistance with class registration and tutoring.</i> Student Services Building, second floor 773-244-5741 studentenrichment@northpark.edu</p>
<p>University Ministries <i>...for information about spiritual life activities and volunteer opportunities.</i> Sohlberg Hall, garden level 773-244-4980 gmartinez@northpark.edu</p>	<p>Writing Center <i>...for help with writing skills and understanding class writing assignments.</i> Library, second floor 773-244-4975 writingcenter@northpark.edu</p>

A copy of the North Park Campus Map is included at the end of this handbook for your convenience.

VISA STATUS AND U.S. GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES



Important Documents and Terms

Passport—Issued by your own government, the passport permits you to leave and reenter your own country. U.S. law requires that your passport be valid at all times.

Visa—This stamp in your passport, given by a U.S. consulate abroad, allows you to enter the U.S. It indicates the type of visa you have (e.g., F-1, J-1, B-2). The visa shows the latest date on which you can enter the United States. It does not indicate how long you may stay in the U.S. It is possible to stay in the U.S. on an expired visa as long as you have a valid form I-20 (F-1 students) or DS-2019 (J-1 students). You must renew your visa only if you plan to leave and reenter the U.S. after your visa has expired.

I-94 card—Stamped with your date of arrival when you enter the U.S., this white card should be stapled into your passport. It tells you how long you may stay in the country and what status you entered in. It also has an eleven-digit “admission” or “I-94” number that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) uses to keep track of your entries and departures. You will receive a new I-94 number every time that you enter the U.S. Do not lose this card!

I-20—This document is given by a university to allow a student to apply for an **F-1 student visa**. If you leave the U.S. for a period of time and plan to return, you will need a signature on page 3 of your I-20.



DS-2019—This document is given by a university or program sponsor to allow an exchange visitor or scholar to apply for a **J-1 exchange visitor visa**. If you leave the U.S. for a period of time and plan to return, you will need a signature on page 1 of your DS-2019.

Duration of Status or D/S—This notation should be made on your I-94 card when you enter the US in F-1 or J-1 status. F-1 and J-1 Students have permission to remain in the U.S. for the “duration of status,” the period during which the student is pursuing a full course of study and any period of authorized practical training (F-1) or academic training (J-1), plus a grace period within which to leave the country.

SEVP/SEVIS—The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (a division of the US Citizenship and Immigration Service) keeps track of international students and scholars in the United States through its computer database, called SEVIS (Student & Exchange Visitor Information System).

Employment Authorization Document (EAD)—This laminated card is issued by the DHS as proof of valid employment authorization for certain F-1 students and J-2 dependents. The EAD indicates the beginning and ending dates of employment and the type of work permission authorized.

USCIS—The United States Citizenship and Immigration Service makes decisions on the benefits of visa status, such as work authorization, change of status, and reinstatement.

****PLEASE NOTE: The information provided below is a brief explanation of your rights and responsibilities as an international student. We have not reprinted all applicable laws in this section. Please consult the International Office with any questions.**

Maintaining Visa Status

- Undergraduate, Exchange, and ESL students must take 12 credits each semester. Graduate students must take at least 8 credit hours each semester.
- **Do not drop classes without first checking with the International Office.**
- All international students must show full course registration at the start of each semester. Even if you are taking some classes in Quad A and some classes in Quad B, you must be registered for the full amount of credits at the start of Quad A.
- There are only a few cases in which an international student may legally enroll less than full-time. Please contact the International Office if you believe you qualify for an exemption.
- International students may take only one on-line course each semester to count toward their full course requirement.
- A student who is enrolled in both spring semester and the following fall semester does not need to register for summer courses. If a student begins at North Park during the summer term, she or he must show full-time enrollment for the summer.



Semester Registration

- At the start of each semester, every international student must be registered in the SEVIS database. In order to be registered, a student must submit a complete SEVIS Checklist to the International Office, which includes:
 - Proof of full time enrollment for the term.
 - Proof of health insurance. Any student who does not have adequate health insurance from the home country will be enrolled in and billed for a plan offered through North Park. Please see page #18 of this handbook for information on North Park's health insurance requirements.
 - Proof of having paid all North Park bills. While universities are not permitted to withhold SEVIS registration for failure to pay, North Park policy states that any student who has not paid her or his bills by the second week of classes may have class registration cancelled. Failure to have a stable, full-time class schedule is an appropriate reason for withholding SEVIS registration.A SEVIS Checklist will be sent to each student's North Park email address at the start of each term.
- During semester registration, the International Office must indicate if a student is in her or his last session prior to graduation. If a degree-seeking or ESL student needs to postpone her or his graduation date (or ESL completion date) past that on the I-20 or DS-2019 form, the International Office must receive a letter from the student's academic advisor indicating the classes the student has left to complete and a new anticipated program end date.

Travel and Reentry

- Any international student traveling outside of the US must have her or his form I-20 or DS-2019 endorsed for travel prior to departure. Only DSOs/PDSOs can sign I-20 forms and only ROs/AROs can sign DS-2019 forms. Travel signatures are valid for one year.
- A student may remain in the US, as long as she or he is lawfully enrolled, even if the visa in the passport expires. However, if a student with an expired visa leaves the US, she or he will need to apply for a new visa in the home country prior to returning. The student should obtain an updated form I-20 or DS-2019 from the International Office to use for visa renewal.
- Regulations governing application for a new visa in a country other than the home country (e.g., Canada or Mexico) are complicated. If a student attempts to renew a visa in a country other than the home country and the visa renewal is denied, she or he will not be permitted back into the United States, even if the student's academic program is ongoing. Please see the International Office if you plan to travel to Canada or Mexico on an expired visa.
- A student who has an application pending for OPT should talk with the International Office before departing the US. Additional documentation may be suggested depending on the student's particular situation. A student who has completed a program but has not yet applied for OPT should not travel outside of the U.S. for any reason.



Employment

- On-Campus Employment
 - International students are permitted to work on-campus a maximum of 20 hours per week while school is in session. During the summer or on other school breaks (fall break, winter break, spring break, but not regular weekends) an international student may work on-campus 40 hours per week.
 - J-1 Exchange students are required to receive permission from the International Office or alternative Program Sponsor (e.g. ISEP) before beginning on-campus work.
- Off-Campus Employment
 - International students are not permitted to work off-campus without permission from the International Office and, in some cases, the US Government. Even a volunteer position, if not properly documented, may be considered illegal employment.
 - In some cases, international students may engage in an off-campus internship (paid or unpaid) as part of their program of study. The internship must be taken for credit and must be recorded in the SEVIS database as Curricular Practical Training (F-1 only) or Academic Training (J-1 only).
 - North Park policy requires that all undergraduate students complete one year of studies at North Park before being eligible for an internship. Students who meet all guidelines set forth by the Career Development and Internship Office may count the for-credit internship toward their full-time enrollment.
 - Graduate students may be eligible for CPT sooner than one year if an internship is required by their program or if they have completed one year in F-1 status at a different school. Not all North Park graduate programs allow for CPT. MBA students must register for two credits of internship for each term of CPT; the credits do not count toward full-time semester enrollment or degree requirements.
 - ISEP Students must comply with all ISEP guidelines for Academic Training. Please see the International Office for more information.

- Please see the International Office if you believe you qualify for Curricular Practical Training (F-1 only), Academic Training (J-1 only), Severe Economic Hardship Work Permission, or Pre-completion OPT (F-1 only).

Communication with the International Office

- The International Office is open to international students whenever they have questions about visa regulations, life in the United States, North Park policy, or just to talk!
- At minimum, international students must be in contact with the International Office once each semester via the SEVIS Checklist. Students must present proof of full-time enrollment, health insurance, and payment of bills.
- In addition, U.S. law requires that students contact the International Office:
 - Upon arrival, to present copies of passport, visa, stamped I-20 or DS-2019, and I-94 card.
 - Anytime there is a change to address, academic program, or funding.
 - Prior to taking a leave of absence, traveling outside the US, or extending program.

Post-Program Options

- After completing a program of study (ESL, undergraduate, or graduate), an F-1 student has several options, all of which must happen within 60 days of the program end date:
 - The student may take the 60 days to travel within the US and prepare to depart the country. Students may not work during this grace period, and cannot depart and reenter the U.S.
 - The student may apply for another program at North Park.
 - The student may apply for an academic program at another university.
 - A student who has completed an undergraduate or graduate degree (but not one who has completed only the ESL program) may be eligible to apply with the USCIS for one year of employment in the US in her or his field of study, referred to as Optional Practical Training (OPT). Students who are interested in applying for OPT should speak to an International Office staff member as soon as possible.
- After completing her or his exchange program, a J-1 student has 30 days to travel within the U.S. and prepare to depart the country. Students may not work during this grace period, and cannot depart and reenter the U.S.



LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES



Academic Life

Liberal Arts

North Park University, like many colleges in the United States, is a “liberal arts” institution. Students take courses from a range of different subject areas to form a broad educational foundation. A liberal arts curriculum gives students an understanding of a variety of basic subjects while still allowing them to concentrate primarily on their major field of study.

Academic Expectations

Professors will use a variety of criteria to evaluate course work. The course syllabus is a very helpful resource for understanding specific expectations of the professor. Some courses may require two examinations: a “midterm” about halfway through the semester, and a “final” at the end of the semester. Others may use shorter tests or quizzes throughout the semester. Many professors will require written papers. Your professor or a tutor at the Writing Center will be happy to discuss the different types of writing assignments with you. Class attendance also usually counts toward your grade, so you should check with your professors about specific attendance policies.



Academic Honesty

All cultures know that dishonesty is wrong, but not all cultures define dishonesty in the same way, and not all academic systems enforce consequences to the same degree. Two main types of academic dishonesty are especially serious in the United States.

- **Plagiarism** is the practice of copying from a publication, a lecture, or website without proper acknowledgment of the source of that information. Your professor or the Writing Center can help you use other texts appropriately in your writing.
- **Cheating** is the practice of giving or receiving unauthorized aid while completing course requirements. Giving answers to or accepting from another student during an exam, writing a paper for another student, or copying another student’s work are all forms of cheating. Getting assistance from the Writing Center, talking with a professor or fellow student, or forming a study group before an exam are all acceptable forms of aid.

Advice from Former Students

Some former international students at North Park have shared the following advice about academic expectations at North Park:

- In general, the relationship between professor and student is fairly relaxed and informal. Professors are usually willing and eager to converse with their students, as well as to offer help.
- Some professors allow international students extra time for test taking and/or the use of a dictionary during a test. Ask your professor what she or he allows.
- Tutors may be available for your course at no cost to you. Contact studentenrichment@northpark.edu for more information.
- Professors at North Park appreciate interaction with their students. Speak up in class and take advantage of professors’ office hours.
- The most important thing you can do to improve your level of success in the classroom is to improve your English skills. Your English will not improve if the only people you talk to outside of the classroom speak your native language.

Safety and Security

International students have many impressions of life in the United States. One of those impressions concerns crime and violence. American movies, television, and news reports may convey the impression that serious crime is wide spread. This impression is not well-founded. The crime situation in Chicago, for instance, is not what you might expect it to be if you believed the media!

This is not to say that Chicago is a perfectly safe place. Serious crimes—murder, armed robbery, and grand theft—are rare in the North Park neighborhood. However, vandalism and petty theft are fairly common. It is therefore wise to take certain precautions to protect yourself and your property. Here are some specific suggestions:

Personal Safety

- Keep your doors locked even when you are at home.
- If someone knocks at your door or rings your doorbell, do not open the door until you have asked who is there. You are not required to open the door simply because someone knocks.
- Leave both an outside and an inside light on if you will be away from your room or apartment after dark.
- Use caution if you choose to disregard (as most U.S. pedestrians do) the traffic signals when walking on streets around campus. Be particularly careful when crossing Foster Avenue. Remember, in the United States cars drive on the right side of the street, so look left before stepping off a curb.
- Avoid walking alone at night, especially in areas of town or campus that are not well-lit. Contact the North Park security office for a free-escort service if you must be out alone after dark.



Protecting Valuables

- Lock the doors to rooms, apartments, and cars.
- Do not leave valuables unattended, even briefly, while in the North Park library. Take your backpack, coat, laptop computer, or other possessions with you, or remove valuable items from your backpack if you are going to be away from your study space.
- Some stores ask patrons not to take a backpack or other bag into the store in order to reduce shoplifting. These stores provide a place for you to leave your bag while you shop. Do not leave valuables in your bag; taken them out and carry them with you.
- If you park a bike outside, be sure to secure it to a bike rack with a sturdy lock.
- Wallets are easily snatched from back pants pockets. Be sure to keep your hand on the shoulder-straps of all purses and bags you carry.

Health Care and Health Insurance

Undergraduate and ESL students have access to basic medical care at North Park's Center for Health Services and Counseling. The Director of Health Services, a registered nurse, is available weekdays during business hours (typically 9am-4pm) for walk-in services. Students needing an appointment with a physician will be referred to the Swedish Covenant Hospital Family Practice Center, which is four blocks east of campus on Foster and California Avenues. Mental health consultations, group counseling, crisis intervention, and referrals to outside mental health services are provided by the Director of Counseling, also during business hours.

In the event of a medical emergency after business hours, call 911 immediately. Students who live on campus are also encouraged to seek assistance from the Resident Assistant or Resident Director on duty in case of any emergency.



Medical fees in the U.S. are very expensive. For that reason, all North Park students are required to have health insurance. A group policy from First Agency Insurance is available for international students at a reasonable rate. All exchange students with an NPU-issued DS-2019 or I-20 form are automatically enrolled in First Agency insurance for the purpose of visa application and may only be exempt from this coverage if all requirements listed below are met. ISEP exchange students are required to purchase their insurance through ISEP.

ESL and degree-seeking international students may choose to purchase another insurance policy if it meets the following requirements:

- Coverage must be in effect the entire semester or year you are here, and it must be renewable at the end of the year.
- Coverage must have a minimum of \$250,000 per illness or injury.
- Coverage must include mental health care.
- Coverage must include outpatient care (doctor visit, outpatient surgery).
- Coverage must include hospital stay and maternity benefits.
- Coverage must include both medical evacuation and repatriation.

If your health insurance offers these benefits, you can waive North Park's plan. To be eligible for a waiver, you must submit a copy of your alternative health insurance policy to the International Office. The policy must be written in English and must show:

- Effective dates of coverage (start date and end date).
- Maximum dollar coverage for each illness or injury.
- Health services that will be paid and services that are excluded in the policy.
- Address and telephone number to contact insurance company.
- A wallet-sized card which includes all policy numbers and company contact information.

If you have a question about whether another insurance policy meets North Park's requirements, please contact the International Office before you buy the policy. If your policy does not meet the requirements, you must buy First Agency's insurance and you may not get a refund.

Banking

Many banks in the United States require individuals to have a U.S. Social Security Number before opening an account. Two banks near campus do not have this requirement. Foster Bank is located at the corner of Foster and Kedzie Avenues, behind the McDonalds Restaurant. Chase Bank is a large U.S. bank with many branch offices; the nearest office is located at 4843 N. Kedzie, two blocks south of Helwig Recreation Center.



There are two main types of bank accounts—checking accounts and savings accounts. Most students are interested in a Checking Account. A checking account will come with a checkbook (a book of paper checks) or a debit card so you can pay for purchases. These accounts do not usually earn interest, but they require only a small deposit to start. Most accounts will also come with an ATM card, which enables you to get US currency from cash machines on campus and around the city.

To open an account, take your passport, I-20 or DS-2019 form, and a deposit to the bank. The bank may also ask for a letter from the International Office.

Mail

The North Park Postal Center is located on Foster, just west of Spaulding, on the ground level of the Ohlson House residence hall. When you arrive on campus you will be assigned a post office box and will receive a combination to unlock it.

Mail sent to you should have the following address: [your name]

North Park University
3225 W. Foster Avenue
[your post office box]
Chicago, IL 60625 USA



The current postage rate for U.S. mail is \$.44 for the first ounce. The airmail rate for international mail is \$.98. Important documents such as passports or USCIS applications should always be sent certified or registered mail so that they can be traced if lost. You may request to be notified when your item is delivered.

Electronic Correspondence

Phone

Most students who come to North Park find it helpful to purchase a cell phone. There are many stores near campus that sell inexpensive cell phone plans. A good website for determining what numbers are required to call internationally is <http://www.countrycallingcodes.com/index.php>.

E-Mail/Skype

North Park's campus has several computer labs; public computers are also available in each residence hall. All students at North Park will be assigned a North Park email address. If you need assistance setting up your email account, stop by computer services in the basement of Caroline Hall. **It is very important that you check your North Park email account regularly**, as professors and the International Office will use this address to contact you! Many students also find Skype a convenient way to stay in touch using campus or personal computers.

Social Security Number

Every U.S. citizen has a social security number (SSN) which is used for identification by many institutions. If you work on campus or have off-campus work permission, you will need to apply for a social security number in order to get paid. If you do not have a job offer, you will not be permitted to get a SSN.

You will need the following documents in order to apply for a Social Security number:

1. Completed Application form (<http://www.ssa.gov/online/ss-5.pdf>)
2. Original I-20 form or DS-2019 form
3. Passport
4. I-94 card (usually stapled into passport)
5. 2 letters (one from the North Park International Office and one from the supervisor at your campus job, both on institutional letterhead)

The Social Security Administration office that serves North Park University is located at 2127 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago IL 60625. The telephone number is 800-772-1213. Take the #81 Lawrence Ave. bus east from Kimball/Lawrence to 2127 W. Lawrence. Or, take the Brown Line train from Kimball and Lawrence to the Western Avenue stop. Get off, go downstairs and walk north to Lawrence Ave. and east to 2127 (south side of the street).

Driver's License

Students who have a valid driver's license from their home country may drive on that license for up to one year. There is no such thing as an International Driver's License. After one year, students who need to drive should do one of the following:



If you have a Social Security Number (see SSN section above), you are permitted to apply for an Illinois Driver's License. You will need the following documents in order to apply for an Illinois Driver's License:

1. Passport and I-94 Card
2. I-20 or DS-2019 form
3. Social Security Card
4. Two documents proving Illinois residency (see the International Office for assistance)

If you do not have a Social Security Number (see SSN section above), you are not allowed to apply for an Illinois Driver's License, but you should be eligible for a Temporary Visitor's Driver's License. You will need the following documents in order to apply for a TVDL:

1. Passport and I-94 Card
2. I-20 or DS-2019 form
3. Letter from the Social Security Administration indicating that you are ineligible for a Social Security Number. This will require you to go to the Social Security office, apply for a SSN, and be denied.
4. Two documents proving Illinois residency (see the International Office for assistance)
5. A letter indicating that you are eligible for on-campus employment but can't find a job.

The nearest driver's license facility (called DMV—Department of Motor Vehicles) to campus is located at 5401 N. Elston Ave, Chicago, IL 60630. You will need to have a car to take the driving test, so have a friend drive you to the DMV.

Holidays and Celebrations

September, 1st Monday—Labor Day

A holiday honoring the contributions and efforts of the country's workers. **NO CLASS.**

October, 2nd Monday—Columbus Day

A holiday honoring the landing of Christopher Columbus in the West Indies in 1492.

October 31—Halloween

On the eve of All Saints' Day children dress up in costumes and go around the neighborhood asking for candy ("trick or treating"). Adults often celebrate with costume parties.

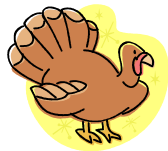


November, 1st Sunday—Daylight Savings Time Ends

Before you go to bed on Saturday night, remember to turn your clock back one hour.

November 11—Veterans' Day

A day commemorating the end of World War I and honoring all veterans of the armed forces.

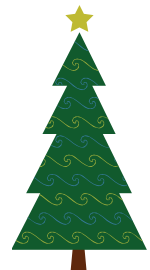


November, last Thursday—Thanksgiving

A day of feasting and giving thanks, this holiday was initiated by the Pilgrims—the first European settlers in North America—and the Native Americans who helped them survive the first winter. Try to experience Thanksgiving Dinner at the home of a North Park classmate! **NO CLASS ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY.**

December 25—Christmas

This holiday marks the day Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. Celebrations usually begin on Christmas Eve and include worship services, eating, and gift-giving. Secular traditions also include decorated windows in department stores and images of Santa Claus. **CHRISTMAS OCCURS DURING WINTER BREAK, WHEN NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY IS CLOSED.**



January 1—New Year's Day

Starting the night before (New Year's Eve, December 31), this holiday welcomes the new year. **NEW YEAR'S DAY OCCURS DURING WINTER BREAK, WHEN NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY IS CLOSED.**

January, 3rd Monday—Martin Luther King Day

A holiday commemorating the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968), an African-American civil rights leader who received the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize. **NO CLASS.**



February 14—Valentine's Day

Cards, candy, or other tokens of love are exchanged on this day to celebrate love and romance.

February, 3rd Monday—Presidents Day

This day honors past U.S. presidents, remembering the February birthdays of George Washington (first president and commander of the armies that won U.S. independence) and Abraham Lincoln (16th president who held office during the U.S. Civil War and is known for abolishing slavery).

March, 2nd Sunday—Daylight Savings Time Begins

Before you go to bed on Saturday night, remember to turn your clock ahead one hour.



March/April, varies—Easter

This holiday marks the day Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Holiday traditions include church services and family meals. Secular celebrations also include Easter-egg hunts and candy. **NO CLASS ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE (GOOD-FRIDAY) AND THE MONDAY AFTER EASTER.**

April 1—April Fool’s Day

Joke or tricks are traditionally played on this silly holiday.

May, 2nd Sunday—Mother’s Day

A day to honor mothers and other important women in our lives with cards and gifts.

May, last Monday—Memorial Day

A holiday in remembrance of members of the armed forces who were killed in wars.



June, 3rd Sunday—Father’s Day

A day to honor fathers and other important men in our lives with cards and gifts.



July 4—Independence Day

This celebration of the U.S. declaration of independence from England in 1776 features parades, picnics, and fireworks. **NO CLASS.**

Measurements

<p>Length</p> <p>1 mm = 0.0397 inch 1 cm = 0.3937 inch 1 meter = 1.0936 yard 1 km = 0.6214 mile 1 inch = 25.4 mm 1 foot = 12 in = 0.3048 m 1 yard = 3 ft = 0.9144 m</p>	<p>Mass (Weight)</p> <p>1 gram = 0.0353 ounces 1 kilogram = 2.2046 pounds 1 ounce = 28.350 g 1 pound (lb) = 16 oz = 0.454 kg</p>	<p>Volume/Capacity</p> <p>1 liter = 0.2642 US gallon 1 US dry pint = 0.5506 l 1 US liquid pint = 0.4732 l 1 US gallon = 3.7854 l</p>
<p>Temperature Conversions: Fahrenheit→Celsius</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subtract 32 • Divide by 1.8 	<p>Temperature Conversions: Celsius→Fahrenheit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiply by 1.8 • Add 32 	<p>Temperature Equivalencies</p> <p>212° F = 100° C 32° F = 0° C</p>

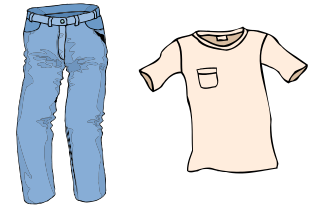
A helpful website to calculate currency conversions is <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>.

American Culture

The following description of US customs and behaviors is only a generalization. This information, though helpful, should be used as a guide only. One of the best ways for anyone to learn about another culture is by observing others and asking questions.

Clothing

At North Park, as on most college campuses in the United States, students dress very informally. The most common attire for both men and women is a pair of blue jeans and a shirt or sweater, depending on the weather. Students also dress informally off-campus, even when they attend social events, but many students will enjoy dressing up for a special occasion.



Conversation

Casual conversation between U.S. Americans can sometimes be confusing. For example, “How are you?” does not necessarily mean that the person asking wants to know how you are feeling. Most likely, the person means “Good morning” or “Hello.” In response, you may say “Fine, thank you. How are you?” Phrases said when departing can also be confusing. For instance, “See you later” or “Let’s get together sometime” are often meant as a friendly goodbye, not as an actual invitation.

Invitations



An invitation is probably official if it specifies a time and place. If a friend asks you to come over on Tuesday evening at 8 o’clock and you say yes, for instance, it is important that you keep the appointment. If you receive a written or emailed invitation that says RSVP, you should respond to let your host know whether or not you plan to attend.

Social Space

When people in the U.S. are not acquainted with each other, or when they are in public settings, they tend to stand or sit apart. For example, on a bus people will sit one per seat until additional passengers force them to double up. The same is true in personal conversations; Americans will stand farther apart from one another while talking than people from other cultures might do.

Concept of Time

People in the U.S. are usually time-conscious, and being on time is very important. When an appointment is made, you are expected to arrive within five minutes of the appointed time. If you have an appointment with your advisor at 2:30 pm, for example, you should arrive at 2:30 pm or a little before. If a bus is scheduled to stop at 11:25 am, be at the bus stop five minutes early because the bus may arrive a few minutes early or late.



Informality

First names are more readily used in the U.S. than in other countries. It is all right to use the first name of someone approximately your age and status, or someone younger. A woman or man older than yourself, including a professor, is often addressed as Dr., Ms., or Mr., until the individual requests that you use her or his first name.

Taking Initiative

There's a saying in the United States—"Pull yourself up by your own bootstraps." This means that people in the U.S. are expected to solve their own problems. This does not mean that you can't get help, but it does mean that you often have to take the first step to get what you need. You should not feel ashamed to ask for advice, or to admit when you are struggling with something.

If you are confused in one of your classes, it is your job to speak with your professor. All professors have "office hours" during which they'll meet with students and many will also make an appointment with you if you aren't free during the office hours. If you are having a difficult time adjusting to life in the United States or the North Park community, or if you are feeling depressed, we encourage you to speak to someone at the Center for Counseling and Health Services. It is not shameful to get help from a counselor.

Race Relations

The United States is racially and ethnically diverse and the neighborhood immediately surrounding North Park University is one of the most diverse areas in the entire country! While North Park prides itself on being an intentionally multicultural community, racial differences still make some



people uncomfortable, especially if they are not used to being in a diverse group of people. If you are talking to or about someone who is a non-white American, it is usually most appropriate to use a hyphenated term such as African-American or Asian-American. People with Hispanic backgrounds often prefer the term Latino. Of course, if the people you are talking to are not from the United States, these titles may not apply; they may prefer to be referred to by their specific country of origin (for example, "she's a Swede" or "he's Palestinian"), and even people from the United States may prefer more informal language (for example, "he's black"). If you are unsure of how to address a person, be honest and ask. It is never appropriate to make jokes or negative comments about another person because of her or his race or skin color.

US Alcohol and Drug Laws

Drugs, except those sold in pharmacies or prescribed by a doctor, are illegal in the United States. In Illinois, alcohol may not be consumed by people under 21 years of age. By law, stores, restaurants, and bars require legal proof of age in order to serve or sell alcoholic beverages. Proof of age can be your passport, a US Driver's License, or an Illinois State ID. Both drugs and alcohol are prohibited on the North Park University campus. For a complete discussion of North Park's drug and alcohol policy, please see the NPU Student Handbook.

It is illegal for persons under the age of 18 to purchase or smoke cigarettes. In addition, there are strict guidelines as to where a person may smoke on the North Park campus and in the city of Chicago. In Chicago, you may not smoke inside any public building, including bars and restaurants. You must exit a building and move 15 feet away from the entrance before lighting a cigarette. At North Park, smoking is prohibited in all buildings, including residence halls, apartments, and campus houses.



CHICAGO RESOURCES



Climate

There are four seasons in the Midwest region of the United States: winter, spring, summer, and fall. Lake Michigan and the flat terrain of the Midwest combine to make Chicago's weather unpredictable at times. The average maximum and minimum temperatures of the area are as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Minimum Temperature</u>	<u>Maximum Temperature</u>
September-October	6°C / 42°F	24°C / 75°F
November	-1°C / 31°F	10°C / 50°F
December-February	-18°C / 0 °F	1°C / 34°F
March	-3°C / 27°	7°C / 44°F
April-May	9°C / 48°F	21°C / 70°F
June-August	15.5°C / 60°F	32°C / 90°F

Transportation

If you learn how to use public transportation in Chicago, you will be able to go anywhere in the city at low costs. Some CTA (Chicago Transit Authority) services run 24 hours a day. The buses, subways, and elevated trains (often called the "El") of the CTA and RTA (Regional Transit Authority) run less often on the weekends and late at night than they do during week days. To check CTA/RTA time schedules, check the website: www.transitchicago.com. Paper maps are also available at all CTA train stations and in the International Office.

The current CTA fair is \$2.25 per ride. Transfers between busses and train lines are valid for two hours; the first transfer costs \$.25 and the second transfer is free. Farecards are the most convenient way to pay for CTA rides. Temporary transit cards and more permanent Chicago Cards may be pre-loaded with money at all train stations. A Chicago Card Plus allows you to reload money onto your card automatically using a major credit card. You may also pay cash, but you will need to have exact change.

Closest bus lines to campus:

- #92 Foster (east/west)
- #81 Lawrence (east/west)
- #82 Kimball (north/south)



Closest train line to campus: Brown Line, Kimball station

To travel from North Park University to O'Hare Airport:

Take the #92 Foster bus west to Jefferson Park. Transfer to the Blue Line El and take it to the end of the line.

To travel from North Park University to Midway Airport:

Take the Brown Line El downtown to the Washington stop. Transfer to the Orange Line El and take it to the end of the line.

Taxi cabs are another mode of transportation, but an expensive one. In addition to the cost per mile, taxi drivers expect a 15% tip in addition to your fare. A cab ride from North Park to O'Hare Airport will cost you about \$30. A ride to Midway Airport is approximately \$45.

Places of Worship

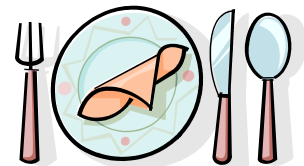
The following houses of worship are within walking distance or a short CTA ride from campus:

- All Saints Episcopal Church:** 4550 N. Hermitage (take #81 Lawrence bus east)
- Berry United Methodist Church:** 4754 W. Leavitt (take Brown Line El to Western stop)
- Bethany United Church of Christ:** 4250 N. Paulina (take Brown Line El to Montrose stop)
- Buddhist Temple of Chicago:** 1151 W. Leland (take #81 Lawrence bus east)
- Chicago Tabernacle (Christian):** 4201 N. Troy (take #82 Kimball bus south)
- Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church:** 3253 W. Wilson (west of Kedzie)
- Congregation Bais Tefilla (Orthodox Jewish):** 3555 W. Peterson (west of Kimball)
- Congregation Shaare Tikvah (Conservative Jewish):** 5800 N. Kimball (north of Bryn Mawr)
- First Evangelical Free Church:** 5255 N. Ashland (take #92 Foster bus east)
- Forest Glen Community Church:** 4920 W. Foster (take #92 Foster bus west)
- Holy Nation Korean Presbyterian Church:** 3434 W. Foster (west of Kimball)
- Iglesia Evangelica Del Pacto Albany Park:** 4516 N. Kedzie (south of Lawrence)
- Immanuel Covenant Church:** 5210 N. Washtenaw (at Foster Avenue)
- Jesus House Chicago:** 4332 N. Kedzie (south of Montrose)
- Korean Presbyterian Church of Chicago:** 2626 W. Foster (east of California)
- Korean Full Gospel Church of Chicago:** 5224 N. Kedzie (north of Foster)
- Muslim Community Center:** 4380 N. Elston (#92 Foster bus west to #53 Pulaski bus south)
- North Park Covenant Church:** 5250 N. Christiana (one block north of Foster)
- Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church:** 4432 N. Troy (at Montrose, near Kimball)
- Ravenswood Baptist Church:** 4455 N. Seeley (take Brown Line El to Damen station)
- Vietnamese United Methodist Church:** 3100 W. Wilson (east of Kedzie)

Restaurants

The following restaurants are within walking distance from campus and are popular with North Park students:

- Ban Po Jung (Korean):** 3450 W. Foster
- Beijo de Chocolat (coffee/bakery):** 3334 W. Foster
- Charcoal Delights/The Pit (American):** 3139 W. Foster
- Dawali Mediterranean Kitchen (Middle Eastern):** 4911 N. Kedzie
- Dunkin Donuts (bakery):** 4821 N. Kedzie
- Jimmy Johns (sandwiches):** 3234 W. Foster
- McDonald's (American):** 3154 W. Foster
- Merla's Kitchen (Filipino):** 5207 N. Kimball
- Starbucks (coffee/bakery):** 3232 W. Foster
- Subway (sandwiches):** 3346 W. Foster
- Taqueria Los Mogotes de Michoacan (Mexican):** 4959 N. Kedzie
- Tre Kronor (Scandinavian):** 3258 W. Foster



Chicago is also home to many restaurants serving food from around the world. Check www.metromix.com/restaurants for more information.

Stores

North Park Bookstore: The University Bookstore is located in the basement of Carlson Tower, beneath the gym. In addition to textbooks for your classes, the bookstore has basic school supplies and North Park merchandise.

Food Stores: The nearest grocery store is Jewel/Osco, located at 4042 N. Foster. Osco is also a full service pharmacy. Take the #92 Foster bus west. Andy's fruit market has good produce and other select items. Andy's is located at 4733 N. Kedzie, just south of Lawrence.

Drug Stores: CVS and Walgreens are both good general purpose stores which also contain pharmacies. Many drug stores also sell passport photos. The nearest CVS is located at 3343 W. Montrose, at the intersection of Montrose and Kimball. Take the #82 Kimball bus south. The nearest Walgreens is located at 5158 N. Lincoln, at the intersection of Lincoln and Foster. Take the #92 Foster bus east.

Office Supply Stores: You may be able to purchase small office supplies at the North Park bookstore or a drug store. For larger purchases, try the Office Depot at 6165 N. Lincoln, at the intersection of Lincoln and Kimball. Take the #82 Kimball bus north.

Department Stores: Department stores feature a wide variety of household items including clothing, furniture, linens, office supplies, electronics, and sometimes food. You can find many expensive department stores in Downtown Chicago (Macy's, Bloomingdales, and Nordstrom are some popular names) but there are three inexpensive department stores near North Park. Target is located at 2939 W. Addison; take the #82 Kimball bus south to Addison and walk .5 miles (.8 km) east to Sacramento. Kmart is located at 3443 W. Addison; take the #82 Kimball bus south to Addison. Sears is located at 1900 W. Lawrence; take the #81 Lawrence bus east.

Shopping Malls: Malls feature many stores in one location, a combination of large department stores (usually higher end than Target or Kmart) and smaller specialty stores. The nearest mall is Lincolnwood Town Center, located at 3333 W. Touhy Avenue in the town of Skokie. Lincolnwood Town Center is easily accessible by the northbound #82 Kimball bus.

Resale Shops: Many people, especially college students, find it fun and helpful to buy inexpensive used clothes. Village Discount is located at 3301 W. Lawrence, walking distance from campus.

Museums

Chicago is home to many wonderful museums. Here are a few of the most famous:

Adler Planetarium: 1300 S. Lake Shore Drive, www.adlerplanetarium.org

Chicago History Museum: 1601 N. Clark Street, www.chicagohs.org

DuSable Museum of African American History: 740 E. 56th Pl., www.dusablemuseum.org

Lincoln Park Zoo: 2001 N. Clark Street, www.lpzoo.org

Museum of Contemporary Art: 220 E. Chicago Avenue, www.mcachicago.org

Museum of Science and Industry: 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive, www.msichicago.org

National Museum of Mexican Art: 1852 W. 19th St., www.nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org

Oriental Institute: 1155 E. 58th Street, www.oi.uchicago.edu

Field Museum of Natural History: 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, www.fieldmuseum.org

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum: 2430 N. Cannon Drive, www.chias.org

For more museums, check http://www.chicagotraveler.com/chicago_museums.htm

Other Entertainment Resources

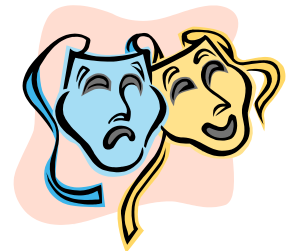
The Chicago Architecture Foundation offers exhibits and lectures on Chicago's famous and varied architecture. They also offer tours of many Chicago neighborhoods, but these can be expensive. For more information, check <http://caf.architecture.org>.

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs offers diverse arts and culture events throughout the year. Check the website at www.cityofchicago.org/CulturalAffairs/ and be sure to click on the "Chicago Cultural Center" link. The Cultural Center is home to many free public events and art galleries and houses the world's largest stained glass Tiffany dome.

The Chicago Public Library consists of 79 branch libraries throughout the city of Chicago. In addition to offering books, music, and periodicals, Chicago's libraries often host special lectures or events. If you have a Chicago Public Library card, you can also check out free passes to many of Chicago's museums. Check http://www.chipublib.org/howto/library_card.php for information on applying for a library card. The nearest library to North Park is the Albany Park Branch, located at the southwest corner of Foster and Kimball.

The Chicago Reader is a free newspaper that lists events around Chicago. You can usually find a free copy in the North Park library or in newspaper machines on street corners. You can also access The Reader online at www.chicagoreader.com.

The League of Chicago Theaters provides information on all stage plays taking place in Chicago. You can search their listings at www.chicagoplays.com.



The Mayor's Office of Special Events hosts many activities throughout the year. Chicago is especially known for its neighborhood festivals and music events. You can find a list of events at <http://www.explorechicago.org> (type "MOSE" into the search box).

Metromix is a helpful online resource for finding movies in Chicago; you can access it at www.metromix.com. The website lets you search for movies by title or by theater. The nearest theater to North Park is the Davis Theater. It is in the Lincoln Square neighborhood, about 10 minutes from campus via public transportation.

Millennium Park is considered Chicago's front lawn. During the summer the park hosts concerts, art festivals, outdoor dining, numerous gardens, and the Crown Fountain, which features faces of 1,000 Chicago residents (including North Park math professor, Dr. Leona Mirza!). In the winter, part of the park is turned into an ice skating rink. Throughout the year, you can also visit Cloudgate, a famous Chicago sculpture that many call "the Bean." More information on events at Millennium Park can be found at www.millenniumpark.org.

Time Out Magazine is a good general resource for events in Chicago, though it is especially helpful for finding information on independent music venues. The online version of the magazine is available at <http://chicago.timeout.com/>.

Foreign Consulates and Embassies in Chicago

As a prominent center of business and culture, Chicago is home to many consular offices.

<p>Argentina 205 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 4209 Chicago, IL 60601 312-819-2610</p>	<p>Australia 123 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 1330 Chicago, IL 60606 312-419-1480 www.usa.embassy.gov.au</p>	<p>Austria Wrigley Building 400 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 707 Chicago, IL 60611 312-222-1515 www.aussenministerium.at/chicago</p>
<p>Barbados 6033 N. Sheridan Road, Unit 26D Chicago, IL 60660 773-769-1926</p>	<p>Belgium 1713 W. Beach Ave. Chicago, IL 60722 847-214-4670</p>	<p>Belize 1200 Howard Drive West Chicago, IL 60185 630-293-0010</p>
<p>Brazil 401 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1850 Chicago, IL 60611 312-464-0244 www.brazilconsulatechicago.org</p>	<p>Bulgaria 737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2105 Chicago, IL 60611 312-867-1901</p>	<p>Canada 2 Prudential Plaza 180 N. Stetson Ave., Suite 2400 Chicago, IL 60601 312-616-1860 www.chicago.gc.ca</p>
<p>Chile 1415 N. Dayton St., Floor 2 Chicago, IL 60642 312-654-8780 http://chileabroad.gov.cl/chicago</p>	<p>China 100 W. Erie Street Chicago, IL 60654 312-803-0095 www.chinaconsulatechicago.org/eng</p>	<p>Costa Rica 203 N. Wabash Ave., Suite 702 Chicago, IL 60601 312-263-2772</p>
<p>Cyprus 1875 Dempster St., Suite 555 Park Ridge, IL 60068 847-698-5500</p>	<p>Czech Republic Michigan Plaza Building 205 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1680 Chicago, IL 60601 312-861-1037 www.mzv.cz/chicago</p>	<p>Denmark John Hancock Center 875 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 3950 Chicago, IL 60611 312-787-8780 www.gkchicago.um.dk</p>
<p>Dominican Republic 8700 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. Suite 1300 Chicago, IL 60631 773-714-4924</p>	<p>Ecuador 30 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 204 Chicago, IL 60603 312-338-1002</p>	<p>Egypt 500 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1900 Chicago, IL 60611 312-828-9164</p>
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