getting around

Getting around town is simple with these affordable transportation options. Whether you are simply going across campus or to downtown Chicago, the University of Chicago is a hub for efficient transportation resources.

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

The CTA operates one of the nation’s premier public transportation systems with a large network of buses, elevated trains, and subways around the city. Ventra Cards are accepted on all CTA vehicles and can be purchased at all train stations or online at ventrachicago.com.

TIP: How long is the wait for a bus? Track it on your phone or computer at uchicago.transloc.com.

The most popular Hyde Park bus routes include:

#6: JACKSON PARK EXPRESS
The #6 bus connects Hyde Park and downtown and is a good way to get to the Art Institute, Michigan Avenue, and Millennium Park. This route runs express from 47th Street to 11th Street/Museum Campus, making it one of the fastest ways to get to the Loop.

#2: HYDE PARK EXPRESS
The #2 runs between Hyde Park and the Loop on weekdays during morning and evening rush hours only. Fast, efficient, and sometimes very crowded, this bus is perfect for those headed to South Campus—the Law School, Harris, Logan, etc.

#55: GARFIELD
The #55 bus is popular for those going to the Red or Green Line train stations at Garfield or to Midway Airport.

TIP: Be sure to take a bus that says “Midway!” Some #55s end their route at “St. Louis,” still 20 blocks from Midway Airport.

CTA ON CAMPUS

The CTA also operates two buses that are free to anyone with a University of Chicago ID: routes #171 and #172. Each of these buses circulates students, faculty, and staff between campus and the immediate Hyde Park area, making them a convenient option for the entire University of Chicago community. Track their exact routes on the TransLoc mobile application, on monitors in designated University buildings, or online at transitchicago.com.

UNIVERSITY OPERATED SHUTTLES

UGO SHUTTLES
The University offers its own shuttle service, UChicaGO, to provide safe, timely, and reliable transportation for students, faculty, and staff throughout campus and the surrounding area.

DAYTIME
Daytime shuttles operate starting at 5 a.m. on Monday through Friday mornings, with some routes offline at 10 a.m. and others that continue until 9 p.m.

NIGHTRIDE
The University NightRide shuttle program operates from 5 p.m. to 4 a.m. on Sunday through Wednesday nights, and 5 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Thursday through Saturday nights.

TIP: You can track UChicaGO shuttles through TransLoc on mobile applications and monitors in designated buildings. Pick-up locations can be found within two blocks of nearly every building on campus and each residence hall.

53RD STREET EXPRESS
The 53rd Street Express provides UCID holders with an efficient way to travel to the retail corridor on 53rd Street. As an express shuttle, stops are only made at certain locations including the new Harper Court development, Kimbark Plaza, and a multitude of the on campus dormitories. Check TransLoc or for a complete list of stops, please visit transportation.uchicago.edu.

METRA COMMUTER RAIL

The Metra Electric line makes a number of stops in Hyde Park and is the fastest and easiest way to get to downtown Chicago. With trains running every 10 minutes during rush hours, a one-way fare from the Hyde Park area to downtown Chicago costs $3.50 and multi-use cards can be purchased at every station. Check out the schedule at metrarail.com.

DESTINATIONS
Trains run north to Museum Campus, Van Buren Street, Millenium Station/Randolph, and south to Blue Island.

HYDE PARK STOPS
Lake Park and 47th Street; 51st/53rd Street; 55th/56th/57th Street; 59th Street/University of Chicago

Hours of Operation: Daily 6 a.m. to midnight. Weekends vary.

TIP: Pay before you ride! Conductors will collect a $5 surcharge for those who purchase tickets on the train if an agent or vending machine is available at the station where you boarded.

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FROM CAMPUS TO THE AIRPORT

O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Take any bus or Metra train downtown and catch the CTA Blue Line north to O’Hare from the Loop.

MIDWAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Take the #55 bus marked “Midway” west to the airport. Alternatively, the CTA Orange Line train runs from the Loop through Chicago’s Southwest Side before ending at Midway.

SHUTTLE SERVICE
GO Airport Express offers shared-ride airport shuttles, private vans, and airport limousines to both Midway and O’Hare International Airports. Airport Shuttle discounts are available for students. Please visit airportexpress.com to learn more.

BIKING
We’re big on bikes here at UChicago. Whether it’s between your classes or peddling along Chicago’s nearly 19 miles of picturesque bike paths on Lake Michigan, we encourage you to use a bike—just don’t forget to lock it up!

DIVVY
The easiest way to rent a bike is through Divvy, a city-wide bike sharing program run by the Chicago Department of Transportation. Divvy has over 3,000 bikes and 300 stations throughout Chicago, including seven in Hyde Park. Bikes can be rented from and returned to any station in the system, creating an endless network of start and end points. Please refer to our “Divvy: Campus Bike Sharing” visitor guide for more information.

CABS AND CAR SERVICES

You can find cabs in front of the Duchossois Center for Advanced Medicine at the corner of Maryland Ave. and 58th St., or you can order one online or over the phone from the companies below. Cab rides from Hyde Park run about $20-25 to downtown Chicago, $25-35 to Midway Airport, and about $60 to O’Hare Airport.

UBER
Text an address and city to UBR-CAB (827-222) uber.com
Standard taxis, private cars, and SUVs on demand only. Pay via smartphone app—no cash necessary.

YELLOW CAB
312.829.4222 or yellowcabchicago.com

FLASH CAB
773.561.4444 or taxiwithus.com

CHICAGO PRIVATE CAR
773.594.9021
Black Sedans booked in advance, usually cost about 15% more.

TIP: Although most taxi drivers will know where to go when you say “University of Chicago,” you may want to provide one of the following key addresses: College Admissions at 1101 E. 58th St.; Levi Hall and Information Center at 5801 S. Ellis Ave.; Ida Noyes Hall at 1212 E. 59th St.