



Loyola University Chicago School of Law Housing Guide





Welcome to Chicago

Moving to Chicago from out of state? Living in Chicago but looking for a new home to suit your new academic needs? This guide will show you everything you need to know about the neighborhoods Loyola Law students live in, how to navigate the apartment search, and other necessities that make living in Chicago exciting and unique.

The Basics

Chicago Neighborhoods

Lakeview, Lincoln Park,
Wrigleyville, Boystown,
Lakeview East

Roscoe Village, Lincoln Square,
Albany Park, Rogers Park,
Humboldt Park, Hyde Park,
Edgewater, Avondale,
Ravenswood

Uptown/Andersonville,
Wickerpark/Bucktown

Old Town, South Loop, River
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Baumhart, Greater Chicagoland

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Searching for an apartment in Chicago

Tips from Current Students

WHAT OUR STUDENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOODS:

Lakeview. "I live in Lakeview and I love it. I especially recommend it for women living on their own. It's a very safe neighborhood. I live right off of Broadway, and there are plenty of restaurants, stores, and bars. It's a short walk to Lincoln Park and Wrigleyville. A downside is that this area is extremely crowded on the weekends. So if you are expecting to study at a coffee shop, better get there early. There is an express bus that picks up on Lake Shore Drive (the 145 or the 146) and it goes straight to Michigan Ave. It takes about 10 minutes to get to school."

"Feels like a suburb in a city! I chose Lakeview because I wanted a quieter place to live while still experiencing all Chicago has. Really great food options and a close walk to Wrigley. Also, it's generally safe compared to a lot of other places."

"Lakeview is basically a 15 minute commute from everywhere. Quiet neighborhood within walking distance to the lake. Lots of furry friends!"

Lincoln Park. "Lincoln Park is a great place to live in the city. It has a neighborhood feel but also close enough to downtown to feel like you live in a big city. There is also great shopping restaurants and bars in the area so there is always something to do."

"There is always something going on in the neighborhood. Lots of new and diverse food options, and plenty of activities. The neighborhood is also comprised mostly of young people."

"I live across the street from the park itself, and I find that walking home through the park or taking a break on weekends and participating in some of the free events that happen in the park is a great way to wind down or get involved in some budget friendly activities."

Wrigleyville. "I LOVE living in Wrigleyville! Wrigleyville is a small neighborhood within Lakeview. What can be better? Living so close to Wrigley Field, great restaurants and bars, so close to the Red Line. It is the perfect place to live with so much to do, the perfect place for someone new to Chicago. Being a little bit North also makes the apartments a little cheaper and we get more for our money."

Boystown. "I live in the Lakeview East neighborhood, also known as Boystown. Specifically, I live near Lake Shore Drive and Belmont. This area is really one of the best the city has to offer. With walk-ups, mid-rise apartments and lofts, and even condominiums, Lakeview East boasts all types of housing arrangements with prices that nearly any budget can afford. It is a lively and welcoming area as it has one of the largest LGBT communities in the nation and is notable for a large Jewish population. This area is right on the lake so you are never more than a few minutes from the beach. Further, there is an express bus that goes directly to the school, which makes commuting simple. If you live further west, the red line is also an available option to get to the school. The area is known for good eats, small independent shops, and an eclectic feel that you don't get in many other neighborhoods. Finally, you are never more than a few blocks from a variety of grocery stores including Whole Foods, and Jewel Osco."

Lakeview East. "I live on the edge of Lakeview East/Lincoln Park area. My apartment is just 2-3 blocks away from multiple different grocery store options, which is convenient to be able to just walk right down the street. It's also just a few blocks away from many restaurant options. I like my neighborhood because it feels safe, which was a big concern when I was looking for housing. It's a good area to find more affordable housing options but also get a great safe space."

"I live in Lakeview East. It's a mix of 20-somethings and young families. You can live right above a bar/restaurant or on a quiet neighborhood street with everything you need just around the corner (gyms, restaurants, bars, comedy clubs, etc.). Plus, you're close to the lake, so if you want to use the lakefront trail for exercise or just sit near the water to do your reading, it's really easy to get there."

"Safety was my number one priority when looking for a place to live in Chicago. Coming from a small town I was worried that the city would be a little bit of a culture shock but I absolutely LOVE Lakeview East. Not only is there tons of shopping and restaurants, but I have never felt uncomfortable walking home alone at night. There are plenty of options for public transit and a majority of them run late into the night for those late night study sessions. The neighborhood is full of young families, retirees, and graduate students."



Roscoe Village. "Roscoe Village is a great place to live!

It is right off the brown line before Belmont, so it makes it easy to get downtown or transfer at Belmont to get to school. It has a "suburban" feel with lots of neighbors meeting up and many parks and playgrounds for walking dogs or getting in a nice walk. There are many good, local, BYOB restaurants, and because it's a bit further North, it's reasonably priced also! Lots of grocery stores around. FREE street parking and only a one-mile walk to Wrigley Field!! It's a great place to be in the summer."

Lincoln Square. "I have lived in this area since first moving to the city almost four years ago. There are plenty of nice restaurants and bars in the area offering almost any type of cuisine imaginable - including some great brunch spots. It is close enough to areas such as Lincoln Park and Lakeview, but avoids some of the pitfalls of those areas such as lack of parking, pricey apartments, and congestion/noise. While the commute is a bit longer than some other neighborhoods closer to campus, parking is easy and almost everywhere in the neighborhood is within walking distance of a Brown Line stop!"

Albany Park. "Albany Park is a great deal for a neighborhood in Chicago. It's a family neighborhood so it's pretty quiet and doesn't have a ton of places to go out, but it has plenty of great diverse food from cheap restaurants and grocery stores. It's not the closest to the Water Tower Campus, but it's at the end of the brown line, and it's near enough to other northside neighborhoods."

Rogers Park. "Rogers Park is Chicago's most diverse neighborhood. There is so much culture every time you step out on the sidewalk. It has a good mix of young and old, families, students, and professionals. There is a real sense of community when you go outside. Housing is very affordable and you are so close to the lake and the many beaches and parks. It is very far north from the law school, but you have access to the LUC shuttle which is a lifesaver, and the red line ride only takes about 35 minutes normally to get to school."



Humboldt Park. "I live in Humboldt Park and it is wonderful. The actual park is beautiful and there are lots of options for outdoor activities very close by. My husband and I love going to the corner bars and there are great places to eat all around the neighborhood. It is also a very diverse area with lots of young families as well as people who have lived in the neighborhood forever."

Hyde Park. "I love Hyde Park. Apartments are much more reasonably priced than many other neighborhoods. President Obama's home is minutes from my apartment which is pretty cool. There are tons of restaurants and things to do in the neighborhood, especially in the summertime. Though the neighborhood is south, travel time to school is not bad at all. If driving, you can just hop onto Lake Shore Drive to get to school and can get there in less than twenty minutes with lite traffic. There's also public transportation!"

Edgewater. "I live in northern Edgewater right by Loyola's Lakeshore campus, which is beautiful and provides a convenient shuttle to the Water Tower Campus. Housing is affordable and the area feels like a neighborhood."

Avondale. "I live in Avondale. I'd describe it as a working-class, family neighborhood undergoing some gentrification, with a strong Polish and Latino culture. We love being there! It's affordable, safe, and quiet. The commute (approx 50 minutes) can be a bit taxing; however, being in a separate neighborhood than school gives one a chance to cultivate a part of your life away from it. Transportation around Avondale is very good. There's plenty of bus routes and, depending on where you live, you can walk to the Blue line (which I do at least half the time) and then can transfer to the Red line for school. The closest grocery store (Cermak) is a bit pricey but there's a Walmart fairly close and a mini-Target is coming in 2020."

Ravenswood. "Easy access to brown line. Not super trendy, so not congested. Reasonable greenery."



Uptown/Andersonville. "Andersonville/

Edgewater/Uptown is a great area for law students. It's a great area to consider, especially for those looking to save money on rent. This area is close to a variety of public transportation options to the law school and is generally cheaper than other neighborhoods further south. Also, these neighborhoods have lots of fun activities during the summer, from dog beaches to neighborhood festivals and concerts."

"Uptown Rocks! Near the red line (Argyle, Berwyn) and bus lines 144, 146, 147 Express to Water Tower. Walk to the beach! Great cheap places to eat, especially Vietnamese. Near Aragon, Riviera and Green Mill (live music venues). Near Andersonville, with lots of cute shops and cafes. Near lakefront bike path."

"Andersonville/Bryn Mawr. A very progressive area, the Andersonville/ Bryn Mawr areas blend to make up some of Chicago's north side. Loads of small storefronts along Clark give the feeling of a busy small town with a Main Street/High Street. Housing tends to be 2- or 3- flats or row houses – you'll almost always have a yard! Transportation is OK, with the Red Line running near the lakefront and a few major north/south buses, however a commute to WTC will likely take 45 minutes or more. The longer commute is offset by the very cheap housing, where a 2 bedroom can easily be found for under \$1000/mo. It's also very close to Loyola's Lake Shore Campus, including the Klarchek IC."

"Overall: A very LGBT friendly area, Edgewater will let you get away from the hustle of downtown, while still living in the city and having lots of local-businesses nearby for shopping and food. Highly recommended; cheap pricing."

Wicker Park/Bucktown. "Just west of Lincoln

Park is Wicker Park and Bucktown (Blue line: Division, Damen, Western). Comparable to New York's "The Village". ...known as Chicago's "up and coming" neighborhood, filled with liberal, artsy crowd. The action centers on the intersection of North, Damen and Milwaukee avenues. (Rent) Prices reflect the proximity to this location. ...parking is not difficult to find. The area is littered with boutiques and restaurants; there is ample public transportation and grocery stores. A good rule of thumb is to stay north of Division and east of Western. I take the North Avenue bus east to the North/ Clybourn Red Line stop which I take south to Loyola."

"It seems like a lot of my classmates spend a lot of time in a small area of the city. I get to experience more areas just in my day to day life than the average student, and I get more space for my money!"

"I love Wicker Park! It is by far the funkier neighborhood in Chicago. This amazing bohemian community is comprised mainly of working artists, up-and-coming fashion designers, and hipsters. Also, the nightlife is great as it's never a simple weekend in Wicker Park. There's always some new hip club or restaurant opening."

"My 3L year I moved to Bucktown/Wicker Park area. The commute to school was about 30 minutes but the neighborhood is fantastic. It's great for dog-owners."





River North/Gold Coast. "I live three blocks west of the Law School and walk to school every day -- I can come home to eat lunch, run errands, or work out in the middle of the day ... if I've forgotten something. I live in a high rise which I've come to love -- most buildings in the area have a gym, rent includes most utilities, and the views are incredible. Plus, my building has in-unit laundry. There's a great park nearby that lets me dogspot and peoplewatch. I have a small grocery store three blocks from my apartment and three other grocery stores within a six block radius."

"I live in River North, right by the law school. I love the proximity to classes, restaurants, and the ability to walk just about anywhere I need to go."

"River North makes it really easy to commute to campus. I could walk to campus in less than 5 minutes, and it has a lot of restaurants and shopping right outside your door. You do not need a car to get around. However, with the convenience also means the neighborhood is a bit more expensive. Also, living downtown did not give me as much opportunity to explore the many great neighborhoods that Chicago offers. If you live in River North, make sure to venture in any direction (even East to see the different beaches). The neighborhood is also very noisy because it's busy and has a lot of people."

"I came from Tennessee and chose to live close to school. It was a perfect choice. I jumped right into the city life and was acclimated quickly. The Gold Coast is amazing. I walk to school. The redline train stop is on the same block as the school so if I have to take the train, that is close by as well. Michigan Avenue is a half block from my apartment. There are tons of restaurants near my apartment. I am able to walk to the grocery store and bank. There are numerous parking garages. I am also one block from the Oak Street Beach, which can be seen from my rooftop. The location is more expensive than where some other students live but I am close to everything. In the end, it's about preferences. I chose to pay for convenience and location."

"River North is one of the hottest neighborhoods in the city. Some of the best restaurants and bars that Chicago has to offer are right here. Rents can get a little pricey, but it's worth it when you can walk a couple blocks to school and anywhere else downtown."

Old Town. "This neighborhood is right near the law school and many properties are walking distance from the school. There is a lot to do in the area and is home to a wide cross-section of communities. It is a more expensive neighborhood, but studios are common and if you live with roommates or a partner it becomes more affordable."

"Old Town. It's a fun area, only a 20 min walk to WTC, but loads of buses and the Red and Brown Lines for transportation as well. Being right at the border of Lincoln Park, there is TONS of green space around and people are always running or walking their dogs; easy access to North Ave beach and the lakefront! Two options for bars and nightlife include the Clark/Division area and the Wells strip near North Ave -- one can find every type of bar possible between these two spots. Shopping along North Ave near Halstead is also easily accessible, and Old Town is home to Second City and the Steppenwolf Theater! Overall: The neighborhood streets are quiet and friendly, but easy walking distance to fun. Highly recommended, although expensive."

South Loop. "I live on the edge of South Loop and the beginning of Bronzeville. The area is residential with plenty of street parking and public transportation is very accessible. It is quiet and safe. Sometimes, I wish I lived a little closer to bars and restaurants in walking distance. Overall, the cost isn't too bad and I can get to the school in about 40 minutes or less via public transportation."

"South Loop is a lively neighborhood not too far from campus. The Red Line, Orange Line, and Green Line are accessible. There are all types of stores readily accessible. It is a mixed age of people but I have seen mostly younger people. It is a little pricey but there are some buildings that are reasonably priced."





Baumhart. "Loyola's graduate campus housing is located right across the street from the law school, as part of the Water Tower Campus. You can choose between a two bedroom/two bath apartment or a three bedroom/two bath apartment. There are floor plans and video tours of the rooms located on their [website](#). The apartments are furnished, really nicely updated, and have awesome views of the city or Lake Michigan. The commute to school is basically nonexistent, since it's just across the street.

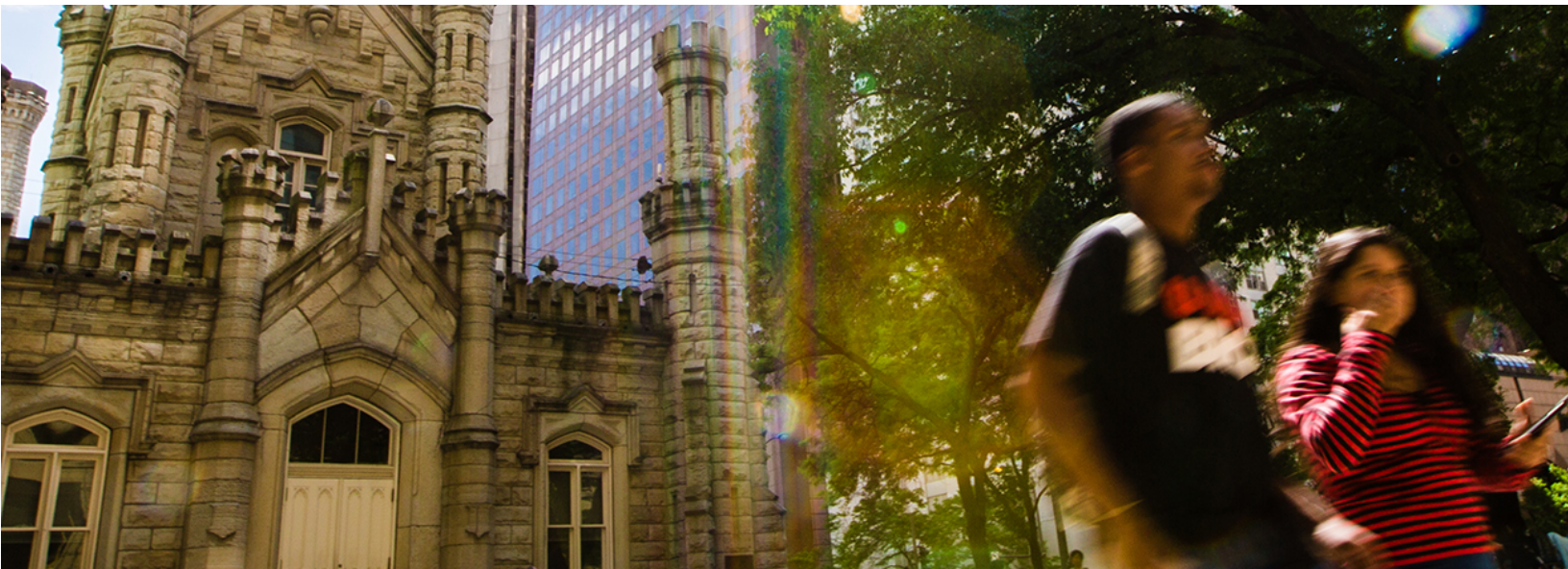
It's just two blocks from the famous "Magnificent Mile," so there's tons of shopping and dining options. Gold Coast is very much "downtown," so living in Baumhart comes with both the pros and the cons of that. It can be really fun to live so close to all the "action," but it also can be frustrating to have crowds of people around, all the time.

Baumhart is one block away from the Chicago/State Street Red Line stop on the L, so getting where you're going is never a problem. There are two grocery stores within walking distance. You must have your ID to scan into the building, and guests must also give security an ID to enter. "

Greater Chicagoland. "I am married and my husband and I tried the city life for a year and found it too noisy and way too expensive for us to handle. We found Oak Park to be a great compromise. We both needed access to the city and Oak Park has a direct connection with both the Green Line of the "L" and the Metra trains. There are plenty of apartments near Green Line stops in Oak Park and the rent and parking fees are much less money. We ended up getting an apartment double the size of the one we had in the city and we still pay less in rent! It's also a great community for older students who may have families or married students who have spouses that work in the 'burbs. I would recommend that students interested in Oak Park buy a Chicago Tribune to look for apartments and then go online to the Oak Park website to find more ads for apartments. Any apartment between Harlem and Austin would be a great find, especially if it is within walking distance to the train!"

"I live in the northwest suburbs (Niles). I definitely recommend living with parents/relatives during law school. It saves money and for me, provides a supportive and loving environment while in school."

[The Historic Water Tower](#) is one block from Baumhart Hall



TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) carries over 1.6 million customers a day throughout Chicago and 35 suburbs, operating as the nation's second largest public transportation system. Several daily bus routes and a 24-hour railway system enable students to travel to any area of the city. Regular bus fares are \$2.25 if you have a Venta card, or \$2.50 if paying by cash. Train fares are \$2.50 and you can purchase a ticket with cash or credit. Ventra cards can be reloaded at rail stations or you can use the Ventra app to reload and manage your account.



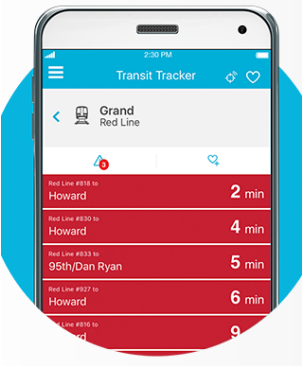
Loyola's Intercampus Shuttle Bus

Loyola University has its own transportation shuttle bus service, which is **free** for Loyola students. The shuttle bus travels several times each day (about every 20 minutes) between the Lake Shore and Water Tower campuses during the academic sessions. There is one shuttle that travels to Metra Stations from the Water Tower Campus at 9:05p.m. Monday through Friday. There is no shuttle service on Saturday or Sunday.

Shuttle Bus tracking can be found [here](#).

The Ventra U-PASS

Loyola University Chicago offers full-time students **CTA/Ventra Chicago U-Passes** that provide unlimited access to CTA buses and trains. The Ventra U-Pass is your ticket to unlimited riding aboard CTA buses and trains. The fee is included in your full-time student fees at a greatly reduced cost.



Transit Tracker App

Many students use the Transit Tracker app for real-time arrival information for the CTA, buses and trains, Pace buses, and Metra.

Parking

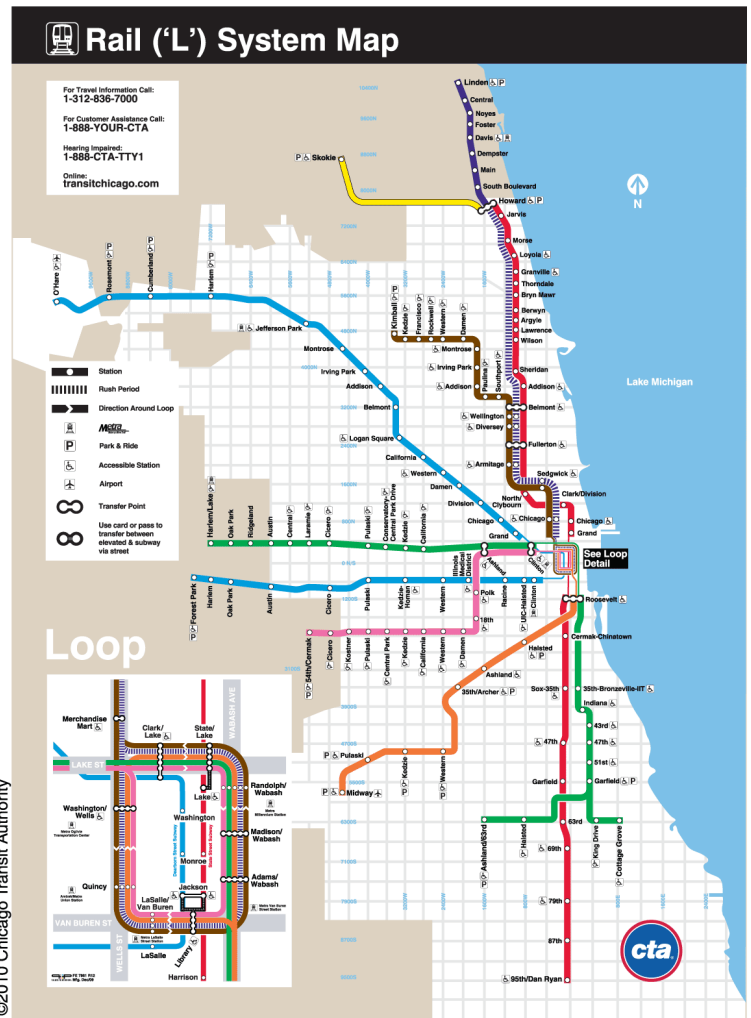
Loyola University Chicago's Water Tower Campus does not offer parking accommodations for students. However, there are several commercial parking facilities in the area. Loyola has a partnership with some of the nearby parking garages. Use the **ParkMobile** reservation system to receive discounted parking from Water Tower Campus garages following these **instructions**. Also, there are a limited number of metered parking spaces surrounding the law school that are offered at a discounted rate.

Visit [Chicago Parking Map](#) for additional parking options.

Car Sharing Programs

Many students use car sharing programs which provides an alternative to owning or renting a vehicle:

- I-GO Car Sharing
- Zipcar



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Things to Know...

Finding housing can be competitive due to the supply-and-demand in Chicago. Here are some tips to help you:

- Start looking early. Many rentals are posted two months prior to availability. Begin your search four to six weeks before your ideal move-in date.
- When you see a "For Rent" sign, be prepared to contact the landlord immediately to schedule a showing.
- If you like the place, you should be prepared to complete the application and make a deposit.
- Plan ahead financially as you may need to pay a security deposit and/or fees and first months rent before any student loans are disbursed.



Leases

A lease is a contract between you and the lessor. A basic lease lists the amount of rent due and the length of time the agreement is valid. Some examples of what may appear on a lease include: guest policy, pets, utilities and maintenance. Make sure to read the whole contract and view the property (if possible) before signing. Always request a copy of the agreement in writing.

Security Deposits , Move-In Fees, Pet Deposits

Depending on where you choose to live, there may be fees associated with moving in to the property. Some examples of these include a security deposit, a move-in fee or a pet deposit. The landlord can charge a refundable security deposit before you move into the property. When you move out, the landlord will inspect the rental unit and deduct the cost of repairing any damages you caused, beyond normal wear and tear, from the deposit. Some landlords will require a non-refundable move-in fee instead, which is generally less than a security deposit. Pet deposits and fees depend on the landlord, and can be a one-time payment or smaller monthly payments.

Renter's Insurance

The owners of apartment buildings carry general insurance that only insures the building structure itself. Any damage to your possessions due to fire, smoke, flood, theft, etc. is your responsibility. Renter's insurance is relatively inexpensive and a very wise purchase. Most insurance companies that insure cars also offer renter's insurance, ask if they offer a bundle!

Rent

Most states do not allow the landlord to raise the rent during a lease agreement, however, the landlord can raise the rent before you renew your lease, providing the landlord gives you written notice of intent to do so. If you have a month-to-month rental agreement with your landlord, different rules may apply.

Privacy

In most areas, a landlord must notify a tenant in writing, at least 24-48 hours before entering the property.

Cars

Bringing a car to Chicago can be costly. If you plan to bring a car to Chicago, there are several parking options depending on where you live. Parking spaces can be available for rent with your apartment for an additional fee (\$100-\$300). Free street parking is available in certain neighborhoods but make sure to check signage on the street for any important parking information. Some parking zones can require a permit, more information regarding the cost and zones can be found [here](#).

Pets

If you have a pet or are considering getting a pet, check with the landlord. Some apartments only allow cats or dogs under a certain weight. Many properties require a pet deposit or monthly pet fee.

Iggys list

[Iggys list](#) is a "craigslist" type website for Loyola to post apartment rentals, books, furniture, etc.

Additional Resources

Loyola's [Off-Campus Student Life Office](#) offers support to students living off-campus. Feel free to connect with this office for additional housing resources.

Know Your Rights as a Tenant

Rev. Raymond C. Baumhart, S.J., Residence Hall & Terry Student Center



The Rev. Raymond C. Baumhart, S.J., Residence Hall and Terry Student Center is a high-rise on Loyola's Water Tower Campus Located at 26 E. Pearson St. The building is named after Father Baumhart, a past president of Loyola University Chicago. Baumhart is next to the Schrieber Center's Quinlan School of Business and directly across the street from the Corboy Law Center and Law Library. Baumhart is for upperclass undergraduate students, graduate students, and professional students.

- Experience contemporary living in fully furnished apartments with spectacular city views.
- Live in the heart of the city at Pearson and Wabash, two blocks west of Chicago's Magnificent Mile, and steps from CTA bus and train stops.
- Walk across the street to the Corboy Law Center and Law Library, Graduate School of Business, University Library and classrooms, and Loyola University Museum of Art (LUMA).
- Approximately 25 law students from all levels choose to live in Baumhart. Roommates can be other law students or other Loyola graduate students from other fields of study.
- The Terry Student Center houses the Wellness Center, Ministry Services, and Water Tower Campus Life are on the lower levels.
- Rent includes all utilities, heat and air-conditioning, cable and high-speed Internet access.

For more information, including a virtual tour and pricing check out **Baumhart Hall** or contact 773.508.3300 or res-life@luc.edu.

20 floors

550 residents

24-hour security staff



Amenities include:

- Fitness center (free for residents)
- Study lounge
- University chapel
- Fully furnished
- Wireless access throughout the building
- Laundry room
- Smoke-free and pet-free

SEARCHING FOR AN APARTMENT IN CHICAGO

1. Select a neighborhood

While the quality of an apartment is important, so is the neighborhood. To begin your search, start by researching the different and unique neighborhoods of Chicago and determining how far of a commute you want. You can look at a [map](#) to locate the different bus and train stops and then search for apartments within walking distance of those locations.

Keep in mind that many smaller properties do not post ads but simply post "For Rent" signs on their buildings. If possible, walk the neighborhoods you're interested in to find more rental availability.

2. Decide if you want a roommate(s)

It is important to decide whether or not you will have a roommate, or if living alone, whether or not you would be willing to live in a studio apartment instead of a one bedroom as costs will vary.

3. Select apartment size

4. Name your price

Price ranges will vary dramatically, even within one neighborhood. Decide now how much you would like to spend so that you can limit subsequent searches accordingly.

5. Start your search

The Internet

The Internet is a great place to start your apartment search. Though you may be overwhelmed at first, many students do find that the Internet is the easiest way to narrow their options for price and location.

Online resources that our students have found most helpful are:

- <https://www.rent.com/illinois/chicago-apartments>
- www.apartments.com
- <https://www.renthop.com>
- <https://www.zillow.com/>
- <https://chicago.craigslist.org/apa/>
- <http://www.apartmentlist.com/il/chicago>

Apartment Rental Services

Many apartment locator services offer FREE assistance to renters (they are paid by the owners of the apartments after the apartment is rented). Their listings are constantly updated, and most companies offer to drive prospective renters to their listed properties.

Popular rental services include:

- [The Apartment People](#)
- [Chicago Apartment Finders](#)
- [Home Scout Realty](#)
- [Planned Property](#)
- [Student Space](#)
- [Trulia](#)
- [Domu](#)
- [Access Living](#) (Resources for students with disabilities)

"Access Living is an organization that advocates for fair housing for people with disabilities. Notably, Access Living is less than a mile away from Loyola's School of Law. Additionally, Access Living has a page with information about accessible listings; they also have a housing counseling program."

Realtors

Another option for finding an apartment is to go through a realtor. There is no cost involved for using a realtor for rentals - it's the same as going through the other locator services mentioned. The landlord usually pays the realtor for the service provided.

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Tips from Current Loyola JD Students

Tip 1. "Get to know the "L" before school starts!"

Tip 2. "If you want to bike, live closer to the lakefront trail."

Tip 3. "Getting a realtor is free - do it! Especially if you are new to the Chicago area, they will help find the best fit for you."

Tip 4. "Cast a wide-net! Craigslist has a negative connotation but it is actually a great resource, you just have to make sure you look at a map because listings are sometimes not in the neighborhoods they say they are."



Tip 5. "Look for a place that's accessible to the CTA. For example, I live near Foster and Broadway, which is accessible to a bus that picks me up a couple of blocks from my apartment and goes straight to the John Hancock Building. Being strategic by considering public transportation options goes a long way!"

Tip 6. "I would recommend to explore a few different neighborhoods, especially if you are new to Chicago. Although being close to school is convenient, especially during your first year, there are many amazing neighborhoods in Chicago that you should see. Chicago has a lot to offer, and there is a neighborhood for you!"

Tip 7. "I would make sure students live near a bus route or a red line stop to easily commute to and from school. There are late nights in law school, it's a part of the experience, so living in a place where you feel comfortable walking around at night and where you'll be safe is really important."

Tip 8. "Look for express buses! When I first moved to Lakeview East, I was taking the 151 all the way from basically Belmont to school. Once I got to know the neighborhood a little more, I realized that if I walk to a bus stop a little farther away, there was a bus that went down Lakeshore Drive, and it took me half as long to get to school."

