



ADMITTED STUDENT GUIDE

Fall 2024



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1. General Information

1.1 Academic Calendar

Autumn Semester 2024

Friday, August 16, 2024 Autumn Tuition Due
Monday, August 19, 2024 Orientation Week Begins (Day and Evening)
Friday, August 23, 2024 Orientation Week Ends (Day and Evening)
Monday, August 26, 2024 Autumn Classes Begin
Monday, September 2, 2024 Labor Day-- University officially closed
Friday, September 6, 2024 Last Day to add classes to Autumn Schedule
Wednesday, September 11, 2024 Last day to drop classes with no penalty (100% tuition refund if applicable, no grade on transcript)
Thursday, September 12, 2024 Grades of "W" assigned for Autumn classes dropped on or after this day
Monday, September 16, 2024 Financial Blocks for Autumn Semester Only
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 Audit Application Deadline
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 Autumn Degree Conferral Application Deadline
Monday, October 14, 2024 Rescheduled exam application deadline
Friday, October 18, 2024 Last day to withdraw from Autumn classes
Friday, November 15, 2024 JD Program change deadline for Spring
Tuesday, November 26, 2024 Tuesday classes end
Wednesday, November 27, 2024 **No College of Law Classes Held - reading day**
Thursday, November 28, 2024 *Thanksgiving Break -- University officially closed*
Friday, November 29, 2024 *Thanksgiving Break -- University officially closed*
Saturday, November 30, 2024 *Thanksgiving Break -- University officially closed*
Sunday, December 1, 2024 *Thanksgiving Break -- University officially closed*
Monday, December 2, 2024 Monday classes end
Tuesday, December 3, 2024 Friday classes end (Friday schedule runs on a Tuesday)
Wednesday, December 4, 2024 Wednesday classes end
Thursday, December 5 2024 Thursday classes end
Friday, December 6, 2024 Optional class make-up day
Saturday, December 7, 2024 Reading period begins
Wednesday, December 11, 2024 Exam period begins
Friday, December 13, 2024 Spring tuition due
Friday, December 20, 2024 Exam period ends
Monday, December 23, 2024 *St. Vincent de Paul Day -- Holiday Break Begins -- University officially closed*
Thursday, January 2, 2025 University reopens
Friday, January 3, 2025 Autumn Semester Grades Due

Spring Semester 2025

Friday, December 13, 2024, Spring tuition due
Thursday, January 2, 2025 University reopens
Friday, January 3, 2025 Autumn Semester Grades Due
Sunday, January 19, 2025 Spring Semester Classes Begin
Monday, January 20, 2025 *Martin Luther King Day -- University officially closed*
Saturday, February 1, 2025 Spring Degree Conferral Application Deadline
Monday, February 3, 2025 Last day to add classes to Spring Schedule
Friday, February 7, 2025 Last Day to drop classes with no penalty (100% tuition refund if applicable, no grade on transcript)
Saturday, February 8, 2025 Grades of "W" assigned for Spring classes dropped on or after this day
Sunday, February 4, 2025 Financial Blocks for Spring Semester Only
Monday, February 26, 2025 Audit Application Deadline
Monday, March 3, 2025 Rescheduled exam application deadline
Friday, March 14, 2025 Last day to withdraw from Spring classes
Saturday, March 22, 2025 Spring Break Begins
Friday, March 28, 2025 Spring Break Ends
Friday, April 18, 2025 *Good Friday -- University officially closed*
Saturday, April 19, 2025 *Easter Holiday -- University officially closed*
Sunday, April 20, 2025 *Easter Holiday -- University officially closed*
Tuesday, April 29, 2025 Tuesday classes end
Wednesday, April 30, 2025 Wednesday classes end
Thursday, May 1, 2025 Thursday classes end
Thursday, May 1, 2025 JD Program change deadline for summer & Autumn
Tuesday, May 6, 2025 Friday classes end (Friday schedule runs on Tuesday)
Wednesday, May 7, 2025 Optional class make-up day
Thursday, May 8, 2025 Reading period begins
Monday, May 12, 2025 Exam period begins
Thursday, May 22, 2025 Exam period ends
Friday, May 23, 2025 Summer tuition due
Saturday, May 24, 2025 Commencement
Monday, May 26, 2025 Memorial Day -- University officially closed
Friday, June 6, 2025 Spring Semester Grades Due

1.2 Checklist

- ASAP Complete 2024-2025 FAFSA
- April 15 First Tuition Deposit Installment of \$500 Due
- June 17 Second Tuition Deposit Installment of \$500 Due
- Early July Class Schedules Sent to Entering C lass
- Mid-July Course Registration Form Due in Office of Admissions
- August 1 Official Final Transcripts Due Showing Conferral of Bachelor's Degree
- August 1 Immunization Records Due in Student Records Office
- August 8 Books Available for Purchase in Bookstore
- August 16 Fall Semester Tuition Due
- August 19 Orientation Begins

1.3 Reserve Seat or Decline Offer

To **reserve your seat** in our 2024 entering class, we require a nonrefundable \$1,000 tuition deposit. You may elect to pay the deposit in two installments. You may submit the deposit in one of two ways. Please check your acceptance letter for your tuition deposit dates, as well as instructions regarding paying the deposit in two installments.

Tuition deposits must be paid online through Campus Connection at <https://campusconnect.depaul.edu>. To pay your tuition deposit online, log onto Campus Connection and click on the following links, "**Student Accounts**" > "**Pay Your EBill/EPay**" > "**Deposit.**" Your Campus Connection login information was included in your acceptance packet.

All credit and debit card transactions, including those received by mail, in person or online, will be assessed a convenience fee of 2.75%. Should you elect to pay your tuition deposit installment by debit or credit card, your payment will be assessed the transaction fee. You may also pay by eCheck. If you choose to pay by eCheck, you will be required to provide your bank routing number and checking/savings account.

Decline Offer

To decline your admission, please fill out this [form](#) or send an email to lawinfo@depaul.edu. In your email, please include your name, LSAC account number and email address. Your email should state that you wish to withdraw your application and decline our offer of admission for Fall 2024.

Deferral

If you would like to request a one-year deferral, please submit a written request, including your reasons for seeking a deferral, in an email to Amanda Noascono, Assistant Dean of Admissions at anoascon@depaul.edu.

Your request will be considered by the Admissions Committee. You will be notified within 2-3 weeks of the status of your request, which may be granted or denied. Two-year deferrals are granted for Teach for America commitments and other two-year deferrals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

1.4 Orientation, Registration & Books

Orientation

The mandatory New Student Orientation and 1L Service Day begins on **Monday, August 19** for students and runs through **Friday, August 23**. Students in the two-year JD program for foreign lawyers also have mandatory International Student Orientation that week. Please note that your Legal Writing (LARC) classes will begin during this initial week. It is important that you attend all scheduled classes and activities. In mid-July, you will receive detailed information about Orientation.

Orientation serves as an introduction to the College of Law and various University services. Orientation also includes an introduction to student affairs, study skills and your first classes. We have also planned social activities where you will have an opportunity to get to know your classmates.

Registration & Class Schedule

In July, we will mail your section assignment and class schedule. All first-year students are automatically assigned to a section and registered for all first-year classes. **You should not attempt to register for classes on your own.** Because it is important that we balance the sections with regard to academic credentials as well as other factors, students are not permitted to select their section. Students who require a section change as an accommodation for a disability should contact the Office of Admissions at lawinfo@depaul.edu or 312-362-6831. For full-time day students, classes are held Monday through Friday. For first-year, evening students, classes begin at 5:50 p.m., Monday through Thursday. To access your syllabi and first class assignments, please visit D2L at d2l.depaul.edu and login using your Campus Connect credentials. Please note that information may not be updated until after this summer.

College of Law full-time JD students are strongly discouraged from being employed for more than 20 hours per week while autumn and spring semester classes are in session. If a student needs to work more than 20 hours per week, the student should transfer to the part-time division. If full-time first-year JD students feel compelled to work, they should be careful to limit their hours so as not to interfere with their studies. Students are expected to arrange their work schedules around College of Law classes. Adjustments in the curriculum or final exams will not be made because of work conflicts.

Bookstore

Your books will be available for purchase in DePaul's Barnes & Noble bookstore in approximately 2 weeks before classes begin. The Barnes & Noble bookstore is located in the DePaul Center at 1 E. Jackson, on the southeast corner of Jackson Boulevard & State Street. They can be reached at 312-362-8795. Bookstore hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Once textbooks become available, students can also purchase books online from DePaul's Barnes & Noble by visiting the [website](#) for you to pick up in the Barnes & Noble located on DePaul's Loop Campus. **You should not attempt to purchase books until you have received your section assignment and Fall schedule.**

Locker

Students can obtain a locker and pay the \$20 annual fee through [Campus Connect](#). Login using your credentials, and in the top right corner click on the navigation icon. Follow this pathway: Navigator > Self Service > University Services > My Locker Details. Select 'Rent a New Locker' and choose your desired location from the availability in the drop down menu. Once agreeing to the terms of the rental agreement and completing payment, you will receive the combination. If you have further questions, please send an email to lockers@depaul.edu

1.5 Change of Address

Please notify the College of Law of any change in address via email to lawinfo@depaul.edu. Please also update your information in [Campus Connect](#).

1.6 Facebook

We have created the [DePaul Law: Fall 2024 Entering Class Facebook](#) group as an informal venue for you and your future classmates to get to know one another and ask questions of the College of Law community. If you would like to join the group, please log on to Facebook and search for the group "DePaul Law: Fall 2024 Entering Class" and request to join. If you are unable to find the group, please contact Alyssa Boster, Assistant Director of Admissions, at aboster@depaul.edu so she may send you the group link to join.

1.7 Final Transcript

The American Bar Association requires that the law school in which you enroll have an official and final copy of all transcripts for any academic work or degree conferred.

Specifically for your undergraduate baccalaureate degree, if you submitted your undergraduate college transcripts to LSAC prior to having completed your degree, you must request that your university send another official transcript to LSAC which shows that your undergraduate degree was completed. LSAC will update your JD CAS report with your final transcript and verify conferral of your baccalaureate degree. All transcripts for any academic work or degrees conferred must be received by our office no later than August 1, 2024. Students whose transcripts are not received by this date may risk delaying the disbursement of their financial aid.

Tuition Deposit

In order to secure your seat in the Fall 2027 incoming class, you must submit a \$1,000 tuition deposit. Your tuition deposit may be paid in two \$500 installments. Information regarding your tuition due dates, including information on how to pay the deposit in two installments, is included in your acceptance letter. Should your tuition deposit be received after the deadline, your seat may be forfeited.

DePaul University Payment Plans

Interest-free payment plans are available on an annual or term basis. There are no pre-approval requirements or credit checks, and plans can be used with or without financial aid. There is an application fee to participate. Payment plans offer:

- x Easy online enrollment
- x Flexible payment options
- x Scheduled automatic payments (ACH)
- x Options to spread payments over 3 to 12 month installments depending on the chosen plan

You can conveniently manage your plan through Campus Connect. For more information, please contact Student Financial Accounts at (312) 362-8610 or visit their website at <http://offices.depaul.edu/student-financial-accounts/Pages/default.aspx>.

2.2 Financial Aid

The financial aid application process begins with completion of the 2027-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you have not already done so, please visit [FAFSA to submit](#) your FAFSA. Law students are automatically considered independent, so you will not need to include parent income or asset information on the FAFSA. The FAFSA code for DePaul University College of Law is 001671.

Once your FAFSA results are successfully loaded into our system, the Office of Financial Aid (OFA) will determine your financial aid eligibility, and notify you via email when your financial aid award letter is available for review through Campus Connect. In some instances, the Office of Financial Aid may need to obtain additional information from you before your financial aid eligibility can be determined. If this is the case with your application, you will be notified via email, and requested items will be placed on your 'to-do' summary, located on the top right corner of your Campus Connect home page.

For more information regarding your financial aid, visit www.studentaid.gov.

Please visit the Office of Financial Aid [website](#) for more information regarding federal student loans. If you have additional questions, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at DePaul Central or the Office of Financial Aid contact for the College of Law.

Financial Aid Contact Information:

Financial Aid Counselor: [Financial Aid](#)
Financial Aid Counseling Line: (312) 362-8610
Office of Financial Aid Website: www.depaul.edu/financial_aid

DePaul Center
1 E. Jackson Blvd.
Suite 101
Chicago, IL 60604

2.3 Scholarships

Scholarships

All students admitted to the law school are automatically considered for available DePaul administered scholarships. Students who receive a scholarship award are notified in their acceptance letter. Scholarships are awarded to entering law students based upon their achievements, personal qualities and potential to contribute to the DePaul law community. Our scholarships range from a few thousand dollars per year up to forty-thousand dollars per year. We do not award any full-tuition scholarships.

Below are the answers to frequently asked questions about scholarship awards:

1) I was not awarded a scholarship in my acceptance letter. Can I be reevaluated for a scholarship award?

Most law students have concerns about how they will finance their legal education. Our scholarship awards are limited and, unfortunately, we do not have the funds to award scholarships to many deserving students who have substantial need. The vast majority of our students will rely heavily upon loans to finance all or a portion of their education. Because of this limited funding, we are not able to reevaluate students who did not receive an award. The scholarship award levels are based upon the availability of funds for the academic year. Scholarships are awarded to entering law students based upon their achievements, personal qualities and potential to contribute to the DePaul law community. Students not awarded a scholarship for their first year of study may become eligible for scholarship awards at a later time (see below).

2) I received a scholarship, but require additional funding. Will DePaul increase my award to meet my need or to match a scholarship award I received from another law school?

Because our scholarship funds are limited, we are unable to increase the scholarship awards of students who have received an award. Our scholarship award levels are based upon the availability of funds for the academic year and our experience as to the amounts necessary to attract top candidates for law admission. Unfortunately, we never have enough money to meet the daily requests we receive for additional funding. Because our scholarship funds are limited, we are unable to negotiate, match other awards, or otherwise increase our scholarship awards.

3) When other accepted students decline their admission to DePaul, do their scholarships become available to be awarded to students who did not initially receive an award?

Our scholarship awarding structure already takes into account the fact that some students who are awarded scholarships will not enroll. Because our process anticipates this, new awards do not become available when students decline their admission and scholarship award.

4) What types of scholarships are available to continuing students, after the first year of law school?

Upper level law students have opportunities to apply for a variety of scholarships offered both within and outside of the College of Law. Many of our academic programs at DePaul administer their own scholarship awards. These scholarships are typically awarded to upper-level students who are excelling in a particular class or academic program, but there are a few for incoming 1L law students. You can access our external scholarship database [here](#). Once you begin law school, you will receive a regular newsletter which lists various scholarship awards and competitions. Most of the external scholarships (outside of the University) target upper-level law students with specific interests. For example, a number of bar associations and other groups offer awards to students who are interested in specific practice areas or who reside in certain cities and states. We also suggest that you conduct your own search for scholarships for which you may qualify.

5) What happens to my scholarship if I switch programs (full-time/part-time) after my first year of law school?

Full-time students must remain in the full-time program to renew their scholarship award. A student moving from the full-time day program to the part-time program will receive a reduced award in the part-time program. The reduction may not be precisely proportionate with tuition in the part-time program. A student moving from the part-time evening program to the full-time program after their first year will receive a comparable scholarship award for each remaining academic year.

6) What must I do to retain my scholarship in subsequent academic years?

Dean's Scholarships do not require that the scholarship recipient maintain a minimum cumulative GPA to renew their scholarship award. The scholarships automatically renew each year a student remains in good academic standing. Scholarships are not reduced or eliminated.

If you have questions regarding your scholarship award, please contact the Office of Admissions at lawinfo@depaul.edu.

3. New Student Services

3.1 ID & Email

The **mobile Blue Demon Card (mobile ID)** is your official identification card while at DePaul University. In order to receive a DePaul Card, you must currently be a registered student and enrolled in classes. This typically occurs during the first week of August. A valid form of photo identification is needed at the time of application (driver's license, state ID, passport, visa, etc). Your mobile Blue Demon Card serves as your passport to campus buildings and services as long as you are enrolled.

We encourage you to obtain your mobile ID prior to Orientation or the first-day of classes. Law students can obtain their ID cards once you are registered for classes by submitting a photo and a valid government ID online following [these instructions](#). If you have any questions regarding your ID card please contact [ID Card Services](#) or visit them at their Loop location in the DePaul Center Room 9200.

Students should also complete the steps in [this document](#) in order to get the most out of DePaul's technology resources, including gaining access to Office 365, multi-factor authentication, and other important resources.

3.2 Computer Requirements

DePaul College of Law does not require students to use laptops. However, students are strongly encouraged to have their own laptops to take advantage of the extensive wireless network and network printing facilities throughout the University.

Laptop Recommendations

Operating system: Windows 10 or 11; MacOS Monterey

RAM: 8GB or higher

Hard drive: at least 500 GB, SSD preferred

Battery life: at least 6 hours

Office software: Microsoft Office 365, available without charge for students at the University's Software Center.

Supported by Exam4. Please note that Exam4 is not supported in IOS, ChromeOS, Android, or Linux Devices. See <http://www.exam4.com/support/article/1> for more information.

Warranty: 3 year strongly recommended

3.3 Health Services

DePaul University Health Services

DePaul Student Health services are run through DePaul Student Health at 1150 W. Fullerton Avenue in Lincoln Park.

Students who pay the health services fee are treated as current patients at DePaul Student Health, and office visits and basic lab work are covered by the fee. Students are encouraged to identify and utilize a PCP that takes their insurance, as the DePaul Student Health Center is not a full-service clinic.

For further information about DePaul Student Health Service please visit go.depaul.edu/healthservices or call DePaul Student Health at 224-273-7805.

Health Insurance

DePaul is proud to cover students' healthcare needs by providing affordable health insurance through United Health. Students are required to carry health insurance and will need to provide proof of insurance prior to starting classes in the fall. If you already have health care coverage through an employer, parent, or other means you will be required to upload documentation into our portal. Look out for more information on this process, along with the opening of the portal, prior to the end of the '23-'24 academic year.

Students who do not have adequate coverage will automatically be enrolled in the DePaul Student Health Insurance Plan and will see the amount added to their semester bill. This plan covers an entire calendar year (8/20/24 – 8/19/25) and covers both domestic and international students.

DePaul offers many resources to students who may have questions related to our insurance plan. Students are encouraged to reach out to studentinsurance@depaul.edu with any questions or requests for assistance.

International Student Health Insurance

DePaul requires mandatory Health Insurance for all Students, including International Students. DePaul is proud to have partnered with United Healthcare to offer affordable insurance to any student with an F-1 student visa. All F-1 international students will automatically be enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan. To learn more, please visit our website or reach out to our Student Insurance Coordinator at studentinsurance@depaul.edu.

Proof of Immunization

Illinois law requires that DePaul have proof on file of immunizations for all students (undergraduate, graduate, and professional) enrolled in on-campus programs and registered for at least part-time hours. The Office of University Registrar is responsible for collecting and reporting this information. Please have your health care provider complete the DePaul University Immunization Form and submit the completed form to The Office of University Registrar by August 1st. The form is available online. Due to security reasons, they do not accept records via email. Kindly note that all documents must be submitted in English. By law, we must prohibit subsequent registration if you fail to comply with this state regulation. If you have any questions regarding immunization requirements or the receipt of your immunization form, please contact dpcl@depaul.edu and include the word "Immunization" in the subject line

COVID-19 Vaccine

DePaul is working to promote the health and safety of our community while being responsive to the changing nature of the virus and its spread. Considering current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and federal and state government actions, DePaul will no longer require the COVID-19 vaccination for students, faculty and staff effective May 12, 2023. Students entering DePaul beginning Summer Session 1 (June 12, 2023) and after will not be required to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination. If you have questions, please call DePaul at (773) 325-3221. You can also email DePaulCommunityHealth@depaul.edu.

3.4 Students with Disabilities

The College of Law ensures equal opportunities for students with disabilities. Our facilities are fully accessible and efforts are made to accommodate requests from individuals whose permanent or temporary disability requires accommodation.

If you have a disability that may require accommodations, you should contact the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD). The mission of the Center for Students with Disabilities is to provide accommodations and support to students with disabilities that will enable them to fully participate in programs and services that are available at DePaul University. In addition, the Center for Students with Disabilities encourages students with disabilities to independently manage their lives inside the University as well as in the community outside the University.

The CSD works with various departments within the University to ensure that qualified student(s) with disabilities are not denied the benefit of, excluded from participation in, or otherwise subjected to discrimination because of the absence of educational auxiliary aids. If you have a disability that will require accommodations during exams, you should also contact Maria Vertuno, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at mvertuno@depaul.edu or 312-362-1030.

All students requesting services from CSD are required to complete the enrollment process. Please visit their [website](#) to fill out the required forms and provide documentation detailing his/her disability and meet with the staff of CSD. For more information about the CSD, please visit: <https://offices.depaul.edu/student-affairs/about/departments/Pages/csd.aspx>

Loop Address: 25 E. Jackson Blvd, Lewis Center 1420

Email: csd@depaul.edu

Phone Number: 312-362-8002

3.5 International Students

International students should be familiar with basic laws affecting their non-immigrant F-1 visa status. The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 places a particular emphasis on the need for international students to take responsibility for maintaining their lawful student status. It is critical that students in F-1 visa status maintain their lawful status throughout their program of study.

For online information, please visit <https://offices.depaul.edu/global-engagement/student-resources/student-services/Pages/maintaining-and-changing-status.aspx>.

SEVIS I-20 Requirements

Whether you are transferring from another US educational institution, or are in another country and will apply for a visa at the US consulate or embassy, you will need a SEVIS I-20 or "Certificate of Eligibility" prepared by DePaul University. Before a SEVIS I-20 can be issued, please use this link to submit the following documentation. To log in, please enter your Campus Connect Credentials. Visit the International Admission website for more information at <https://offices.depaul.edu/international-admission/admitted-students/Pages/request-i20.aspx>.

- 1) **Bank Statements:** Evidence of adequate funding to meet the estimated \$75,249 US tuition and living expenses for your first year of study. Please submit an original bank statement, issued within the last six months, showing a balance of at least \$75,249. These funds must be easily accessible (i.e. funds must be in Savings, Checking, Certificate of Deposit, or Money Market accounts). Photocopies or facsimile transmissions will not be accepted. If you have been awarded a scholarship, the yearly amount of that award can be subtracted from the amount listed above. For instance, if you have been awarded a \$15,000 a year scholarship, you will only need to show \$60,249 in funding for your first year of study. Otherwise, you will have to show proof for the entire amount of funding.
- 2) **Copy of the Official English translations** must accompany any documents that are not in English.
- 3) **Affidavit of Support:** If you are going to be sponsored, please request that your sponsor complete a Financial Affidavit of Support form available [here](#). If you have more than one sponsor, each sponsor should fill out a separate form. If you sponsor yourself, you do not need to fill out the Affidavit of Support.
- 4) **Copy of the identification page(s)** in your passport.
- 5) **International address:** Please send your mailing address in your country of origin.

For "Transfer Pending" or "Change of Status" SEVIS I-20s, please submit the additional documents listed below:

- 1) **Transfer Release Form:** Please the Transfer Release Form available on the [ISS Portal](#).
- 2) **Copy of Old SEVIS I-20 form** from your current US school (required for "Transfer pending" I-20).
- 3) **Copy of the visa page** in your passport (required for "Change of Status" I-20).
- 4) **Copy of printed electronic I-94** (<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov>) or paper I-94 card, front and back (required for "Transfer pending" and "Change of Status" I-20s).
- 5) **Address:** Transfer students will also need a US home address.

We encourage you to submit your financial support documentation as soon as possible. Your SEVIS I-20 will be prepared and made available on the ISS Portal soon after we receive all supporting documentation.

We look forward to you joining the DePaul University community. If you have questions regarding the above or any other matter, we encourage you to contact the Office of Admissions at lawinfo@depaul.edu or by calling 312-362-6831.

International Student Health Insurance

DePaul requires mandatory Health Insurance for International Students. All F-1 international students will automatically be enrolled in the ISO Student Health Insurance Plan. Academic Health Plans offer health insurance to all DePaul students for a rate of \$2,400 per year. To learn more, please email studentinsurance@depaul.edu.

4. Living in Chicago

4.1 Student Housing

Located in the Loop just south of the College of Law, the **University Center** (UC) offers furnished apartments and suites. Created in conjunction with neighboring Columbia College and Roosevelt University, UC provides an excellent living experience in the heart of Chicago. Amenities include a rooftop garden, multimedia rooms, an exercise center, food court, laundry facilities, shops on the lower level, 24-hour security, and key card access to the building and elevators. For more information, visit <http://offices.depaul.edu/housing/housing-options/loop/university-center/Pages/default.aspx>.

Another option for law students is the **Infinite** student apartment buildings located directly across the street from the College of Law. Infinite, a private facility, offers fully furnished units that include washer/dryer, designer furniture, stainless steel appliances, flat panel TV and free WiFi and cable. Additional information is available at www.chicagoinfinite.com. They also have a similar style building just three blocks away. Please find more information about their newer building, **Arc at Old Colony**, at arcatoldcolony.com.

4.2 Off Campus Housing

Many law students find housing in Chicago by using an apartment finding service. These services are free and can be extremely helpful to new students who are not familiar with the many wonderful neighborhoods in Chicago. **StudentSpace** is a free apartment finding service that works specifically to help graduate students find housing in Chicago. StudentSpace can even help you secure housing remotely if you aren't able to travel to Chicago for your housing search. For more details, visit www.student-space.com.

Additional popular free local apartment finding services include [Coldwell Banker Realty - Rental Division](#) and [Apartment People](#).

Although Chicago has more than 200 distinct neighborhoods, most DePaul law students live in communities near DePaul's Lincoln Park and Downtown/Loop campuses. Popular choices include some of Chicago's most interesting and vibrant areas.

Gold Coast/Streeterville: Just north of the Loop business district, Streeterville is home to such Chicago landmarks as the John Hancock Center, the famous Water Tower (the only building to survive the Great Chicago Fire) and the Museum of Contemporary Art, to name a few. It's also home to one of the world's greatest shopping districts, a stretch of Michigan Avenue dubbed the "Magnificent Mile." The Gold Coast, just north of Streeterville and west of Lake Michigan, boasts beaches, lakefront biking and jogging, shopping, restaurants and coffee houses. It's also a thriving night spot with many of the city's most popular bars and clubs located near Rush and Division.

Wrigleyville/Lakeview: The name says it all. Home to Wrigley Field and the world-famous Chicago Cubs, this tree-lined neighborhood sports classic brownstones, courtyard apartments, and, yes, the occasional baseball fan. With a population of students, young professionals and families, both Wrigleyville and its neighbor-to-the-south, Lakeview, offer much in the way of restaurants, bars and parks. Public transportation easily connects both neighborhoods to downtown Chicago and DePaul's Loop campus.

South Loop/West Loop: These revitalized areas rank among the hottest neighborhoods for young professionals. Just minutes away from the city's business and financial districts, they offer much in the way of trendy loft-style living. Both the South and West Loop contain some of the city's newest restaurants, bars and clubs. They're also close to several of the city's great cultural attractions, including the Field Museum of Natural History, the Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium and Soldier Field.

Lincoln Park: Many DePaul students live in this north side enclave, which surrounds DePaul's Lincoln Park campus and includes its library, computer labs, sports facilities, and the Ray Meyer Fitness and Recreation Center (one of the city's finest gyms, named for DePaul's famed basketball coach). One of Chicago's most popular neighborhoods, Lincoln Park features some of the Second City's best restaurants and entertainment. It's home to the Steppenwolf Theater Company and the clubs of Weed Street. There are also numerous parks, lakefront bike and jogging paths, and the Lincoln Park Zoo.

Logan Square/Bucktown/Wicker Park: These Northwest neighborhoods are filled with art, nightlife, and affordable housing. They connect to downtown Chicago through the CTA Blue Line. Logan Square boasts tree-lined boulevards, Bucktown is a known foodie destination, and Wicker Park has a four-acre namesake park to enjoy.

4.3 Ventra U-Pass (CTA)

The Ventra U-Pass is your ticket to UNLIMITED riding aboard CTA buses and CTA trains. Use your U-Pass on the CTA bus/rail system anytime, anywhere, for any reason. It's your connection to school, shopping, sports events, social activities, art and entertainment centers, and all the things Chicago has to offer. To learn more about the Ventra U-Pass, please visit the U-Pass website at <http://upass.depaul.edu>.

What is the Ventra U-Pass?

The U-Pass is a transit pass that eligible students can use for unlimited rides anywhere on the CTA (Chicago Transit Authority) system. Pursuant to our contract with the CTA, only full-time students who are enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per semester at the College of Law receive a Ventra U-Pass. Part-time evening students must be enrolled in 9 credit hours. In 2023-2024, all eligible students are billed \$168.00 per semester for the pass. The Ventra U-Pass is valid on CTA-operated bus and rail lines 24 hours per day and seven days per week. The pass will NOT be valid during winter break or during the summer; it is, however, valid over spring break.

How do I get it? Eligible students are responsible for picking up their U-Pass or requesting it by mail. All students must present a valid DePaul ID in order to receive their U-Pass or submit the [online photo form](#) to request by mail. When you get your ID in early August, you can request your U-PASS. It should be available for pickup and ready for use on the first day of orientation. Failure to pick up the U-Pass does not eliminate the charge. U-Pass will work through the date printed on the U-Pass as long as students remain eligible. Designated days and times for picking up your U-Pass will be given to you at a later date. For bus and train schedules, visit the CTA's website at <https://www.transitchicago.com>. Students may have their U-Pass mailed to them. For more information, please visit the [ID Services Website](#).

4.4 Child Care

Whether you are looking for a full time daycare or an occasional child care option to watch your children while attending class at the College of Law, there are nearby options. The Loop area has a few different options depending on your needs. We encourage you to visit these sites with your family when you visit DePaul!

CCC Child Care: 610 S Canal St, Chicago, IL 60607; 312-353-8686

Bright Horizons: 40 N Dearborn; <https://child-care-preschool.brighthorizons.com/il/chicago/cookcounty>

The city of Chicago is a great place to live for young adults and families alike. There are plenty of festivals and culture to explore throughout the year, and you can read about some of them [here](#).

In particular, there are **kid friendly** events that are regularly updated on these websites:

<https://www.upparent.com/>

<https://www.certifikid.com/area/chicago>

For more information from DePaul University to students with children, please refer to this page on their [website](#).

5. Visiting DePaul University

5.1 Campus Visits – Information Sessions - Admitted Student Programs

Regularly scheduled **information sessions** provide prospective students with an opportunity to meet in small groups with either the Assistant Dean and Director of Admissions or the Assistant Director of Admissions. Each session includes a tour of the facilities. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the law school. We also have class visits available. To reserve a place at an upcoming information session, or to schedule a class visit, contact the Office of Admissions at 312-362-6831 or email lawinfo@depaul.edu. You can also register online at go.depaul.edu/lawvisit. Please note there are no class visits during the summer term.

Information sessions are generally available Mondays at 12:00p.m., select Tuesdays at 5:30p.m., and Fridays at 1:00p.m.

Admitted student programs are a great way to meet incoming classmates and experience the DePaul Law difference. You can register online at [this site](#). We host Admitted Student Programs throughout the spring and summer!

5.2 Directions

By Car

From the **North** and **Northwest**:

From the Kennedy Expressway (I-90/I-94) exit at Jackson Boulevard and turn left (east). The Loop campus is approximately one mile from the expressway on Jackson Boulevard and State Street.

From the **West**:

From the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290), continue toward downtown. As you approach the downtown area, the expressway becomes Congress Parkway. Turn left (north) on State Street, proceed two blocks to Jackson Boulevard, and turn right (east). The Loop campus is on State Street and Jackson Boulevard.

From the **South**:

From the Dan Ryan Expressway (I-90/I-94), exit at Jackson Boulevard and turn right (east). The Loop campus is approximately one mile from the expressway on Jackson Boulevard and State Street.

From **Lake Shore Drive** (north or south):

Exit Lake Shore Drive at Jackson Boulevard and proceed west to Michigan Avenue. Turn right on Michigan Avenue, proceed one block to Adams Street and turn left. Proceed one block to Wabash Avenue and turn left. Proceed one block to Jackson Boulevard.

Parking Street parking is available, but open spots are often difficult to find. Visitors may find parking in a garage for a fee between \$14- \$20. The nearest parking area is located at 328 South Wabash Avenue on the corner of Wabash Avenue and Van Buren Street. Please visit the DePaul University website at <http://www.depaul.edu/about/campuses/Pages/loop.aspx> to learn more about parking structures near the College of Law that offer discounts to DePaul students and guests.

Public Transportation

Chicago CTA Rapid Transit Train Lines

Pink Line:

From 54th/Cermak: Take the Pink Line train toward the Loop to Adams/Wabash. Exit going west to Wabash and walk one and one half blocks south to Jackson.

Red Line:

From Howard: Take the Red Line train toward 95th/Dan Ryan to Jackson. Exit going east on Jackson. From 95th/Dan Ryan: Take the Red Line train toward Howard to Jackson. Exit going east on Jackson.

Orange Line:

From Midway: Take the Orange Line train toward the Loop to Library/La Salle/Van Buren. Exit going east and walk one block north to Jackson.

Green Line:

From Harlem/Lake: Take the Green Line toward Ashland/63rd or Cottage Grove-East 63rd to Adams/Wabash. Exit going west and walk one and one half blocks south to Jackson.

From Ashland/63rd or Cottage Grove-East 63rd: Take the Green Line toward Harlem/Lake to Adams/Wabash. Exit going west to Wabash and walk one and one half blocks south to Jackson.

Blue Line:

From O'Hare: Take the Blue Line train toward Forest Park to Jackson. Exit going east on Jackson.

From Forest Park: Take the Blue Line train toward O'Hare to Jackson. Exit going east on Jackson.

Purple Line:

From Linden: Take the Purple line train toward the Loop to Adams/Wabash. Exit going west to Wabash and walk one and one half blocks south to Jackson.

All Rapid Transit Lines service the downtown Chicago area and DePaul's Loop campus. For more information on the bus and train schedules visit the [CTA website](#) and use the Trip Planner tool to help you organize your trip.

Metra Train Stations: All downtown Metra Train stations are located within a short walking distance (or cab ride) of the Loop campus:

Union Station, Canal Street and Adams: Walk east on Adams Street until you reach State Street. Turn right (south) and walk one block to Jackson Boulevard.

Ogilvie Transportation Center, Canal Street and Madison Ave.: Walk east on Adams Street until you reach State Street. Turn right (south) for three blocks to Jackson Boulevard.

LaSalle Street Station, LaSalle Street and Congress Parkway: Walk east down Congress Parkway. Until you reach State Street. Turn left (north) for two blocks to Jackson Boulevard.

Van Buren Street Station, (includes service for South Shore Line), Michigan and Van Buren Street: Walk north on Michigan Avenue for one block to Jackson Boulevard. Turn left (west) on Jackson Boulevard to State Street.

Millennium Station, located at Michigan and Randolph Street: Walk west one block on Randolph to Wabash Avenue. Turn left and continue south to Jackson Boulevard; the law school is located on the southwest corner of Wabash and Jackson.

Getting Around Chicago

The following website can help you get around the city of Chicago:

<http://www.transitchicago.com>- The Trip Planner tool on this website will guide you on how to get around Chicago on public transportation.

If you have any other questions, please contact the Office of Admissions at lawinfo@depaul.edu or by calling 312-362-6831.