WELCOME TO
ILLINOIS TECH!

NEW STUDENT RESOURCE GUIDE

Useful Information and Important Deadlines for You and Your Family
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Additional important dates can be found at http://web.iit.edu/registrar/academic-calendar
6 Tips from Current Students and Alumni

Who better to give you advice on the ins and outs of settling in at Illinois Tech than current students and alumni? Here are six of their tips to help you make the most of your time here.

1. Change it.
   There are lots of ways to make a difference—and students, faculty, and administrators are open to new ideas. Each year, Illinois Tech hosts Students Speak, an open forum and survey where students can weigh in on everything on campus from dining to facilities. The university also has a Student Advisory Council to connect with students with administrators. If you have an idea for making something better—or just different—go for it! That’s what Amr did.

2. Go for it—and then some.
   With more than 150 student groups and nearly as many cultures and languages represented among Illinois Tech’s student body, you’ll find countless ways to participate in fun activities and learn something new outside of the classroom. And like Melanie, you can get involved both on and off campus—and make a difference.

3. Study it—and make it work.
   If anyone ever said Illinois Tech was easy, we’d like to meet this mysterious person. Our classes are challenging—and there is a big payoff, which may be one of the reasons you’re coming here. Your fellow students, professors, and staff are truly committed to your success. We have study groups, student and faculty mentors, academic and career services, and more ways to help you make the most of your education. Sarah developed her own study methods to help prepare herself for exams.

4. Live it—on campus.
   Illinois Tech’s residence halls are near everything that’s happening on campus, which means classes, labs, dining, entertainment, and the gym are right outside your door. This proximity gives you more time to study and unwind, the feeling of always being connected, and new friends around every corner, as Chris discovered.

5. Research it.
   Illinois Tech is a small, private university with serious research programs, so our pool of research possibilities in every major is wide open. Your professors and advisor can help direct you toward opportunities, and there are other programs within each of our schools. Many faculty members provide additional opportunities—all you have to do is ask, like Jacqueline did.

6. See it.
   We can’t say it enough: You’ve got to explore the city. Chicago is a microcosm of the world, and it’s your chance to dive into an epic global experience—from restaurants to museums to ethnic markets to architecture to the lakefront. Lap-Heng took a see-it-all approach using his U-Pass, the card that gives all full-time Illinois Tech students unlimited rides on CTA public transportation.

“While working for Residence and Greek Life, I was asked to contribute to a proposal for a new central laundry room plan for MDY to connect a former loading dock. I wanted to design a place that was practical and where students could do their laundry or just meet new people while doing their laundry. I’m excited to have something to add to my portfolio and boost my resume.”

—Amr Mohsen (Architecture 5th Year), Cairo, Egypt

“The Illinois Tech Global Leaders Program is designed to help a diverse set of high school students in the Chicago area connect with STEM initiatives and college access. They are some of the brightest students I have ever met. Knowing that I can be a mentor and teacher to them makes me proud because I know that each one of them will achieve great things. Programs and opportunities like these at Illinois Tech have exposed me to the beauty of diversity and the potential in leaders of the future.”

—Sarah McManuski (Psychology ’17), Orland Park, Illinois

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—Christopher Hui (Mechanical Engineering 3rd Year), Mesa, Arizona

“One of my coolest memories is from my first morning at Illinois Tech. I went outside my comfort zone and introduced myself to a fellow new classmate. I wasn’t sure if he would say hi, but he did. He is from Myanmar and now we’re good friends. The residence halls give you the opportunity to connect with Illinois Tech’s diverse student body and form lasting friendships.”

—Mystique Sastri (Psychology ’17), Riverside, Illinois

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“Do you want to do research? It’s a question you have to ask yourself.”

“Illinois Tech gives you the opportunity to try out research early on so you can determine if it’s right for you. I just walked up to a professor and asked about research opportunities. And I was able to do research right away. This leads to graduate course opportunities, training, and development—all at the undergraduate level.”

—Jacqueline Suriano (Psychology ’17), Riverside, Illinois

“When I got my U-Pass my first year I used it every weekend. I would ride the ‘L’ to a different train stop and explore everything around that stop. Then I’d go to the next stop. The next week I’d do the same on a different train line. The heart of Chicago is downtown, but the city’s neighborhoods have so much to offer.”

—Lap-Heng Young (Information Technology and Management ’16), Los Angeles, California

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J-1 Students

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Step 2
Pay SEVIS I-901 fee of $180. Make sure to save the receipt of your payment.

Note: Illinois Tech’s school code is CH2482000279000
Note: Illinois Tech’s program number is F-1-00006

Step 3
Complete an online visa application and schedule an interview. Complete an online visa application and schedule an interview.

http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/study-exchange/study-exchange/student.html

10 points to remember for your visa interview:

1. Ties to your home country: Under United States law, all applicants for non-immigrant visas, such as student visas, are viewed as intending immigrants until they can convince the consular officer that they are not. You must demonstrate that you have reasons for returning to your home country that are stronger than those for remaining in the United States.

2. English: Anticipate that the interview will be conducted in English and not in your native language.

3. Speak for yourself: Do not bring parents, family members, or friends with you to the interview.

4. Know the program and how it fits your career plans: Be prepared to articulate the reasons why you will study in a particular program and your selection of the United States. You should also be able to explain how studying at Illinois Tech relates to your future professional career when you return home.

5. Be brief: Because of the volume of applications received, all consular officers are under considerable time pressure to conduct quick and efficient interviews. They must make a decision, for the most part, on the impressions they form during the first minute or two of the interview. Keep your answers to the officer’s questions short and to the point.

6. Additional documentation: It should be clear to the consular officer what documents you are presenting and what they signify. Bring additional documents (such as your admission letter, transcripts or mark sheets, standardized test scores, financial documents, SEVIS payment receipt, etc.) but present them only if requested.

7. Not all countries are equal: Applicants from countries suffering economic problems or from countries where many students have remained in the United States as immigrants will have more difficulty getting visas.

8. Employment: Your main purpose in coming to the United States is to study and complete your degree, not for the chance to work before or after graduation. You must be able to clearly articulate your plan to return home at the end of your program.

9. Dependents remaining at home: If you have a spouse or children and they are remaining in your home country, be prepared to address how they will support themselves in your absence.

10. Maintain a positive attitude: Do not engage the consular officer in an argument.

The above information is general advice about the visa process.

http://go.iit.edu/ugintldep
RESIDENCE AND GREEK LIFE

Get ready for the countless exciting new opportunities and experiences that begin when you move into your new living community. The staff of Residence and Greek Life is eager to help you make a smooth transition.

Submit your Room and Board Contract as soon as possible to reserve a room on campus. Room assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis and will be based on the information you provide on the contract. We will ask you to describe your sleeping habits, cleaning preferences, and other details about yourself to aid us in matching you with a roommate. If you know someone you would like to room with, you can indicate this on the Room and Board Contract. BOTH you and that person must indicate each other’s name to be matched.

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Who Is Bringing What?

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AMENITIES

Work Out

As a resident you will be able to use the fitness rooms located in MSV, SSV, and GU. All campus residents can access the fitness rooms during regular building hours. A variety of fitness machines and open spaces make up these convenient facilities.

Wash Up

Laundry washing machines are located in MSV, SSV, GU, and CA for use 24/7.

Room Furnishings

Room furnishings include bunkable bed frames with XL-twin mattresses, drapes or mini-blinds, dressers, study desks and chairs, a telephone jack, and access to a wireless network. Apartment-style housing may include additional furnishings. Room layouts and dimensions for standard room types are available on the Residence and Greek Life website at housing.iit.edu.

Refrigerators

Micro-fridges are available for semester and academic-year rentals. Many residents find it convenient to have microwaves and refrigerators in their rooms to accommodate for snacks and late-night meals. Place your order online at www.bedloft.com.

Refrigerators allowed in resident rooms are subject to restrictions dictated by safety and health considerations. Approved refrigerators should not exceed 3.0 cubic feet (or 4.0 cubic feet if Energy Star rated) and should not draw more than 2.0 amps. All wiring should be UL-approved and properly grounded. There is a maximum of one refrigerator or micro-fridge per room or apartment. Microwaves are permitted only in units with kitchens (unless it is a rented Bedloft micro-fridge); microwaves are available in public spaces throughout the residence halls.

Lamps

Place your order for a lofted bed online at www.bedloft.com. Lamps are optional but are popular among students, as they allow for more floor space in the rooms.

Lofts

Lofts are available in the residence halls. Any non-approved lofts are prohibited and residents may incur fines. Residents cannot construct their own lofts. No furniture can be removed to accommodate lofts.

Welcome to Illinois Tech! We are busy preparing for your campus arrival and look forward to welcoming you soon. The 2018-19 academic year will be full of exciting new opportunities and experiences that begin when you move into your new living community.

First-year student move-in day will begin at 9 a.m. on August 10, 2017. Students who need to obtain their HawkCard IDs or international students who need to check in with the International Center should do so prior to checking in for housing. Detailed move-in information will be posted at housing.iit.edu in July.

As we prepare a number of fun activities for you on August 10. The Residence Hall Association will sponsor an ice cream social in the evening followed by your opening floor meetings. You will have lots of opportunities to make friends.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions!

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Associate Vice Provost for Residence and Greek Life

Shipping Packages/Mailbox Key

If you are shipping personal belongings, please have them arrive after August 7. Illinois Tech is unable to accept resident packages prior to August 8. All packages are delivered to the MTCC post office.

MSV/SSV/GU mailing address:

3201 South State Street, Box #_____

Chicago, IL 60616

You can find your mailing address and mailbox number in your profile in MyRoom, viewable at myroom.iit.edu. You will be able to pick up your mailbox key beginning August 10 at the MTCC post office.

*The MTCC post office may convert to a key-free pick-up system, in which case all residents will pick up their mail in the MTCC. The mailing address will remain the same.

Checking In

New residents move in on August 10.

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Students can begin moving into the residence halls. International students should pick up their HawkCard IDs and check in with the International Center prior to checking in for housing.*

Housing check in will begin at 9 a.m. Please report directly to your assigned hall for check in. Moving volunteers will be available from 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

August 11-19

Please report directly to your assigned hall for check in. Moving volunteers will be available on August 15 from 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
DINING SERVICES

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Need special room or meal accommodations? web.iit.edu/cdr/services/disability-housing web.iit.edu/housing/dining-dietary-preferences

Meal Plan Options

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OFFICE OF CAMPUS LIFE

First-Year Experience
The First-Year Experience (FYE) program is designed to help students find the resources and support they need to succeed during their time on campus. We recognize that you need to stay engaged beyond SOAR and Welcome Week, and hope you remain involved with FYE during your entire first year!

Freshman 15
A collection of 15 programs that first-year students should attend (each semester).

Spiritual Life and Diversity
The Office of Spiritual Life and Diversity oversees programs that foster inclusion for all members of the Illinois Tech community—including programs pertaining to gender/sexual identity, religion, and cultural issues.

We also assist with:
- Religious spaces available to Illinois Tech students: Carr Chapel, IIT Mosque
- Meal accommodations for religiously observant students
- Help finding a place of worship near campus
- Gender and sexuality services
- Multicultural services

HawkLink
With more than 150 active student organizations, we have something for you! Log into HawkLink (hawklink.iit.edu) using your Illinois Tech credentials and begin exploring what the university’s student organizations have to offer you. Join the Office of Campus Life for a variety of campus events, including social events, dances, and large traditional events held throughout the year.

STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

Leadership
Looking to explore what being a leader means? Take part in our leadership day, LEAD @ Tech, and participate in monthly Leadership Luncheons to embrace the leader within. By exploring self-discovery and reflection, you can be the best that you can be.

Service
Interested in giving back to the Illinois Tech community and surrounding areas? Participate in Start with Service during your first week on campus, and then continue to make a difference through our monthly off-campus service events.

HawkLink
The McCormick Tribune Campus Center
Southeast corner of the building
3201 South State Street
Chicago, IL 60616
Phone: 312.567.3720
Fax: 312.567.3719
Email: campus.life@iit.edu

SAVE THE DATE
Welcome Week 2018 is August 10–19!

Immunizations
All students are required to submit proof of immunization to the Student Health and Wellness Center. Most of the time, students will get these immunizations done in their home countries before they arrive at Illinois Tech. However, we understand that sometimes these required immunizations are not offered in all countries. If that is the case for you, don’t worry! If you are not properly immunized or do not have proof of immunization, you may receive the required immunizations done in their home countries before they arrive at Illinois Tech.

The Student Health and Wellness Center offers a variety of helpful resources for students such as health services, counseling services, crisis services, and wellness resources. The on-campus clinic can provide care for common illnesses and injuries as well as preventative medicine such as immunizations or nutritional screening. Counseling services are also available to students to help with any personal or emotional difficulties they are dealing with, including cultural adjustment issues or anxiety.

The Student Health and Wellness Center
The McCormick Tribune Campus Center
Southeast corner of the building
3201 South State Street
Chicago, IL 60616
Phone: 312.567.3720
Fax: 312.567.3719
Email: campus.life@iit.edu

Heath Insurance
Illinois Tech requires that all international students be enrolled in the university’s health coverage. You will not be able to waive the coverage requirement. Therefore, you automatically will be enrolled in the Illinois Tech Student Health Insurance Plan at the time you register for classes. The charge for this coverage will be added to your tuition bill. You should not purchase any health insurance before coming to campus as it cannot be used while you are a student at Illinois Tech.

Forms are available online at web.iit.edu/shwc

Health Insurance
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Information about Illinois Tech’s Student Health Insurance Plan, including coverage information and the enrollment period, can be found at:
http://web.iit.edu/shwc/insurance

Contact Information:
Any questions about the Immunization Form or Student Health Insurance Plan, or any questions about other health and wellness resources offered at Illinois Tech, should be directed to the Student Health and Wellness Center.

IIT Tower
10 West 35th Street, Suite 309-1
Chicago, IL 60616
Phone: 312.567.7550
Fax: 312.567.5702
Email: student.health@iit.edu

Forms are available online at web.iit.edu/shwc
Access Our Online System
Once you register for your courses, you can print bills, make online payments, enroll in a payment plan, set up direct deposit for tuition refunds, and more online. Please visit the Student Accounting website for more information about billing, payments, and loans.
web.iit.edu/student-accounting

Viewing Your Account
We encourage you to periodically review your account on the Finances tab of the myIIT portal and make outstanding payments promptly.

E-Bills
You will not receive paper copies of bills. Instead, bills will be posted to your online account. You will receive an email notification when your bills are ready to view online. Registered authorized users will receive email notifications as well.

Tuition Payments
Out-of-pocket tuition payments (total account charges less anticipated Financial Aid) are due by the end of the add/drop period. If you register late your payment will be due on the date of registration. We accept the following forms of payment for tuition:
- ACH (electronic check) or credit card online
- Personal check
- Money order
- Cashier’s check
- Demand draft
   (Payable to Illinois Institute of Technology)
- Wire transfer
   (Instructions online at www.flywire.com/pay/iit)
- Mastercard, American Express, or Discover
  (2.75% transaction fee applies) online
Mail payments payable to Illinois Institute of Technology:
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois Tech Student Accounting
7539 Solution Center
Chicago, IL 60637

Parents and Guardians—Become an Authorized User
Parents who wish to view their students’ account information and make online payments on their behalf must be added as authorized users.

Financial Responsibility
By registering for courses at Illinois Tech, you are accepting financial responsibility for all charges assessed to your student account. If payment is not received by the published due date, you will be charged a 2% late payment fee. Please contact our office right away if you have questions about your bill.

Contact Information
You can update your mailing address and contact information on the myIIT portal.

Payment Plans
You may enroll your balance for the semester in the payment plan on the myIIT portal. You have the flexibility to enroll as much or as little of your total out-of-pocket cost as you’d like. Any portion of your bill not enrolled in this plan will be due in full by the published due date for that semester.

Sponsorship/Third-Party Billing
If you will be sponsored by a third-party organization (such as a private company or government organization) that will pay your tuition on your behalf, please make sure to submit your sponsorship letter to the Office of Undergraduate Admission as part of your Financial Affidavit of Support requirement. The admission office will work with the Student Accounting office to make sure that your sponsor is billed accordingly.

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR
Can’t make it to campus—or just can’t wait until you get here in person? Visit us now! Log on to www.iit.edu/#virtualtour to view a cool online virtual tour of our buildings, labs, open spaces, and more!
Since the PESL program is relatively new at Illinois Tech, incoming students often have questions about it. Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions:

What is the Proficiency of English as a Second Language (PESL) Program?
The PESL program offers courses to increase English proficiency and aid international students in adjusting to life and achieving academic success in the U.S. Courses offered to undergraduate students each semester provide linguistic support and training in academic speaking, listening, and reading development as well as strategy building. Quality instructors deliver carefully designed lessons to help students learn, think, and express themselves in the English language.

Why are the PESL courses important and how do they help students?
Building greater proficiency in English enables students to gain more benefits from their time studying at Illinois Tech. Dedicating time to increasing linguistic competency will allow students to participate more fully in class discussions, to work more effectively in groups, to take better notes during lectures, to read faster and with greater comprehension, and ultimately to receive the best education the talented professors at Illinois Tech can deliver. Gaining a better sociocultural understanding from these courses will also enable international students to make friends from around the world, to get involved in extracurricular activities such as student organizations, to participate in networking events, and to explore the various attractions Chicago as a whole has to offer.

How will I know if I should take any PESL courses?
Students will be notified at the time of admission if they will be required to take PESL courses concurrently. After the assessment, students will be sent an individual report outlining recommended PESL courses. If no courses are recommended, this will be indicated on the report. If courses are recommended, students will meet with an advisor to discuss how to fit any recommended course/courses into their academic studies.

Will I have to pay extra for these courses?
No, the PESL courses are covered by your Illinois Tech tuition.

Contact Information:
pesl@iit.edu
ARRIVING AND LIVING IN CHICAGO

What is the weather like in Chicago?

The weather in Chicago is quite distinct at each time of year, so you will experience the weather of all four seasons when you are living here. As you might have heard, it can be quite cold here in the winter. Average temperatures in the winter can range from 0 to -10 degrees Celsius, with record low temperatures as low as -30 degrees Celsius. Strong winds in the winter can make the temperature feel even colder, and we also receive quite a bit of snow. We recommend bringing (or buying upon arrival) a very warm winter coat and snow boots to keep you warm during the frigid months of winter.

Despite the sometimes harsh climate of winter, summers in Chicago are quite warm and humid. Average temperatures can be as high as 25-30 degrees Celsius with very humid air. Luckily, our location next to Lake Michigan provides nice breezes to cool you off and gives you a chance to take advantage of the more than 20 beaches in the city.

How will I get around Chicago?

All students at Illinois Tech receive a Ventra U-Pass. The U-Pass gives you free, unlimited access to all of Chicago’s public transportation lines on trains and buses. Any time you want to get around the city, you just swipe your U-Pass and you’ll be on your way!

What are some travel tips you’d recommend?

Besides your passport and visa, you will also need to bring your I-20 or DS-2019 with you to present to the border officer when you enter the U.S. Be sure to bring that documentation in your carry-on bag and keep it with you at all times. We also recommend that you carry a small amount of U.S. currency and phone numbers of important offices on campus with you (such as those for Residence and Greek Life or the International Center). Finally, you may want to consider making a travel plan with your family and deciding on a time when you will contact them to let them know you’ve arrived safely on campus.

OTHER RESOURCES

Academic Resource Center (ARC)
https://web.iit.edu/arc
The ARC offers free services to all Illinois Tech students including peer tutoring, exam reviews, and workshops and seminars. Any time you need extra help in a class or if you just want to develop skills to help you balance your study and homework load, the tutors at the ARC will be there to assist you.

Access, Card, and Parking Services (ACAPS)
http://web.iit.edu/acaps
Your student ID card at Illinois Tech will be a valuable tool, giving you access to all of the buildings on campus as well as storing funds for you to use at the campus bookstore and convenience store. The ACAPS office will help you get your student ID card when you arrive at Illinois Tech and can also help you get a parking pass if you plan to park a car on campus. All full-time students will also receive a Ventra U-Pass, which gives you unlimited access to public transportation citywide.

Athletics
www.illinoistechathletics.com
Our Department of Athletics will be a great resource for helping you stay active on campus. Besides offering 18 men’s and women’s sports that play at a competitive level, Illinois Tech Athletics also coordinates our recreational sports leagues, offers free fitness classes, and maintains the facilities at Illinois Tech’s on-campus fitness center.

Campus Safety
http://web.iit.edu/public-safety/about-us
Our Public Safety office works hard to make sure that students feel safe and comfortable in and around Illinois Tech’s campus. Public Safety officers are responsible for patrolling the Illinois Tech campus, just as city police officers would, to make sure the Illinois Tech campus is safe. They also offer services to students such as escorting you to class or driving you to specified locations off campus so that you can always feel safe getting to where you need to go.

Career Services
https://web.iit.edu/career-services
The Career Services office at Illinois Tech can help you start planning for your career as early as your first day on campus. The staff offer individual services to help students write their résumés as well as offer workshops to teach students how to negotiate their salaries and to create a professional social media presence. Career Services can help you with everything you need to get a job or internship while you are a student, or to land your full-time career when you graduate.

Disability Resources
https://web.iit.edu/dr
The Center for Disability Resources facilitates equal access for students with disabilities by coordinating accommodations and support services. The center works with students with various types of disabilities including learning, physical, hearing, visual, psychological, and chronic medical conditions, and provides reasonable accommodations that provide equal access to Illinois Tech’s programs and activities.

Libraries
http://web.iit.edu/libraries
Students at Illinois Tech have access to six university libraries and more than 1.8 million volumes of books, journals, newspapers, videos, DVDs, and more. Paul V. Galvin Library is open 24 hours per day, five days a week, for students to study in a flexible, comfortable space. And for students who don’t want to leave the comfort of their own rooms, the library also provides access to more than 100 databases of scholarly journals and 500,000 articles free of charge.

Illinois Tech Writing Center
www.iit.edu/cac/student_resources/general/illt_writing_center.shtml
For international students who are not familiar with the general structure or technique of writing a formal paper in the U.S., their first few writing assignment can be very intimidating. This is especially true if their native language is not English. Our Writing Center is here to help assist students with the entire writing process, from understanding the requirements of the assignment and organizing information to checking the finished piece for grammar or punctuation errors.

Does Illinois Tech require me to buy a specific computer?

There is no specific laptop requirement, although the Office of Technology Services does publish a list of recommended specifications for whatever laptop students bring. Illinois Tech students can also receive special pricing from Dell and Apple on new computers:
http://ots.iit.edu/pc-mac/student-pcs-macs

If you do not bring a computer to Illinois Tech, you will find plenty of computer labs on campus equipped with a variety of software to assist you in completing your class assignments.

How do I know what books I need, and where do I buy them?

Once you register for classes you can visit Illinois Tech’s Bookstore website to look up the textbooks that are required for your courses. The campus bookstore offers a variety of options, which include buying new or used textbooks, renting a textbook for the semester, or purchasing an e-textbook that you can access on a computer or tablet.

What is provided in the on-campus rooms?

MSV and SSV residents are provided an XL-twin mattress and frame, desk and desk chair, a dresser, and a closet. Free, high-speed wireless Internet access and cable television are available throughout the halls, and laundry facilities are located in the basement. Bedding is not provided, so you should bring your own or purchase it after you arrive on campus. You will also have the opportunity to take a shuttle to a store during Welcome Week to purchase any items you need for your rooms.

Does Illinois Tech’s campus feel safe? They also offer services to students studying abroad to help assist students with the entire writing process, from understanding the requirements of the assignment and organizing information to checking the finished piece for grammar or punctuation errors.