WHERE STUDENTS LIVE

Most students in the IMC program live in Evanston or Chicago.

78% live in Evanston
20% live in Chicago

Evanston

The students who live in Chicago live in the following neighborhoods: The Loop, Streeterville, River North, Lakeview/Wrigleyville and Rogers Park.

TRANSPORTATION

Most students spend less than 30 minutes getting to campus from where they live.

71% of students said they walk to campus from where they live.

Other popular transportation options include driving, the Northwestern shuttle, biking and the CTA train/bus system.

14% of students have a car with them

43% park on the street for free
57% pay for parking

Students who pay for parking spend an average of $100 per month.
Congratulations on your acceptance to the Medill IMC program!

We know you may have questions about finding housing in the area. We’re here to help.

We surveyed 51 current IMC Full-Time students about where they live, how they found housing, how they get to school and more.

We hope you find this information helpful as you search for housing. We look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

**The Search Process**

Most students took **1 to 4 weeks** to search for housing before signing a lease.

### Top Search Tools Used

1. Zillow  
   www.zillow.com
2. NU Student Housing  
   my.housing.northwestern.edu
3. Apartment People  
   www.apartmentpeople.com
4. Wildcat Pad  
   www.wildcatpad.com
5. Craigslist  
   www.craigslist.org
6. IMC Admitted Students Facebook Group  
   Search: Medill IMC Class of 2019

"When choosing an apartment, choose a place that is close to where your classes will be or close to a grocery store; or both, then you’ve hit the jackpot!"  
- IMC 2018 Student

**Cost Considerations**

- **69%** of students live with other people, including roommates and partners. Students found roommates through friends and on Facebook.
- **Most students pay $700- $1,100 per month for rent, individually.**
- **59%** of students have a 12-month lease. Other common options include 3-month and 13-month leases. The IMC program is 15 months long.

**Utilities Included in Rent**

- Water
- Garbage/recycling
- Heat
- Gas
- Cable/internet

**Most IMC classes take place in or very close to McCormick Foundation Center, 1870 Campus Drive in Evanston.**

**Most students living off campus were required to pay initial expenses such as application fees, first month’s rent, a security deposit, renter's insurance, and/or a moving fee.**