WHERE STUDENTS LIVE

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

80% live in Chicago

13% live in Evanston

Chicago

The students who live in Evanston live in the following neighborhoods: Downtown, Noyes and Foster, the West Side, Main and Chicago, and the Hills Arts District.

TRANSPORTATION

Most students spend up to one hour getting to campus from where they live.

75% of students said they take the CTA bus/train system to campus.

Other popular transportation options include walking, driving, the Northwestern shuttle and biking.

25% of students have a car with them

40% park on the street for free

60% pay for parking

Students who pay for parking spend an average of $100 per month.

Photo Credit: Northwestern Transportation
Congratulations on your acceptance to the Medill MSJ program!

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

We surveyed 55 current MSJ 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 at Medill 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. Pad Mapper
   www.padmapper.com
3. Apartment People
   www.apartmentpeople.com
4. NU Student Housing
   my.housing.northwestern.edu
5. Wildcat Pad
   www.wildcatpad.com
6. MSJ Admitted Students Facebook Group
   Search: Medill MSJ Class of 2019

**Cost Considerations**

86% of housing came unfurnished.

**Most Common Utilities Included in Rent**

- Water
- Garbage/recycling
- Heat
- Electricity

**COST CONSIDERATIONS**

59% of students have a 12-month lease. Other common options include 3-month and month-to-month leases. The MSJ program is 12 months long.

55% of students live with other people, including roommates and partners. Students found roommates through friends and on Facebook.

Most students pay $700-$1,300 per month for rent, individually.

**THE SEARCH PROCESS**

“Live as close to 303 E. Wacker [Medill’s Chicago campus] as possible. Your top priorities in terms of location should be proximity to public transportation and a grocery store.”

- MSJ 2018 Student

Most MSJ classes take place at 303 E. Upper Wacker Drive in Chicago. Some classes and events are also held in Evanston.