Hi! I'm Sujanini Chedalavada from Hyderabad, India. I am a transfer student at SAIC, currently in the Painting and Drawing department.

I have drawn out a little map of downtown Chicago, mainly the Loop, where SAIC buildings are located. This is mostly where I spent all of my first semester at SAIC. I have listed out some affordable places to eat at (⊙), the SAIC buildings (⊙⊙), the train stops (△) that fall in this area, the BLICK (⊙⊙) art supply stores (one of them is in the S. Columbus Drive building of SAIC) and the museum, the Art Institute of Chicago. These places are roughly located as seen on the map. The Millennium Park always has some shows or events happening that you should go check.

Here are some places outside of this area too. You can go watch a movie at AMC theatres located at Illinois and Columbus. You can visit the Museum of Contemporary Arts at 220 E. Chicago Ave. You have a pass to take advantage of it and explore the city, there are plenty of places you can visit by train/bus. Ride the EL with your friends and don't go alone too late, some of the train stops get creepy when empty. If you want to get away from the city, you can visit the Montrose Beach (front) at 4:00 N Lake Shore Dr. Also explore the Picasso! It can be very useful during winter as the weather can get brutal!