Freshperson, Welcome to SAIC

Helloooooo! This is a warm welcome from OL Tiannuo Ouyang (Sophie). Staying in SAIC for two years, I mainly focus on Architecture, Interior and Urban design. I’m from Shenzhen, a young city of migrants south of China. People in my hometown are creative, energetic and ambitious. SAIC has a very diverse student body and it is really awesome to meet people from all around the world. As a junior, I hope my own experience will help students to have an idea about college life in SAIC. As an international student, I hope I can help students who study in a foreign country to blend in with a new place.

Quick start about SAIC + Chicago

We are located at the heart of Chicago and we are encircled by the loop. We hear various sounds of people, talking, metro, entertainers on the street and sightseeing vehicles every singer day but we never bored about this life. In terms of transportation, I have to say, even though bus, metro, taxi and Uber really work in Chicago, going to some areas that are an-hour drive away from downtown will be better to have a car or by train. Also, if you are a gourmet, there are all kinds of foods at north downtown, which only around three stations of metro away from school. Hold on one second, “summer” (warm days) in Chicago is really great!! There are tons of performances and events at Millennium Park and Navy Pier. About Winter hum...it is pretty cool to skiing and skating (Btw Cloud Gate ‘Bean’ in winter is fantastic)!! Finally, if you are the fans of Chicago Bulls, don’t miss the chance to watch a live competition. Again, Welcome to SAIC!!