Welcome Home!
The Residence Life staff is thrilled to have you with us on campus.
You are joining a vibrant community of more than 1,000 artists—your colleagues and classmates—and living in the residence halls is one of the best ways to get to know and connect with them at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC). Please see saic.edu/housing for more information about your new home.

Residence Life Student Staff
Resident advisors (RAs) are student staff members who live in our residence halls. They plan programs throughout the year to help you get to know the School and Chicago and can answer questions about living and studying at SAIC. RAs are here to share their advice and experiences with you.

Connecting with Your Resident Advisor
Please stop by your RA’s room any time you have questions or just want to say, “hello.” As students themselves, they are a wonderful resource for information about SAIC and life in Chicago. They can help with almost anything: maintenance issues, roommate conflicts, how to survive critiques, and even questions about how to do laundry. They also plan programs and events to help you get involved in the residence hall and school communities.

Residence Life Professional Staff
Seven full-time staff members live in the residence halls to help students create a strong residential community. Hall directors and coordinators supervise the resident advisors, oversee community events, and help resolve facility issues. In case of emergency, there is a full-time, professional staff member on call 24 hours a day. The central Residence Life office is located in the Sullivan Center, 36 South Wabash Avenue, suite 1209.

In Case of Emergency
Residence Life and Campus Security staff members are available 24 hours a day to help you. Contact a Resident Advisor or On-Call Staff Member
In case of an emergency, a professional staff member is on call 24 hours a day. An RA is also on call in each building every weekday and 24 hours a day Friday through Sunday. Signs are posted on every floor explaining how to contact the RA on call. You may also contact the Campus Security desk, and they can assist you in reaching the RA or connecting with the professional staff member on call.

What Should I Do if I Have an Emergency?
If you experience a health emergency, call 911 or the Campus Security desk immediately. Campus Security can contact emergency response personnel. If you do not require an ambulance, but you do want to go to the emergency room, contact Campus Security, a resident advisor, and/or a professional staff member.

If you experience a facilities emergency, call Campus Security immediately, and they will provide immediate assistance.

Get Involved in a Community of Artists
Living within SAIC’s community of artists in the heart of downtown Chicago offers unlimited opportunities for personal and artistic growth. The Residence Life staff plans many programs that will enable you to learn new skills, experience the wealth of opportunities SAIC and the city of Chicago have to offer, and connect with other students. Programs have included faculty/student dinners, critiques, neighborhood excursions, film festivals, and much more.

Residence Life also offers the following formal ways to get involved in the residence hall community: the Nuveen Center for International Student Learning and Residence Hall Exhibitions and the Siragusa Gallery.

Nuveen Center for International Student Learning
Located on the 16th floor of the 162 North State Street Residences, the Nuveen Center provides international and domestic students with opportunities for community interactions and professional development that promote cultural understanding and inclusion.

Residence Hall Exhibitions and the Siragusa Gallery
Residence Hall Exhibitions is a student exhibitions committee that organizes shows in various residence hall spaces, including the Siragusa Gallery located on the 16th floor of the 162 North State Street Residences. Students can gain valuable experience working together to curate and install exhibitions while learning to manage a gallery. Residence Life also offers programs on documenting artwork and exhibition-related skills.

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