



EGYPTIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION IN NORTH AMERICA (ESANA)

إتحاد الدارسين المصريين بأمریکا الشمالية

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Unit Location

- ✚ **City:** Chicago
- ✚ **State/Province:** Illinois
- ✚ **Country:** USA

University

1. DePaul University

Current Active Fields

1. Computer Science

Availability of Financial Aid and Grants

Computer Science: Funding by the school is limited to PhD students, even this is limited. But most PhDs are supported by external grants from the industry as Cisco, Intel, etc and government organizations: NSF, DHS, and others.

City Information

A multi-million population. Very organized, highly available public transportation. Can get used to it in a week.

Ethnic restaurants and food shops are available; you can dine out or cook exactly what you used to in Egypt.

Normally, apartments are available for rent any time of year. Prices are somehow expensive compared to the rest of the nation. One bedroom (kitchen+bathroom+living room+one bedroom) can range from 1600\$ a month in the downtown area, down to 500\$ in other areas reachable with public transportation in less than 45mins. Much cheaper apartments are available, but that means compromising the safety of the neighbourhood.

Buying homes is available, but as usual depends on the credit history and rarely if ever below 150K\$ for a one bedroom condominium.

Weather conditions

In Summer, it is quite hot : 20 to 35 degrees Celsius

In Winter, degrees drop to -20 Celsius (-30 if considered the Wind chill which is, in Chicago, a very powerful factor)



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City Attractions

The Architecture in Chicago is very attractive. Many building from various architectural schools can be seen, especially in the downtown area.

Museums: Field Museum has a nation wide reputation (you can go there and stay the whole day without finishing it, and many exhibitions are added all the time), along with many others like Science and Industry Museum.

Public Events: In summer, Chicago is very active with many cultural events universities: Chicago has many big universities (size and reputations).

City Drawbacks

- A little bit expensive.
- Those with serious health issues who can't bare the cold, might not like it.
- No health national insurance of course (USA general).
- Some areas are not safe. But they are well known, and can avoid them easily as if they do not exist even if you lived in Chicago for years.

Size of the Egyptian Community [

The Muslim community is huge (I heard various figures, but all beyond 200 thousand), tens of mosques can be found.

Many Egyptians and their families can be found, and in general no problems. But as big Cities are, everyone is busy, which is expected.

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