

Wayfinding & Access Guide

The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago

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Location

1306 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60605

The Dance Center is located in the South Loop neighborhood.

Directions/Parking

The Dance Center is one block south of the intersection of Roosevelt Road and Michigan Avenue.

If driving, park on the west side of Michigan Ave between 13th & 14th Streets, or on the west side of Wabash Ave at 14th Street. Street parking is metered and limited. There are several parking options around the Dance Center, but we recommend allowing time to secure parking.

JAD Parking: Located at 1408 S Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL 60605, Nights & Weekends, 6pm to 2am: \$8, cash only (Prices are much higher if there is a professional sporting event that night.)

SpotHero: This service allows you to reserve a parking spot online in advance, and has several locations close to the Dance Center.

Park Chicago: 8am-10pm, credit card or cash, South of Roosevelt 1hr = \$2, Maximum 3 hours | North of Roosevelt 1hr = \$4, Maximum 3 hours

Street Parking: There is some limited free parking on Michigan, Wabash, and State Street (State Street from 16th to Roosevelt and 13th to 14th on Michigan). **⚠** Pay attention to signs posted related to events, street cleaning, and restricted hours.

Public Transportation

CTA Train: The Roosevelt train stop (Red, Orange and Green lines) is about 3 blocks away.

CTA Buses: ~13 different bus routes have stops nearby.

Visit the CTA website for real-time service updates and trip planning.

Biking

The Columbia College Chicago campus is very accessible by bicycle. The traffic-free path from the Chicago Lakefront Trail (via the Museum Campus interchange to Michigan Ave & 11th Street) provides a scenic bike route into the area. Wabash Ave has marked bike lanes from Harrison south to Cermak. Dearborn St also possesses north- and south-bound bike lanes from Kinzie to Polk. Bike racks are located outside almost every building on campus.

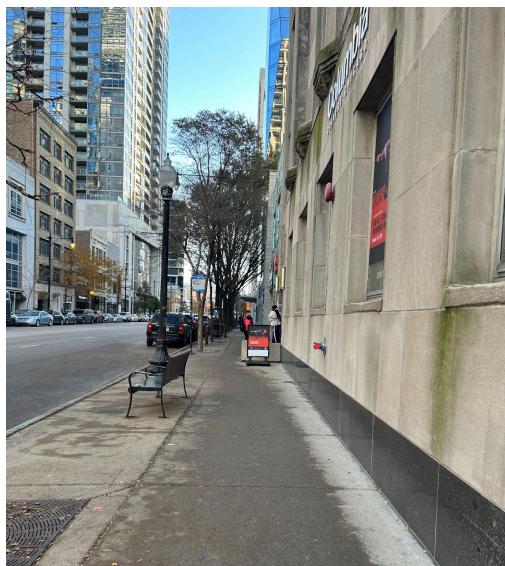
Security Note

Be sure to check pre-event communications, signage, or ask at lobby for specific directions. Be prepared to show your ID or campus credentials if required for certain events or classes.

Visual Guide and Access Information

Welcome! To make your visit as comfortable as possible, here's what to expect when you arrive.

Exterior / Entrance



Enter via the west side of Michigan Avenue –

Image: A long sidewalk view running beside the Columbia College Chicago Dance Center building. A black metal bench sits near the curb. Tall residential and commercial towers line the opposite side of the street. The scene is calm with light traffic and a clear sky.



The main entrance is off Michigan Ave; it has a short ramp and automated doors.

Image: A street-level entrance to the Dance Center. The doorway is centered, with glass doors with an accessibility symbol. Two large concrete planters flank the ramp entrance. To the left, a bright mural and a display case with show posters add color to the beige stone façade.

Vestibule / Elevator



The main entrance leads to two vestibules with automated doors. The second vestibule has an elevator, staircase, and shelving for event flyers and other materials. The security desk is straight ahead.

Image: Inside the Dance Center's entrance vestibule, a glass door then a set of wooden double doors lead into the main lobby. To the left, a bulletin board filled with posters sits on a white wall. Past the doors is a warmly lit lobby area with beige walls and green & beige carpeting.

Lobby



The main lobby is on one level with limited seating. The lobby leads to the theater, studios and classrooms, box office, and restrooms. Theater doors are straight ahead and the box office window is on the right.

Image: A spacious lobby with green and beige carpeted flooring. Rows of ceiling lights stretch across the room, and several black cushioned benches line the center. Numerous doors are along both walls, including restroom doors. At the far end, double doors lead into the theater. The box office window with a table is on the right.

Theater



Accessible seating is available in the front row on both sides of the center section.

Image: An auditorium interior with rows of beige folding theater seats. A single blue padded chair with arms is placed in an accessible space beside the aisle steps. The aisle has step lighting embedded into the carpeted risers.

Restrooms



Lobby Restrooms: Two gendered restrooms are positioned off the main lobby. There is a water fountain to the right of these doors.

Other options: A gender-neutral restroom is located on the third floor, accessed by stairs or elevator.

Image: Two wooden restroom doors in a beige hallway of the Dance Center lobby. Each door has a sign, with the men's room on the left and the women's room on the right. Green carpet runs along the bottom of the hallway.



Image: This three-image grid shows different views of the women's restroom. The first image shows a row of beige metal stall doors. The second image focuses on the accessible stall with grab bars. The third image shows a long counter with three sinks. All images show tile flooring, checkered wall design, and bright institutional lighting.



Image: This three-image grid shows different views of the men's restroom. The first image displays two wall-mounted urinals with privacy dividers. The second image shows a sink counter with two basins, soap dispensers, and several beige restroom stalls. The third image provides a view inside the accessible stall with grab bars.

Audience Access Services & Accommodations

The Dance Center welcomes people with disabilities. ASL interpretation, C.A.R.T., and audio description are available—call 312-369-8330 or email danceinfo@colum.edu.

👉 For details about accessibility at a specific performance or program, please reach out directly to the event's producer.

Accessibility Notes for Performers

The Dance Center welcomes performers with disabilities. The backstage and stage spaces are wheelchair accessible. ASL interpretation, C.A.R.T., and audio description can be made available. There is an elevator to the basement dressing rooms; alternatively, a classroom on the main floor can be converted into a dressing room.

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