Traveling to the Department  
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By Car:

The Department is at 5734 University Avenue, about 8 miles south of the center of Chicago, about 10 blocks due west of the Museum of Science and Industry. If approaching from the southwest from I-90/94, take the exit at 55th Street (Garfield Boulevard) and head east; this will take you through Washington Park where it curves around, and if you stay slightly right you will end up going east on the Midway Plaisance, if you curve back left you will arrive at 55th Street. In either case go east a few blocks to Woodlawn Avenue, then left (from the Plaisance) or right (from 55th) to 58th Street, then one block west to University Avenue. If approaching from the north on Lake Shore Drive, exist at 57th Street. After two stoplights bear right on Midway Plaisance (the boulevard between 59th and 60th Streets), right on Woodlawn Avenue a short block, left (west) on 59th Street one block, right (north) on University Avenue to 5734 University. For parking, there is a University multilevel parking lot on Ellis Avenue just south of 55th Street; street parking may be hard to find.

By Air:

From O'Hare Airport:

Taxi: About $50-$60; the trip generally takes 40 minutes to an hour, sometimes longer. Not all drivers know the area well, and we suggest you specify “The University of Chicago, near the Museum of Science and Industry.” They may reach the Department by traveling west from the Museum on the Midway Plaisance.

Shuttle: The Omega shuttle runs to the university area about once an hour ($30); see the web site for details and instructions on where to find the shuttle at O'Hare (http://www.omegashuttle.com/). If you tell the driver you wish to go to the Quadrangle Club, you will disembark at the corner of 57th Street and University Avenue, a half-block from the Department.

Train: The CTA Blue Line train runs from O'Hare to downtown every ten to twenty minutes. The trip takes about 40 minutes and costs only $2 plus $0.25 for a transfer. Transit cards can be purchased at the O'Hare station. Get off the Blue Line at the Jackson stop. From there, you may take a taxi to the department. Otherwise, walk one block east to State Street. Take the #6 bus south to Hyde Park. It runs every ten to twenty minutes from early morning to late evening. Get off at 57th Street and walk west to the department.

From Midway Airport:

Taxi: About $25-$30; the trip generally takes 30 minutes if you tell the driver to go via Garfield Boulevard (some drivers prefer going via I-55, the Stevenson Expressway,
which is longer but about the same time unless there is a traffic jam, when it may take longer). There is also a train from Midway to downtown Chicago. If you are staying downtown, you can take the CTA Orange Line train from Midway to the Loop in about 35 minutes.