



Welcome to Axion Training Institute!

- Our state-of-the-art training facility is located in the heart of Chicago's historic West Loop.
- Dress casual, good outerwear, comfortable shoes for walking to and around the lab.
- Everything you'll need for the training lectures and labs will be provided for you.
- The entrance is off the cobblestone alley on the south / left side of 7-story red-brick building.
- The door should be unlocked. If not, touch the screen and hit "directory". Then click on "Axion Labs" and then "Call"...or just tap on the window!

Typical training day at the lab:

- Our courses run 9:00am-5:30pm daily, and end 3:00pm on the last day.
- Doors open by 8:30 AM for coffee and light breakfast.
- Our refreshment area is fully stocked all day with fresh coffee, tea, soft drinks, and water.
- Lunch and afternoon snacks are provided.

Hotels within walking distance of Axion:

The Hoxton Hotel. Most of our customers stay here...and love it! Lively hotel with a great lobby...and a well-hidden speakeasy bar. Experience the chic in Chicago! TheHoxton.com use booking code: AXI

Crowne Plaza has been providing accommodations to happy Axion customers for decades. It is just 2 blocks away and has great views. CrownePlaza.com/AxionRate

Nobu Hotel World-famous chef Nobu and actor Robert De Niro opened an incredible new hotel just a block from our lab...and we got a great corporate rate depending on the season. 312-779-8829. Nobu.com/AxionRate

Hyatt House West Loop. New in the area featuring breakfast, indoor pool, 24hr Fitness Center, and a great bartender. 866-974-9288 Hyatt.com Go to Special rate then corporate code **170720**

Getting around: We recommend that you **do not rent a car**. It is easier and cheaper without one.

- We like Uber, Lyft and Taxis. They typically cost \$40-\$60 from O'Hare or Midway Airports.
- A train from either airport is only \$5, but then you have to walk about 0.5 miles to the hotel
- We are NOT big fans of Airport Express Shuttles, slow and expensive.

Parking There are several lots nearby \$18-25 <https://parking.secureaspot.com/parking>.

Please let us know if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting you in Chicago!

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Our Favorite Neighborhood Restaurants

[Green Street Smoked Meats](#) - 112 N Green Street – It may look like a biker bar as you enter through an alley, but they serve outstanding house-smoked BBQ in a cool environment.

[Little Goat Diner](#) - 820 W Randolph – “Top Chef” winner Stephanie Izard’s more casual restaurant (across from her higher-end “Girl and the Goat”). It is a lively place with creative versions of traditional diner food.

[Lone Wolf](#) - 806 W Randolph – Swanky pub with casual bar fare: Chicago Style hot dogs, beer battered corn dogs, and spicy fries.

[Haymarket Brew Pub](#) - 737 W Randolph – Great beer and food...what else is there? They serve 4oz beer samplers, so you can create your own flight.

[Kuma’s Corner West Loop](#) - 852 W. Fulton Market – The West Loop location of this Chicago favorite features a menu full of BIG gourmet burgers all named after heavy metal bands. Beer, beef, and rock music galore.

Greektown - 100 to 300 South Halsted – Authentic Greek food, bargain prices and very lively. Try Greek Islands for traditional Greek food, Santorini for seafood, or Artopolis for a modern Greek bakery experience.

[Au Cheval](#) - 800 W Randolph - An amazing burger that Food Network voted Best Burger in America! Make sure to order it with a fried egg and bacon. Also, draft root beer that goes excellently with the burger!

Pizza - Let's not forget what made Chicago famous. There is an endless list of world-class pizzas in Chicago. Here are my favorites: **[Giordono’s](#)** (which we will order for lunch one day during the course), **[Pizzeria Due](#)**, **[Gino's East](#)**, **[Lou Malnati's](#)** & **[Nancy's](#)**.

Here are a few more of our favorites that are within 3 miles

[Frontera Grill](#) - 445 N Clark - Rick Bayless’s Restaurant. Excellent gourmet Mexican with a twist. Tends to be crowded... Always! This has been called the best food in Chicago.

[Cafe Baba-Reeba](#) - 2024 N Halsted - Spanish (NOT Mexican) food. This is a Tapas bar (appetizers), so you can sample lots of different things. We may go here as a group during the course.

[Twin Anchors](#) - 1655 N Sedgwick - Frank Sinatra’s favorite restaurant, a neighborhood BBQ and steaks place.

[Alinea](#) - 1723 N Halsted For the gourmet on an expense account! One of the few Michelin 3-Star restaurants in the world. Always ranked in the nation’s top 5!

Other Fun Things to Do Around the City

Sky deck in the **Willis tower** with views of the whole city -233 S Wacker St - Venture to the top of the Willis tower for an unbeatable view in a glass box overlooking the city.

The 96th floor of the John Hancock Building - Don't miss this place on a clear night. This is the top floor of one of the world's tallest buildings. The incredible views make this place a must for one drink. A surefire way to cure acrophobia.

HQ Beercade – 213 W Institute Pl - Imagine having all the great video games and pinball machines from the 80's and 90's...set on free play...in a cool bar serving craft brews and funky cocktails...while listening to music from cassette tapes. They call it a beercade, I call it my retirement home!

Second City - 1608 N. Wells The best place for sketch comedy (like Saturday Night Live). The list of alums from this place includes John Belushi, Dan Akroyd, Steven Colbert, Tina Fey, Key and Peele, Steve Carell, Amy Poehler, etc. Always great! Shows start around 8 PM.

Kingston Mines Blues Bar - 2548 N. Halsted - Outstanding blues bar with 2 live bands every night! \$15-20 cover. World-class performers in a casual setting 7 nights a week. The list of frequent visitors includes Eric Clapton, Robert Plant, and Mick Jagger! A must for music lovers.

The Lakefront - A 20-mile stretch of beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline is *within* the City of Chicago! From anywhere in the city, just head east, and you'll find miles of sandy beaches, running/biking paths, water fountains, parks, etc. Just about any time of the day or night, you'll find people running, walking, skating, biking, and strolling on the lake front. North Ave Beach has a cool outdoor restaurant/bar, along with a snack shop, bike rentals, showers, and 45 volleyball nets on the beach!

Pop's for Champagne - 601 N State - A real champagne bar with live jazz a few nights a week. They claim to have the largest selection of "drinkable" champagnes (over 200). They serve about 10 different champagnes by the glass. Not cheap, but a unique place.

Navy Pier on the lake - Giant Ferris wheel, IMAX Theater, lots of shops and restaurants, and general family fun including the Chicago Children's Museum. They are not known for their food, but the location is hard to beat.

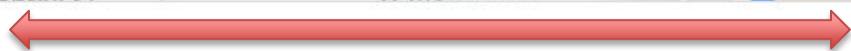
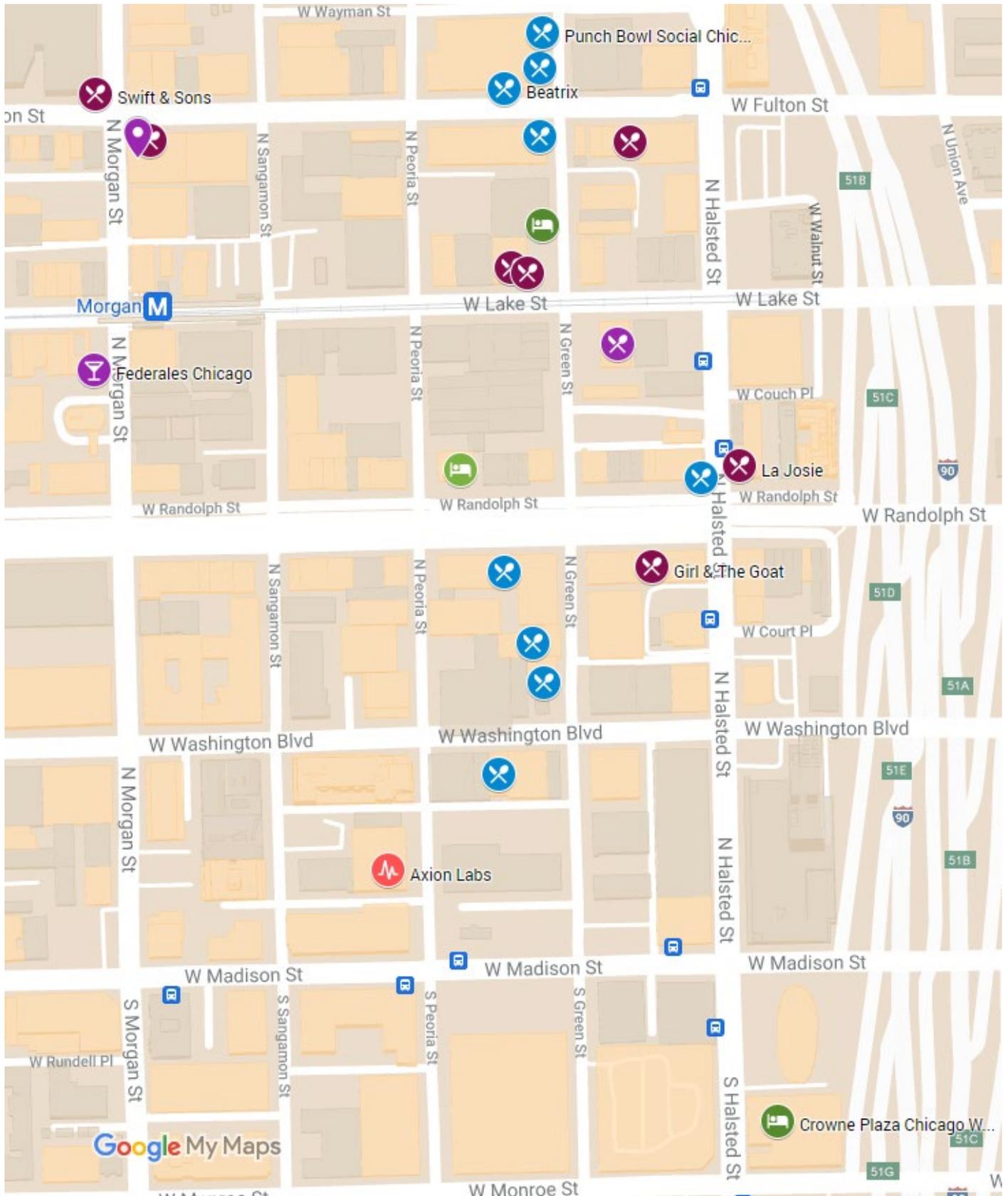
For more Chicago information, check out the following links:

- <https://www.timeout.com/chicago>
- <http://choosechicago.com/>

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO ATTEND ANY EVENT AS A GROUP

Favorite Restaurants in the Neighborhood

click link above for interactive map



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