

NEW STUDENT GUIDE

SCHOOL OF LABOR & EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



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GENERAL INFORMATION

This guide is for reference to provide information about the Champaign-Urbana community and campus.

Get familiar with the community through the [Champaign County Convention and Visitors Bureau](#), [City of Champaign](#), and [City of Urbana](#) websites. [Champaign Center Partnership](#) offers a vibrant city districts – downtown, midtown, and campus down. Each has their own flare and taste of the town. The [downtown](#) area has the big city feel with neighborhood charm. [Midtown](#) is the link binding Downtown and Campustown together. In [campustown](#) there is nothing like the energy of Green Street. Check out the [Urbana Business Association](#) and [Champaign County Chamber of Commerce](#) for things to do and places to go.

The [Champaign County Visitor’s Guide](#) provides a calendar of events and information on things to do in the Champaign-Urbana area. The [Community Concierge Magazine](#) highlights things to do and great places to eat, shop, and visit around town! Check out the [Campus and Community Student Services](#) for information and safety resources. If you have some free time, there is plenty to do to [discover](#) and enjoy what the state of Illinois has to offer!

For information on everything that is going on in and around Champaign-Urbana, stay tuned in through the [University Events Calendar](#), [News Gazette Events Calendar](#), [The Daily Illini calendar](#), and [Buzz weekly!](#)

ACADEMIC INFORMATION & RESOURCES

[Academic Calendar](#)

[Academic Deadlines](#)

[Academic Resources](#)

[Course Explorer](#)

[DRES \(Division of Disability Resources and Educational Services\)](#)

[Graduate College](#)

[Graduate College Calendar](#)

[ID Card](#)

[LER Course Offerings](#)

[LER Handbook](#)

[Office of the Registrar](#)

[Student Code](#)

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Champaign-Urbana hosts a variety of arts, culture, theater, and attractions. [Champaign County Arts Council](#) is your connection to Art Culture Education in the community. You have access to [arts and culture](#) at your fingertips on the U of I campus.

ATTRACTIONS

[Campus Landmarks](#)

[University of Illinois Pollinarium](#)

BOOKSTORES

[Barnes & Noble](#)

65 East Market View Drive,
Champaign
(217) 355-2045

[Illini Union Bookstore](#)

809 S. Wright, Champaign
(217) 333-2050

[T.I.S College Bookstore](#)

707 S. 6th Street, Champaign
(217) 337-4900

DINING

[Champaign Center Partnership](#)

[Champaign County Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Urbana Business Association](#)

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

[Inclusive Illinois](#)

[Office of Diversity, Equity, and Access](#)

[Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations \(OIIR\)](#)

[Asian American Cultural Center](#)

[Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center](#)

[La Casa Cultural Latina](#)

[Native American House](#)

[LGBT Resource Center](#)

[Women's Resources Center](#)

[Office of Minority Student Affairs](#)

[Veterans Student Support Services](#)

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & PROBLEM RESOLUTION

Campus phones
9-911

Champaign Police
217-333-8911

Student Emergencies
[Emergency Dean](#)
217-333-0050

24-hour Rape Crisis Hotline
217-355-5203

Champaign Fire
217-351-4511

Urbana Police
217-384-2320

Campus Police
217-333-1216

MTD Safe Rides
(217) 265-SAFE

Urbana Fire
217-384-2420

Campus Fire
217-333-2428

Poison Control
1 (800) 252-2022

[Illinois Illini-Alert: Emergency Messaging System](#)
[Office for Student Conflict Resolution](#)
[Student Legal Services](#)
[Tenant Union](#)

FINANCIAL AID & ON-CAMPUS JOBS

[Assistantship Clearinghouse](#)
[Office of Student Financial Aid](#)
[Funding & Employment](#)
[Student Affairs Assistantship Positions](#)

GROCERY STORES

Am-Ko Oriental Foods
101 East Springfield Ave., Champaign
(217) 398-2922

County Market
331 East Stoughton Street, Champaign
(217) 352-4123
312 West Kirby Avenue, Champaign
(217) 352-0019
1914 Glen Park Drive, Champaign
(217) 356-8242
1819 Philo Road, Urbana
(217) 337-0210

Common Ground Food Co-Operative
300 S. Broadway, Suite 166
Urbana, IL 61801
(217) 352-3347

El Charro
55 East Green Street, Champaign
(217) 337-6647

Green Onion Asian Market
2020 South Neil Street, Champaign
(217) 359-5370

Meijer
2500 South Philo Road, Urbana
(217) 365-5210
2401 N Prospect Ave, Champaign
(217) 353-4800

Old Time Meat & Deli Shop
2018 S. Neil Street, Champaign
(217) 351-9123

Strawberry Fields Inc
306 W Springfield Ave, Urbana
(217) 328-1655

Schnucks Supermarket

200 North Vine Street, Urbana

(217) 337-6016

109 North Mattis Avenue, Champaign

(217) 351-1123

1301 Savoy Plaza, Savoy

(217) 373-0700

Wal-Mart Supercenter

100 South High Cross Road, Urbana

(217) 344-6148

2610 N. Prospect Avenue, Champaign

(217) 352-0700

505 S. Dunlap Ave, Savoy

(217) 355-5845

Target

2102 N. Prospect Avenue, Champaign

(217) 355-3325

World Harvest International & Gourmet Foods

519 East University Avenue, Champaign

(217) 356-4444

HEALTH CENTERS & HOSPITALS**[Carle Foundation/Carle Hospital](#)**

1802 S. Mattis Ave

Champaign, IL

(217) 383-3311

[Christie Clinic](#)

101 W University Ave

Champaign, IL

(217) 366-1200

[Provena Covenant Hospital](#)

1400 W. Park

Urbana, IL

(217) 337-2000

[McKinley Health Center \(on campus\)](#)

1109 S. Lincoln

Urbana, IL

(217) 333-2701

[Student Insurance Office](#)

506 South Wright Street

Henry Administration Building, Rm 100A North

(217) 333-0165

HOUSING & UTILITY SERVICES

[University housing](#) for graduate students is available in the form of on-campus graduate student residence halls and apartments, all of which are located near convenient transportation and academic buildings. [Private Certified Housing](#) is certified by the University of Illinois for all students, including freshmen. These facilities are part of the University's housing program. They offer an array of comfortable and attractive living accommodations in a wide range of prices and sizes.

Students seeking privately owned housing are urged to visit the campus as early as possible, because arrangements for this type of accommodation usually are made in person. Resources for finding off-campus rentals in Champaign, Urbana and Savoy include [The News-Gazette](#), [The Daily Illini](#), or [Apartment guide](#). Your assigned LER Buddy might also be a great resource or may be seeking a roommate for the upcoming semester too. Anyone unfamiliar with standard leasing practices should visit the [Tenant Union](#). They provide assistance in finding apartments, reviewing lease agreements, and assisting with tenant-landlord conflicts.

In Champaign-Urbana, utilities such as cable television, electrical, gas, telephone, and water services are all owned and operated by private companies. Contact information for local utility service companies can be found [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RESOURCES

[Illinois International](#)

[INTERLINK](#)

[International Hospitality Committee](#)

[International Student Organizations](#)

[International Student and Scholar Services \(ISSS\)](#)

[INTL Career Certificate Program](#)

[INTLconnect](#)

LIBRARIES

[University of Illinois Libraries](#)

Grainger Library (Engineering Quad)

1301 W. Springfield Avenue

Urbana, IL 61801

Labor & Employment Relations Digital Library

Yoo-Seong Song, Associate Professor of Library Administration/LER Librarian

205 LER & 101 Library

217-333-8021

yoosong@illinois.edu

Undergraduate Library

1408 W. Gregory Dr.

Urbana, IL 61801

217-333-2290

Champaign Public Library

200 W. Green St.

Champaign, IL 61820

217-403-2000

Douglass Branch Library

504 E. Grove St.

Champaign, IL 61820

217-403-2090

Urbana Free Library

210 W. Green St.

Urbana, IL 61801

217-367-4057

MAPS

[Champaign City Maps](#)

[Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District \(MTD\) Maps](#)

[University of Illinois Campus Maps](#)

[Urbana City Maps](#)

NIGHTLIFE

[Champaign Center Partnership](#)

[Champaign County Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Urbana Nightlife and Bars](#)

PARKS & RECREATION

[Campus Recreation](#)

[Champaign Park District](#)

[Champaign County Forest Preserves](#)

[Fighting Illini Varsity Sports](#)

[Urbana Park District](#)

[State Parks in East-Central Illinois](#)

[Wheelchair Athletics and Adapted Sports](#)

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES & RESOURCES

[Counseling Center](#)

[Illinois Leadership Center](#)

[Resources for Current Students](#)

[The Career Center](#)

PRINT SHOPS

FedEx Office Print & Ship Center

505 S. Mattis Avenue, Champaign, IL

(217) 355-3400

613 S. Wright Street, Champaign, IL

(217) 344-2085

Notes-n-Quotes

502 E. John Street, Champaign, IL

(217)344-4433

RELIGIOUS HOUSES of WORSHIP

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The University of Illinois boasts [1,000+ registered student organizations](#) on campus where you can also find your niche outside of LER.

LER affiliated organizations:

[Student Society for Human Resource Management \(SSHRM\)](#)

[Labor and Industrial Relations Association \(LIRA\)](#)

[Multicultural Student Association \(MSA\)](#)

TRANSPORTATION & CAMPUS PARKING

Airports

[Willard Airport](#) | Savoy, IL

Champaign-Urbana's local airport (CMI) is served by [American Airlines](#) which links to major hubs in Dallas and Chicago where passengers can make connections to destinations worldwide. Willard Airport is only **five miles south of Champaign**. The easiest form of transportation to campus is the MTD Air Bus. Other ground transportation options include taxi service or onsite car rental available from [Avis](#), [Budget](#), [Hertz](#), and [National](#).

There are five other major airports **within a 200-mile radius of Champaign Urbana.**

[Central Illinois Regional Airport](#) | Bloomington-Normal, IL

A few [airline carriers](#) serve Bloomington-Normal. Located **50 miles from Champaign-Urbana**, onsite car rental is available from [Alamo](#), [Avis](#), [Budget](#), [Hertz](#), and [National](#). [Peoria Charter](#) bus service run from the airport to Champaign-Urbana.

[Chicago O'Hare Airport](#) | Chicago, IL

Many [carriers](#) serve O'Hare International Airport. Located **150 miles from Champaign-Urbana**, onsite [car rental](#) is available. [Illini Shuttle](#) and [Peoria Charter](#), bus services run from the airport to Champaign-Urbana. You can take also a cab to Union Station in Chicago and catch the [Amtrak](#) train to the Champaign Terminal, but this is a bit inconvenient especially if you have sizeable luggage.

[Chicago Midway Airport](#) | Chicago, IL

Common [airline carriers](#) serve Midway. Located **130 miles from Champaign-Urbana**, onsite [car rental](#) is available. [Illini Shuttle](#) and [Peoria Charter](#) bus services run from the airport to Champaign-Urbana. You can take also a cab to Union Station in Chicago and catch the [Amtrak](#) train to the Champaign Terminal, but this is a bit inconvenient especially if you have sizeable luggage.

[Indianapolis International](#)* | Indianapolis, IN

Several [airline carriers](#) serve Indianapolis International Airport. Located **125 miles from Champaign-Urbana**, ground transportation includes onsite [car rental](#).

**** Indiana is on Eastern Standard Time (EST) which is one hour ahead of Champaign-Urbana, which is on Central Standard Time (CST), so plan accordingly!!***

[Lambert - St. Louis International Airport](#) | St. Louis, MO

Many [airline carriers](#) serve Lambert. Located **190 miles from Champaign-Urbana**, ground transportation options are [Greyhound](#) bus service (800-231-2222) or onsite [car rental](#) is available.

NOTE: For rental cars, you are required to have a Driver's License, a major credit card in your name, and you must be 21 years of age or older.

[MTD Bus Lines](#)

To get around throughout campus and locally, the MTD buses run continuously. All eligible University of Illinois students, faculty, and staff have unlimited access to all routes and services at all times. Route information and phone apps are available at <http://cumtd.com/>.

[Train Station](#)

[Amtrak](#)

Illinois Terminal 45 E. University Avenue, Champaign
(217) 352-5905, alternate: (800) USA-RAIL

[Parking](#)

If you park at meters, note whether it is a University meter or a city meter. UIUC meters are marked with the Block I, while Champaign and Urbana meters are marked with the city's logo. Prices and time limits vary.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT and RESOURCES

Claim your NetID and set the online passwords. Your NetID is a name assigned to you that is unique across all University of Illinois campuses. It serves as your login to many University computing and networking services and also determines your University email address, which is netid@illinois.edu.

[NetID](#)

[EnterpriseID](#)

[AD \(Active Directory\) password](#)

[Illinois Compass](#)

[I-Link Career Services Management System](#)

[I-Link Orientation](#)