

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Business International Programs



EXCHANGE STUDENT
GUIDE – IBMEC

for students coming to study at the University of Illinois

Welcome to the College of Business at the University of Illinois. We are convinced that whether you are here for a semester or an entire year, you will have a great experience. There is so much that both the College of Business and the University have to offer you, not to mention that the University is only several hours away from Chicago, St. Louis and Indianapolis. Make the most of your experience and get involved.

We hope that this website will provide answers to many of your questions. If not, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Business Study Abroad office in 214 David Kinley Hall.

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International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)
Campus Map
Office of Admission & Records (OAR)
University of Illinois Housing

Web Page Address

<http://www.uiuc.edu>
<http://www.ips.uiuc.edu/iss>
<http://www.uiuc.edu/images/maps/map.pdf>
<http://www.oar.uiuc.edu/>
<http://www.housing.uiuc.edu/>

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN (UIUC)

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign <http://www.uiuc.edu> is a comprehensive, major public university that is ranked among the best in the world. Chartered in 1867, it provides undergraduate and graduate education in more than 150 fields of study, conducts both theoretical and applied research, and provides public service to the state and the nation. The campus includes some 200 buildings on nearly 1,500 acres, with 2,000 faculty members serving over 40,000 students. The University of Illinois' alumni include 11 Nobel laureates and 18 Pulitzer Prize winners. Set amid the farmlands of the rural Midwest, two and a half hours from Chicago, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is an internationally renowned institution with top-rated academic programs and outstanding facilities, including the largest public library collection in the world. It is ranked among the top ten public institutions of higher education in the U.S.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Top-caliber teaching and cutting-edge research are at once the ideals and the realities of the College of Business, nationally recognized as one of the country's leading business schools. A dynamic curriculum ensures that business students at all levels are introduced to the latest business technologies and management practices, in preparation for careers in business, government, and the academic world. With an enrollment of around 5,000, business offers its students the intimate ambience of a small college as well as the resources of one of the world's greatest universities.

QUICK OVERVIEW

Application Deadlines

Fall semester: March 1st

Spring semester: September 1st

Areas of Concentration

The UIUC College of Business offers a full spectrum of business courses in the areas of accountancy, finance and business administration. Additional majors/career tracks/areas of specialization include taxation, marketing, industrial distribution management, production, corporate finance, investments, financial markets, insurance and risk management, real estate, developmental economics, labor and personnel relations, and public finance.

Approximate Living Costs

(all costs are given in U.S. \$)

- **HOUSING:** ranges from \$3,500 to 5,100 /semester
- **MEALS:** meal plans are required in undergraduate dorms and optional in the graduate housing (although cooking is not allowed in rooms, both graduate dorms are equipped with shared kitchens) \$900 to 2,300/semester
- **TRANSPORTATION:** unnecessary if living on campus. Local bus system throughout campus and Champaign-Urbana is free for all UIUC students
- **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** You should come with enough U.S. currency to cover your additional transportation to Champaign-Urbana and miscellaneous expenses for at least a week. However, once on campus students can pay their bills with checks, cash, debit and credit cards. If paying deposits on-line the University **only accepts credit card payments via the web**. This service is available for students and

authorized individuals. A 2% convenience fee will be added to the total payment amount when this online option is used. Other acceptable means of payment are international money orders, international traveler checks, or foreign checks which are payable through a U.S. bank. For details, see <http://www.usfsca.uillinois.edu/>. Most international students open up a checking account at a local bank once they arrive.

Tuition and Service Fees

The fees, **per semester**, are as follows (in US\$). The tuition and fees (subject to change) are determined by the Board of Trustees every August for that year:

Tuition	\$13,159.	
International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)	50.	(one time fee issued to all incoming international students)
Health Service Fee (mandatory) (use of the Clinic on UIUC Campus)	207.	
Service fee (mandatory)	221.	
Health Insurance (waived if student shows proof of coverage from home country)	180.	
General Fee (mandatory) (use of facilities, such as Illini Student Union, swimming pools, Assembly Hall)	237.	
Transportation (mandatory) (use of buses anywhere on campus and in Champaign-Urbana)	38.	
Krannert, SEAL, SORF, CP, CET, Legacy Scholarship (all but CET & SCE are refundable)	59.	
Temporary Housing (for lodging before official opening day)	??	(variable amount)
Books (returnable but not for full amount)	??	(variable amount but budget for \$500-750.)
	<u>\$14,151 USD</u>	
	plus books	

English Requirements

If you have taken the TOEFL, please send a copy of the official results with your application. Students who are coming for a semester are **not** required upon arrival to campus to take the English Placement Test (EPT), even though it is stated in the admission letter. Students coming for 2 semesters will need to take the EPT if it is stated in the admission letter.

Student Services Available

- **Orientation:** International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) organizes an orientation for all incoming students at the beginning of each term. This is supplemented with a short business meeting sponsored by the Business International Programs Office to discuss courses among other topics.
- **Student Associations:** UIUC has over 700 student organizations including over 20 professional business organizations. There is truly something for everyone!
- **Computer Services:** Exchange students have ample access to computer facilities, including e-mail and the World Wide Web. All dormitory rooms are wired with Ethernet so students may bring their personal computers; however, be sure to check if your computer is equipped to handle the voltage difference.
- **International Illini:** Incoming exchange students are paired with "a buddy". There are many social events throughout the semester. You will learn more about this group at the Business International Programs orientation.

GETTING STARTED

Expected Arrival Date

Students are expected to arrive one week prior to the beginning of courses. This will help you to get settled in and take care of all necessary things before all students arrive on campus. The UIUC Office of International Student & Scholar Services <http://www.ips.uiuc.edu/iss> provides information and an organized orientation throughout the week before classes. **Business International Programs has a mandatory orientation the week before classes begin** to discuss courses and answer any questions you might have. Because of immigration regulations, students are not allowed to arrive on campus after classes have begun.

Visa—Do application 1st (and early!)

Since visa processing is time-consuming, students are encouraged to send the necessary documents as soon as possible to our office. Please be sure and provide all **original** documents necessary with your application. You must send the original financial certification form with an original signature, an original statement from your bank stating that you have the minimum **\$7,500** and a current transcript. All of these documents must be in English. Admissions and Records cannot send your acceptance letter and DS 2019 or enter your name in the U.S. Immigration Database until the proper materials are turned in. This whole process can take a month or more.

1st PRIORITY

SAMPLE APPLICATION – please do not use

SEND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE NOTHING HAPPENS UNTIL THIS IS SENT AND PROCESSED.

Although you cannot download the application, the contact person at your school has access to it.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Fall application deadline: March 1st

Fall housing contract deadline: July 1st

Spring application deadline: September 14th

Spring housing contract deadline: December 15th

You must submit all the following information before we can begin processing the application:

1. **Application**, signed and dated by both the incoming student AND the partner.
2. **Original Financial Certification Form in English**. If a parent is providing the financial support, your parent must sign on “Signature of Sponsor” line. If self-supporting, then you must sign and date the form. UIUC cannot accept copies or faxed material. Immigration regulations require **ORIGINAL** documentation.
3. An **original Statement from your Bank**, on bank letterhead, which states:

“XXXX XXXX, a client of our bank, has the equivalent of (\$7,500-USD per semester) in an account to support the applicant’s study abroad expenses at the University of Illinois
4. **Photocopy of the name page of your passport**
5. **Copy of official TOEFL score report if taken.**
6. **Current school transcript in English** (need not be an “official” transcript but must minimally include the courses and grades taken at the partner school to date.)
7. **Course request**

The UIUC Office of Admissions requires ample time to prepare your visa materials. If we receive materials after the deadline, we cannot guarantee that there will be enough time to process the application.

All materials should be sent to:

Jennifer Frank
College of Business
University of Illinois
214 David Kinley Hall
1407 W. Gregory Drive
Urbana, IL 61801
U.S.A.

NOTE: DS-2019 and acceptance letter will be sent to partner school. In turn, partner school will distribute materials to each student.

The undergraduate and graduate housing contracts are available on the University housing website at: <http://www.housing.uiuc.edu/>.

HOUSING (do as soon as possible)

<http://www.housing.uiuc.edu>

FALL HOUSING CONTRACTS DUE BY JULY 1st

SPRING HOUSING CONTRACTS DUE BY DECEMBER 15th.

UIUC has twenty-two undergraduate and two graduate residence halls that are affordable and conveniently located. The halls offer a naturally diverse social life, and provide live-in staff to assist students with any problems. Convenient computer labs, free cable TV, study areas and laundry facilities are located on-site. Because private landlords in Champaign-Urbana almost always require a year's lease, students are strongly encouraged to arrange for UIUC housing. Semester leases are occasionally available for students wishing to arrange their own housing and who are willing to live off campus; however, this should be done before arriving since there are no guarantees of availability.

Graduate housing is available for anyone 20 years or older, whether or not you plan to take graduate or undergraduate classes..

How do I obtain and submit a housing contract?

As soon as you are admitted to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, you may sign a contract to live in the University residence halls. A \$100 advance payment is required at time of submission. **DO NOT** submit a contract if you are not sure you want to live in the undergraduate residence halls. **Canceling the contract after May 1 may result in a settlement charge up to \$2,000.**

Before submitting your housing contract online, be sure to:

1. Once you have your Notice of Admission, you need to obtain your net id and password. You claim this at <http://netidclaim.uiuc.edu>. To obtain your EnterpriseID and set your Password you must log into the Password Reset website at: <https://eas.admin.uillinois.edu/eas/servlet/EasBluestemReset>
2. Have your EnterpriseID and Password in front of you.
3. Get your preferred roommate's name and NetID (if applicable).
4. Have your credit card available to pay the \$100 Advance Payment (this is a secure transaction).
5. You agree to keep all records relating to the University Residence Halls Contract and to print or make an electronic copy of the contract [Terms and Conditions](#).

Once you have all of this you can you go to <http://www.housing.uiuc.edu/UGOC> (Undergraduate housing) OR <http://www.housing.uiuc.edu/GOC> (graduate housing) to apply.

Use your EnterpriseID and password and then make your selection.

The \$100 advance payment must be in the form of a check or money order drawn on a U.S. bank and payable to "University of Illinois".

SAMPLE GRADUATE HOUSING CONTRACT

**SAMPLE UNDERGRADUATE
HOUSING CONTRACT**

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COURSE PREFERENCES

At the time you submit your application we ask for at least 9 course choices. This is NOT course registration. We will work with the departments on each student's behalf and get the students pre-authorized to register in as many classes as we can, although students can be pre-registered for no more than 2 Business Administration classes and 2 Finance classes. When students arrive, we will show them how to register online for the classes that they have been pre-registered for. After classes begin, we will continue to work closely with the students as more seats become available in other classes.

Business courses are found on the **Class Schedule** <http://courses.uiuc.edu/cis/index.html> under:

BADM – Business Administration (limit of 2 courses)

FIN – Finance (limit of 2 courses)

ACCY – Accountancy (unavailable to exchange students other than Nanyang)

ECON – Economics (through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences)

- You must meet prerequisites for any class you would like to take.
- Exchange students are not allowed to take Finance 300 at the University of Illinois.
- Exchange students (except for Nanyang) cannot take any accountancy classes at the University of Illinois.

Students will not be able to register for any course that begins with MBA. These core courses are comparable to what exchange students will have already completed.

Students are also welcome to take other university courses, as space permit, as long as there is an opening and the student is qualified. Students should use the opportunity while at the University of Illinois to take language courses, American literature, or other courses not offered at their home institution. In order to enroll in classes outside the College of Business, first visit the office of the department offering the class.

The happiest exchange students are those who have flexibility in their course selections! **If a student needs particular courses in order to graduate, please know that we can not guarantee that the student will be able to enroll in any particular class.** Although the University would love to fulfill all requests for courses, budget and schedule constraints prohibit this.

COURSE LOAD

Graduate students generally register for 3 or 4 courses at the 400-level or the 500-level, and undergraduates generally register in 200, 300 or 400 level courses and will carry a load of 12 – 18 hours or 4 – 6 courses. Twelve hours is the minimum course load for full-time status. All exchange students' registration will be in "hours" for administrative purposes. Generally one hour equals 2 European Community Course Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits. Fall semester courses appear on the online system in April and spring semester courses appear in October.

ISSS CHECKLIST

- ❑ Report to the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS). The reporting dates are listed in your Admission letter. You must bring your admission letter, passport, I-94 card, and DS-2019 with you. See <http://www.ips.uiuc.edu/iss>. **You will not be able to register for classes until you report to this office.**
- ❑ Apply for your Student Identification Card (I-Card) at the ID Center, Illini Union Bookstore Building, second floor (corner of Wright and Daniel Streets), 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. You must present your admission letter and passport to obtain your student ID. Once you have your student ID, you will be able to ride buses in Champaign-Urbana for free.
- ❑ Obtain a Tuberculin (TB) Screen and update immunizations. All new international students are required to have a TB screening. Please report to McKinley Health Center, Preventative Medicine Department. Hours of screening are 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. After the test, you will need to return in several days to have your results checked, so it is important to start this process as soon as possible. There is a fee to update immunizations. You may charge the fee to your University account or your Visa/MasterCard/Discover credit card. **Failure to complete TB screening and required immunization will result in loss of authorization to register.**
- ❑ Attend the optional ISSS orientation program that is usually scheduled the Friday before classes begin.
- ❑ Your e-mail account will be active after your class registration through the online system is complete.

TRAVELING TO CHAMPAIGN

OPTION 1: Fly Directly to Champaign, Illinois.

OPTION 2: Fly to Chicago and take a bus to Champaign

Illini Express (Bus) – from O'Hare to Champaign + choose to stop at Huff Hall, corner of 4th and Gregory

Bus Shuttle from O'Hare Airport to the Amtrak Train Station, Champaign, IL

Web address: <http://www.lincolnlandexpress.com/>

Telephone number in US: 1-800-400-5000

Telephone number outside US: 1-217-352-6682

There are usually four bus departures daily from Chicago, O'Hare Airport to Champaign for approximately \$38 (per person).

OPTION 3: Fly to Chicago, take a train downtown and a train or bus to Champaign

O'Hare Airport is about 45 minutes to the West of Chicago. It is simple & cheap to travel downtown Chicago by catching the "L" train (short for "elevated", Chicago's public commuter trains). For approximately \$1.50, the L-train goes from O'Hare to Union Train Station in downtown Chicago.

AMTRAK (Train at Union Station which provides service to Champaign)

Web address: <http://www.amtrak.com/>

Phone number in the US: 1-800-872-7245

Phone number outside the US: 1-217-352-5905

from Chicago AMTRAK Station

Amtrak has service between downtown Chicago and Champaign.

Greyhound (Bus)

Web address: <http://www.greyhound.com/>

Telephone number in US: 1-800-229-9424

Telephone number outside US: 1-312-408-5970

Greyhound Bus lines has daily service between downtown Chicago and Champaign.

EXCHANGE STUDENT COURSE REQUESTS

THIS IS NOT CONSIDERED A COURSE REGISTRATION BUT IT IS NECESSARY TO HELP US REGISTER YOU FOR YOUR COURSES

The business courses are found under the following departments:

ACCY (Accountancy) —————> (not available to exchange students – except Nanyang)

ECON (Economics) —————> (if there is space in the class you can register on your own once you arrive)

B ADM (Business Admin.): —————> limit of 2 B ADM courses

FIN (Finance): —————> limit of 2 FIN courses (you must meet the prerequisites in order to take the course)

Other courses:

Students are also welcome to take other courses as space permits which are offered through other Colleges on the UIUC campus. Course offerings are available on UIUC's Timetable website, courses.uiuc.edu/cis/. Click on "Class Schedule" (Note: Fall courses appear on the web in late March while spring courses appear in mid-October). If the semester you coming is not listed, please use the same semester from the previous year.

We need your forms by the deadline stated above. Once the deadline we will work with the departments to try and reserve space in the classed you requested. If you need particular courses in order to graduate, please know that we cannot guarantee that you will be able to enroll in them during your visit. Although UIUC would love to provide a full load of all your 1st choice courses, budget and schedule constraints prohibit this. **The happiest exchange students are those who have flexibility in course selections!** When you arrive we will let you know what classes you have been authorized to register for and which classes you will need to take additional steps to register for. Unfortunately, because of the timing of registration, we will not have information about the status of your classes until you arrive.

Name _____ E-mail address _____

List Course Number and Title

1 st Choice:
2 nd Choice:
3 rd Choice:
4 th Choice:
5 th Choice:
6 th Choice:
7 th Choice:
8 th Choice:
9 th Choice:

Normal Load

Undergraduate = 4 – 6 courses at 200-400 level

Graduate = 3 – 4 courses at the 400-500 level

To qualify for full-time status, students must enroll in a minimum of 12 hours to a maximum of 18 hours per term

RETURN COURSE REQUESTS BY FAX TO 217-244-9992 OR BY E-MAIL TO jenfrank@uiuc.edu

ACADEMIC SYSTEM

Registration

Registration is completed by accessing our web-based registration system.

The University publishes an online "Class Schedule" each semester. The Class Schedule contains a list of all courses offered by each department for that semester. (<http://courses.uiuc.edu/cis/index.html>). The Class Schedule is an invaluable source of information on registration and other University policies. The University also prints a Course Catalog that provides more detailed descriptions of courses offered by each department but not offered each term—be sure you don't refer to the Course Catalog when choosing courses.

Adding and Dropping Courses

It is possible to add and drop classes during the semester. However, you should be aware of two things: there are deadlines for adding and dropping courses, and U.S. Immigration regulations require foreign students to be registered "full-time". Full-time registration is considered to be at least 12 semester hours.

Students should be aware of the official University "add" and "drop" dates. See <http://www.oar.uiuc.edu/current/registration/deadlines.html> Adding and dropping or withdrawing from courses must be done officially. It is not possible to drop or withdraw from a class simply by no longer attending it. In such instances, the instructor will give you a failing grade and may end up back on your transcript at your home institution as a failing grade.

"Hold"

A hold will prevent you from registering for classes. You cannot do anything with your course schedule until the hold is lifted. Also, if the hold is not lifted before 5:00 p.m. of the first day of instruction, you will lose the courses that you have registered for.

Grading System

The quality of a student's work is measured by means of "grades". There are twelve "passing" grades: A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, and D- and one "failing" grade, F. A plus (+) or minus (-) attached to these letter grades represents about one third point each.

Typical American distribution of grades:

A	Excellent	A's	25%
B	Good	B's	30%
C	Average	C's	30%
D	Poor	D's	10%
F	Failure	F's	5%

There are some other grades that appear on grade cards. They include S/U, CR/NC, Df, Ex, W and others. These are all explained on the back of the grade report, in the Timetable, and in the University's Programs Catalog.

Methods of Instruction

The most common method of instruction here is the classroom lecture. Many large lectures are accompanied by discussion sections, especially at the undergraduate level, where graduate assistants supplement the professor's lectures in smaller class discussions. Seminars are more common at the graduate level, and there are generally less students in each class.

Students are expected to contribute to discussions in the classroom. It is not disrespectful for you to ask questions. In many classes, part of your grade may be determined by your contribution to class discussion. In lecture situations, it may not be possible to ask questions, but you are always welcome to talk to the professor during his or her office hours, or before or after class. Instructors assume that you are not interested in the class if you do not talk with them.

Term Papers

Many courses will require a "term paper" to be written. A term paper is based on study or research you have done in the laboratory or library. Your teacher will usually assign a term paper in the early part of the semester and usually constitute a significant portion of your course grade. It is a good idea to write the paper well in advance of the due date so that you manage the total workload of all your courses.

Examinations

You will have many examinations during your studies here. Almost every class has a final exam at the end of the semester that is scheduled during the week after the last day of classes. The Timetable provides a final exam schedule. Most classes also have a mid term examination near the middle of the semester. There may be additional quizzes and papers throughout the semester. These are designed to assure that students are doing their work and to determine how much they are learning. Some teachers will give "take home examinations" either as final exams or during the semester. You are expected to take them home and work on them. Take-home exams are more detailed, and you are expected to synthesize and summarize your knowledge instead of just copying things out of your textbooks and class notes.

Academic Honesty

Cheating means using unapproved aids to complete an assignment, quiz, or examination. Plagiarism means copying from a book or other publication and not acknowledging that the words used were authored by someone else. In general, students in the U.S. system are expected to do their own work. It is not permissible to have someone else do an assignment for you or to copy someone else's assignment. It is also considered cheating if a student copies another student's answer to an examination questions or if a student brings notes or books to an examination and secretly refers to them to answer examination questions.

In most cases, if cheating is detected, the student may receive a failing grade for the assignment or examination on which the cheating took place. It is also possible that a student who has been caught cheating will receive a failing grade for the course in which the cheating occurred, or will be referred to the Student Discipline Committee, and asked to leave the course, or even the University.

Students in the U.S. can be penalized for "plagiarism" or "cheating." Plagiarism is the use, without attribution, of someone else's thoughts or words. According to the Code on Campus Affairs and Handbook of Policies and Regulations Applying to All Students, plagiarism may be defined as "intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise." There are four kinds of plagiarism encountered in academic writing: a) quoting without crediting the source; b) paraphrasing without specifying the source; c) borrowing facts or information; d) adapting – without acknowledgement – someone else's argument or line of thought. Penalties for plagiarism can range from a requirement to redo the paper to outright dismissal from the academic program or from the University. In light of the possible severe punishment for plagiarism, it is critical that you use proper citations when quoting another source, borrowing ideas, or paraphrasing information. You should follow the same guidelines when using electronic sources (World Wide Web pages, email, and newsgroup).

LOCAL TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

Bus

Champaign-Urbana has an excellent municipal bus system called the Mass Transit District (MTD). The routes are identified by color (with two exceptions) and number: The number, color, and direction of a route are indicated on the front of the bus. Bus schedules and maps can be found on MTD's website at <http://www.cumtd.com/> or in one of the booklets that are available on the busses.

Bus service operates from about 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Monday – Saturday, while the University is in session. The service is more limited on Sundays and when students are not in classes. Students are assessed a mandatory fee which allows them unlimited utilization of the bus system throughout Champaign-Urbana with their student ID.

Bicycles

Although bicycles may not be as common in the U.S. as they are in other countries, there are many of them on campus. The campus has some bicycle lanes in which to ride. It is important to remember not to ride your bicycle on the Quad or central campus, except in the bicycle lanes. Because there are many people walking in this area, it is dangerous to ride on the sidewalks. When riding your bicycle in the streets, you must obey the same road rules as automobiles; drive on the right hand side of the road, signal for turns etc. Remember that a bicycle can cause a traffic accident as easily as a car, and that a bike rider can be seriously injured. Bicycle shops sell such safety devices as lights and helmets to protect you.

It is very important that you lock your bicycle securely whenever you leave it. Always lock the body of a bicycle to a bicycle rack or immovable post to avoid theft. If you have removable wheels or a removable seat, lock those as well. The campus or city police departments can also engrave an identification number on your bicycle to help you identify it if it is stolen and recovered.

Automobiles

It is quite possible to live in this area without owning a car. Owning a car can be very expensive and parking on campus is basically impossible. Cars, especially used cars, need maintenance and at times require repair, which is very costly. As an automobile owner and driver you are also required to purchase license plates, insurance, and fuel. You also must be registered with Campus Parking if you have a car on campus.

MEDICAL CARE

McKinley Health Center

<http://www.mckinley.uiuc.edu/>

Because of the health service fee that you pay, you are eligible to use the services of McKinley Health Center, which is located on campus. McKinley Health Center is an appointment clinic open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are available by calling the DIAL-A-NURSE at 333-2700. This service, which operates 24 hours a day, is also available for advice, or help in evaluating a concern. When you call, the nurse will make an appointment for you, give advice, direct you to come in for an appointment or direct you to a hospital.

McKinley Health Center offers a variety of services which include: Medical Clinic, Women's Health, Mental Health, Health Education/Sportwell, Preventive Medicine, Pharmacy, Laboratory, X-Ray, and a Resource Room.

UIUC Student Insurance

<http://www.si.uiuc.edu/>

The University requires every student to have medical insurance. The fee is automatically assessed to all registered students (but you have insurance coverage from the first day of the semester) unless you show evidence of equivalent protection under another insurance plan. In order to be exempt from the University of Illinois insurance plan, you must take your current or preferred policy to the Registration Service Center in the Illini Union during the enrollment change period at the beginning of the semester.

Health insurance policies in the United States do not pay for all of the expenses resulting from illness or hospitalization. Insurance plans, including the University's insurance, have deductibles (a specified amount of money you must pay for medical services before your insurance makes payment) and co-payments (the percentage of your medical bill that you must pay after paying the full deductible) that must be paid by the student. Study your policy carefully, and contact the Student Insurance Office if you have any questions.

The University of Illinois Student Insurance Office <http://www.si.uiuc.edu/> processes claims, verifies coverage, answers questions, and assists students with their health insurance needs. They can be reached at 217 333-0165. The Student Insurance Office is located on the fourth floor of the Illini Union Bookstore building. Use the northeast entrance to the building, not the Bookstore entrance.

Hospitals

Carle Foundation Hospital, at 611 West Park, Urbana, is a regional trauma center and has an Acute Illness Department located in its Emergency Room for treatment of urgent medical problems that are not true emergencies. Call (217) 383-3313 for emergencies, (217) 383-3311 for general information. Carle has a "Patient Advisory" number available 24 hours a day at (217) 383-3233.

Provena Covenant Medical Center, 1400 West Park, Urbana, is equipped to deal with emergency psychiatric problems as well as other emergency services. Call (217) 337-2131 for emergencies and (217) 337-2000 for general information.

WEATHER

The climate in Champaign-Urbana is variable. However, there are specific seasons:

Summer begins in late June and continues through September with hot and humid weather and temperatures ranging from 60 degrees to 100 degrees Fahrenheit (15 to 38 degrees Celsius.)

Fall arrives in late September. Cooler temperatures (30 degrees to 70 degrees Fahrenheit/ -1 to 21 degree Celsius), flurries or small amounts of snow are characteristic by the end of November.

Winter is at its worst in December to March with snow, ice, and cold temperatures as low as 20 degrees Fahrenheit below zero (-29 degrees Celsius). You can expect anywhere from only trace amounts of snow to knee-deep snow

Spring arrives in late March and generally lasts until late May or June. Rain, winds and mild temperatures are characteristic of spring.

BANKING

Once you have an address one of the first things you should do when you arrive here is to deposit your money in a bank. To do this, you must have a social security number and a permanent address and phone number. It is not a good idea to carry large amounts of money with you or to keep it where you live. There are two types of accounts at banks: a "checking account" which most people use for paying regular bills and for most shopping needs, and a "savings account".

Financial Institutions in Champaign-Urbana

There are many financial institutions close to the campus area to choose from. These include **Main Street Bank**, 631 East Green Street, Champaign, 217-351-6688, **Busey Bank**, 614 South Sixth Street, Champaign, 217-384-4552, and **National City**, 201 E. Green Street, Champaign, 217-363-4080.

Receiving Money from Another Country

It may be possible to arrange for a bank in your home country to cable funds directly to your bank here. Most banks charge a service fee to process both incoming and outgoing wire transfers. You must provide the following information to the home country bank:

1. the name and address of your bank in Illinois
2. your bank's identification or routing number
3. your name and bank account number here
4. your address and telephone number in Illinois
5. exactly how you want to receive your money, such as deposited in your account, in the form of a cashier's check, etc.

It is a good idea to request money transfers well before the time you will need the money. Wire transfers can take anywhere from a few days to a full month or more to complete depending on the processing time of the bank in your home country. In case there is an unaccountable delay, it may be wise to have a small savings account here for living expenses. Some foreign governments or state banks require proof of a student's good academic standing before releasing funds.

Shopping

There are several major shopping areas in Champaign-Urbana.

- ❑ Campus town on Green Street (just west of the Illini Student Union) includes specialty shops, drug stores, bookstores, campus gifts, restaurants, and a post office.
- ❑ *MarketPlace Mall*, located on Neil Street just north of Interstate 74 is the areas largest shopping center. It includes department stores (*Bergner's*, *Famous Barr*, *JCPenney* and *Sears*), clothing and shoe stores and specialty shops and has plenty of free parking. Nearby are restaurants, movie theatres, *Kohl's* discount department store, and a small post office substation located in *Bergner's* customer service area. Blue and Red bus lines service *MarketPlace Mall* from campus.
- ❑ There are a variety of shopping areas on North Prospect Avenue near Interstate 74, including *Wal-Mart*, *Target*, and *Meijer* discount department stores. *Lowe's* and *Menards* hardware stores; *Best Buy* and *Circuit City* electronic stores; restaurants; and movie theatres.
- ❑ Downtown Champaign, around Neil and University Avenue, offers limited shopping (jewelry, antique, and bookstores) restaurants; pubs; and a post office. Blue, Green, Lavender, Orange, Brown, Red, and Loop bus lines serve downtown Champaign campus.
- ❑ *Lincoln Square Mall*, at Green and Broadway Streets in Urbana, includes specialty shops, restaurants, and a hotel. The Urbana post office is nearby. Green, Yellow, Orange, Loop and Orchard Downs bus lines serve *Lincoln Square Mall* from campus.
- ❑ Downtown Urbana, on Main Street between Cedar and Vine, includes banks, specialty shops and restaurants. Green, Orange, Loop and Yellow bus lines serve downtown Urbana.

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

Sports Facilities

<http://www.campusrec.uiuc.edu>.

The Division of Campus Recreation, which is located in the Intramural Physical Education Building (IMPE, pronounced "impee"), provides facilities, equipment and programming for the leisure needs of University students, faculty, and staff. The Division schedules recreation in the Campus Recreation Center-East, Huff, Freer and Kenney gymnasiums as well as IMPE. IMPE is the largest sports facility on campus with indoor and outdoor pool, tennis, racquetball, handball, squash, and basketball courts, a running track, locker and show facilities, saunas, and much more. Other recreational facilities include Illini Grove, outdoor tennis courts, the Ice Arena, the Illini Meadows, and a variety of playing fields around campus.

The Division of Campus Recreation provides a large selection of Intramural (IM) activities such as: basketball, racquetball, softball, track, golf, soccer, tennis, table tennis, football, volleyball, handball, archery, badminton, wrestling, and two types of hockey—ice and broomball.

Illini Union

There are many activities, programs, and special events offered by the Illini Union. On the lower level, there are bowling lanes, a billiard room, a cafeteria, several fast food restaurants, a student "ride board," and a variety of video games. The Quad shop, Browsing Room, and several study lounges are on the first or main floor. For studying and meeting friends, you may be interested in the large Vending Service Room on the east side of the first floor or the

Courtyard Café in the center of the first floor. Located on second floor on the north side of the building, the Ballroom serves a buffet lunch Monday through Friday.

On the south side of the second floor of the Union, the Student Activities Complex (Room 284) and Student Organizations Complex (Room 280) house many of the campus student groups.

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts

<http://www.krannertcenter.com/>

University of Illinois alumnus Herman Krannert and his wife Ellnora donated funds to build Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, <http://www.krannertcenter.com> a world-class training and performing arts complex which opened in 1969. The facility includes rehearsal halls, studios, classrooms, and technical shops, as well as four indoor theatres: the Foellinger Great Hall, a 2100-seat concert hall; the Tyron Festival Theatre, a 979-seat opera and dance house, the Center's Intermezzo offers delicious entrees and Viennese pastries, and the Promenade gift shop has many unique gift items on performing arts themes.

Krannert Center presents some 350 performances each year, including professional artists from around the world on its Marquee Season, and University of Illinois productions by the Illinois Dance Theatre, Illinois Opera Theatre, Illinois Repertory Theatre, and School of Music. Performances range from classical music, ballet, opera, and theatre to jazz, folk, and world music, modern dance, contemporary theatre, and family events.

Collegiate Athletics

<http://fightingillini.ocsn.com/>

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has nine men's and 10 women's sports. Two of the most popular are football and basketball. Memorial Stadium seats approximately 72,000 spectators and is the site of the Big 10 conference football games. The Assembly Hall seats approximately 16,000 spectators for the Big 10 NCAA Fighting Illini basketball games. There is also Cross Country, Field Hockey, men and women's soccer, women's swimming & diving, men and women's indoor track, wrestling, men and women's gymnastics, men and women's tennis, men and women's golf, women's rowing, women's softball, men's baseball, and men and women's outdoor track.

Assembly Hall

<http://www.uofiassemblyhall.com/>

The Assembly Hall hosts basketball games, concerts, operas, ballets, symphony orchestras, ice shows, and wrestling tournaments, among other events. The building is used for large University and student functions including the annual spring musical and Commencement.