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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Fighting Illini Handbook 2016

Your personal guide to getting started at
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Introduction

Dearest Freshies,

Warmest welcomes and congratulations on being admitted to UIUC, and taking that first step into the next phase of your life!

For most of you, this would be the first time you are studying overseas, away from your family and the familiarity of home. It might seem terrifying to be in an unknown foreign place “on your own” but fear not, we hope to be your home away from home- forging closer ties with you and helping you adapt to the new environment. We are sure that in time to come, you will grow to love the U of I as much as we do, and take pride in being part of the Fighting Illini!

To ease your transition into the new culture and community, SSA has compiled general information and useful tips about the university and life in Urbana Champaign (aka “Chambana”) in this little booklet. We also hope that this booklet will facilitate your whole process of settling down in a foreign land – from the preparation back home all the way to the first few weeks of school. Feel free to approach any of the friendly and helpful seniors if you have any further questions or doubts.

We are glad that you have chosen to join our university and we want to help you get adapted and immersed in the Chambana community. Get ready for a wonderful college experience filled with countless memories that you will treasure for years to come!

Once again, welcome to UIUC! =)

Your dearest seniors,
Singapore Students Association
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

My Checklist

- ☐ Admission Letter
- ☐ I-20 + Visa
- ☐ Medical Check up - Health Forms:
 - Health Centre Immunization & Medical History Forms
 - TB screening form
- ☐ Bank Statement

Pre-Departure

College-related business

1. Ensure that “certified true copies” of your academic transcripts have been mailed to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions as soon as possible. Your JC/High School may have already done it on your behalf. The deadline is July 10, 2016¹.
2. Claim your NetID and set the online passwords. Your NetID is a username 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*. You should have received instructions for claiming your NetID and setting your passwords.
 - NetID claim: <https://netidclaim.illinois.edu>
3. Check your school email at <http://g.illinois.edu> to see if the school has sent you any important information. Your email will be hosted on Gmail.
4. Apply for housing online at <http://www.housing.illinois.edu/apply-now>. You will need your EnterpriseID² to apply for housing.
5. Sign up for Summer Registration. This is the period you talk to an advisor online and register for your classes for Fall 2016. We advise you to choose the earliest day so as to get all your classes before they fill up. A date in early June would be ideal. Check your admitted checklist³ for instructions!
6. Ensure you get these documents at least 2 weeks before departure:
 - Offer of Admission
 - I-20
 - Medical Checkup Form (X-rays are NOT required)
 - Bank Statement

Note: UIUC Fall 2016 first day of classes is: 22 Aug, 2016⁴

¹ <https://www.admissions.illinois.edu/FAQ/admitted-freshman>

² You will notice that different school websites may ask for things like “Enterprise ID” or “Active Directory (AD)”. These are basically your NetID - the school recently merged all these different services/names together.

³ <http://admissions.illinois.edu/Apply/Admitted/checklist-fall>

⁴ <https://registrar.illinois.edu/fall-academic-calendar-16>

U.S. Student Visa

You will most probably be coming to the U.S. on a F-1 Visa (J-1 for exchange students).

The most accurate, up-to-date information can be found on the ISSS website, <http://iss.illinois.edu>.

We also have a document on the SSA website that gives you an overview of the visa application and interview process. You can find it here: <http://uiucssa.com/resources.html>

Medical Check-Up

1. See a doctor to fill in the McKinley Health Center Immunization and Medical History Forms, as well as the TB screening form. This can be done at most clinics. Also, please bring along your health booklet and any other medical records (especially for vaccinations).
 - Instructions: <http://www.mckinley.illinois.edu/General/admission.htm>
2. Some vaccinations are optional. You can check with your doctor or visit the Traveler's Clinic at TTSH for advice on vaccinations i.e. seasonal flu. Chicken pox vaccination is advisable if you have not contracted it before.

Documents to pack

Please pack these important documents in your hand-carry bag. Do bring along copies of all these documents and keep them separate from your originals.

1. I-20
2. Passport + US Visa (printed in passport)
3. Offer of Admission
4. Physical copy of bus ticket (ensure bar-code is clearly visible, especially if you are planning to take Suburban Express/Illini Shuttle)
5. Medical checkup form, personal medical records
6. Original (NOT certified true copies) official academic transcripts (A-Levels, O-Levels, Diplomas) for transfer of credits
7. Proof of financial support (2 copies at least - you never know how many you need). You can get these from the bank or from your scholarship provider.
8. Fighting Illini Student Handbook 2016 =)

A list of other suggested items to pack can be found on pages 21-22.

Summer Registration

Summer Registration is a mandatory⁵ program for all incoming students. As an international student, you are given the option of meeting an academic advisor and registering for classes online in June/July. You can meet an advisor on campus in August later if you want to.

Remember to complete your college homework and any required placement tests (such as AP credits or A levels) 2 weeks before your registration date. Placement tests are straightforward and relatively easy so you don't need to be mugging terribly hard for this. Try to get it done ASAP.

1. Online registration:
 - a. In an email sent out by the academic advising office, there is a link to a page where you can sign up for a registration date. If you can't find the link, it is available on this page: <http://admissions.illinois.edu/summerregistration/index.html>
 - b. You will then be prompted to download and install a software called Illuminate, which allows you to communicate with the academic advisor via online calls.
 - c. Log on at the scheduled time and date and you will be able to meet your academic advisor and register for classes online.
 - d. If you do not meet your advisor, you will not be able to register for classes.
2. August registration:
 - a. Typically takes place during the week before the start of the fall semester.
 - b. You will receive a notification of where and when to meet your advisor, so be there as stated.
 - c. The on-campus August registration session allows you to meet the academic face to face and have your questions answered. He/she will also guide you through the registration process.
 - d. However, this leaves you at risk of not getting desired classes, getting classes with terrible timings (i.e. 8am's), or having a limited choice of classes.

Talk to the academic advisor assigned to you during the summer registration (REQUIRED to remove registration holds), and especially to your seniors, then register for classes. However, DO NOT trust everything that the advisor says, some of them may not be aware of your A-level credits and try to make you sign up for classes that you already have credit hours for. Do talk to your seniors, they will be able to help you better with regards to courses you will need to take.

For a step-by-step guide on how to register for classes, go to <http://registrar.illinois.edu/registration-procedures> or just ask any senior.

Take note of any passwords that may be assigned to you during the summer registration, these will be used for online registration.

You can view class schedules here at <https://courses.illinois.edu/>

Schedule (<https://www.scheedule.com/>) is an unbelievably helpful tool to help you create your timetable. **Note: *Schedule* does not help you register for classes. You have to register through the Enterprise Self-Service portal.**

⁵ The word "compulsory" does not exist in the American dictionary :P

Miscellaneous

1. **Health Insurance.** The University will sign you up for a health insurance if you do not have one. Please kindly inform them if you do not wish to take up their health insurance. Getting a health insurance is a UIUC requirement. See <http://www.si.uiuc.edu/HealthPlan.asp> for more details⁶.
2. **Extend your passport.** For the NSmen, do visit www.ns.sg to apply for your exit permit. There is no need to apply for deferment/disruption unless you have an upcoming mobilization or ICT. Disruption will be granted upon approval of your application for exit permit. However, to be sure, please enquire with CMPB. Recommended to do so before applying for US visa.
3. **Textbooks.** Do check out the textbooks needed for various classes. Once you've confirmed them, check with seniors what books you will need and you can choose to purchase the books in Singapore. The books in Singapore (e.g. from the NUS Co-op) can be much cheaper. You can also check out <http://www.illinibookexchange.com/>, which is a website where you can get used textbooks from other students. Otherwise, there are also two bookstores on campus, namely the Illini Union Bookstore (IUB) and TIS Bookstore.

Proficiency Tests

Not to be confused with placement tests, these tests are basically “jump start” tests. You get credit hours for the course if you pass the test but no grade recorded on your transcript. It basically doesn't count towards your GPA but helps you to graduate faster.

Check <http://cte.illinois.edu/testing/png/proficiency.html> for more information on deadlines to register as well as whether the department offers proficiency tests for the course you're enrolled in. There also various other proficiency tests offered by the respective departments, such as Mathematics and Physics. Course notes can be found online but you are strongly encouraged to contact the seniors for more details.

⁶ Do note that you can choose not to take up the insurance plan offered by the university.

Post-Arrival

At the US customs (your 1st port-of-call in US), make sure that the CBP officer has stamped clearly as well as signed in the space in the stamp. This will help avoid future immigration/work permit problems. Your arrival information will be recorded on a form called I-94, which is now recorded electronically. You can retrieve it from <http://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/request.html>

Note: Confused about first name and last name when you are filling in the immigration forms? Consider “Daniel Quek Yiliang”. His last name is “Quek” and his first name is “Daniel Yiliang”. Therefore, when Daniel writes his name in the US, he writes it as “Daniel Yiliang Quek”; first name followed by the last name. It is important to be consistent. Another example is “Lim Yang Kiat, Dennis”. Similarly, he writes his name as “Dennis Yang Kiat Lim”. New visas issued now only include first and last name, so you don’t have to worry about middle name if you’re asked for it on any form - just leave it blank.

You may need to declare the foodstuffs that you may have. Admissible food include condiments, honey, coffee, dried fruits, Milo, food mixes etc.

1. You need to declare the amount of cash you are bringing in if you are bringing in more than 10,000 USD. If you are bringing in a bank draft, do not sign bank draft.
2. Obtain a map of the University if you lost the one at the end of this handbook, this is very important in helping you navigate your way around the school.
3. Hard copies can be obtained from front desk of Illini Union (building I-3 on the map).
4. A virtual map is available at <http://illinois.edu/map/view>. We have attached a copy in this guidebook – you can find it on pages 23 and 24.

Transport from Chicago O'Hare Airport to UIUC

1. Buses – by far the most convenient and hassle-free option. Journey time: 2 – 2.5h

- a. University of Illinois O'Hare to Urbana-Champaign Shuttle Service – provided by ISSS for new incoming international students. This shuttle service will run from August 12-16, 2016 and the cost is \$35 per person⁷. (Fall semester ONLY)
- b. Peoria Charter – serves many different locations including Bloomington Airport as well as Chicago O'Hare. Recommended for good price and trusted service!!
- c. Illini Shuttle (aka Suburban Express) – provides service between Chicago and Champaign and will pick up and/or drop off students at both Chicago airports (O'Hare and Midway).
- d. EAC Shuttle – service between Chicago (O'Hare) and Champaign-Urbana.
- e. Greyhound – daily service between downtown Chicago and Champaign.

Some buses allow for two pieces of luggage; others may require you to purchase allowance.

Departures from O'Hare are from the International terminal or the shuttle center. Check to ensure you are waiting at the correct location.

It may take a while for you to pass through the US immigrations (1-3 hours) so do take that into consideration when you book the bus. Also, some companies may require you to book tickets with American debit/credit cards so contact any SSA member if you have any difficulties in doing so.

2. Train – Amtrak from downtown Chicago to Champaign

Not advisable as it is highly inconvenient, especially as you are arriving into the U.S. for the very first time with sizable luggage. Furthermore, Amtrak has a reputation for delays and rail infrastructure in the U.S. is generally poor.

To take the Amtrak:

- Take Chicago metro to Union Station as Amtrak station is in downtown Chicago (45-60min)
- Buy tickets and take Amtrak. Tickets are about 25-30 USD (15% discount available with the International Students Identity Card, ISIC). Amtrak journey is 2-2.5h.
- Upon arrival at Champaign ("Illinois Terminal"), take public bus to get to the campus (5/50 Green East, 12/120 East Teal or 1/100 South Yellow). Check out the schedule and route-maps at www.cumtd.com
- Alternatively, take a taxi/Uber from the train station.

3. Willard Airport (CMI) – located in Savoy

Not advisable as the airport is around 10km away from campus. There is no public transport available – you have to take a taxi/Uber. Furthermore, the flight ticket costs more than the bus.

⁷ http://iss.illinois.edu/students/incoming/pre_arrival/transportation.html

Early Arrival and Moving-in

1. Move-in days for University Housing:

- **Tuesday, August 16, 2016** starting at 9am for new residents of Living-Learning Communities who have registered for LLC orientation
- **Thursday, August 18, 2016** starting at 9am for the rest of the freshmen and transfer students.
- Returning students move in on Saturday, August 20, 2016.

If you're arriving prior to your designated move-in day, you may move-in as early as Sunday, August 14, at 12 noon. There are additional fees for moving in early. There is no need to call the university dorm to inform them about moving in early. The fees for moving in early are as shown below.⁸

Move-In Date	Cost/Night	Notes
Sunday, August 14, 2016	\$40.00	No meals on Sunday
Monday, August 15, 2016	\$60.00	Includes 3 meals
Tuesday, August 16, 2016	\$60.00	Includes 3 meals
Wednesday, August 17, 2016	\$60.00	Includes 3 meals
TOTAL if staying all week	\$220.00	10 meals total (includes 1 additional breakfast on Thursday, August 18)

2. Hotels

If you arriving even earlier than the earliest move-in for dorms, here are some hotels/motels/inns to stay:

Champaign	Urbana
Baymont Inn	Hampton Inn
Hawthorn Suites	Historic Lincoln Hotel
Hilton Garden Inn	Lincoln Lodge
Homewood Suites	TraveLodge
i-Hotel	
La Quinta Inn	

Bookings can be made by calling directly or via following websites:

- www.expedia.com
- www.orbitz.com
- www.hotwire.com
- www.priceline.com
- www.travelocity.com

⁸ Check <http://housing.illinois.edu/tools/move-in/international-move-in> for more details.

College Admin Matters

1. Fill up the Pre-Arrival E-form (<https://sunapsis.illinois.edu/>) before heading down to office for the International Students and Scholars Services (ISSS) to register your student records. Check out the link for more information: <http://iss.illinois.edu/students/incoming/checkin/>
2. Report to the ISSS office for “check-in” after filling the online Student Electronic Data Collection (the Turner Student Services’ Building, T9 on the map). See the following address for more information on specific dates, times and venues.
 - The ISSS will have a check-in venue at the Illini Union Ballroom for August 11-12 and 14-19. See http://iss.illinois.edu/students/incoming/checkin/fall_checkin.html for details.
 - Be sure to bring your passport, I-20 and letter of acceptance with you.
 - **This is the first thing that you must do!**
3. Apply for the all-important I-Card. It allows you to take buses for free (a bus fee is applied to your tuition bill) and serves as your entry key to your residence hall.
 - To apply for the I-card, go to the ID Center, which is located on the 1st floor of Illini Union bookstore (Corner of Wright and Daniel Streets). The opening hours are 9am – 5pm, Mon – Fri. Temporary booths for I-Card processing may also be at the Illini Union during the international student check-in period.
 - You will have your photograph taken on the spot. Do note the formatting of your name i.e. first/last name. Be consistent when filling out forms to avoid complications on registration day.
 - You MUST present your admission letter and passport to obtain your I-Card.
4. **Go for Tuberculosis Screening and Immunizations.** If not, you would be prevented from registering for classes.
 - To do so, report to the McKinley Health Center (building M5 on the map), Immunization and Travel Clinic. Hours of screening are 8am to 4.30pm on weekdays excluding Thursdays.
 - Temporary locations and special hours may also be set up during the check-in period. TB screening is free, and immunizations can be covered by the student insurance.
 - Remember to bring along your I-Card, medical checkup forms, personal medical records and important identification documents.
5. **Update your address online.** This is required by federal law and must be done within 10 days of moving-in. This is done via i-START: <https://sunapsis.illinois.edu/>.

Do give any SSA member a call or e-mail (refer to the contact list at the back) if you need any additional help upon arrival in UIUC.

Settling In

Banking

Open a bank account as soon as possible to avoid long lines⁹. Go to their websites and check them out or ask a few seniors for advice. Below is a list of banks with branches in Champaign-Urbana.

1. Chase Bank – 201 W University Avenue, Champaign

- Owned by JPMorgan Chase, the largest bank in the U.S.
- Operates in virtually every state – very convenient access to cash when travelling

2. PNC Bank – 505 E Green Street, Champaign

- It has a smaller branch in the Illini Union Bookstore (next to the Campus ID Center)
- Recently established a special relationship with UIUC
- ATMs are found all over campus (libraries, dorms, gyms etc)
- Gives one free incoming wire transfer per month
- Operates only in the East Coast and Midwest

3. Busey Bank, 614 S Sixth Street, Champaign

- Smaller bank, operates primarily in the Midwest

4. University of Illinois Credit Union, Illini Union

- Credit Unions are non-profit organisations that exist to serve their members.
- Note: you will need a Social Security Number (SSN) to join, which comes when you get a job.

Advice: apply for credit card (only if you have an SSN!) and build up credit history, as it will definitely come in useful come buying cars/applying for phone lines/many other stuff.

Some banks offer points for referrals. Points can be exchanged for gifts. If you know one another, one person can open an account first, and then the rest may choose to open another at a later date based off his recommendation. Or if you prefer, you could say a senior recommended you, all you need is her/his bank account number.

Banks sometimes offer freebies to entice you to open an account, but do read carefully to see if you need to maintain a minimum balance, pay a fee for international transfer of money, pay a fee for using ATMs overseas etc. Also think about where their ATMs are. Ask your seniors!

⁹ Americans don't queue, they line.

There are two types of accounts.

- a. Savings Account = higher interest. Money cannot be withdrawn out from this account. Money can only be transferred out of this account into checking account.
- b. Checking Account = lower or no interest. Checks and usage of debit card draws money from this account.

If you withdraw too much money from the checking account, the bank will automatically deduct your expenditure from your savings account. But at an extra cost! This is called an overdraft.

Some of us just place all our finances in the checking account to avoid the hassle of managing two accounts. We just live with the lower interest rates (calculate how many tens of dollars you will lose). This is totally up to the individual's preference.

Telecommunications¹⁰

Do not attempt to purchase a plan from Verizon or Sprint and use it with your phone from Singapore. In the U.S., there are two kinds of mobile networks: GSM and CDMA. Phones in Singapore (and most of the world) are designed to run on the GSM network.

Major GSM companies are AT&T (att.com) and T-Mobile (t-mobile.com). AT&T generally has better coverage than T-Mobile, but it's also more expensive.

Family plans. The best deal that one can get on phones would be to form a group of 2 – 5 people and sign up for a family plan. This usually works out cheaper than purchasing individual plans. So find your friends and form a “family”. Take note that taxes are not included in the cost of the normal phone plan.

A US\$500 **cash** deposit is needed for students without a SSN for AT&T. US\$100 **cash** deposit per person for T-Mobile. They will return it to you one year later with interest (which has better rates than most banks).

Pre-paid. Pre-paid is cheaper than family plan, can be suspended during absence up to a year. There are nearly a hundred pre-paid service providers in the U.S. Be careful when you buy from them – do check which network(s) they operate on, or you might end up with a useless SIM card.

Some pre-paid operators that seniors are using:

- T-Mobile offers both prepaid and postpaid plans.
- Cricket Wireless (cricketwireless.com) – runs on AT&T and T-Mobile's network
- Straight Talk Wireless (straighttalk.com) – runs on AT&T and T-Mobile's network
- H2O Wireless (h2owirelessnow.com) – runs on AT&T's network
- Ultra Mobile (www.ultra.me) – runs on T-Mobile's network
- Project Fi (fi.google.com) – runs on T-Mobile's network

A phone plan typically costs you \$30-40 a month. If you are stingy and look carefully, you will find plans below \$20 (or even < \$10), but there will be certain limitations.

¹⁰ SMS-ing is known as “texting” in the U.S.

Calling home. The easiest (and free!) options to reach family and friends include FaceTime, Skype, Google Hangouts and Facebook Video. But if you need to call home for other reasons (scholarship providers, banks, companies etc), here are some options:

- Purchasing Skype Credit
- Adding an “International Plan” to your phone (available on both T-Mobile and AT&T)
- Some prepaid carriers offer unlimited overseas calls. Check out H2O, Ultra.

Getting around

1. Buses (cumtd.com)

- Buses should stop at every stop where there are people. Flagging a bus is usually unnecessary and you may risk looking *sua-ku*.
- Bring along your I-Card and show it to the bus driver to get free rides on any MTD bus service you take. The 1/100 Yellow, 10 Gold¹¹, 12/120 Teal, 13/130 Silver and 22/220 Illini are the main buses you will take to get around campus. You don’t have to show your I-Card for these services at bus stops within campus. You’ll have to show it for all other bus services.
- Unlike Singapore, the buses run on different operating schedules based on times of the day/week (weekday daytime, weekday evening, Saturday daytime, Saturday evening, Sunday daytime, Sunday evening). Check the guides before you plan your trip.
- You can use Google maps to check on the bus timing and route to your destination.
- It’s a good idea to take a copy of the MTD Bus Guide the first time you board a bus, and keep this guide with you. There is a stack of them near the front door (they’re free!).
- The bus guide has a map that shows all the bus routes and important locations around Champaign-Urbana, such as Wal-Mart, Marketplace Mall etc.
- It also shows the timings of when the buses arrive at various places. The buses are fairly punctual.
- Bus stops are typically marked by lamppost with a “MTD BOARD HERE” signs, as seen on the right. Most bus stops are not sheltered.
 - NOTE: When you are out of campus (i.e. taking the bus to Wal-mart/Marketplace Mall, you may not always find these signs.
 - The buses often stop along any intersection whenever the bell is pressed. If you want to find out where to get on/off for the bus, best thing to do is to ask a local/driver.
 - There are a few CUMTD apps you can download to help you navigate.



¹¹ Only runs in the daytime, during the school semester.

- To “press the bell” in the bus, you have to tug at the yellow cord above the windows (pictured right), or press the red button on the vertical pole. Most, but not all junctions are bus stops. Remember, vehicles are driven on the right side of the road there.
- To get out of the back door, push against any of the vertical bars in the middle of the doors to activate the hydraulics to open the door. If it fails to open, holler politely to the bus driver that you need to alight. Alternatively, there seems to be no problem alighting from the front door.



2. Biking

- Biking is a great way to get to classes in the warmer months (especially when you wake up late for your classes).
- There are a few bicycle shops near campus. Check Neutral Cycle (Fifth and Green), Durst Cycle (University and Goodwin), Campus Bicycle Store (608 E Pennsylvania). The campus bicycle store sells second-hand, refurbished bikes at cheap rates.
- Cyclists are expected to follow traffic rules. You do not ride on the sidewalk unless there is a bike path. Ride on the road in the direction of traffic flow and give way to pedestrians.

3. Zipcar

- Zipcar is a pay-per-hour car rental service, ideal for quick trips going off-campus. Cars are located on/around campus and it is more convenient than traditional car rental. Rates start at \$7.50/hr.
- You can sign up for membership at zipcar.com (be sure to indicate that you are a student at UIUC). They accept Singapore driving license (if you have one). Annual membership fee is \$15.

Places you'll visit

1. Shopping¹²

Off-campus: Walmart¹³/Marketplace Mall are the main places to shop for clothes/living essentials. Around that area, you can find other typical American suburban retailers, including Target, Meijer (pronounced “my-er”), Best Buy, Staples and Binny’s. *FYI: Walmart is open 24-hours.*

- To get there, take the 2N Red or 1N/100N Yellow. To get back, take 2S Red or 1S/100S Yellow.
- In the evenings and on weekends, you can only take the 100S Yellow. 2S Red does not run.

On campus: County Market (grocery store, located on Fourth and Springfield) and Walgreens (similar to Guardian/Watsons, on Fifth and Green) are within walking distance from campus. *FYI: County Market is also 24-hours.* There are Asian marts too. Check out Am-Ko (First and Springfield), Far East (Fifth and Clark).

2. Printing/Photocopying Services

¹² There’s also Amazon.com which has practically everything.

¹³ There are 3 Walmarts in Champaign-Urbana. The one near Marketplace Mall is the easiest to get to.

- Engineering students have 300 free pages' worth of printing per semester. LAS students have 1000 free pages per semester. So free printing is in existence somewhere, you just have to look for it.
- US\$0.05/page for black and white, US\$0.25 for colour at housing, US\$0.10 to print in library
- All libraries have coin operated photocopying machines.
- If you need to print or photocopy documents, head to Fed-Ex Kinko on Wright Street. They provide very good quality paper, which might be useful for printing resumes and the like. There are binding services at Notes and Quotes, along East John Street and between Fifth and Sixth.

3. Mailing Services

- The Campus Post Office is located on the ground floor of Altgeld Hall (building A16 on the map). Be sure to enter Altgeld Hall through the west entrance, on the side facing Wright Street. It is particularly easy to get lost in this building.
- Just bring your mail or parcel to the post office and tell them where you want to send it. The kind people there will advise you on what to do. They encounter many oblivious and lost (aka blur) students like us.

4. Health Packages

You may pick up the following items at McKinley or Union basement Oasis health center (with your I-card) twice a semester:

- Cold Care Products (decongestant, cough syrup, ibuprofen, lozenges)
- Wound Care Package (bandages, gauze etc)

5. Food

Here's a non-exhaustive list of nice, common eateries. Feel free to approach the seniors and ask about other nice eateries. Champaign has quite a number of nice specialty restaurants. Meals can cost from 5 to 12 USD, with an average of 8 USD.

Illini Union Basement

This is a typical food court. It is convenient with only-average fast food, but it's cheap. Not opened on weekends though.

- KO Fusion (like Panda Express but Jap-American)
- Sbarro (Italian)
- Wendy's (Burgers)
- Einstein Bros Bagels
- Qdoba (Mexican)

Green Street

- Cravings Restaurant (South East Asian Cuisine, nice Malaysian uncle)
- A-Ri-Rang (Korean)
- Coco Mero Frozen Yoghurt (Pay by weight. Beware of taking too much and hence paying a lot your first time)
- Subway (if you're in a hurry)
- Murphy's Irish Pub (other than the booze, it has nice burgers)
- Joe's (half price burgers on Saturdays)
- Evo Café (Good Chinese food)
- Woori Jib (Korean, closed on Sundays)
- Cold Stone Creamery (Some birthday cakes are from here)
- Potbelly's (nice sandwiches!)
- Mandarin Wok (Chinese and Dim Sum Lunch)
- Flat-top Grill (A bit like Seoul Garden. Pick your raw food, sauce and rice or noodles and they will mix everything together over a stove.)
- Noodles & Co.
- Chopstix (Chinese food, mostly, for take-out)
- Chipotle (Mexican)
- Lai-Lai Wok
- Sakanaya (Japanese, slightly more expensive)
- Mashawi Grill (Afghan food)
- Dunkin Donuts
- Thai Kitchen Pho Cafe

West University Ave. (3 minutes walk North of Green Street)

- Dairy Queen (Some birthday cakes are bought here)
- Taco bell
- Hot Wok Express
- Niro's Gyros
- English Hedgerow
- Perkins Restaurant and Bakery
- Golden Wok (has nice pad thai)

Goodwin and Oregon

- Food truck: Pandamonium (Tue-Thu 7:30am till 9am+)
- Food carts:
- Espresso Royale (coffee chain, similar to Starbucks, open till 12mn)
- Manolo's Pizza
- The Bread Company
- 710 (Korean Mart)

South Gregory Street (South of ISR, east of Krannert Center for Performing Arts)

1. Basil Thai
2. Mary-Anne's 24h Diner (awesome milkshakes, all-day breakfast)
3. J.Gumbo
4. Caffè Bene (coffee chain)
5. Kofusion
6. Bab plus (Korean food)
7. Subway
8. BB.Q Premium Chicken

Dining at Downtown Urbana and Champaign

- Silver Creek (American food, Urbana)
- Black dog (locations in Urbana and Champaign)
- Sitara (Indian food, Urbana)
- Radio Maria (Spanish/Mediterranean, Champaign)

Housing for Fall 2017

You should decide and look for a place to stay for the next academic year by October. Usually, Singaporeans find one another and group together and live in apartments but there are some who continue staying in dorms as well. There are many Property Management Agencies on campus to look for when you are finding apartments. The tenant union has helpful resources for apartment hunting. See <https://tenantunion.illinois.edu/>

Emergency Situations

Missing Luggage

- **Important:** Keep the check-in luggage identification tag with you
- Report to the airline counter with the identification number/tag and your luggage will be tracked accordingly

Missed Flights

- Talk to the airline about rescheduling your flight (they will almost always do this for you. Just think of a good reason).
- Inform the party who will be picking you up and taking you to UIUC (be it seniors, OISA, etc)

Missed Bus

- Call the bus company to see if they can arrange you for the next ride to UIUC
- Between Aug 12-16, the ISSS will set up a booth at O'Hare Airport. You can approach them.

Missed Amtrak

Call the company involved (Amtrak: 1800-872-7245) and explain to them the situation. In most situations, you will be placed in the next train.

Here by yourself and lost


Make your way to the Illini Union (ask around for directions, everybody knows where the Union is) and ask the front counter for help. Alternatively, contact a senior who will try to help you (Numbers are at the back of this booklet)

Late at night, not at home and scared of the dark/ghosts

- Call SafeRides, a night ride service serving students and staff of the school. It is a free service and is in operation from 5.30pm to 6.30am seven days a week. A van will pick you up and take you to the destination when you call 217-265-7433. See <http://www.dps.uiuc.edu/> for more information about other safety programs.
- There's also SafeWalks. Sometimes SafeRides closes during breaks, but SafeWalks should still be running.
- Alternatively, and the best solution for just about anything, call a senior for help!

Suggested Pack List

Some things you might want to bring along.

Formal wear (full suit + dress/court shoes)	For career fairs and formal occasions. The first career fair is in September, if you want to check it out.
Stationeries	Stationeries sold at the college bookstores are limited compared to what you would find back at Popular.
Bed Linen	<p>You might not be able to go to Walmart on the first day to buy your linens/pillows.</p> <p>NOTE: The bed dorm size is known as “extra long twin” (Twin XL). You will not find that size in Singapore and your existing bed sheets will probably not fit. Bring a set of loose sheets instead.</p>
Panadol	Painkillers in U.S. (i.e. Tylenol) do not seem to be as effective. You may also want to bring other medication like po chai pills, charcoal pills etc.
Stapler	The ones sold here are either tiny or huge, not the common finger-length ones found in Singapore.
U.S. Plug Adaptors	<p>Plugs have two flat vertical pins and operate on 110-120V, 60Hz spec. This power rating is slightly lower than what you get in Singapore, but your handheld electronics will work fine.</p> 
Extension power strip	Useful if you have a few appliances with the Singapore plug so you just use one adaptor.
Jacket/hoodie	It gets chilly & windy at night in August, like being in an aircon room with the fan on. Alternatively, buy an Illini hoodie on campus.
Set of old clothes	Do try to bring along a set of long sleeve shirt and pants you don't mind getting dirty. Paintball and hiking events are organized from time to time and it probably would not be prudent to ruin your nice pair of jeans for such activities.
Winter wear (down jacket, boots etc)	<p>If you already have some and think it's a waste to leave them in Singapore. Otherwise, buy them in US. You can save money by shopping online (Amazon) for your winter clothes or from the outlet malls.</p> <p>We usually have a Labor Day Trip to Chicago (3-5 Sep 2016 – you should definitely sign up for!) so you can buy your winter gear there when we go to the outlet malls.</p>
Ethernet Cable	For those who want blazing fast internet. Most (if not all) dorms have fairly reliable and speedy wireless network.

Not advisable to bring

A4-sized paper	The U.S. uses 'Letter'-sized paper. The dimensions vary slightly from A4. Plus, paper takes up weight anyway.
Hole-puncher/ Double-ringed files	In the U.S., the files are triple-ring files, not double-ring files – and so are the papers that come with them.

Additional Resources

The following resources are available at our website uiucssa.com:

1. Dorm Review
2. Curriculum Guide: ECE
3. Curriculum Guide: Business

Contact List

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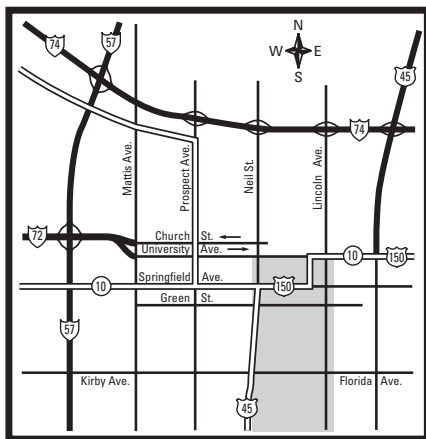
SSA Members who will be on campus during summer in case of emergencies

Name	U.S. Number	Dates on campus
Aw Jia En	217-974-0985	All summer

SSA Members who volunteer to be contacted (questions/courses etc)

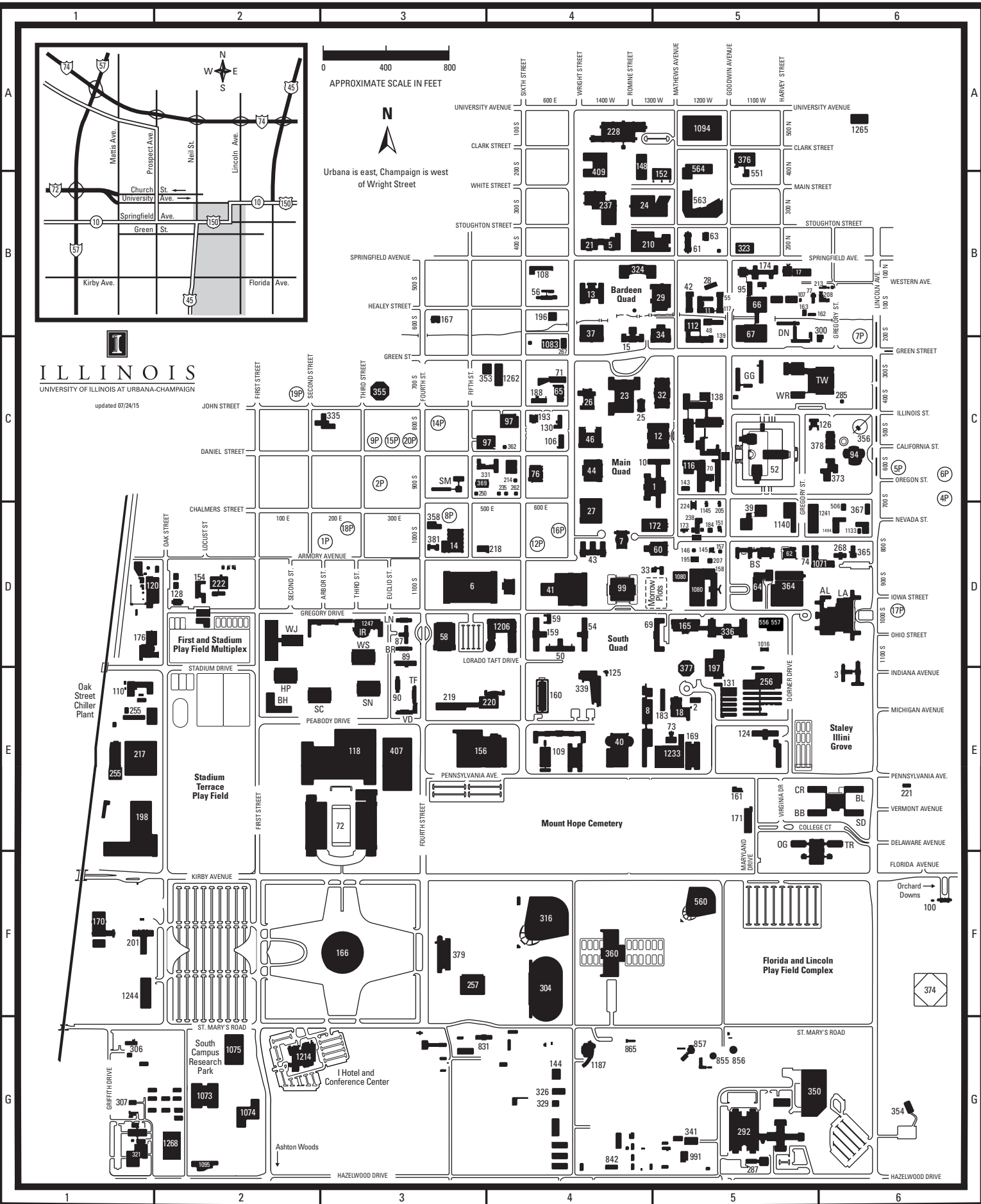
For privacy purposes, we do not want to list everyone's contact information here. Contact Sean (or any ExCo Member) if you would get in touch with anyone listed below.

Name	Year	Major/Field
Ignatius Ho	Junior	Computer Science
Patrick Ang	"It's complicated"	Urban Planning
Jia En Aw	Grad Student	Aerospace Engineering
Sherwyn Koa	Senior	Finance, Business Process Management and Information Systems
James Kok	Grad Student	Electrical Engineering
Gavin Ng	Grad Student	Psychology
Amelia Thai	Sophomore	Chemical Engineering
Shao Hao Sng	Sophomore	Chemical Engineering
Nitish Khadke	Junior	Computer Science
Xuan Li Leong	"2nd year but Junior"	Computer Science, minor in Theatre Studies/Math
Yi Chao Lim	Sophomore	Accountancy & Finance
Rachael Chew	Sophomore	Early Childhood Education
Indraneel Bhanap	Sophomore	Mechanical Engineering
Yi Jie Tan	Junior	Mechanical Engineering
Wei Yang Ho	Junior	Mechanical Engineering
Sean Lee	Sophomore	Computer Engineering
Mao Shuang	Sophomore	Landscape Architecture, minor in Art & Design



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Campus Map

The designation in parentheses (D1) indicates the map coordinates.

#	Building Name (Map Coordinates)
A	
120	Abbott Power Plant (D1)
377	ACES Library & Info Center (E5)
118	Activities and Recreation Cntr (E2)
378	Admissions and Records (C6)
17	Advanced Computation Bldg (B5)
1093	Aerodynamics Research Lab (B5)
28	Aeronautical Lab A (B5)
157	Afro-Amer Studies & Rsch Prog (D5)
73	Agricultural Bioprocess Lab (E5)
8	Ag Engineering Sci Bldg (E4)
326	Agriculture Services Bldg (G4)
329	Ag Services Warehouse (G4)
842	Agronomy Seed House (G4)
991	Agronomy Soybean Rsch Farm (G5)
94	Alice Campbell Alumni Center (C6)
26	Altgeld Hall (C4)
831	Animal Science Barns (G3)
165	Animal Sciences Lab (D5)
374	Arboretum—Hartley Gardens (F6)
18	Architecture Annex (E5)
50	Architecture Bldg (D4)
6	Armory (D3)
219	Art & Design Bldg (E3)
1145	Asian American House (C5)
568	Asian American Studies Bldg (D5)
300	Astronomy Bldg (B5)
1075	Atkins Bldg (G2)
360	Atkins Tennis Ctr (F4)
208	Atmospheric Sciences Bldg (B6)
139	Atmospheric Sciences Annex 2 (B5)
B	
228	Beckman Institute (A4)
335	Beckwith Hall (C2)
158	Bevier Hall (D5)
379	Bielfeldt Athletic Admin Bldg (F3)
307	Biological Control Lab (G1)
169	Burnsides Rsch Lab (E5)
138	Burrill Hall (C5)
<i>Business Instructional Facility—see C 1206</i>	
C	
<i>Campbell Alumni Center—see A 94</i>	
376	Campbell Hall for Public Telecommunications (A5)
364	Campus Recreation Ctr East (D5)
71	Campus Rec Outdoor Ctr (D2)
285	Career Center (C4)
1494	Center for Advanced Study (C6)
	Center for Wounded Veterans in Higher Education (D6)
170	Central Receiving Bldg (F1)
55	Ceramics Bldg (B5)
11	Ceramics Kiln House (C5)
70	Chemical & Life Sci Lab (C5)
10	Chemistry Annex (C5)
62	Child Development Lab A (D5)
87	Clark Hall Housing Admin (D3)
130	Coble Hall (C4)
1206	College of Business Instructional Facility (D4)
167	Colonel Wolfe School (B3)
108	Computing Applications Bldg (B4)
148	Coordinated Science Lab (A4)
D	
855-857	Dairy Exper Round Barns (G5)
365	Dance Admin Bldg (D6)
268	Dance Studio (D6)
1	Davenport Hall (C5)
54	David Kinley Hall (D4)
1187	Demirjian Golf Practice Facility (G4)
210	Digital Computer Lab (B4)
1133	Doris Kelley Christopher Hall (D6)
E	
1071	Early Child Development Lab (D5)
160	Education Bldg (E4)
560	Eichelberger Field (F5)
409	Electrical and Computer Engineering Bldg (A4)
15	Engineering Hall (B4)
162	Engineering Sr Design Studio (B6)
174	Engineering Sciences Bldg (B5)
1209	Engineering Student Project Lab (B5)

44	English Bldg (C4)
1095	Enterprise Works (G2)
213	Environmental Health & Safety (B6)
37	Everitt Lab (B4)
F	
306	FAA Design Research Lab (G1)
2	FAA Performing Arts Annex (E5)
556-557	Fire Substation (D5)
89	Flagg Hall (E3)
7	Foellinger Auditorium (D4)
1073	Forbes Natural History Building (G2)
172	Foreign Languages Bldg (D4)
64	Freer Hall (D5)
G	
201	Garage/Car Pool (F1)
128	Geological Survey Lab (D1)
74	Govt & Public Affairs, Inst of (D5)
324	Grainger Engr Library Info Ctr (B4)
43	Gregory Hall (D4)
1140	Gregory Place I (C5)
1241	Gregory Place II (School of Social Work) (D5)
H	
4	Harding Band Bldg (D4)
25	Harker Hall (C4)
<i>Hartley Gardens—see A 374</i>	
356	Hallene Gateway (C6)
46	Henry Admin Bldg (C4)
217	Housing Food Stores (E1)
58	Huff Hall (D3)
152	Hydrosystems Lab (A5)
I	
14	Ice Arena (D3)
1214	I Hotel & Conference Center (G2-3)
65	Illini Hall (C4)
23	Illini Union (C4)
106	Illini Union Bookstore (C4)
316	Illinois Field (F4)
369	International Studies Bldg (C3)
1080	Institute for Genomic Biology (D5)
1233	Integrated Bioprocessing Lab (E5)
381	Irwin Academic Services Ctr (D3)
407	Irwin Indoor Football Pract Fclty (E3)
J-K	
354	Japan House (G6)
21	Kenney Gym (B4)
5	Kenney Gym Annex (B4)
220	Krannert Art Museum & Kinkead Pavillion (E3)
52	Krannert Ctr for Performing Arts (C5)
L	
218	Labor & Employment Relations, School of (D3)
<i>Large Animal Clinic—see V 292</i>	
156	Law Bldg (E3)
126	Levis Faculty Ctr/Visitor Ctr (C5)
41	Library (D4)
331	Library & Information Science (C3)
27	Lincoln Hall (D4)
67	Loomis Lab (B5)
M	
336	Madigan Lab (D5)
34	Materials Sci & Engr Bldg (B5)
3	McKinley Health Ctr (E6)
171	Meat Science Lab (E5)
112	Mechanical Engineering Bldg (B5)
29	Mechanical Engineering Lab (B5)
192	Medical Sciences Bldg (C5)
72	Memorial Stadium (E3)
237	Micro & Nanotechnology Lab (B4)
242	Morrill Hall (C5)
69	Mumford Hall (D4)
125	Mumford House (E4)
39	Music Bldg (D5)
506	Music Education Annex (D6)
N	
124	National Soybean Rsch Ctr (E5)
568	Native American House (D5)
32	Natural History Bldg (C5)
109	Natural Resources Bldg (E4)
321	Natural Res Studies Annex (G1)
564	NCSA (A5)
1244	NCSA Petascale Computing Facility (F1)
24	Newmark Lab (B4)
90	Noble Hall (E3)

232	North Campus Chiller Plant (A5)
1094	North Campus Parking Deck (A5)
109	Noyes Lab (C5)
117	Nuclear Engineering Lab (B5)
110	Nuclear Physics Lab (E1)
48	Nuclear Radiations Lab (B5)
267	Nursing, School of (C4)
O	
33	Observatory (D5)
196	Optical Physics & Engr Lab (B4)
P	
97	Parking Structures (C3, A5)
556-557	Parking Structure/Fire Substation (D5)
154	Personnel Services Bldg (D2)
198	Physical Plant Service Bldg (E1)
<i>Plant & An Biotech Lab—see M 336</i>	
865	Plant Clinic (G4)
256	Plant Sciences Lab (E5)
77	Plant Services Bldg NE (B5)
163	Plant Services Storage Bldg (B5)
358	Police Training Institute (D3)
100	President's House (F6)
222	Printing Services Bldg (D2)
76	Psychology Bldg (C4)
323	Public Safety (B5)
R	
176	Rehabilitation Education Ctr (D1)
	Research Park (G2)
551	Richmond Studio (A5)
1268	Robert A. Evers Laboratory (G2)
116	Roger Adams Lab (C5)
S	
1241	School of Social Work (Gregory Place II) (D5)
66	Seitz Materials Research Lab (B5)
563	Siebel Ctr for Computer Sci (B5)
<i>Small Animal Clinic—see V5</i>	
60	Smith Hall (D4)
209	Speech & Hearing Clinic (C4)
373	Spurlock Museum (C6)
166	State Farm Center (F3)
40	Stock Pavilion (E4)
71	Student Services Arcade Bldng (C4)
1247	Student Dinging and Residential Programs Building (D3)
95	Superconductivity Ctr (B5)
59	Surveying Bldg (D4)
193	Swanlund Admin Bldg (C4)
T	
161	Taft House (E5)
13	Talbot Lab (B4)
1083	Technology Place (C4)
339	Temple Hoyne Buell Hall (E4)
355	Tower on Third (C3)
304	Track & Soccer Stadium (F4)
42	Transportation Bldg (B5)
197	Turner Hall (E5)
131	Turner Hall Greenhouses (E5)
188	Turner Student Services Bldg (C4)
U	
257	Ubben Basketball Facility (F3)
99	Undergraduate Library (D4)
61	University High School (B5)
63	University High School Gym (B5)
255	University Press Bldg (E1)
V	
1016	Vegetable Crops Bldg (D5)
1265	Vermilion Development Building (A6)
350	Vet Med Basic Sciences Bldg (G5)
341	Vet Med Feed Storage Bldg (G5)
287	Vet Med Surgery & Obstetrics Lab (G5)
292	Vet Teaching Hospital (G5)
<i>Visitor's Center—see L 126</i>	
56	Vivarium, Sheldford (B4)
W	
183	Wood Engineering Lab (E5)
159	Wohlers Hall (D4)
Z	
1074	Z Bldg (G2)

BUILDINGS BY ADDRESS

262	510 East Chalmers (C4)
235	512 East Chalmers Street (C4)
362	507 East Daniel Street (C4)
250	912 South Fifth Street (C3)
353	505 East Green Street (C4)
1262	507 East Green Street (C4)
143	608 South Mathews Avenue (C4)
173	708 South Mathews Avenue (D5)
367	901 W. Oregon (D6)
195	1203 West Nevada Street (D5)
207	1203 ½ West Nevada Street (D5)
151	1204 West Nevada Street (C4)
145	1205 West Nevada Street (C4)
146	1205 ½ West Nevada Street (C4)
184	1208 West Nevada Street (C4)
205	1203 West Oregon Street (D5)
224	1205 West Oregon Street (D5)
238	1207 West Oregon Street (D5)
221	805 West Pennsylvania (E6)
214	911 South Sixth Street (C4)

UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALLS

Undergraduate Halls

Champaign Residence Halls

BR	Barton (D3)
HP	Hopkins (E2)
IR	Ikenberry (D3)
LN	Lundgren (D3)
NU	Nugent (D3)
BH	Bousfield Hall (D2)
SC	Scott (E2)
SN	Snyder (E3)
TF	Taft (E3)
VD	Van Doren (E3)
WS	Weston (D3)
WJ	Wassaja Hall (D2)

Urbana North Residence Halls

AL	Allen (D6)
BS	Busey-Evans (D5)
LA	Lincoln Ave (Shelden-Leonard) (D6)
	Illinois Street
TW	Townsend (C6)
WR	Wardall (C5)

Urbana South Residence Halls

<i>Pennsylvania Avenue</i>	
BB	Babcock (E6)
BL	Blaisdell (E6)
CR	Carr (E6)
SD	Saunders (E6)

Florida Avenue

OG	Oglesby (E6)
TR	Trelease (E6)

Graduate Halls

DN	Daniels (B5)
SM	Sherman (C3)

Family Housing

AW	Ashton Woods (south of G2)
GG	Goodwin/Green Apts (C5)
OD	Orchard Downs Apts (East of F6)

Private Certified Housing

1P	Armory House (D3)
2P	Bromley Hall (C3)
4P	Brown House on Coler (C6)
5P	Christian Campus House (C6)
6P	Europa House (C6)
7P	Hendrick House (B6)
8P	Illini Tower (D3)
9P	Koinonia (C3)
12P	Newman Hall (D4)
14P	Presby House (C3)
15P	Stratford House (C3)
16P	University YMCA (D4)
17P	Nabor House (D6)
18P	Evans Scholars (D3)
19P	NIKA House (C2)
20P	3:12 House (C3)