

Fighting Illini Handbook 2015

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

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Introduction

Dearest Freshies,

Warmest welcome! 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

Pre-departure

College Related Business

1. Mail your certified true copies of your academic transcripts to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions as soon as possible. The deadline is July 10.
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 will receive instructions for claiming your NetID and setting your passwords.
 - NetID: <http://netidclaim.uiuc.edu/>
 - EnterpriseID: <https://eas.admin.uillinois.edu/eas/servlet/EasDemo1>
 - AD (Active Directory) password: www.ad.uiuc.edu
3. Check your CITES email at <http://login.express.cites.uiuc.edu/> to see if the school has sent you any important information. Your email will be hosted on Gmail.
4. Apply for housing online. You will need your EnterpriseID to apply for housing.
 - Housing website: www.housing.illinois.edu
5. Sign up for Summer Registration. Advised to choose the earliest day so as to get all your classes. Check your admitted checklist for instructions!
6. Ensure you get these documents at least 2 weeks before departure:
 - a. Letter of Acceptance
 - b. I-20
 - c. Medical Checkup Form (X-rays are NOT required)
 - d. Bank Statement

US student visa

Kindly check the UIUC SSA website for more information. Under the “prospective students” tab, there is a document called “visa and immunization

information” which contains the steps and details of the application process. Try to get this done at least 2 months before your departure in case of complications! Remember that you must arrive on campus by the “no-later-than” report or start date indicated on the I-20 or DS-2019.

Website: <https://publish.illinois.edu/singaporestudentsassociation/>

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: www.mckinley.illinois.edu/general/first_time_inter.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.

Packing

Please pack these important documents in your handcarry. Do bring along photocopies of all the documents and keep them separate from your originals.

1. I-20
2. Passport + US Visa (printed in passport)
3. Letter of Acceptance
4. Physical copy of bus ticket (ensure bar-code clearly visible, Suburban Express tends to be picky about such things)
5. Medical checkup form
6. Personal medical records
7. Original (NOT certified true copies) official academic transcripts (A-Levels, O-Levels, SAT scores) for transfer of credits
8. 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 sponsor.
9. Fighting Illini Student Handbook 2015

A more detailed list of items to pack in your check-in luggage is at the end of this guidebook.

Summer Registration

Summer Registration is a mandatory 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 2 weeks before your registration date.

Placement tests are 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.

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. The academic advisor 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, 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.
- Class schedules: <https://courses.illinois.edu/>

Miscellaneous

1. 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 details.
 - i) *Do note that you can choose not to take up the insurance plan offered by the university.*
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.
3. **Do check out the textbooks needed for various classes.** Once you've confirmed tem, 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 and the 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/pnp/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 (page 18) for more details.

Post-arrival

Customs

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".

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

Transport to UIUC

1. Buses from Chicago O'Hare Airport (ORD):
 - University of Illinois O'Hare to Urbana-Champaign Shuttle Service - service provided by ISSS for new incoming international students. This shuttle service will run from August 14-18, 2015 and the cost is \$35 per person. (Fall semester ONLY)
 - Peoria Charter serves many different locations including Bloomington Airport as well as Chicago O'Hare
 - Greyhound has daily service between downtown Chicago and Champaign.
 - EAC Shuttle provides service between Chicago (O'Hare) and Champaign-Urbana.
 - Illini Shuttle provides service between Chicago and Champaign and will pick up and/or drop off students at both Chicago airports (O'Hare and Midway).

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 require you to book tickets with American debit/credit cards so contact any SSA member if you have any difficulties in doing so.

- Amtrak Train from downtown Chicago to downtown Champaign (<http://www.amtrak.com>)
 - o Not advisable as it is highly inconvenient, especially as you are arriving into the U.S. for the very first time with sizable luggage.
 - o To take the Amtrak:
 - i. Take Chicago metro to Union Station as Amtrak station is in downtown Chicago (45-60min)

- ii. 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.
 - iii. Upon arrival at Champaign, take public bus to get to the campus (5 Green East or 100 Yellow South). Check out the schedule and route-maps: <http://www.cumtd.com/routeschedules/>
1. From Willard Airport (CMI), the airport that serves UIUC:
 - Take the MTD Airbus 27. Do note that this bus only runs on weekdays with the last bus operating at 7pm. Additional information is available at (<http://www.cumtd.com/maps-and-schedules/route/27-air-bus/weekday/daytime/>).
 - Take the Airport Limousine service. Contact Campus Taxi at (217)-359-5541 to pre-schedule your ride. Other taxis can also be found at <http://champaign.champaignyp.com/listbosspage.html?heading=taxicabs&ListingAgentFormat=eSUPE>. The average cost of a taxi is around 15 USD.
 - Use the Uber app to call for a ride down to campus.
 - Contact the Seniors to ask for help (refer to pg 18 for seniors who will be on campus when you arrive)

Early Arrival & Moving In

These are the move-in days for University Housing:

- Tuesday, August 18 starting at 9am for new residents of Living-Learning Communities who have registered for LLC orientation
- Thursday, August 20 starting at 9am for the rest of the freshmen and transfer students.

If you're arriving prior to your designated move-in day, you may move-in as early as Sunday, August 16, 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. Check <http://housing.illinois.edu/tools/move-in/international-move-in> for more details.

Move-In Date	Cost	Notes
Sunday, August 16, 2015	\$220.00	Includes 4 nights and 10 meals
Monday, August 17, 2015	\$180.00	Includes 3 nights and 10 meals
Tuesday, August 18, 2015	\$120.00	Includes 2 nights and 6 meals (non-LLC residents)
Wednesday, August 19,	\$60.00	Includes 1 night and 4 meals

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If you need Housing before Sunday, August 16, 2015, you may arrange pre-early arrival housing with University Housing Conferences & Special Events. Pre-early arrival guest housing will be available at the Illinois Street Residence Halls (ISR) for \$40 per night. You must submit an online request at <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/8405381>.

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

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 the following websites:

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

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1. **Fill up the Pre-Arrival E-form** (<https://sunapsis.illinois.edu/>) before heading down to the International Students and Scholars Services to register your student records. Check out the link below for more information:
<http://isss.illinois.edu/students/incoming/checkin/>
2. From August 3 to August 12 (excluding weekends), **report to the International Students and Scholars Services** after filling the online Student Electronic Data Collection (the Turner Student Services' Building, T9 on the map). From August 14 to August 21 (excluding August 15), report to the Illini Union instead. See http://isss.illinois.edu/students/incoming/checkin/fall_checkin.html for more information on specific dates, times and venues.
 - 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, since the school fees that you pay have already included the cost of the bus services. 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. Do note the formatting of your name i.e. first/last name. Be consistent when filling out forms to avoid complications on registration day. Temporary booths for I-Card processing may also be at the Illini Union during the international student check-in period. Most importantly, you **MUST** present your admission letter and passport to obtain your I-Card
4. **Go for Tuberculosis Screening and Immunizations**, or else 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 medical checkup forms, personal medical records and important identification documents
5. **Update your address.** This is required by federal law and must be done within 10 days of moving-in. This is done via U-I Integrate. Instructions are on the ISSS website (<http://www.ips.uiuc.edu/ISSS/>). Click on “Students”, “Current Students: Immigration Issues”, then “Updating Your Address”.
6. Do give any SSA member a call or e-mail (refer to the contact list on pg 18) if you need any additional help upon arrival in UIUC.

Banking

Open a bank account as soon as possible to avoid long queues. Go to their websites and check them out or ask a few seniors for advice.

- Busey Bank, 614 South Sixth Street, Champaign
- Chase Bank, 201 West University Avenue, Champaign
- PNC (used to be National City), on the corner of 5th and Green Street
- TCF Bank, in Illini Union Bookstore
- University of Illinois Credit Union, Illini Union (for credit card as well. Note that you will need a Social Security Number (SSN) first, which comes when you get a job)

Advice: apply for credit card 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!

There are two types of accounts.

- Savings Account = higher interest. Money cannot be withdrawn out from this account. Money can only be transferred out of this account into checking account.
- 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.

Telecommunications

- Of the many phone companies in the USA, the two most commonly used would be T-Mobile (<http://www.t-mobile.com>) and AT&T (www.att.com). AT&T generally has better coverage than T-Mobile, but it’s also more expensive.
- An alternative would be the straight-talk plan provided by T-mobile. For more information refer to <http://www.straighttalksim.com/support.php>.
- 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”.
- Note that SMS services are generally not included in phone plans, and costs 0.10 USD for each SMS sent AND received. If signing up for a family plan, a messaging plan can be added either individually or to the whole group. FYI, SMSing is called texting in the US. Take note that taxes are not included in the cost of the normal phone plan. There are prepaid cards available too.

- A 500.00 USD CASH deposit is needed for students without a SSN for AT&T. 100.00 USD 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 is cheaper than family plan, can be suspended during absence up to a year. Check T-mobile, Virgin. No deposit required.

Getting around

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.

- Hard copies can be obtained from front desk of Illini Union (building I3 on the map)
- Soft copies can be found on <http://illinois.edu/ricker/CampusMap> then click on “Printable Map” on the right side
- A virtual map is available at <http://illinois.edu/map/view>

All campus buildings have signage near their respective main entrances, so look out for that when you are trying to locate a particular building.

As for public transportation throughout Urbana-Champaign area, which includes the UIUC campus and the surrounding areas like downtown Champaign and Urbana, they are run by Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (CUMTD), or MTD for short. Buses should stop at every stop where there are people. Flagging a bus is usually unnecessary and you may risk looking ‘sua-ku’.

- Use Google maps to check on the bus timing and route to your destination
- 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 Yellow, 12 Teal, 13 Silver and 22 Illini are the main buses you will be taking around campus. You don’t have to show your I-card for only these 4 services at bus stops within campus. You’ll have to show it for all other bus services.
- 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
 - The bus guide has a map that shows all the bus routes and important locations around UIUC, such as Wal-Mart, Marketplace Mall etc.
 - It also shows in detail when the buses arrive at various places. Note that buses are usually rather punctual in the USA

Bus stops are marked by a sign that says “MTD BOARD HERE”. These are not necessarily sheltered, more often than not, they are just signage on lampposts.



To “press the bell” in the bus, you have to tug at the yellow cord above the windows (pictured below), 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.

There are plenty of free apps for both iOS and Android that allows you to check the timings for the buses and plan routes. Just search “CUMTD” on your app store and you will find many. If not, we recommend the apps ‘CU Buses’ for iOS, and ‘Transit’ for Android.

Note: There are different operating schedules during weekdays and weekends, day times and night times, semester and breaks.

Directions to Wal-Mart and Marketplace Mall

Wal-mart and Marketplace Mall are the main places to shop, especially to buy supplies and essentials to settle into college life. To get there:

- During the daytime on weekdays, go to the bus stop opposite Illini Union and take bus 2N Red. You can also take bus 100N Yellow from

the bus stop next to Everitt Lab (building E9 on the map) on the side facing Wright Street.

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

Printing & Photocopying Services

- Engineering students have 300 free pages to print. So free printing is in existence somewhere, you just have to look for it
- USD 0.05 cents/page for black and white, USD0.25 for colour at housing
- USD 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 Quilts, along East John Street, slightly east of 5th Street

Mailing Services

- The 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, or you might get very lost within the 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

Free 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)

Housing for Fall 2016

You should decide and look for a place by October. Usually, Singaporeans find each other and group together and live in apartments but there are some who continue staying in dorms as well. Ask your seniors for advice.

Dining

Here's a non-exhaustive list of nice, common eateries. Feel free to approach the seniors and ask about other nice eateries. Chambana 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 food, but it's cheap. Not opened on weekends though.

- Sushi San (Sushi, beef bowl)
- Rice Garden (Chinese food- rice, noodles, meat and vegetable dishes)
- Sbarro (Italian)
- Wendy's (Burgers)
- Einstein Bros Bagels

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)
- 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)

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)

Neil street (short walk from Ikenberry Common dorms)

- Macdonald's
- Jarlings

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

- Basil Thai
- Mary-Anne's Diner
- J.Gumbo
- Espresso Royale (coffee chain, similar to Starbucks)
- Manolo's Pizza
- Caffebene
- Kofusion

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 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
- Alternatively, and the best solution for just about anything, call a senior for help!

Packing List

Random stuff 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.
Mechanical Pencils	Assignments are usually done with pencils & they don't sell your favorite Pilot or Pentel mechanical pencils there.
Bed Linen/Pillow	You may not be able to go to Wal-mart on the first day to buy your linen/pillow (FYI: Wal-Mart is open 24 hours) NOTE: The bed dorm size is called "extra long twin". Not advisable to specially buy bedsheets in Singapore and bring as it may not fit. Advisable to bring 1 loose sheet along.
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 the small ones or large ones, not the common finger-length ones found in Singapore
US electric plug adaptors	 <p>Plugs used have two flat vertical pins and use a 110-120 Volts, 60 Hz AC. Make sure your device accepts the above power rating (most do). Otherwise, bring a transformer as well. Best to get an international adaptor with multiple plugs so you can use in other countries as well</p>
Extension power strip (pictured with US adapter attached)	 <p>Useful if you have a few appliances with the Singapore plug so you just use 1 adaptor</p>
Jacket/hoodie	It gets chilly & windy at night in August, like being in an

	aircon room with the fan on.
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)	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 for your winter clothes or from the outlet malls when they have sales.
Ethernet cable	This will not be provided to those staying in university housing and can be purchased for US\$5 from the front desk.

Not advisable to bring

A4-sized paper	Takes up weight and you can buy them here. Also, the paper used here is Letter size, smaller than A4.
Hole-puncher and double-ring files	Only bring if you want to file your papers in your own files. In the U.S., the files are triple-ring files, not double-ring files. Thus our hole-punchers are useless if you do not bring the files too, and our files are useless if you leave your hole-punchers behind in Singapore. In short, save space and weight by not bringing them and buying them in the U.S. if you really need to.

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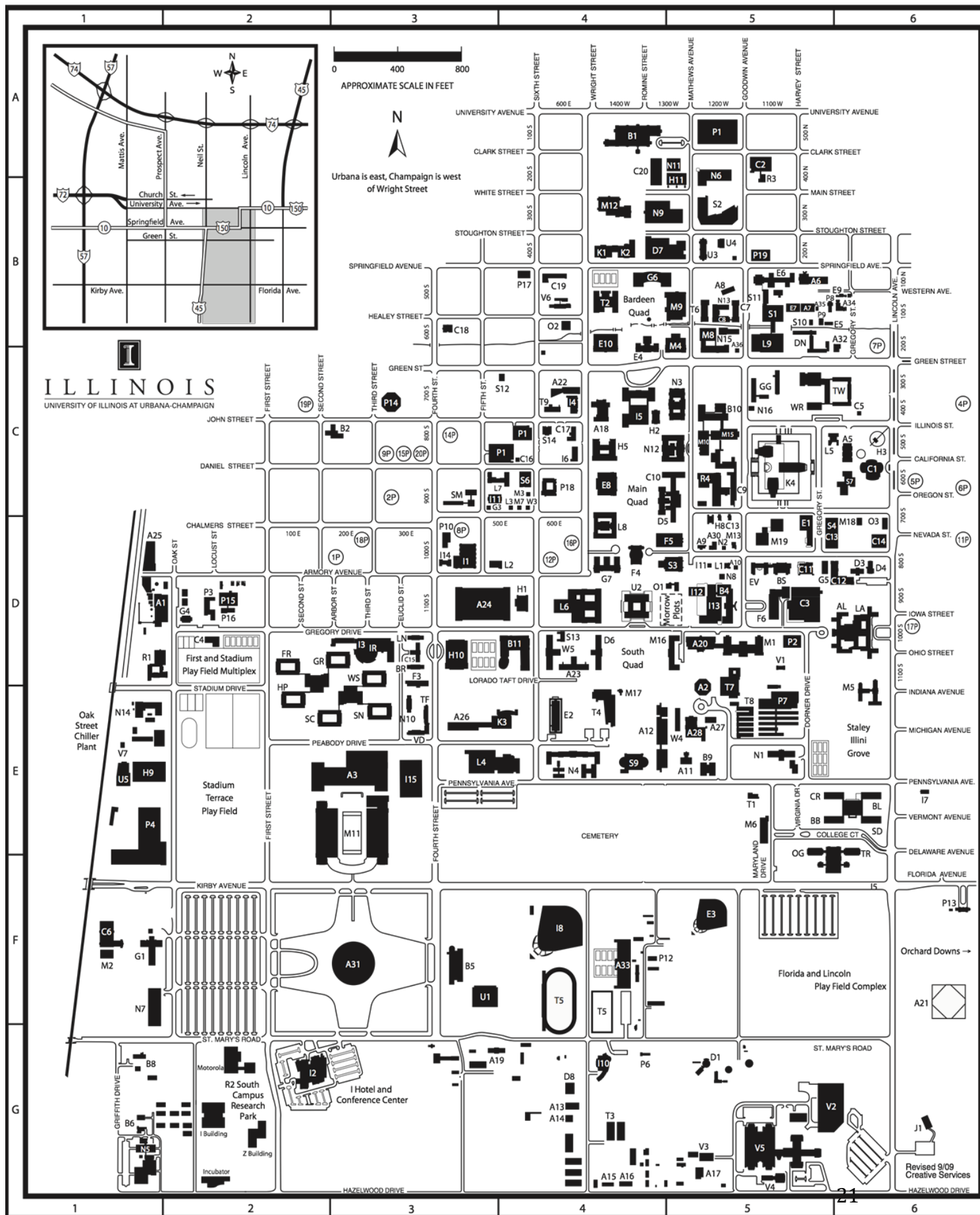
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Campus Map





CAMPUS MAP

The designation in parentheses (D1) indicates the map coordinates. An asterisk (*) indicates that a building is not included on this map.

Building Name (Coordinates)

A	
A1	Abbott Power Plant (D1)
A2	ACES Library & Info Center (E5)
A3	Activities and Recreation Center (ARC), formerly IMPE (E2)
A4	Admin Info Tech Serv Bldg (H2)*
A5	Admissions and Records (C6)
A6	Advanced Computation Bldg (B5)
A7	Aerodynamics Research Lab (B5)
A8	Aeronautical Lab A (B5)
A9	African-American Cultural Prog (D5)
A10	Afro-Amer Studies & Rsch Prog (D5)
A11	Agricultural Bioprocess Lab (E5)
A12	Ag Engineering Sci Bldg (E4)
A13	Agriculture Services Bldg (G4)
A14	Ag Services Warehouse (G4)
A15	Agronomy/Plant Path Farm (G4)
A16	Agronomy Seed House (G4)
A17	Agronomy Soybean Rsch Farm (G5)
A18	Altgeld Hall (C4)
A19	Animal Science Barns (G3)
A20	Animal Sciences Lab (D5)
A21	Arboretum—Hartley Gardens (F6) <i>ARC—see A3</i>
A22	Arcade Bldg (C4)
A23	Architecture Bldg (D4)
A24	Armory (D3)
A25	Armory Avenue Warehouse (D1)
A26	Art & Design Bldg (E3)
A27	Art E Annex, Studio 1 (E5)
A25	Art E Annex, Studio 2 (E5)
A29	Art Studios (H1)*
A30	Asian American Studies Bldg (D5)
A31	Assembly Hall (F3)
A32	Astronomy Bldg (B5)
A33	Atkins Tennis Ctr (F4)
A34	Atmospheric Sciences Bldg (B6)
A35	Atmospheric Sciences Annex 1 (B5)
A36	Atmospheric Sciences Annex 2 (B5)

B	
B1	Beckman Institute (A4)
B2	Beckwith Hall (C2)
B4	Bevier Hall (D5)
B5	Bielfeldt Athletic Admin Bldg (F3)
B6	Biological Control Lab (G1)
B7	Biomedical Mag Res Facility (H5)* <i>Buell Hall—see T4</i>
B8	Building Rsch Council (G1)
B9	Burnsides Rsch Lab (E5)
B10	Burrill Hall (C5)
B11	Business Instructional Facility (D4)

C	
C1	Campbell Alumni Center (C6)
C2	Campbell Hall for Public Telecommunications (A5)
C3	Campus Recreation Ctr East (D5)
C4	Campus Rec Outdoor Ctr (D2) <i>Career Center—see A22</i>
C5	Center for Advanced Study (C6)
C6	Central Receiving Bldg (F1)
C7	Ceramics Bldg (B5)
C8	Ceramics Kiln House (C5)
C9	Chemical & Life Sci Lab (C5)
C10	Chemistry Annex (C5)
C11	Child Development Lab (D5)
C12	Child Development Lab Expanded (D5)
C13	Children's Rsch Ctr (I2)*
C14	Christopher Hall (D6)
C15	Clark Hall Housing Admin (D3)
C16	CNI/PrairieNet (C4)
C17	Coble Hall (C4)
C18	Colonel Wolfe School (B3) <i>Commerce West Bldg—see W5</i>
C19	Computing Applications Bldg (B4)
C20	Coordinated Science Lab (A4)
C21	Credit Union Bldg (H2)*

D	
D1	Dairy Exper Rnd Barns (G5)
D2	Dairy Science Rsch Farm (H6)*

D3	Dance Admin Bldg (D6)
D4	Dance Studio (D6)
D5	Davenport Hall (C5)
D6	David Kinley Hall (D4)
D7	Digital Computer Lab (B4)
D8	Duplicating/Quick Copy Bldg (G4)

E	
E1	<i>E. Asian Lang & Cultures—see F5</i>
E1	East Campus Commercialization Center (C5)
E2	Education Bldg (E4)
E3	Eichelberger Field (F5) <i>Electrical & Computer Engr Lab—see E10</i>
E4	Engineering Hall (B4)
E5	Engineering Sr Design Studio (B6)
E6	Engineering Sciences Bldg (B5)
E7	Engineering Student Project Lab (B5)
E8	English Bldg (C4) <i>Enviro & Ag Sci Bldg—see N1</i>
E9	Environmental Health & Safety (B6)
E10	Everitt Lab (B4)

F	
F1	<i>Financial Aid—see A22</i>
F1	Fire Service Inst Bldg (I1)*
F3	Flagg Hall (E3)
F4	Foellinger Auditorium (D4)
F5	Foreign Languages Bldg (D4)
F6	Freer Hall (D5)

G	
G1	Garage/Car Pool (F1)
G3	General Curriculum Bldg (C3)
G4	Geological Survey Lab (D1)
G5	Govt & Public Affairs, Inst of (D5)
G6	Grainger Engr Library Info Ctr (B4)
G7	Gregory Hall (D4)

H	
H1	Harding Band Bldg (D4)
H2	Harker Hall (C4) <i>Hartley Gardens—see A21</i>
H3	Hallene Gateway (C6)
H5	Henry Admin Bldg (C4)
H8	Honors Program (D5)
H9	Housing Food Stores (E1)
H10	Huff Hall (D3)
H11	Hydrosystems Lab (A5)

I	
I1	Ice Arena (D3)
I2	I Hotel and Conference Center (G2-3)
I3	Ikenberry Commons (D3)
I4	Illini Hall (C4)
I5	Illini Union (C4)
I6	Illini Union Bookstore (C4)
I7	Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities (E6)
I8	Illinois Field (F4) <i>IL Library Computer Sys Ofc—see L7</i>
I9	Imported Swine Rsch Ctr (H2)*
I10	Indoor Golf Facility (G4) <i>International Student Affairs—see T9</i>
I11	Intensive English Institute (D5)
I12	International Studies Bldg (C3) <i>Intramural and Physical Recreation (IMPE)—see A3</i>
I13	Institute for Genomic Biology (D5)
I14	Irwin Academic Services Ctr (D3)
I15	Irwin Indoor Football Pract Fclty (E3)

J-K	
J1	Japan House (G6)
K1	Kenney Gym (B4)
K2	Kenney Gym Annex (B4)
K3	Krannert Art Museum & Kinkead Pavillion (E3)
K4	Krannert Ctr for Performing Arts (C5)

L	
L1	La Casa Cultural Latina (D5)
L2	Lab & Indust Relations, Inst of (D3) <i>Large Animal Clinic—see V5</i>
L3	Latina/o Studies (C4)
L4	Law Bldg (E3)
L5	Levis Faculty Ctr/Visitor Ctr (C5)
L6	Library (D4)
L7	Library & Information Science (C3)
L8	Lincoln Hall (D4)
L9	Loomis Lab (B5)

M	
M1	Madigan Lab (D5)
M2	Mailina Ctr (F1)

M3	Management Information Div (C4)
M4	Materials Sci & Engr Bldg (B5)
M5	McKinley Health Ctr (E6)
M6	Meat Science Lab (E5)
M7	Merriam Lab (C4)
M8	Mechanical Engineering Bldg (B5)
M9	Mechanical Engineering Lab (B5)
M10	Medical Sciences Bldg (C5)
M11	Memorial Stadium (E3)
M12	Micro & Nanotechnology Lab (B4)
M13	Minority Student Affairs Academic Services Ctr (D5)
M14	Moorman Swine Rsch Farm (H3)*
M15	Morrill Hall (C5)
M16	Mumford Hall (D4)
M17	Mumford House (E4)
M18	Music Annex (D6)
M19	Music Bldg (D5)

N	
N1	National Soybean Rsch Ctr (E5)
N2	Native American House (D5)
N3	Natural History Bldg (C5)
N4	Natural Resources Bldg (E4)
N5	Natural Res Studies Annex (G1)
N6	NCSA (A5)
N7	NCSA Petascale Computing Fclty (F1)
N8	Nevada St Computing Serv (D5)
N9	Newmark Lab (B4)
N10	Noble Hall (E3)
N11	North Campus Chiller Plant (A5)
N12	Noyes Lab (C5)
N13	Nuclear Engineering Lab (B5)
N14	Nuclear Physics Lab (E1)
N15	Nuclear Radiations Lab (B5)
N16	Nursing, School of (C5)

O	
O1	Observatory (D5)
O2	Optical Physics & Engr Lab (B4)
O3	Oregon St Computing Serv (D6)

P	
P1	Parking Structures (C3, A5)
P2	Parking Structure/Fire Substation (D5)
P3	Personnel Services Bldg (D2)
P4	Physical Plant Service Bldg (E1)
P5	Physiology Rsch Lab (H2)* <i>Plant & Animal Biotech Lab—see M1</i>
P6	Plant Clinic (G4)
P7	Plant Sciences Lab (E5)
P8	Plant Services Bldg NE (B5)
P9	Plant Services Storage Bldg (B5)
P10	Police Training Institute (D3)
P12	Poultry Farm (F4)
P13	President's House (F6)
P14	Presidential Towers/University Inn (C3)
P15	Printing Services Bldg (D2)
P16	Printing Services Imaging Bldg (D2)
P17	Professional Arts Bldg (B4)
P18	Psychology Bldg (C4)
P19	Public Safety (B5)

R	
R1	Rehabilitation Education Ctr (D1)
R2	Research Park (G2)
R3	Richmond Studio (A5)
R4	Roger Adams Lab (C5)

S	
S1	Seitz Materials Rsch Lab (B5)
S2	Siebel Ctr for Computer Sci (B5) <i>Small Animal Clinic—see V5</i> <i>Small Homes Council—see B8</i>
S3	Smith Hall (D4)
S4	Social Work, School of (D5)
S5	Special Materials Storage Fclty (H1)*
S6	Speech & Hearing Clinic (C4)
S7	Spurlock Museum (C6)
S8	State Regional Ofc Bldg (H2)*
S9	Stock Pavillion (E4) <i>Student Services—see A22 or T9</i>
S10	Structural Warehouse (B5)
S11	Superconductivity Ctr (B5)
S12	Survey Rsch Lab (C4)
S13	Surveying Bldg (D4)
S14	Swanlund Admin Bldg (C4)

T	
T1	Taft House (E5)
T2	Talbot Lab (B4)
T3	Technology Commercialization

T4	Bldg (G4)
T4	Temple Hoyne Buell Hall (E4)
T5	Track & Soccer Stadium (F4)
T6	Transportation Bldg (B5)
T7	Turner Hall (E5)
T8	Turner Hall Greenhouses (E5)
T9	Turner Student Services Bldg (C4)

U	
U1	Ubben Basketball Facility (F3)
U2	Undergraduate Library (D4)
U3	University High School (B5)
U4	University High School Gym (B5)
U5	University Press Bldg (E1) <i>Urban & Regional Planning—see T4</i> <i>University Inn—see P14</i>

V	
V1	Vegetable Crops Bldg (D5)
V2	Vet Med Basic Sciences Bldg (G5)
V3	Vet Med Feed Storage Bldg (G5)
V4	Vet Med Surgery & Obstetrics Lab (G5)
V5	Vet Teaching Hospital (G5) <i>Visitor's Center—see L5</i>
V6	Vivarium, Sheldorf (B4)
V7	Volatile Storage Bldg (E1)

W	
W1	Waste Mgt Rsch Ctr (H1)*
W2	Water Survey Rsch Ctr (I2)*
W3	Women's Studies (C4)
W4	Wood Engineering Lab (E5)
W5	Wohlers Hall (D4)

UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALLS

Undergraduate Halls

Champaign Residence Halls

BR	Barton (D3)
FR	Forbes (D2)
GR	Garner (D3)
HP	Hopkins (E2)
IR	Ikenberry (D3)
LN	Lundgren (D3)
SC	Scott (E2)
SN	Snyder (E3)
TF	Taft (E3)
VD	Van Doren (E3)
WS	Weston (D3)

Urbana North Residence Halls

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

Urbana South Residence Halls

Pennsylvania Avenue

BB	Babcock (E6)
BL	Blaisdell (E6)
CR	Carr (E6)
SD	Saunders (E6)
<i>Florida Avenue</i>	
OG	Oglesby (E6)
TR	Trelease (E6)

Graduate Halls

DN	Daniels (B5)
SM	Sherman (C3)

Family Housing

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)
11P	Nevada House (D6)
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	Orthodox Christian Center (C2)
20P	312 House (C3)