Welcome

More than Corn, Cows, and Chemistry

Life in Urbana-Champaign

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Overview of Urbana-Champaign

Urbana-Champaign, home to the University of Illinois, is a place where the sense of community found in small cities and towns meets the outstanding cultural and entertainment opportunities usually associated with major metropolitan areas. It is a place where world-class faculty members are your neighbors, and where leisure is laced with learning.

The school’s longstanding history and the international diversity of the student and faculty populations have greatly influenced this area of Central Illinois. Students of every age are able to find academic and extracurricular activities to suit their needs.

Entertainment

There is a diverse array of recreational activities available in and around Urbana-Champaign, including museums and cultural venues; live music; parks and outdoor adventures; sporting events; a variety of restaurants, bars, and clubs; and much more. Urbana-Champaign is also almost geographically equidistant from Chicago, Indianapolis, and St. Louis – large cities that offer even more activities for all people.

Restaurants, Bars/Pubs & Specialty Foods

Urbana-Champaign is truly a university town. The international community has prompted a wide array of restaurants with many varieties of foods at different price ranges to thrive in the area. Whether you have a taste for sushi, Middle Eastern, Italian, vegetarian, Thai, or just a great burger, you'll find it here.

The Campustown area of Urbana-Champaign includes a number of college bars with inexpensive drinks, music, and dancing or TV’s for sports-viewing. Head to downtown Champaign and downtown Urbana for a variety of bars and clubs frequented by upper-classmen, graduate students, faculty, and residents that showcase a wide variety of beer, cocktails, food, and entertainment.

Most restaurants in the area offer vegetarian options. Listed here is a selection of restaurants that cater to vegetarian and vegan diets.
Restaurants & Bars/Pubs - Where graduate students go to eat and socialize

* Vegetarian/Vegan offerings available  
* Drinks served/Bars on premises

Ambar India Restaurant .......................... 605 S. Wright St., Champaign
Bevier Café ........................................ 905 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana
Black Dog (2 locations) .................................. 320 N. Chestnut St., Champaign
.................................................. 201 N. Broadway Ave., Urbana
Blind Pig Co* ........................................ 120 N. Neil St., Champaign
The Bread Company ........................................ 706 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana
Brothers Bar & Grill* ........................................ 613 E. Green St., Champaign
Clark Bar* ........................................ 207 W. Clark St., Champaign
Cowboy Monkey* ........................................ 6 Taylor St., Champaign
Crane Alley* ........................................ 115 W. Main St., Urbana
Cravings* ........................................ 603 S. Wright St., Champaign
Destihl* ........................................ 301 N. Neil St., Champaign
Fiesta Café* ........................................ 216 S. 1st St., Champaign
Golden Harbor ........................................ 505 S. Neil St., Champaign
Huaraches Moroleon* .................................... 805 Philo Rd., Urbana
Jerusalem Restaurant* .................................. 601 S. Wright St., Champaign
Joe’s Brewery* ........................................ 706 S. 5th St., Champaign
Legends Bar* ........................................ 522 E. Green St., Champaign
Maize .................................................. 60 E. Green St., Champaign
Mia Za’s ........................................ 629 E. Green St., Champaign
Murphy’s Pub* ........................................ 604 E. Green St., Champaign
Quality Bar* ........................................ 110 N. Neil St., Champaign
Radio Maria* ........................................ 119 N. Walnut St., Champaign
Red Herring Vegetarian Restaurant* ......... 1209 W. Oregon St., Urbana
Sakanaya* ........................................ 403 E. Green St., Champaign
Salad Meister* ........................................ 601 S 6th St Suite 104, Champaign
Strawberry Fields* ..................................... 306 W. Springfield Ave., Urbana
Sushi Kame* ........................................ 132 W. Church St., Champaign
Watson’s Shack & Rail* .................................. 211 N. Neil St., Champaign
World Harvest International & Gourmet Foods* ....... 306 W. Springfield Ave., Urbana
International Food Shops

Am-Ko Oriental Foods .......................................................... 101 E. Springfield, Champaign
Annapoorna Store .................................................................. 505 S. Neil St., Champaign
Art Mart ................................................................................ 1705 S. Prospect Ave., Champaign
Asian Supermarket .................................................................. 1215 N. Prospect Ave., Champaign
Bombay Market ........................................................................ 1726 W. Bradley Ave., Champaign
Common Ground Food Co-Op ................................................ 300 S. Broadway, Urbana
Curtis Orchard ......................................................................... 3902 S. Duncan, Champaign
El Charro Mexican Grocery Store and Deli .................................. 55 E. Green St., Champaign
El Progreso (2 locations) .......................................................... 1017 W. Bloomington Rd., Champaign
.................................................................................................................. 510 N. Cunningham Ave., Urbana
Far East Grocery ....................................................................... 105 S. 5th St., Champaign
Fresh International Market ...................................................... 505 S. Neil St., Champaign
General Nutrition Center at Market Place Mall ......................... 2000 N. Neil St., Champaign
Green Onion Asian Market ...................................................... 2020 S. Neil St., Champaign
J6 Mart ................................................................................... 516 E. John St., Champaign
Maligaya’s Store ...................................................................... 2410 W. Springfield Ave., Champaign
Natural Gourmet ........................................................................ 2225 S. Neil St., Champaign
Strawberry Fields ..................................................................... 306 W. Springfield Ave., Urbana
World Harvest International Food Store ................................... 519 E. University Ave., Champaign

Farmers’ Markets - selections of made- and grown-in-Illinois products including: produce, meat, dairy, honey, local beer and wine, flowers, handmade art and crafts, and more.

Champaign Farmers’ Market
310–330 N. Neil Street, Champaign
May–November, Tuesdays, 3:30–6:30pm

Country Fair Farmers’ Market
29 Mattis Avenue, Champaign
June–October, Wednesdays, 7am–1pm

Sustainable Student Farm
South side of Union by the Quad
May 24–October, Thursdays, 11am–4pm

Farmers’ Market on Historic North First Street
302 N. 1st Street, Champaign
June–September, Thursdays, 3–7pm

Market at the Square
Vine and Illinois Streets, Urbana
May–October, Saturdays, 7am–12pm
Live Music

Check out The Daily Illini (www.dailyillini.com) and Buzz Weekly (www.readbuzz.com) for a complete listing and calendar of events.

Urbana-Champaign has always supported its thriving local music scene. Bars, restaurants, clubs, theaters, and auditoriums around campus and throughout town host a variety of musicians, bands, and orchestras on a daily basis. All venues are very affordable and accessible to all students. Whatever your taste, you’ll find it here.

Movie Theaters & Film Events

Whether it’s a film or live performance you want, Urbana-Champaign has what you’re looking for. There are theaters with giant screens, IMAX and 3-D, and a vintage theater in a historic building that shows movies and hosts the Roger Ebert Overlooked Film Festival (www.ebertfest.com).

AMC Champaign 13 - 910 Meijers Dr., Champaign Cineplex with 3D & jumbo digital screens showing first-run films, opera productions & sports events.

The Art Theater - 126 W. Church St., Champaign www.thearttheater.org Vintage theater from 1913, showcasing art, foreign & cult films, with snacks & alcoholic beverages.

GQT Savoy 16 IMAX - 223 W. Burwash Ave., Savoy Movie theater chain known for presenting 3D films on a giant screen, including blockbusters.

Virginia Theater - 203 W. Park Ave., Champaign www.thevirginia.org Historic, restored theater with concerts, performing arts productions, comedians & film series. Host to Roger Ebert Overlooked Film Festival.

Bronze sculpture homage to Robert Ebert, right.
Museums & Cultural Venues
Partial listing of museums and cultural venues in the area. Please check out Champaign County Arts Council - 40 North (40north.org) for local events.

**Champaign County History Museum at the Cattle Bank** - 102 E. University Ave., Champaign; 217-356-1010 champaigncountyhistory.org

**Champaign Urbana Theatre Company** - 117 E. University Ave., Champaign; 217-352-4085 cutheatreco.org

**Cinema Gallery** - 120 W. Main St., Urbana; 217-367-3711 cinemagallery.cc

**The Giertz Gallery at Parkland College** - 2400 W. Bradley Ave., Champaign; 217-351-2485 parkland.edu/Audience/Community-Business/Parkland-Presents/Art-Gallery

**Japan House** - 2000 S. Lincoln Ave., Urbana; 217-244-9934 japanhouse.illinois.edu

**Krannert Art Museum & Kinkead Pavillion** - 500 E. Peabody Dr., Champaign; 217-333-1861 kam.illinois.edu

**Krannert Center for the Performing Arts** - 500 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana; 217-333-6280 krannertcenter.com

**Orpheum Children’s Science Museum** - 346 N. Neil St., Champaign; 217-352-5895 orpheumkids.com

**Parkland College Theatre** - 2400 W. Bradley Ave., Champaign; 217-351-2528 parkland.edu/Audience/Community-Business/Parkland-Presents/Theatre

**Anita Purves Nature Center** - 1505 N. Broadway, Urbana; 217-384-4062 urbanaparks.org/facilities/anita-purves-nature-center

**Springer Cultural Center** - 301 N. Randolph St., Champaign; 217-398-2376 champaignparks.com/facility/springer-cultural-center

**Spurlock Museum** - 600 S. Gregory St., Urbana; 217-333-2360 spurlock.illinois.edu

**William M. Staerkel Planetarium** - 2400 W. Bradley Ave., Champaign; 217-351-2568 parkland.edu/Audience/Community-Business/Parkland-Presents/Planetarium

**The Station Theatre** - 223 N. Broadway Ave., Urbana; 217-384-4000 stationtheatre.com

William M. Staerkel Planetarium, left.

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts (photo by Susana Millman), right.
**Sporting Events**
The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is part of the Big Ten Division 1 Conference. There are 19 varsity men’s and women’s teams at UIUC that play throughout the year. Graduate students are eligible for student-rate ticket prices to all sporting events. Check out fightingillini.com for more information.

**Parks & Outdoor Adventures**
There are a number of local and state parks and nature preserves in the Central Illinois area where you can enjoy the outdoors, hike, fish, bike, boat, and camp. Check out the 58 parks in The Champaign Park District (champaignparkdistrict.com) and the 22 parks in The Urbana Park District (urbanaparks.org). Also check out the state parks of Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri at (stateparks.com).

**Libraries**
University of Illinois boasts the third largest academic library in the country (behind Harvard and Yale), and the chemistry library is one of the oldest chemistry research libraries in the country. Besides these, Urbana and Champaign both have public libraries that are free to residents of each city and members are honored at all Lincoln Trail Libraries System Libraries.

- **University of Illinois Main Library** - 1408 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana .......................library.uiuc.edu
- **Chemistry Library** - 170 Noyes Lab, 505 S. Mathews Ave., Urbana ......library.illinois.edu/chx
- **Urbana Free Library** - 201 S. Race, Urbana...............................................urbanafreelibrary.org
- **Champaign Public Library** - 505 S. Randolph, Champaign............................champaign.org

**Bookstores**
- **Barnes and Noble** - 51 East Marketview Dr., Champaign ......................barnesandnoble.com
- **Illini Union Bookstore** - 810 S. Wright St., Champaign...................... uofibookstore.uiuc.edu
- **Jane Addams Books** - 208 N. Neil, Champaign.................................janeaddamsbooks.com
- **Orphans Treasure Box Book Store** - 826 Pioneer St., Champaign .... orphanstreasurebox.org
- **G-Mart Comics** - 205 N. Market St., Champaign ........................................g-mart.com
Bus

The Mass Transit District (MTD) of Urbana-Champaign is a highly urbanized system, offering convenient bus routes throughout campus, Urbana, Champaign, and some outlying areas. As a student, you can ride for free by showing your I-card. Every MTD bus has a bike-rack. The MTD Web site includes a STOPwatch GPS system that provides up-to-the-minute scheduling information. There are also a few apps that contain the bus schedules and routes (i.e. My Bus Helper: MTD, UIUC Bus and CU Transit)

MTD Illinois Terminal - 1101 E. University Ave., Urbana; 217-384-8188 - mtd.org

Bike Share Program

VeoRide is an Indiana-based company responsible for bringing a fleet of 500 brand new turquoise bicycles to the UIUC campus. The brightly colored bikes easily stand out in a crowd and can be rented simply by scanning a QR code on the bike with your smartphone. To do this, download the VeoRide app from the app store and follow the instructions. Read more on their website: veoride.com

News & Information (online & in print)

Illinoishomepage.net ................................................................. wcia.com
Illinois News Bureau ............................................................... news.illinois.edu
The Black Sheep ................................................................. instagram.com/blacksheep_uiuc
The Daily Illini ................................................................. dailyillini.com
The News-Gazette – 217-351-5252 ........................................ news-gazette.com
Weekly Buzz Magazine .......................................................... readbuzz.com
### Local Radio Stations

Top stations listed in order by radio frequency

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For a more complete listing go to: [radiolineup.com/locate/Champaign-IL](http://radiolineup.com/locate/Champaign-IL)
Utilities

Ameren Illinois (gas/electric) .................................................. 800-755-5000 .................. ameren.com
Illinois American Water Company (water) .................. 800-422-02785 .................. amwater.com
Urbana & Champaign Sanitary District (sewer) ...... 217-367-3409 .................. u-cusd.com/
AT&T (internet/cable/phone) .................................................. 800-288-2020 .................. att.com
i3 Broadband (internet/cable/phone) .................. 217-530-0333 .................. i3broadband.com
Xfinity/Comcast (internet/cable/phone) .................. 800-934-6489 .................. xfinity.com
Trash & Recycling (each city has their own list of providers)
  Urbana .............................................................................. urbanaillinois.us/GarbageHaulers
  Champaign .......................................................... champaignil.gov/public-works/find-a-service/utility-providers

Emergency Contacts

On-campus emergency ............................................................................................................ 9-911
University of Illinois Division of Public Safety .......................................................... 217-333-1216

Off-campus emergency .................................................................................................. 911
Champaign County non-emergency ............................................................................. 217-333-8911
Champaign Police non-emergency ............................................................................. 217-351-4545
Champaign Fire non-emergency ................................................................................. 217-403-7200
Urbana Police non-emergency .................................................................................. 217-384-2320
Urbana Fire non-emergency ...................................................................................... 217-384-2420

Carle Foundation Hospital .......................................................................................... 217-383-3311
Emergency/Level 1 Trauma Center - 611 W. Park, Urbana

Presence Covenant Medical Center ........................................................................... 217-337-2000
Emergency Room - 1400 W. Park, Urbana

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