

# UIC STUDENT HANDBOOK

Welcome Back UIC Students

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# HISTORY, TRADITIONS, AND UIC MISSION

## MISSION

UIC provides the broadest access to the highest levels of intellectual excellence. UIC's mission is:

- To create knowledge that transforms our views of the world and, through sharing and application, transforms the world.
- To provide a wide range of students with the educational opportunity only a leading research university can offer.
- To address the challenges and opportunities facing not only Chicago but all Great Cities of the 21st century, as expressed by our Great Cities Commitment.
- To foster scholarship and practices that reflect and respond to the increasing diversity of the U.S. in a rapidly globalizing world.
- To train professionals in a wide range of public service disciplines, serving Illinois as the principal educator of health science professionals and as a major healthcare provider to underserved communities.



## TIMELINE OF HISTORY

1859 – College of Pharmacy founded as the oldest academic unit of UIC.

1867 – University of Illinois Board of Trustees has their first meeting and passed a resolution that favors the establishment of a campus in Chicago.

1894 – Chicago College of Pharmacy became the School of Pharmacy of the University of Illinois.

1913 – College of Medicine is founded into the University of Illinois

1946 – University of Illinois Chicago Undergraduate Division open temporary, 2-year Navy Pier branch to serve veterans returning from World War II.

1965 – University of Illinois at Chicago Circle (UICC) opens for classes in February. In three years, enrollment jumps from 5,000 to 18,000 students. It got its name due to the close proximity to the Circle Interchange.

1982 – University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) is formed with the consolidation of Circle Campus and Medical Center campuses.

1988 – The first residence halls are built: Courtyard, Commons North/South.

2007 – South Campus development begins, allowing housing for more UIC undergraduate students.

## TRADITIONS

- **Commencement:** Commencement is a special occasion, one with a long-standing tradition associated with dignified proceedings that surround the granting of degrees. At each college ceremony, undergraduate, graduate and professional degree students will be individually recognized when degrees are conferred.
- **Convocation:** The UIC Convocation is a ceremony to welcome new students to the University of Illinois at Chicago. This event marks the official beginning of a new student's entry into the UIC academic community. All new students are expected to attend this special event. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **Family Weekend:** Family Weekend is an opportunity for alumni, students and their families to take part in a unique, weekend-long experience to explore UIC and Chicago! Families will discover more about life at UIC by participating in family-oriented events, info sessions, and activities, on campus and in the city.
- **Homecoming:** Each year, the Student Activities Board and Center for Student Involvement hosts a week of festivities aimed toward generating school spirit and fostering a sense of community on campus. UIC Homecoming Week events include the Taste of UIC, tailgate events at basketball games, a student showcase, homecoming dance and more.
- **LOL@UIC:** The UIC Student Activities Board is proud to present each year, "LOL@UIC", an annual comedy showcase event exclusively for the UIC community that has brought stars such as Kenan Thompson, BJ Novak, The Wayans brothers, and Whitney Cummings.
- **Spark:** Spark is UIC's music festival on campus that occurs in the first few weeks of students. This event is open to UIC students, faculty, and staff and their guests each Fall. In 2010 as a back-to-school event, Spark in the Park was designed to bring local, national, little known, and wellknown artists to campus. The music fest offers an eclectic mix of entertainment for UIC's diverse campus community. While listening to, the music fest audience also can enjoy food and beverages provided by UIC Dining Services and giveaways sponsored by additional campus departments. Since Spark in the Park began, there has been great music performances by Lupe Fiasco, Flosstradamus, Kid Cudi, Twenty-One Pilots, Kendrick Lamar, J. Cole, and Nick Jonas.

## FUN FACTS

- Netsch (the designer behind BSB) was experimenting with "Field Theory" which is based on a rotated square. He used this design in BSB, SES, and the Architecture Building.
- UIC is the largest university in Chicagoland area
- The Student Services Building (SSB) was created in 1994 from the renovation of the Circle Court shopping mall.
- UIC has the first and only Arab American Cultural Center on a college campus.
- Navy Pier's athletic teams were known as the "Chi-Illini". The move to Circle Campus brought a new identity as the "Chikas" in homage to the Chikasaw nation.
- UIC's team name is currently the "Flames", recalling the 1871 Chicago fire.



## SCHOOL SPIRIT

Our athletic teams are known as the “Flames,” a name chosen by UIC students in honor of the Great Chicago Fire. You’ll see the Flame on sweatshirts, the gym floor, and of course, on team uniforms. And you’ll see a lot of flame red and indigo blue - our school colors. The Flames mascot is the fire-breathing dragon. The story is that the dragon was hatched on October 11, 1986, from a large egg found at the Pavilion a few weeks earlier.

### Fight Song – Fire Up Flames

By Roland F. Rose

Fire Up Flames!

We stand behind you,

We love the red and blue!

We’ll cheer you on to victory

We’ll be there o’so true!

Fire Up Flames!

You’ll be a winner.

They’ll find it hot

When you turn up the heat!

So march on today to victory

‘Cause we cannot be beat!

\*Learn more about the history and traditions at UIC [here](#).

### Alma mater – May the Flames Burn Brightly Forever

By Gary Klaff & Mark Weinstein

May the Flames burn brightly forever.

May the torch be raised on high.

From the Pier to the prairie.

To the strength of Illinois.

May our colors long stand proudly.

Across Chicago’s sky

May the memories cherish,

the start of all our dreams for tomorrow.

(chorus)

UIC, UIC

The start of all our dreams for tomorrow

The heart of Illinois in Chicago.

UIC, UIC

The heart of Illinois in Chicago

# IMPORTANT DATES

**NOTE:** This is not an exhaustive list. Please view the [UIC Academic Calendar](#) for more information.

## FALL SEMESTER 2020

August 24	Instructions Begins
September 4	Last day to complete late registration; last day to add a course(s) or make section changes; last day to drop individual courses via XE Registration without receiving W (Withdrawn) grade on academic record. Last day to Web Drop courses via XE Registration and receive 100% cancellation of tuition and fees.
September 7	Labor Day holiday. No classes
September 12	CampusCare Waiver deadline
October 30	Last day for undergraduate students to use optional late drop in college office and receive grade of W on academic record.
November 3	Election Day holiday. No Classes
November 26-27	Thanksgiving holiday. No classes.
December 4	Instruction ends.
December 7-11	Final examinations.

## SPRING SEMESTER 2021

January 11	Instruction begins.
January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No classes.
January 22	Last day to complete late registration; last day to add a course(s) or make section changes; last day to drop individual courses via XE Registration without receiving W (Withdrawn) grade on academic record. Last day to Web Drop courses via XE Registration and receive 100% cancellation of tuition and fees.
February 7	CampusCare Waiver deadline
March 19	Last day for undergraduate students to use optional late drop in college office and receive grade of W on academic record.
March 22-26	Spring Vacation. No classes.
April 30	Instruction ends.
May 3-7	Final examinations.



# UNIVERSITY POLICIES

**NOTE:** The information in this section is not an exhaustive list of university policies. For additional information and direct links to policy statements, visit the Online Student Handbook at [go.uic.edu/studenthandbook](https://go.uic.edu/studenthandbook).

## ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG USE BY STUDENTS

UIC supports the choice of students who are 21 or over to abstain from consuming alcoholic beverages or to consume alcoholic beverages responsibly. UIC prohibits alcohol consumption by minors and violators of this policy will be subjected to the full penalties of the laws governing the State of Illinois.

The policy is designed to encourage the positive, healthy use of alcoholic beverages in a responsible manner. Students and employees must ensure that their consumption of alcohol at University functions and/or in residence halls will not create a hazard to themselves, other students/staff/faculty, University property, the University's reputation, or the public.

The university permits the consumption of alcoholic beverages at certain conventions, conferences, and cultural and educational activities. The specific approval of the Chancellor is required on an event-by event basis to sell or serve alcoholic beverages.

The unlawful or unauthorized possession, use, distribution, sale, or manufacture of controlled substances is prohibited on University premises while conducting University business. Cannabis possession is prohibited on UIC property. Medical cannabis cannot be openly possessed or used in a public place including in a health care facility, or any other place where smoking is prohibited under the Smoke Free Illinois Act. UIC is a smoke free environment. To view a resource guide or to obtain additional information on UIC's drug-free schools policy, please visit the Wellness Center's website, [wellctr.uic.edu](https://wellctr.uic.edu), and click on "UIC Alcohol and Drug Policy" in the right column. For more information, please visit the UIC Policy on Policies page at [policies.uic.edu/uic-policylibrary/student-affairs/](https://policies.uic.edu/uic-policylibrary/student-affairs/).

## CONCEALED FIREARMS

Illinois enacted the Firearm Concealed Carry Act (430 ILCS 66/) to comply with federal court rulings. Under the Act, university property is a Prohibited Area. Therefore, firearms and other weapons are prohibited in all UIC buildings and grounds, including the Hospital, outpatient clinics and affiliated offsite health centers. University policy generally prohibits anyone — even a firearm owner with a concealed carry permit — from carrying or storing a firearm or weapon on any university property, unless required by that individual's job as determined by the Chief of UIC Police, in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services. However, a person licensed to carry a concealed firearm may carry a concealed firearm on or about his or her person within a vehicle into a campus parking lot and may store a firearm and ammunition in a locked vehicle if concealed in a case or locked in a container out of plain view. The firearm may only be removed from the vehicle for the purpose of storing or retrieving it from the trunk of the vehicle, and it must be unloaded before it is removed from the vehicle. Any person reported or discovered to possess a firearm or weapon on university property in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action along with arrest and prosecution. Unauthorized possession or storage of weapons on university property is a Class A misdemeanor.

## CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENT RECORDS (FERPA)

Annually, UIC informs students of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. This Act, with which the University intends to comply fully, was designated to protect the privacy of students' educational records, to establish the right of students to inspect and review their educational records, and to provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate or misleading data through informal and formal hearings. Students also have the right to file complaints with the Family Policy Compliance Office concerning alleged failures by the University to comply with the Act. University policy explains in detail the procedures to be used by the institution for compliance with the provisions of the Act. Copies of the policy are available in the Office of Student Affairs and the Office of Admissions and Records.

### Directory Information

Except as otherwise outlined in the policy, the Act prohibits access by non-university personnel to information about individual students without the student's written authorization, except that which is considered public information. UIC hereby designates the following as public or "directory information." Such information may be

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| 1. Name   | 11. Expected graduation date.   |
| 2. University Identification Number (UIN).  | 12. Degrees conferred, with dates.  |
| 3. University e-mail; and permanent city, state, and postal ZIP code.                                   | 13. Current term hours enrolled and enrollment status (full-time, part-time, not enrolled, withdrawn and date of withdrawal).   |
| 4. Class/Level (Graduate, Undergraduate, Professional, Non-degree/Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior). | 14. Awards, honors and achievements (including distinguished academic performance), with dates.   |
| 5. College and major field of study/Concentration/Minor.  | 15. Eligibility for membership in honoraries.   |
| 6. Day and month of birth.  | 16. For Students appointed as fellows, assistants, graduate, or undergraduate hourly employees, the title, appointing department, appointment date, duties and percent time of appointment. |
| 7. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports.  | 17. Video and photographic images of students taken by the University during public events with the exception of the official UIC identification photograph.                                |
| 8. Weight and height if the student is an athletic team member.   |   |
| 9. Dates of admission/attendance.   |   |
| 10. Attendance site (campus, location).   |   |

For more information, please visit the Student Records Policy website at [registrar.uic.edu/student\\_records/](https://registrar.uic.edu/student_records/).

## MEDICAL IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

The Illinois Department of Public Health requires that all students living in on-campus housing and born on or after January 1, 1957, entering a post-secondary institution are required to present documented [proof of immunity](#) (pdf) against the following diseases:

1. Measles (Rubeola) - two (2) doses at least 28 days apart
2. Rubella (German Measles) - two (2) doses at least 28 days apart
3. Mumps - two (2) doses at least 28 days apart
4. TD (Tetanus and Diphtheria) - three (3) doses required - one (1) within past 10 years
5. Meningitis - Required for students under age of 22 - Must be given on or after 16th birthday

**NOTE:** Students are also responsible for showing documentation for any other immunizations as specified by their colleges whether the student is living in on-Campus Housing or not. These documents must be submitted to the students college, and do not need to be submitted to the Office of Medical Immunization.



Students in on-campus housing who are not properly immunized and have not submitted a written statement of medical or religious exemption are required to undergo immunization within the first term of enrollment. Failure to provide the required proof of immunity shall prevent a student from enrolling in a subsequent term. To prevent a hold from being placed on a student's account, students must submit the required [proof of immunity](#). For more information, please visit the Student Records Policy website at [registrar.uic.edu/student\\_records/medical\\_immunization](http://registrar.uic.edu/student_records/medical_immunization).

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT**

The commitment of the University of Illinois to the most fundamental principles of academic freedom, equality of opportunity, and human dignity requires that decisions involving students and employees be based on individual merit and be free from invidious discrimination in all its forms. The University of Illinois will not engage in discrimination or harassment against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation including gender identity, unfavorable discharge from the military or status as a protected veteran and will comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination, equal opportunity and affirmative action laws, orders and regulations. This nondiscrimination policy applies to admissions, employment, access to and treatment in University programs and activities. University complaint and grievance procedures provide employees and students with the means for the resolution of complaints that allege a violation of this Statement. UIC's Office for Access and Equity is the office charged with reviewing and addressing complaints of harassment and/or discrimination. For more information, please visit the UIC Policy on Policies website at [policies.uic.edu/uic-policylibrary/access-and-equity/nondiscrimination-policy-statement/](http://policies.uic.edu/uic-policylibrary/access-and-equity/nondiscrimination-policy-statement/).

## **OPEN EXPRESSION**

The University of Illinois at Chicago, in its role as an academic institution, is committed to an environment in which a variety of ideas can be reasonably proposed and critically examined. The existence of the free exchange of ideas and the expression of dissent within the university community are indications of intellectual vitality and social awareness. Freedom of speech in this context will include all forms of communication and artistic expression as well as the freedom to listen, watch, protest, or otherwise participate in such communication ("open expression").

Implicit in these freedoms is the right to demonstrate in a peaceful and non-disruptive manner. The university affirms the right of members of the university community to assemble and demonstrate peaceably and expects that those who enjoy these freedoms must also accept responsibility for their open expression activities. To promote the free exchange of ideas, the University of Illinois at Chicago acknowledges the right of members of the university community to distribute visual communications and to speak publicly on campus, subject to the reasonable time, place and manner restrictions set forth in this policy.

The university affirms that the substance or the nature of the views expressed is not an appropriate basis for any restriction of an assembly or a demonstration. As such, the content neutral rules set forth in this policy are intended to protect the rights of those involved in these activities, others in the university community, and the institution from unreasonable disruption. The policy is not intended, nor shall it be used by the university, for prior review of any communication. The use of the university grounds and/or facilities does not imply acceptance or endorsement by the university of the views expressed as part of any open expression activity. The university reserves the right to amend this policy as appropriate.

For more information, please visit the UIC Policy on Policies page at [policies.uic.edu/uic-policylibrary/student-affairs](http://policies.uic.edu/uic-policylibrary/student-affairs).

## **PROHIBITION OF SEX DISCRIMINATION, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

UIC is committed to providing an educational and work environment that is free from all forms of sex discrimination, sexual violence, and sexual and gender-based harassment (collectively referred to as “sexual misconduct”). UIC prohibits and will not tolerate sexual misconduct of or by students, employees, patients, or visitors. UIC will take prompt and fair action to eliminate such conduct, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effects through interim protective measures and accommodations, equitable investigations, and disciplinary processes. Employees and students in violation of this policy may face sanctions up to and including termination or expulsion. The Office for Access and Equity, through its Title IX Coordinator, has the authority to conduct investigations, to determine when there have been violations of this policy based on the standard of preponderance of evidence, and then make recommendations in accordance with the relevant University policies for students, employees, patients, or visitors.

UIC encourages good faith reports of sexual misconduct and prohibits retaliation against any person who reports sexual misconduct and/or who participates in a Title IX investigation or resultant disciplinary process.

All employees are considered to be “Responsible Employees” with the authority and responsibility to report Sexual Misconduct to University Officials. Employees who are exempted from this reporting requirement are professional or pastoral counselors who provide work-related mental-health counseling, campus advocates who provide confidential victim assistance, and employees who are otherwise prohibited by law from disclosing information received in the course of providing professional care and treatment.

For more information on how to report, visit:

Office of Access and Equity: [oea.uic.edu](https://oea.uic.edu)

Office of the Dean of Students: [dos.uic.edu](https://dos.uic.edu)

UIC Police Department: [police.uic.edu](https://police.uic.edu)

## **STUDENT DISCIPLINARY POLICY**

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) community includes students, staff, faculty, and others who have a vested interest in the University. Members of our community pride themselves on academic, personal, and professional excellence, and value integrity, accountability, and respect. The Student Disciplinary Policy underscores the pride and the values that define our community while providing UIC students with a framework to guide their actions and behaviors. As members of the UIC community, students assume obligations of academic performance and conduct reasonably imposed by the institution and consistent with its objectives and mission. UIC students and Registered Student Organizations are expected to act in accordance with University policies, rules, and regulations, and local, state and federal laws. Students should be aware that they are responsible not only for their behavior, but also for the impact of their actions. Copies of the Student Disciplinary Policy are available from the Office of the Dean of Students (DOS) and online at [dos.uic.edu](https://dos.uic.edu).

### **Academic Integrity**

As an academic community, the University of Illinois at Chicago is committed to providing an environment in which research, learning, and scholarship can flourish and in which all endeavors are guided by academic and professional integrity. All members of the campus community -- students, staff, faculty, administrators -- share the responsibility of insuring that these standards are upheld so that such an environment exists. Instances of academic misconduct by students, and as defined herein, shall be handled pursuant to the Student Disciplinary Policy. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- Cheating
- Bribes, Favors, Threats
- Grade Tampering
- Fabrication
- Examination by Proxy
- Non-Original Works
- Facilitating Academic Dishonesty/Plagiarism

## **TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS POLICY**

In recognition of environmental tobacco and smoke health risks, the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) will provide a tobacco-free environment for its faculty, staff, students, patients, and visitors. Effective July 1, 2013, tobacco product use will be prohibited on all campus grounds, in all campus- and Campus Auxiliaries-owned properties, in all University-owned vehicles, and in private vehicles while on campus. This policy applies to all University buildings, facilities, student residence halls, campus grounds, and University-owned vehicles, as they are considered property of the University, whether owned or occupied, in whole or in part, by UIC. Furthermore, the sale of tobacco products is prohibited in all University buildings, facilities and on campus grounds.

This tobacco-free policy will be clearly posted and can be referenced in the policy and procedures section on the Human Resources website, on the campus website, and in other relevant publications. Key components of the policy will also be shared with families, alumni, patients, and visitors, and will be posted on signage around campus.

Any exceptions to this University policy must be approved by the Tobacco-Free Campus appropriate executive officer or designated representative.

“Tobacco Products” is defined as all forms of tobacco, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookahs), chew, electronic cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco products.

For more information, please visit UIC Policy on Policies website [policies.uic.edu](http://policies.uic.edu)

## **UIC SENATE POLICY ON RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS**

The faculty of the University of Illinois at Chicago shall make every effort to avoid scheduling examinations or requiring that student projects be turned in or completed on religious holidays. Students who wish to observe their religious holidays shall notify the faculty member by the tenth day of the semester of the date when they will be absent unless the religious holiday is observed on or before the tenth day of the semester. In such cases, the students shall notify the faculty member at least five days in advance of the date when he/she will be absent. The faculty member shall make every reasonable effort to honor the request, not penalize the student for missing the class, and if an examination or project is due during the absence, give the student an exam or assignment equivalent to the one completed by those students in attendance. If the student feels aggrieved, he/she may request remedy through the campus grievance procedure.

\*For a list of identified religious holidays, please visit: [oae.uic.edu/religious-calendar](http://oae.uic.edu/religious-calendar)  
Please note that this list is not exhaustive.

# ACADEMIC SERVICES

**NOTE:** This is not an exhaustive list. A more extensive list of tutoring and other academic support resources on campus can be found by visiting [flamestutoring.uic.edu](https://flamestutoring.uic.edu).

## ACADEMIC CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE (ACE)

The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) is a multifaceted learning center designed to help all UIC students meet their academic goals. ACE courses, which are listed under the Academic Skills Program (ASP) in each semester's Course Schedule, assist students in improving their study strategies and critical reading and thinking, academic and professional writing, vocabulary development, and English as a Second Language (ESL) skills. In addition, ACE offers workshops addressing time management, examination preparation and test-taking strategies, development of post-graduate application documents, and strategies for overcoming academic difficulties. ACE also provides one-on-one coaching and counseling support in many academic subject areas.

ACE offers on-site, custom-designed academic workshops for colleges and programs at UIC. Possible topics include the following:

- general study strategies
- time management
- study groups
- critical reading and thinking
- memory
- test-taking strategies
- stress management
- test anxiety reduction
- math strategies
- research papers & application essays

ACE Instructors will work with students on a one-on-one basis to address academic concerns and to aid students in planning a course of action. ACE staff can meet for one or two sessions or on a continual basis throughout the semester or academic year.

(312) 413-0031 | 2900 Student Services Building (SSB) | [ace.uic.edu](https://ace.uic.edu)





## CHANCE

The Mission of the UIC CHANCE Program is to recruit and retain academically qualified underrepresented candidates from Chicago and Suburban communities in need of enrichment and learning skills for admission to UIC and facilitate access to the necessary activities and professional services that will enable them to persist and graduate as well as prepare professionals for the 21st century global economy.

(312) 355-5025 | 1200 W. Harrison, St. Suite 2560 | [chance.uic.edu](http://chance.uic.edu)

## HONORS COLLEGE TUTORING

Honors College students are available to help all students on campus in a wide variety of subjects. Tutoring is offered from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on weekdays, starting the third week of each semester through the last week of classes (excluding the Thanksgiving holiday and spring break). The schedule of subjects covered for each semester can be found on the Honors College website. Extended tutoring hours, including weekday evenings and finals week, may be offered during the semester and details will be shared on the Honors College website.

(312) 413-2260 | 102 Burnham Hall | [honors.uic.edu](http://honors.uic.edu)

## LIBRARIES

The Richard J. Daley Library has books, computers and other materials for study in the humanities, social sciences, sciences, and engineering. The library's website is available 24/7, and you will find many books, journal articles, and databases online. The IDEA Commons The IDEA Commons, a state-of-the-art collaborative learning environment, is open 24 hours Sunday-Thursday. Many readings assigned by professors are available online through electronic course reserves. Librarians can help you find information for classes or writing research papers; you can consult with them in person or by email, chat, or text (see Ask A Librarian on the library website).

(312) 996-2724 | 801 S. Morgan St. | [library.uic.edu](http://library.uic.edu)

The Library of the Health Sciences-Chicago includes materials on medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacology and other health-related professions. Its special collections include the History of Nursing and Pharmacy Collection, the Kiefer Collection (urology), the Percival Bailey Library (neurology) and the Nyhus Collection (gastroenterology).

(312) 996-8966 | 1750 W. Polk St. | [library.uic.edu](http://library.uic.edu)

## MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES LEARNING CENTER (MSLC)

The Math and Science Learning Center (MSLC) is a welcoming learning environment that provides diverse forms of academic support to students in Math and Science courses at UIC. We are excited for you to join us as we ask questions, explore challenging concepts, develop new ideas, and learn together. No appointments are necessary to take advantage of these free academic support services open to all students! To learn more about the specific types of support we provide, please explore the website.

845 S. Taylor St., 3rd Floor, Science and Engineering South (SES) | [mslc.uic.edu](http://mslc.uic.edu)



## **MINORITY ENGINEERING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM (MERRP)**

Minority Engineering Recruitment and Retention Program, designed to assist underrepresented Black, Latino, and Native American students earning degrees in the engineering profession has played a key role in providing academic and professional development services to students for over 30 years. MERRP currently offers these services to more than 300 students; augmenting their requisite skills in academic subjects and enhancing their career experiences.

(312) 996-2201 | 842 W. Taylor St. Room 2065, UIC Engineering and Science Labs – East (SEL-E)  
[merrp.engr.uic.edu](http://merrp.engr.uic.edu)

## **URBAN HEALTH PROGRAM**

UHP's mission is to recruit, retain, and graduate underrepresented racial/ethnic minority students, specifically African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans, in the health professions. UHP seeks to expand educational and research opportunities for these populations, at all academic levels, including pre-college students, in order to develop underrepresented racial/ethnic minority healthcare professionals, faculty and researchers with the goals of eliminating health disparities and advancing health equity.

(312) 996-7727 | 808 S. Wood St., College of Medicine East Tower, Room 173 | [uhp.uic.edu](http://uhp.uic.edu)

## **THE WRITING ENTER**

Being able to write well is one of the most important outcomes of a college education. The Writing Center provides peer tutors to help students work on all types of writing: assignments for courses, reports, scholarships, or job applications. The Center opens the second week of each semester. Both face-to-face and online appointments are available.

# SUPPORT PROGRAMS

## AFRICAN AMERICAN ACADEMIC NETWORK (AAAN)

African American Academic Network promotes success and high impact engagement for students of African descent through comprehensive coaching, developmental programming, student advocacy and structured learning experiences within an inclusive community. AAAN also offers college transition programs for first year & transfer students.

(312) 996-5040 | Student Services Building (SSB) Suite 2800 | [aaan.uic.edu](http://aaan.uic.edu)

## DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (DRC)

UIC strives to the full inclusion and participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of university life. The Disability Resource Center (DRC) is committed to providing accommodations and access to all students with disabilities and to working collaboratively with faculty, staff, and University services across the campus to provide students with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of the educational experience at UIC, while maintaining compliance with relevant federal and state laws. Students are encouraged to contact the DRC to schedule an intake appointment, ask questions about the accommodation request process, or learn about accessibility and resources on campus.

(312) 413-2183 | Student Services Building (SSB) Suite 1190 | [drc.uic.edu](http://drc.uic.edu)

## LATIN AMERICAN RECRUITMENT AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (LARES)

The Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services (LARES) Program specializes in the recruitment and retention of Latino/a students by providing academic, career, and financial aid counseling. They offer study skills courses, tutoring, student workshops, and volunteer opportunities to enhance leadership skills. LARES establishes its own independent projects, collaborates with many campus initiatives, and directs students to appropriate University offices.

(312) 996-3356 | Student Services Building (SSB) Suite 2640 | [lares.uic.edu](http://lares.uic.edu)

## NATIVE AMERICAN SUPPORT PROGRAM (NASP)

The Native American Support Program (NASP) strives to increase the enrollment, retention, and graduation of Native American students by offering: community outreach, financial aid assistance, academic advising, leadership and professional development, Native American Heritage Celebration, and the Native American Student Organization.

(312) 996-4515 | Student Services Building (SSB) Suite 2700 | [nasp.uic.edu](http://nasp.uic.edu)

## TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM

The TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Program provides services that foster academic achievement and a sense of community, and provides personal support, financial literacy, leadership opportunities, post-baccalaureate exploration, career development, and cultural enrichment. SSS is a federally funded program that serves students from low-income families and/or first generation college students (neither parent has obtained a bachelor's degree) and students with disabilities.

(312) 996-5046 | Student Services Building (SSB) Suite 2720 | [trio.uic.edu](http://trio.uic.edu)

## UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT SUPPORT

The Office of Diversity promotes greater awareness and understanding of undocumented students' experiences (while maintaining the confidentiality of individuals) and develops campus responses and processes to address their needs related to academic success. For students who are undocumented or from mixed immigration status families, there are a range of resources and services to help.

312-355-0011 | University Hall (UH) Room 2627 | [diversity.uic.edu](https://diversity.uic.edu)

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

### OFFICE OF EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS

The Office of External Fellowships (OEF), formerly known as the Office of Special Scholarship Programs (OSSP), provides extensive advisement and assistance to current UIC undergraduate and professional school students, and to recent alumni, in finding and applying for nationally- and internationally competitive fellowships, scholarships, and grants. From Fulbright Grants to Goldwater Scholarships and many others, UIC students have received competitive fellowships that have helped them pursue academic and career interests here in Chicago and around the globe. OEF can help you pursue these opportunities too.

(312) 355-3380 | University Hall, Room 800 | [oef.uic.edu](https://oef.uic.edu)

### STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS (OFSAS)

Student Financial Aid and Scholarships (OSFAS) administers an array of federal, state, and institutional programs. If you are in need of financial assistance, you are highly encouraged to complete the necessary paperwork by the appropriate deadlines. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) provides grants, loans, and work-study funds to eligible students attending college or career school. You never know what types of aid opportunities are available unless you complete an application.

(312) 996-3126 | 1800 Student Services Building (SSB) | [financialaid.uic.edu](https://financialaid.uic.edu)  
[FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

### UNIVERSITY STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES & CASHIER

University Student Financial Services & Cashier Operations Be sure to check your Student Account Summary online at least once each month for new transactions. Payment is due by the date indicated on your electronic bill. Avoid the 1.5% late fee by paying on time. Set up your parent/guardian as an Authorized Payer if you want them to have access to your student account information. The office will not be able to release any information without consent. Sign up for direct deposit for faster access to any credit balance on your student account.

(312) 996-8574 1900 | Student Services Building (SSB) | [paymybill.uillinois.edu](https://paymybill.uillinois.edu)







# CENTERS FOR CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING & SOCIAL CHANGE

## AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

Founded in 1991, the African-American Cultural Center (AACC) at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) is an interdisciplinary unit that supports the academic and diversity missions of the university through innovative programs and initiatives that relate particular African-American and African Diaspora traditions, creative practices, and experiences to broader frameworks of thought, feeling, and action. The Center connects campus and community partners who reflect Chicagoland's diverse intellectual and cultural life to promote intercultural understanding and social change.

(312) 996-9549 | 830 S. Halsted St., Addams Hall, 2nd Floor | [aacc.uic.edu](http://aacc.uic.edu)

## ARAB AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

The Arab American Cultural Center promotes the social and academic wellbeing of Arab American students, staff, and faculty. It seeks to enhance cultural awareness, facilitate dialogue, and foster interaction among the diverse groups at UIC. Through an array of cultural and educational programs, the Arab American Cultural Center sustains an inclusive campus community where human differences are embraced. The Center is also a resource for students, staff, and faculty desiring engagement with Chicago's Arab American communities and organizations.

(312) 413-3253 | Stevenson Hall, Room 111 | [arabamcc.uic.edu](http://arabamcc.uic.edu)

## ASIAN AMERICAN RESOURCE & CULTURAL CENTER

The Asian American Resource and Cultural Center (AARCC) opened in Spring of 2005 as a result of student efforts to ensure that UIC supports the needs of Asian Americans. AARCC promotes the intellectual and personal growth of UIC students, staff, and faculty; advocates for greater access, equity, and inclusion of Asian Americans; and educates the UIC community about Asian Americans. Offers social, cultural, and educational programs that promote knowledge of and fosters engagement with issues relating to Asian Americans and Asian American Studies. Develops co-curricular programs that enhance the UIC experience and provide opportunities for integrated learning and development. Collaborates and consults especially with Global Asian Studies (GLAS) and UIC's Asian American and Native Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) Initiative, as well as with other campus units, and serves as a resource for the campus to engage with Chicago's Asian American communities and organizations.

(312) 413-9569 | 101 Taft Hall (TH) | [aarcc.uic.edu](http://aarcc.uic.edu)

## DISABILITY CULTURAL CENTER

The new Disability Cultural Center (DCC) is currently housed in the Daley Library, room 1-461. Students are welcome to stop by between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to visit and meet the staff and other students. The center is engaged in cultural programming and community outreach, joining the other Center for Cultural Understanding and Social Change. Roxanna Stupp, former director of the UIC Disability Resource Center (DRC), is directing the cultural center during this time of transition.

(312) 355-7050 | Richard J. Daley Library Room 1-461 | [dcc.uic.edu](http://dcc.uic.edu)

## **GENDER & SEXUALITY CENTER**

Established in 1995, the Gender and Sexuality Center (GSC) affirms and promotes the health and wellbeing of persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities. For example, the GSC Lounge and Gallery are safe spaces for everyone to meet, study, and relax. The GSC also provides education, outreach, research and support for and about lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and allied (LGBTQA) people. For 20 years, the GSC has been providing UIC students, staff, faculty and alumni, and members of the Chicagoland area with dynamic programming and resources through cultural events, scholarly lectures, public dialogues, and interactive workshops around gender identity and sexual orientation and their intersections with other identities. Annual programs include Rainbow Social, Bi Pride Day, and Lavender Graduation.

(312) 413-8619 | Behavioral Sciences Building (BSB), Room 183 | [gsc.uic.edu](http://gsc.uic.edu)

## **RAFAEL CINTRON-ORTIZ LATINO CULTURAL CENTER**

The Rafael Cintrón Ortiz Latino Cultural Center (LCC) engages campus and local communities to deepen understanding of the diverse cultural heritages and identities of Latinxs, issues affecting their lives, and creative solutions they are using to improve community life. The LCC offers engaged learning cocurricular opportunities that feature cultural and artistic expressions, intercultural and civic dialogues, scholarly presentations, and first-voice stories. Offers social and environmental justice Civic Dialogues and Tours of our mural *El Despertar de las Américas* (the largest contemporary indoor mural in Chicago) to connect UIC courses material to community challenges and solutions. Connects UIC campus with community leaders, artists, and cultural institutions through public programs including: Zona Abierta, Civic Cinema, Noche de Poetas, ARTivism, and Special Programs. Coordinates and supervises internships for the Heritage Garden and lends its expertise in collaborative projects including L@S GANAS for STEM students.

(312) 996-3095 | Lecture Center B2 (LCB) | [latinocultural.uic.edu](http://latinocultural.uic.edu)

## **WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP & RESOURCE CENTER**

The Women's Leadership and Resource Center (WLRC) strives to create an equitable environment in which women are able to pursue their educational and career aspirations, free from institutional barriers, oppression, and violence. WLRC offers workshops and programs throughout the year as well as workshops and trainings upon request. Get involved through student groups, volunteering, or our violence prevention programs.

(312) 413-1025 | 1101 W. Taylor St. | [wlrc.uic.edu](http://wlrc.uic.edu)

# STAYING SAFE

## CAMPUS ADVOCACY NETWORK (CAN)

The Campus Advocacy Network (CAN) is a program that provides a team approach to advocacy in order to assist students, staff, and faculty who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and hate crimes. CAN's services are free and confidential. At CAN we believe people of all genders deserve safety from harm, but believe that this safety may be achieved in multiple ways. Gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, class, religious beliefs, and ability can be factors that shape experiences with violence. CAN is committed to working with survivors of violence, even if no further action is taken. CAN works to realistically explore options open to individuals and supports attempts to access resources both on and off campus. CAN will listen and validate your experiences. You should know 3 important things: CAN believes you, it's not your fault, and you have options.

CAN's services are varied; they include but are not limited to:

- Assisting with filing for a Civil Order of Protection
- Assisting with filing for a Civil Sexual Assault or Stalking No Contact Order
- Going with you to court and police station
- Changing parking assignments
- Safety planning
- Assistance with student conduct process
- Assistance with financial aid process
- Emergency housing assistance
- Anonymous reporting of crime even if no further action is taken

\*Off campus help available 24 hours a day Chicago Rape Crisis Hotline: (888) 293-2080  
City of Chicago Domestic Violence Helpline: (877) 863-6338

(312) 413-8206 | 1101 W. Taylor St. | [can.uic.edu](http://can.uic.edu)

## CONFIDENTIAL ADVISORS

If you or someone you know is a victim of a crime, please know that there are free and confidential resources on campus to help navigate and understand your options to report and seek medical, legal, and other services. You can find a confidential advisor at the following locations:

Campus Advocacy Network (CAN)

(312) 413-8206 | 1101 W. Taylor St. | [can.uic.edu](http://can.uic.edu)

Office of Access and Equity (OAE)

(312) 996-8670 | 809 S. Marshfield Ave. | [oae.uic.edu](http://oae.uic.edu)

Office of the Dean of Students (DOS)

(312) 996-4857 | 1200 W. Harrison Ave. | [dos.uic.edu](http://dos.uic.edu)



## UIC POLICE DEPARTMENT

The UIC Police Department is a full-service police department with an emphasis on service. Providing help, service and information is the main goal. UIC Police possess all the powers of municipal police officers and county sheriffs, including the power to make arrests on view and on warrants. Officers enforce state statutes and municipal ordinances on and off campus and University regulations on campus.

Emergency Phone: (312) 355-5555 | Non-Emergency: (312) 996-2830  
943 W. Maxwell St. | [police.uic.edu](https://police.uic.edu)

### Student Patrol

Students, faculty, and staff may request a walking escort to accompany them to any campus destination by contacting UIC Police Telecommunications at (312) 996-2830. Student Patrol members will be dispatched to their location (building or room) in a timely manner.

### Night Ride

The UIC Night Ride service exists as a means to provide our indigenous student body with the ability to travel within our boundaries SAFELY after the operational hours of our bus circuit, and in doing so, it is of incalculable value to those students that find themselves with the need to return home in the hours when the city of Chicago has more profound edges to it than it does by the light of day. Comprised of three (3) red 15-passenger vans, this service acts as an on-demand option for students and staff to use after hours. We can pick you up at any campus facility and allow you to move about the campus or return to your own residence provided it falls within the boundaries of the service. The dispatching center for Night Ride opens at 11:00PM and can be reached at (312) 996-6800. All riders will need a valid UIC i-card to board.

[transportation.uic.edu](https://transportation.uic.edu)

## SAFETY ALERT SYSTEMS

### Crime Alerts

UIC offers crime alerts to notify you via email and SMS text messaging regarding immediate crimes that have occurred in the UIC area. UIC's crime statistics are available online at [clery.uic.edu](https://clery.uic.edu).

### UIC Alert Emergency Notification System

Students are highly encouraged to use this service that will send timely text messages to your cell phone in the case of an urgent campus-wide emergency. This will allow UIC officials to quickly contact you.

Register your phone at [accc.uic.edu](https://accc.uic.edu).

For assistance, contact 312-413-0003 or [consult@uic.edu](mailto:consult@uic.edu)

### RAVE Guardian Mobile App

Now your phone can keep you safe and help protect your friends and coworkers! The Rave Guardian mobile phone app enhances safety on campus through real-time interactive features that create a virtual safety network of friends, family, and Campus Safety. Providing personal safety to campus is our main focus. We are always looking for ways to further improve the safety of our students, faculty, and staff and feel Rave guardian provides a great solution: improving communication across the community.

[guardian.uic.edu](https://guardian.uic.edu)

## Startel

With over 1,000 Startel alarms throughout campus, this system can be identified by the 8ft, blue light posts located along the public walkways on all campuses. Startel units offer direct access to the UIC Police. You can receive assistance by pressing the red call button. Once pressed, the caller will be immediately connected to the UIC Police. The usual on-site response time is under three minutes. The alarms provide the location of the call so if the student cannot speak at that moment in time, the police will know where to go.

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

UIC EMS provides medical support and services to anyone experiencing a medical emergency at an event on campus. All of the EMS providers are licensed Paramedics or Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), in addition to being full-time UIC students enrolled in pre-health tracks of study.

[uicems.uic.edu](http://uicems.uic.edu)

# STUDENT SERVICES

## ACADEMIC COMPUTING AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (ACCC)

The Academic Computing and Communication Center (ACCC) provides technology solutions. Popular services include:

- Wireless Internet access
- Free Microsoft Office available at webstore
- Public computer labs with printing services
- ACCC Helpdesk—technical support for your laptop and other devices including connectivity and antivirus support
- Online survey tool—Qualtrics
- Online video tutorials—Lynda.com
- E-mail
- Online file collaboration—Box

(312) 413-0003 | 402 Student Center East (SCE) | Email: [consult@uic.edu](mailto:consult@uic.edu) | [acc.uic.edu](http://acc.uic.edu)

## UIC BOOKSTORES

The UIC Bookstore is the official bookstore of UIC and provides a wide variety of goods and services for the convenience of the greater UIC community, enhancing the campus experience with exemplary customer service, and demonstrated fiscal and social responsibility. The primary goal is to ensure students are able to obtain the course materials they need at reasonable prices. UIC merchandise and computer software programs are available to support your academic career and promote school spirit.

(312) 413-5500 | Student Center East (SCE, Concourse Level) | [bookstore.uic.edu](http://bookstore.uic.edu)

UIC Medical Bookstore

(312) 413-5550 | 828 S. Wolcott Ave. (SCW)

## CAREER SERVICES

Career Services serves all UIC students with their career development needs. Students use Career Services for advising related to majors and careers, creating effective resumes and cover letters, understanding how to find and apply to internships and jobs, and help with networking and interviewing. Career Services sponsors many career fairs and other events throughout the year in an effort to provide students with opportunities to meet with employers and learn new skills. In addition to the many resources on the Career Services website, you may stop by for drop-in hours or make an appointment with a career advisor. Don't forget to check out the Event Calendar to find out about upcoming programs and career fairs.

(312) 996-2300 | Student Services Building (SSB), Suite 3050 | [careerservices.uic.edu](https://careerservices.uic.edu)

## CHILDREN'S CENTER

The UIC Children's Center provides high quality early childhood education and childcare to preschool aged children of current UIC students, faculty, and staff in an on campus location. Additionally, the Children's Center provides opportunities for classroom experiences for University students in early childhood education and other related professions that support young children and their families.

(312) 413-5326 | 1919 W. Taylor St., Room 116 | [childrencenter.uic.edu](https://childrencenter.uic.edu)

## COMPUTER LABS

Computer Labs –Access to labs outside of business hours (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm) require building access. No charge for UIC students to access computer labs.

- Benjamin Goldberg Research Center --24/7 Labs Rooms 105A and 105B
- Behavioral Sciences Building Rooms 4133, and B001
- Grant Hall Room 304
- James J. Stukel Towers-Residents only JST 214
- Marie Robinson Hall-Residents only MRH 156
- Student Center East SCE 401 and 408
- Science and Engineering Laboratory East --24/7 Labs SELE 2265, 2263, 2249F, 2249, 2058
- Science and Engineering Offices SEO 1200
- Science and Engineering South SES 201, 205B, 205C
- School of Public Health and Psychiatric Institute SPHPI B34
- Student Residence and Commons-South SRC 2027
- Student Residence Hall-Residents only Room 209
- Thomas Beckham Hall-Residents only Room 181

## DINING SERVICES

The mission of UIC Dining Services is to provide a comprehensive program of food services that collectively improve the campus environment. UIC Dining Services operates facilities throughout the campus that are designed to meet the nutritional needs and the environmental expectations of University students, faculty, staff and visitors.

[dining.uic.edu](https://dining.uic.edu)

## **ID CENTER**

The ID Center provides a one-stop shop for university students, faculty, staff, and visitor's identification needs. The ID Center directly supports the production of i-cards, visitor cards, the Dragon Dollar\$ program, the CTA UPass Program, and provides assistance with all facets of using university issued ID on campus.

(312) 413 5940 | 1790 Student Services Building (SSB) | [idcenter.uic.edu](http://idcenter.uic.edu)

## **OFFICE OF ACCESS AND EQUITY**

As part of the Office of the Chancellor, the Office for Access and Equity (OAE), strives to increase access to employment, programs, and services in an environment free of unlawful discrimination and harassment. Dispute Resolution Services (DRS) provides confidential consultation, facilitation and mediation services to students, faculty, academic and support staff.

\*Please note that Title IX requires that Universities provide pregnancy accommodations. Please visit the [US Department of Education](http://US Department of Education) for more information.

(312) 996-8670 | 809 S. Marshfield Ave. | [oae.uic.edu](http://oae.uic.edu)

## **PARKING SERVICES**

Parking Services provides convenient parking on campus. UIC Parking offers the following special services: assistance with vehicle lockouts, battery charging, tire inflation, fuel assistance. Parking is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Currently, a standard semester-long assignment is \$361 (subject to increase up to \$15 more).

(312) 413-9020 | Student Services Building (SSB), Suite 2620 | [parking.uic.edu](http://parking.uic.edu)

## **STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**

We are a centralized service that offers assistance to UIC students, departments and off-campus employers. Such employment not only provides students with a means of earning money, it also provides students an opportunity to develop new skills and positive work habits which will ensure professional success. Students are expected to consistently execute job responsibilities in a satisfactory manner. In addition, we sponsor various job fairs throughout the year and a series of career development workshops.

(312) 996-3130 | Student Services Building (SSB), Suite 2100 | [studentemployment.uic.edu](http://studentemployment.uic.edu)

## **TESTING SERVICES**

The Office of Testing Services (OTS) is a unit of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. OTS serves two major groups: the students and academic units of The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and the general population of metropolitan Chicago. They are there to meet your proctoring and test scoring needs. OTS is a member of the National College Testing Association (NCTA).

[testing.uic.edu](http://testing.uic.edu)



# STUDENT LIFE

## UIC ATHLETICS

UIC Athletics has 19 Division I Sports and is a member of the Horizon League. The UIC mascot is Sparky D. Dragon. Get involved by joining the RING OF FIRE. Attend post game pizza parties after basketball games. Participate in Red-Out games for most sports, and get a free T-Shirt when you attend your first athletic event. Enjoy event games, prizes, free food, and much more.

Be sure to join the Ring of Fire online at [uicflames.com](http://uicflames.com). It's FREE!

## CAMPUS HOUSING

Campus Housing provides an educational advantage in collaboration with residents which serves as a pathway to success. Through engaging interactions and services, Campus Housing promotes a vibrant environment in the heart of Chicago. One of the real advantages of living on campus is being part of a community of fellow UIC students.

(312) 355-6300 | 818 S. Wolcott Ave. | [housing.uic.edu](http://housing.uic.edu)

## CENTER FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

The Center for Student Involvement is a major resource for cultural, educational, social, and recreational programs on campus. UIC has over 300 registered student organizations.

(312) 413-5070 | Student Center East (SCE), Room 318 | [involvement.uic.edu](http://involvement.uic.edu)

## UIC IMPACT

UIC Impact is the University of Illinois at Chicago's commitment that all students will have the opportunity to apply their learning to real world challenges through high-impact engagement. UIC Impact has adapted the high-impact practices from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). Research shows that because of the deep learning that occurs, students who participate in high-impact practices are more likely to persist through graduation and are more successful in their initial steps after college. [impact.uic.edu](http://impact.uic.edu)

## UIC CONNECTION

Find any and all information regarding student organizations, events, and departments on UIC Connection, our one stop shop for student engagement opportunities. You will be able to create your ePortfolio, volunteer all over the city of Chicago, and be aware of great UIC resources. [connect.uic.edu](http://connect.uic.edu)

## FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

The UIC Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) community represents a vibrant group of students with shared core values of scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship. Through the Center for Student Involvement (CSI), staff advisors in FSL provide support and mentorship to 30+ social fraternity and sorority chapters and to Greek governing councils that unite groups of fraternities and sororities with common histories, cultures/traditions, and operating procedures. Our FSL community is as diverse as the interests that inspire student recruitment and lifelong membership, and we invite you to explore how FSL contributes to a sense of belonging on campus and in neighborhoods throughout Chicago. [fsl.uic.edu](http://fsl.uic.edu)

## UIC RADIO

UIC Radio is the official radio station of the University of Illinois at Chicago. UIC Radio's mission is to provide entertainment, information, and an education for the UIC and Chicago-land communities through diverse programming that reflects and respects the interest of UIC students as well as the rich diversity and multicultural backgrounds of the students, faculty, and staff of UIC. The radio programming will feature an eclectic range of music genres, talk radio, news, and public affairs programming.

[radio.uic.edu](http://radio.uic.edu)

## COMMUTER STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER

The Commuter Student Resource Center (CSRC) is dedicated to fostering student success by providing facilities, programs, and services to students who live off-campus. Defined as any student who does not live in UIC housing, UIC's commuter students make up 85% of the student population. Use the CSRC facilities for studying, computing, lounging, relaxing, storing items in a semester or weekly locker, charging electronics, or using the public kitchen. Programs include study breaks, off-campus housing fairs, commuter workshops, Take a Professor to Lunch Program, Commuter Student Appreciation Week, Commuter Connection Day, and other social events to meet fellow commuters.

(312) 413-7440 245 | Student Center East (SCE) | [csrc.uic.edu](http://csrc.uic.edu)

## OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

The Office of the Dean of Students strives to be the campus leader in fostering a caring and supportive environment where all students matter. Through a variety of offices, including Student Assistance, Community Standards, Student Legal and Student Veterans, we assist students identify resources so they can focus on their academic and social development.

### Community Standards

Community Standards empowers students to uphold the community values of integrity, accountability, and respect. In instances where student's behavioral choices are potentially in conflict with these values, the office facilitates a variety of methods meant to fairly resolve conflicts, hold students found responsible accountable, and spur their ethical and educational development. Additionally, the office provides education and training programs for faculty, staff and students about community standards issues.

### Student Assistance

Student Assistance offers help to students in addressing the complex crises, life traumas, and barriers that may adversely affect their academic successor collegiate experience. Student Assistance empowers students to take an active role in their education by helping them evaluate and connect with the resources and options available to address their situation. Student Assistance can support with issues including, but not limited to, personal and family emergencies, academics, interpersonal conflicts, personal safety, transition issues, and physical and mental health concerns.

### U and I Care

The U and I Care Program is an initiative of the Office of the Dean of Students to identify resources and provide assistance to students dealing with personal hardship. The program educates the campus community about services and programs on and off campus. The program empowers students and university personal to take action in supporting the UIC community. With the multitude of partners within the U and I Care cohort, we are able to connect students with the care that fits their needs best.

### Student Legal Services (SLS)

UIC's Student Legal Services (SLS) is a full-service law office dedicated to providing legal solutions for currently enrolled students. SLS offers advice and representation on a wide variety of legal matters, including: Landlord-Tenant Matters Expungement of Records Family Law Some Criminal Matters Traffic Issues Orders of Protection Employment Agreements Our service is free for currently-registered students, because it is paid for with Student Fees. If you have a legal concern, make an appointment to come speak with us. We assure you that your communication with us will be completely confidential.

### Student Veteran Affairs

Student Veterans Affairs at UIC provides caring and personalized support to UIC undergraduate and graduate student veterans. We help our veterans navigate the campus and provide a welcoming space, mentoring from student veterans, guidance on educational benefits, and tools to succeed academically and personally. The Student Veteran Affairs increases campus awareness of student veteran issues and fosters a sense of belonging, community and well-being for all student veterans on campus. We will: Provide information on veteran's benefits specific to your needs. Give you referrals to helpful resources on campus and in the community. Help you navigate the campus and its bureaucracy. Invite you to workshops and social events throughout the year. Connect you with other student veterans on campus. Help you make the transition from military to student life at UIC.

For more information about the services within the Office of the Dean of Students, please refer the following:

(312) 996-4857 | Student Services Building (SSB), Suite 3030 | [dos.uic.edu](https://dos.uic.edu)





## UIC DIALOGUE INITIATIVE

The UIC Dialogue Initiative actively seeks to build a campus community where inclusion and difference are the foundation of learning. Members of the UIC community will be provided with the resources and skills to recognize and engage with difference in order to expand their social consciousness and participation in a pluralistic society.

[dialogue.uic.edu](http://dialogue.uic.edu)

## OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

UIC is an international community. Our students and scholarly pursuits touch all parts of the world. The Office of International Services (OIS) supports and enhances this global mission by providing immigration expertise and intercultural programming to UIC's students, scholars, families and academic departments. OIS staff support UIC international students by providing specialized orientation sessions, comprehensive immigration advising services, and a variety of programs designed to support personal and academic success. All UIC students can have the opportunity to develop the foreign language skills and cultural awareness needed in today's global society by joining our intercultural friendship program - Trade Winds.

(312) 996-3121 | Student Services Building (SSB), Suite 2160 | [ois.uic.edu](http://ois.uic.edu)

## RELIGIOUS WORKER'S ASSOCIATION

The Religious Workers Association (RWA) at UIC is comprised of campus groups and foundations with professional staff committed to serving students' religious and spiritual needs in an open, non-proselytizing environment.

## JOHN PAUL NEWMAN CENTER

Over 18,000 students at UIC self-identify as Catholic, which is a majority and, by the far, the largest single religious group on campus. The Newman Center has never been more alive and ready to provide ways for you and your fellow Catholics to explore and deepen your faith during your time at UIC! The Newman Center is conveniently located right on campus (just across from the Richard J. Daley Library). Throughout the school year, we offer Sunday Mass at 11am and 7pm and daily Mass at 12:05pm (Mon-Fri) and 5:15pm (Wed and Thurs) in our Newman Chapel. We also have a variety of different events such as Newman Nights, social events, service opportunities, an Alternative Spring Break Service Trip, retreats, and more! Stay up to date on all the exciting events happening at the center!

(312) 226-1880 | 700 S. Morgan St. | FB: @jp2newman | [jp2newman.org](http://jp2newman.org)

## LEVINE HILLEL CENTER

Whether you live on-campus or off-campus, and whatever your background or experience, Hillel is a great place to make friends, develop new leadership skills, explore Judaism, study, and relax. You can sign up for a Birthright Israel trip, participate in an Alternate Spring Break, or volunteer in the Chicago community. Hillel collaborates with other campus groups, hosts social programs and Shabbat dinners, Israel education, internship opportunities, and so much more. The opportunities are limited only by your imagination. Hillel has a lounge, a café, a kosher kitchen, and a library. Everyone is welcome.

(312) 829-1595 | 924 S. Morgan St. | [metrochicagohillel.org](http://metrochicagohillel.org)



## THE INCLUSIVE COLLECTIVE

Bored by Christianity in the past? Burned by it? Brand new to the whole God thing? Our ministry is not perfect. But we're striving to create a relevant, honest, safe and truly INCLUSIVE faith community at UIC. So check us out, no matter who you are- LGBTQ and Straight, Believer and Doubter, Freshmen and Grad Students- all are welcome and loved here. And when we say all, we mean all.

IG: @letsgetinclusiveuic | FB: /letsgetinclusiveUIC | [letsgetinclusive.org](https://letsgetinclusive.org)

## MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Muslim Student Association creates a place on campus where people can come and worship. It is both a sisterhood and brotherhood of individuals who come together as a collective group to pray and talk with one another. It strives to create a safe space for all students and organizations regardless of faith or practice in which they feel welcome, involved, and attended to.

## STUDENT CENTERS

The Student Centers have it all. UIC students, employees, and visitors enjoy a plethora of programs, amenities, and services.

Student Center East | (312) 413-5100 | 750 S. Halsted St. | [studentcenters.uic.edu](https://studentcenters.uic.edu)  
Student Center West | (312) 413-5200 | 828 S. Wolcott Ave.

## STUDENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

At Student Development Services (SDS), we care about your transition to and overall experience at UIC. We strive to provide service at the highest level through quality programs, friendly and smooth interactions, and resourceful referrals. We believe our unit programs and staff will benefit you during your college career. We invite you to become acquainted with our major components: Student Leadership Development and Volunteer Services, the Commuter Student Resource Center, the Wellness Center, New Student and Family Orientation Program, and the UIC Association of Parents (UICAP). Each is designed to serve as a resource to students, faculty, staff, and the university community. They also provide co-curricular opportunities for student and faculty interactions, while fostering positive experiences between students and the UIC campus environment.

(312) 996-3100 1600 | Student Services Building (SSB) | [sds.uic.edu](https://sds.uic.edu)

## STUDENT GOVERNANCE

Student Governments Student governance organizations are dedicated to helping students with academic and campus concerns. They also represent the student body to the University administration and provide opportunities for students to make an impact on the student body and ensure their voices are heard.

Students can participate in one of three student governance organizations:

- Graduate Student Council (GSC)
- Undergraduate Student Government (USG)
- Health Profession Student Council (HPSC)
- Student Member of the Board of Trustees (SMBOT)

For more information, contact information for the Office of the Dean of Students is listed below.

(312) 996-4857 | Student Services Building (SSB), Suite 3030

GSC: [gradstudentcouncil.uic.edu](https://gradstudentcouncil.uic.edu) | HPSC: [hpsc.org.uic.edu](https://hpsc.org.uic.edu) | USG: [usg.uic.edu](https://usg.uic.edu)

SMBOT: [bot.uilinois.edu](https://bot.uilinois.edu)

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

UIC Student Leadership and Civic Engagement (SLCE) provides student-centered, co-curricular leadership and service programming that facilitates diverse and inclusive collaboration, self-awareness, and socially-just community engagement. Programs are rooted in and encourage personal and professional development, active citizenship, cultural humility, and transformational growth. SLCE intends to engage every student on their journey from members of our communities to active citizens and from exploring leaders to transformed leaders. Leadership: IGNITE Leadership Experience, FlashPoint Leadership Experience, LeaderShape Institute, University Ambassadors, Strengths Quest, & Leadership Practices Inventory.

Service: Make Mondays Matter, Get Involved with Volunteer Experiences (GIVE), Weeks of Welcome Service Project, Dr. MLK Jr. Day of Service, UIC Day of Service, Interfaith Day of Service, Leadership & Service Expo

Civic Engagement: TurboVote, IGNITE the Conversation, National Voter Registration Day, Constitution Day, Party at the Polls/Parade to the Polls, Civic Engagement Week.

(312) 996-4500 | Student Center East, Room 390 | [slce.uic.edu](https://slce.uic.edu) | [vote.uic.edu](https://vote.uic.edu)



# STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS

## CAMPUS CARE

CampusCare is an affordable self-funded student health benefit program that has been providing comprehensive health care benefits to eligible enrolled students and their covered dependents. Please visit the website for more information.

[campuscare.uic.edu](https://campuscare.uic.edu)

## UI HEALTH PHARMACY

There are two student pharmacies that specialize in student's prescription needs. Please visit one of the following pharmacies for more information:

- [University Village Pharmacy](#)
- [Taylor Street Pharmacy](#)

All UIC students pay a student health services fee. This fee covers some acute medications and birth control at our two student preferred pharmacies.

## CAMPUS RECREATION

UIC Campus Recreation offers state-of-the-art facilities, fun and exciting programs, provides educationally sound and health services, all focused on providing our University community a complete recreational experience. Campus Recreation is a valuable resource for students who wish to pursue a healthy lifestyle. Through participation in various programs, participants can gain a multitude of personal benefits including improved levels of physical fitness and wellness, opportunities for social interaction, enhanced time management skills, the opportunity to engage in a group dynamic setting, the opportunity for a healthy means of stress relief, as well as the creation of a sense of ownership and belonging between students and the UIC community.

Student Recreation Facility (SRF) | 737 S. Halsted St.

Sport & Fitness Center (SFC) | 828 S. Wolcott St. | [recreation.uic.edu](https://recreation.uic.edu)

## THE COUNSELING CENTER

The Counseling Center offers assessment and counseling (individuals, couples, and group) and psychiatric services for students' personal, academic, and other concerns. Consultation, crisis management, and referrals are also provided. Workshops are conducted on topics such as assertiveness, diversity issues, personal style differences in communication, stress management, and other topics by request.

(312) 996-3490 | Student Services Building (SSB), Suite 2010 | [counseling.uic.edu](https://counseling.uic.edu)



## **INTOUCH CRISIS & SUPPORT HOTLINE**

The InTouch Crisis and Support Hotline is a free telephone crisis intervention, counseling, and referral service offered to UIC students and members of the greater Chicagoland area. The Hotline is staffed by volunteers trained through the UIC Paraprofessional Program. Calls placed to the Hotline remain confidential and are treated in an objective, non-judgmental fashion. Hotline volunteers are trained to discuss a wide range of problems including, but not limited to: crisis situations, anxiety and panic, conflict resolution, relationship issues, difficult decisions, isolation, stress, depression, LGBT issues, loneliness, family concerns, referrals, academic stress, and trouble deciding on a major. Individuals are encouraged to call and explore any important issue or concern they may be facing. The hotline hours are Sunday-Friday from 6pm-10pm and can be reached at (312) 996-5535.

## **FAMILY MEDICINE CENTER**

The Family Medicine Center is committed to providing high quality, student centered care and services. It has attending physicians, residents, and nurse practitioners on staff to provide the full range of primary care health services. All care at the Family Medicine Center is by appointment only, and students can typically be seen the same day they call or the next day, if it is an urgent issue. A registered student, under the student health fee, is able to receive health services at no cost. When receiving services not covered under the student health services fee, the student's private insurance will be billed. To find out more information regarding what services are covered, visit the website.

(312) 996-2901 | 722 W. Maxwell St., 2nd Floor

[hospital.uillinois.edu/primary-and-specialty-care/family-medicine](https://hospital.uillinois.edu/primary-and-specialty-care/family-medicine)

## **WELLNESS CENTER**

Jumping into life on a college campus is a lot of fun, but it also comes with lots of important decisions, some of which may save your life. The Wellness Center offers workshops that show you how to manage your stress, drink responsibly, use safe sex practices, eat healthy food, use your street smarts, and more. If a life crisis occurs and you are missing meals we will connect you to our student food pantry. If you are homeless or couch surfing please reach out to us for resources and assistance. If you need to have a one-time one-hour wellness consultation, we do that too. The Wellness Center also provides free wellness related products: ear plugs, band-aids, kleenex, hand sanitizer, feminine products, and condoms.

(312) 413-2120 | Student Center East (SCE) | 750 S. Halsted St., Suite 238

Hours: 8:30am to 5:00pm

[wellnesscenter.uic.edu](https://wellnesscenter.uic.edu)



# NAVIGATING CAMPUS

## DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS

### MASS TRANSIT

UIC's location allows easy access to campus via public transportation. Both CTA buses and the CTA trains (the "L") run through and around campus. Seven CTA bus routes run through the campus. The Blue Line train (UIC-Halsted, Racine and Illinois Medical District stops) and the Pink Line train (Polk stop), connect the campus with downtown, O'Hare International Airport, northwest and west side neighborhoods of Chicago, and the western suburbs of Oak Park, Forest Park and Cicero.

Pace Suburban Bus operates an express route (Route 755 Plainfield – IMD Express) between Plainfield, Bolingbrook and the UIC campus and Illinois Medical District during weekday rush hours.

The UIC campus is also two blocks west of the Greyhound Bus terminal.

### DRIVING

With the many expressways in Chicago, there are a ton of straight shot ways to get to campus coming from any direction. Please visit the link below for more information.

To learn more about using Mass transit, or to get driving directions to either side of campus, please visit [uic.edu](http://uic.edu)

### MAPS OF CAMPUS

We want to make it as easy as possible for you to navigate campus. The [UIC interactive campus map](#) displays a wide array of information resources for UIC's students, visitors, faculty and staff. It provides university building and parking information, assists with directions, outlines UIC shuttle routes and provides high resolution, print-optimized campus maps in PDF format available for download.

### INTRACAMPUS BUS

UIC's Intracampus bus services provides free transportation services to students, faculty and staff to different places on campus. Three routes are available: Intracampus Route, UIC East Side Route, and the Semester Express Route. Learn more about each route [here](#) and plan your trip today!

### U-PASS

The CTA Ventra U-PASS is provided to eligible students during enrolled terms. The Ventra U-PASS provides unlimited use of CTA trains and buses. Distribution for new students is conducted in the Student Services Building. You need to bring your valid i-card to pick up your U-Pass.

The U-PASS program is not optional. All full-time students are assessed the \$163 CTA Transportation Fee for each of the Fall and Spring semesters. The Summer U-PASS is available for the entirety of all portions of the summer term, and the fee is \$125.

[idcenter.uic.edu](http://idcenter.uic.edu)

# LIFE AS A FLAME

## STUDY LOCATIONS

### DOUGLAS HALL

Located on the 2nd and 3rd floors, these study rooms are ideal for when you are in need of a quiet space. Pro tip: Come to these EARLY in the morning, because they fill up very fast.

### HONORS COLLEGE LOUNGE/QUIET STUDY ROOM

The Honors College has two great rooms with plenty of chairs, tables, and outlets to use. The lounge can be used for group work, and has a microwave to heat up some lunch.

### PORT CENTER CAFE

Hidden on the 2nd floor of University Hall, you have to walk past the delicious coffee and sweets, and up the stairs to get to these study areas. There are couches to sit on and go over some notes with a friend and also tables and booths where you can enjoy a cup of coffee and mull over your work.

### COMMUTER LOUNGE

The Commuter Center has lots of seating areas for group and individual work, computers, and even a kitchen that has coffee, tea, and hot water, along with microwaves to heat up your lunch. If you come on the right day, sometimes they have free ice cream or other treats!

### RICHARD DALEY LIBRARY

There are spaces within the library that have a no-talking rule, so it is perfect for intense study periods. Check out the 4th floor lounge for some comfortable seating or the Circle Reading Room located on the 1st floor for more of a desk space working environment.

### IDEA COMMONS

Located at the south end of the first floor of the Richard J. Daley Library, the IDEA Commons is designed to help students use technology and library research materials to complete their academic work. There are areas for research, presentations, group study, tutoring, reference consultations, and socializing. Typically, opened late, and even later during midterms/finals week.

### FOOD ON CAMPUS

Are you hungry and looking for a nice restaurant to enjoy good cuisine? Whether you are looking to dine-in or something on the go, the Student Centers has several options for you to choose from. Check out the [website](#) for hours, locations, and a full list of restaurants on campus

### NEIGHBORHOODS

Whether you are in search for the perfect cuisine, learning about a new culture, or a fun festival, the neighborhoods surrounding UIC have got you covered! If you are looking to get to know Chicago neighborhoods better, there are a ton of restaurants, activities, and sightseeing ahead! Visit the [Choose Chicago](#) website, type in a Chicago neighborhood, and let the exploring begin!

Some Chicago neighborhoods very close to UIC include Little Italy, University Village, Greek Town, Pilsen, and







