

Section XII. The UIC Environment

A. Maps and Directions

[Campus Maps and Directions](#) are available for inter-campus travel and for travel to and from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). A new Visitor's Map of the campus features all UIC buildings, parking lots, and structures, showing ADA accessible entrances. CTA bus stops and train stations are also shown.

B. Parking and Transportation

[Campus Parking Services](#) is responsible for providing safe, convenient, and affordable parking for vehicles by 1) issuing parking assignments for faculty, staff, and students 2) providing cash lots for occasional drivers and visitors 3) operating and maintaining the campus parking facilities and 4) offering special services for special needs, e.g., assistance with vehicle lockouts, battery charging, tire inflation, fuel assistance, and escort service within the Halsted, Harrison, Paulina, and Wood Street parking structures. The UIC parking program is self-supporting and all persons pay a fee when using any University parking facility. In addition, the University operates a commuter bus, shuttle buses, Red Car service, paratransit service, and provides vehicles for University business.

1. [Commuter Bus](#): A commuter bus service is provided between the campus, the Ogilvie Transportation Center, and Union Station. There is a cost for this service and bus tickets are sold in books of 25 and are available in the UIC Student Center East and at the Campus Information Center in the UIC Student Center West.
2. [Daytime and Evening Shuttle Bus](#): The University operates free campus and parking lot shuttle bus service. The shuttle bus service operates around the campus during the business day and evening hours. A route map for both day and evening schedules is available through Parking Services. All University shuttle buses are handicap accessible and all riders must present their University identification (*i*-card) to ride the shuttle bus.
3. [Red Car Service](#): The University has an escort service to provide transportation to University employees, students, and other authorized individuals between University facilities and points of public transportation or residence facilities. This service is available seven (7) days a week, including holidays, from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. A valid Red Car access authorization card is required. University identification (*i*-card) must be presented to the driver when boarding.
4. [Paratransit Service](#): On-campus Paratransit Service is available for students, faculty and staff with disabilities. Paratransit Service is available seven days a week. When scheduling rides, students need to register with the Office of Disability Services and faculty and staff with the Office of Access and Equity. For Paratransit service during the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., the Red Car Service should be contacted.
5. [Vehicles for University Business](#): University-owned vehicles are available for faculty and staff members traveling on official University business. A charge is made against the unit/department for use of these vehicles. Drivers must have a valid Illinois driver's license.

C. News/Media Relations

The [Office of Public Affairs](#) (OPA) is responsible for relations with external news media. The OPA services the local and national media, news services, newspapers, television and radio, magazines, and professional journals, with news developments and feature articles related to UIC, its staff, faculty, and students. The OPA works with faculty and staff, departments, administrative offices, and the Medical Center to learn of newsworthy research and activities on campus and to make UIC expertise available to news media. The OPA publishes [UIC News](#), a weekly newspaper covering news, research, events, and feature articles of interest to the campus community. Other specialized and general information brochures are published by the OPA or Marketing Communications, another unit within the Office of the Vice Chancellor for External Affairs, and made available to the campus community.

In addition to the *UIC News*, the [Chicago Flame](#) is an independent student newspaper published by and for UIC students. The [Source](#) is a publication produced by Student Organization Resources that is for and about student organizations. The *Source* provides information that is pertinent to student leaders and student organizations and includes articles about campus programming and a calendar of upcoming events offered to students by Campus Programs. Under the direction of Campus Programs, [UIC Radio](#), the official UIC webcast public radio station, serves the educational mission of the campus with broadcasts of campus interest.

D. Publication Services

The [Office of Publications Services](#) (OPS) houses on-campus facilities equipped to handle every aspect of producing University publications at low cost. To support the teaching, research, and service missions of the University, the OPS helps individuals and campus units meet a wide range of communications needs in a variety of ways, tailoring its services to specific needs. OPS also performs some University-wide functions, such as producing the University catalogs and manuals, maintaining the online phone book, publishing the Staff Directory every fall, and generating both labels and electronic mailing lists for University use.

E. University Mail Service

The [University Mail Service](#) (UMS) serves the UIC community by picking up, sorting, and delivering campus mail; receiving and delivering U.S. Mail; providing a full-service lettershop for outgoing mail. Campus and U.S. mail is delivered and picked up from most departmental mailbox locations twice daily. Deliveries begin by 8:00 a.m. and are completed by 3:30 p.m. Campus mail, stamped mail, and metered mail should be separated accordingly in the pickup location. Three-digit mail codes have been assigned to all UIC units/departments and function as internal zip codes. As part of the unit's official campus address, the mail code must be used in campus mail and on return addresses on U.S. Mail.

Mail can be sent to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) campus at no charge via the intercampus shuttle, which operates daily and provides next-day delivery, weather permitting. UIUC mail can be placed with other mail in the departmental pickup location. Individually addressed mail to the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) or to the UIC Rockford, Peoria, and Quad Cities campuses must be posted and sent through the U.S. Mail. Mass mailings to these campuses are sent in bulk for local distribution

More detailed information about using the UMS can be found on their website and in the “Mail User’s Guide” brochure available from the Campus Information Centers, located on the first floor in both the Student Center West and the Student Center East.

F. Safety Issues and Legal Affairs

1. [Emergency Information](#): All employees will be notified as earlier as possible UIC will provide immediate updates to all employees via their Emergency Information website, via URGENT all-campus email, and by phone on the UIC Information Line (312) 413-9696. Emergency information and specific instructions on evacuation or sheltering-in-place are available for 1) national alert levels; 2) UIC alerts; 3) UIC preparations for terrorism; and 4) pandemic flu planning.
2. [UIC Police](#): Under the provisions of chapter 110, section 305/7, Illinois Compiled Statutes 1992, members of the Police Department are designated peace officers. University police have all the powers possessed by police in cities and by sheriffs, including the power to make arrests on view and on warrants of violations of state statutes and city or county ordinances. The mission of the UIC Police Department is to promote and maintain public security and order in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and the state of Illinois and to promote a sense of safety and well being in the campus community. The UIC Police can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week by dialing 996-HELP (4357), or by dialing “0” for operator assistance.
3. [Campus Safety and Security Policies](#): It is important that in conjunction with the protection received from the UIC Police, employees must take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others by taking advantage of security awareness programs. Further, employees must assist the UIC Police by promptly and accurately reporting any and all criminal acts, dangerous situations, or suspicious behavior. The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1990 mandates that colleges and universities report certain criminal incidents, identified in eight major categories, to the U.S. Department of Education each calendar year. UIC compliance with the [Clery Act](#) is coordinated by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.
4. [Campus Advocacy Network \(CAN\)](#): The CAN is an innovative program that provides a team approach to advocacy in order to assist UIC students, staff, and faculty who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and hate crimes. CAN believes that all women and men deserve safety from harm, but believes that this safety may be achieved in multiple ways. Gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, class, religious beliefs, and ability can be factors that shape experience with violence. CAN is committed to working with survivors of violence, even if no further action is taken, to realistically explore options open to them and support their attempt to access resources both on and off campus.

G. Cultural Resources

1. [Art Galleries](#)

The College of Architecture and the Arts sponsors [Gallery 400](#) located in the Art and Design Hall at 400 South Peoria Street. A not-for-profit exhibition space, Gallery 400 is

committed to the production, interpretation, and exhibition of art, architecture, and design. The gallery provides an open forum for experimentation, collaboration, and dialogue about issues of art and architecture. The gallery also coordinates formal and informal educational programs such as lecture series, visiting artists programs, context talks, workshops, and symposia.

In addition, there are art galleries located in the UIC Student Centers, which feature work of UIC artists, as well as others of local, national, and international reputation. Exhibits change frequently and free opening receptions offer an opportunity to meet the artists and discuss their work. Galleries in the Student Centers include the Montgomery Ward Gallery and Lounge on the second floor at the north end of the Student Center East, and the Art Lounge on the first floor of the Student Center West.

2. Gardens

Medicinal Plant Garden: The Dorothy Bradley Atkins Medicinal Plant Garden was constructed and is maintained by a generous gift commitment made in 1999 by Dr. Robert A. Atkins to honor his wife Dorothy Bradley Atkins, who earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy in 1945 and died in 1995. The garden, located next to the College of Pharmacy, exists not only for educational and research purposes, but also for the enjoyment it offers as an island of beauty on the campus of UIC. The garden was dedicated during a ceremony held on the afternoon of Friday, July 19, 2002. For additional information call the College of Pharmacy at 996-2497.

3. Museums

The **Jane Addams Hull-House Museum:** The Jane Addams Hull-House Museum, part of the College of Architecture and the Arts, is a historic site and is open to the public. Restored by the University in the mid-1960s, the Hull-House memorial commemorates the life and work of social welfare pioneer Jane Addams, and the history of Hull-House and its surrounding neighborhood. The memorial is made up of two original buildings, the Hull Mansion (1856) and the Residents' Dining Hall (1907), which contain restored rooms, rotating exhibits, and memorabilia. Guided tours of the Hull-House buildings and slide-tape presentations are available to individuals and groups making reservations in advance. The museum is located at 800 South Halsted Street.

The **Kottemann Gallery of Dentistry:**

The UIC College of Dentistry has had a profound impact on dental teaching, research, and public service. Its Kottemann Gallery of Dentistry, named for Dr. George Kottemann, a 1955 alumnus of the College of Dentistry, chronicles the innovative research and accomplishments of the College's faculty and students, which have had international impact on dentistry. Located on the fifth floor of the College, the Kottemann Gallery is being refurbished to display graphics, text, and approximately 200 artifacts of dental equipment and instruments.

4. Nature Preserve

James Woodworth Prairie: Consisting of over five acres of natural tall-grass prairie on agricultural grade soil, remnant of the Peacock estate settled in 1843, the preserve is

typical of the Illinois prairie when it was first settled. It is an irreplaceable resource for scientific research in management ecology and the impact on natural areas. The staffed Interpretation Center has exhibits about the prairie and about pioneer life, and a garden with most of the species found in the native prairie surrounds the Center. The building and garden are wheelchair accessible. The preserve is located on the east side of Milwaukee Avenue in the Village of Glenview, half a mile north of the Golf Road intersection and a quarter mile north of the Greenwood Avenue intersection. The Prairie is open to the public from mid-June through mid-August. For additional information call the Interpretation Center, (847) 965-3488, or the Department of Biological Sciences, telephone 996-2211.

5. [UIC Theater](#)

The UIC Theater has one 150-300 seat flexible configuration theater and one black box studio. The Department of Performing Arts offers four main stage productions and one dance concert a year. From time to time, the UIC Theater presents visiting productions from Russia, England, and elsewhere. The theater is also home to the Chicago Circle Players, the student theater organization.

6. [UIC Skyspace](#)

In Spring 2005, a spectacular public art project by acclaimed American artist [James Turrell](#) opened on the campus of the University of Illinois at Chicago. *UIC Skyspace* is the centerpiece of the newly built *Gateway Plaza*, also designed by Turrell, located on the university's South Campus and situated on the southwest corner of Halsted Street and Roosevelt Road in the heart of Chicago. The *UIC Skyspace*, Turrell's fifteenth permanent skyspace installation, will be the only freestanding structure of its kind in the Midwest. To learn more about the project, view pictures, and read about the artist, access the website above.

H. Cultural Centers

The African American Cultural Center (AACC): The AACC contributes to the academic mission of the university by promoting the expression and analysis of all African-American creative and cultural traditions, the trends developing in these traditions, the African ancestral roots of these traditions, and the influence of the traditions and trends throughout the Diaspora and on other ethnic cultures. The center is especially concerned with nurturing the appreciation and study of African-American cultures to support the development and dissemination of the culture and to bring about the end of racism and discrimination against African-Americans and all other ethnic groups of color in the United States and around the world. The center sponsors and advocates creative productivity and cultural research, cultural programming, student networking, and community outreach. The center is used by the university community and is open to the public. The African American Cultural Center is located in Room 209, Addams Hall.

The [Rafael Cintrón Ortiz Cultural Center](#): The Rafael Cintrón Ortiz Cultural Center's mission is the creation of a positive atmosphere through the development of education, cultural, and social programs that will lead to a greater retention and advancement of Latino students. The cultural center encourages others to pursue and understand Latino issues. The center aims to complement, aid, and influence UIC's urban mission to serve as a linkage between the university community and the outside Latino community. The Latino cultural center's goals are to enhance the quality of Latino student life at University of Illinois at Chicago; to provide cultural, social, and academic activities that affirm Latin-American identity and values; to broaden the channels of

communication between Latino students and the larger university community; to promote student advancement; to provide additional educational opportunities for Latino students; to develop leadership qualities in Latino students; to broaden and consolidate the communication between students and the Latino community of Chicago; and to identify the concerns and needs of the Latino community of Chicago as a focus for student learning and development. The Rafael Cintrón Ortiz Cultural Center is located in Room B2 of the Lecture Center.

The [Asian American Resource and Cultural Center](#) (AARCC) officially opened in spring of 2005. AARCC was established through dedicated student efforts to ensure that UIC provide education and resources for and about Asian Americans, who make up 20 percent of the total student body and 13 percent of the faculty and staff on this diverse campus. The Center offers social, cultural, and educational programs that promote knowledge of and foster engagement with issues relating to Asian Americans and Asian American Studies. AARCC's co-curricular programs enhance the UIC experience and provide opportunities for integrated learning and development. Staff members collaborate and consult with other campus units to ensure that the needs of Asian American students are met. In line with UIC's Great Cities Commitment, AARCC also cultivates connections between the University and off-campus Asian American organizations, serving as a resource for UIC to engage with Chicago's Asian American communities. AARCC is open to all members of the UIC campus and the surrounding community who have an interest in issues relevant to Asian Americans.

I. Sports and Recreation

[UIC Campus Recreation](#) offers a wide variety of recreational sport opportunities to meet the needs of the campus community. Recreational sports programs, equipment, and services are available for students, faculty, and staff in the following campus facilities: 1) Sports & Fitness Center located in the UIC Student Center West, 2) Student Recreation Facility located at 737 South Halsted, 3) Bowling & Billiards Center located in the UIC Student Center East, and 4) South Field Complex located at 900 W. 14th Place. Rates, fees, schedule information, and exact locations for each facility can be found at the UIC Campus Recreation homepage website.

The [Human Performance Lab](#), located within the Flames Athletics Center at 839 W. Roosevelt Road, is a testing facility open to everyone. The Lab has a unique team comprised of physicians, teachers, exercise physiologists, and students who perform fitness tests and evaluations of athletes and non-athletes. By conducting a series of comprehensive evaluations and laboratory measurements, these specialists can identify your fitness needs and provide you with an individualized exercise prescription. This exercise prescription can be designed to get you started or move you up to the next fitness level and beyond.

The [UIC Pavilion](#) hosts concerts, UIC sports, meetings, festivals, and corporate, civic, and cultural events. Available for rental throughout the year, the Pavilion's varied programs target the greater metropolitan Chicago community. The UIC Pavilion is one of the Midwest's finest arenas. In its brief history, it has hosted many special or one-of-a-kind programs, providing an unparalleled view of entertainment or sporting events--as well as refreshments and a taste of the UIC campus. The Pavilion is home to the UIC Flames Men's and Women's Basketball programs, the UIC Flames Women's Volleyball program, and the professional Women's Basketball team--the Chicago Sky.

Both the [UIC Student Centers East and West](#) provide a major contribution to the UIC campus community. Both locations provide many events, opportunities, and amenities for UIC students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The UIC Student Centers' services included bookstores, recreation

facilities, meeting rooms, dining options and lounge areas, administrative services, and networking opportunities.

J. Faculty/Student Housing Programs

Although the main focus for [UIC Campus Housing](#) is to offer comfortable and convenient living on campus for undergraduate students, graduate students, and students with families, UIC encourages faculty involvement through two programs that stress the importance of interactions between faculty and students outside the classroom. These are the “faculty in residence and alumni” program and “faculty associates” program.

The Faculty Members in Residence Program offers the opportunity for selected faculty and their families to live in a residential community with students. It is a unique experience that encourages a crucial link between students and faculty. In order to facilitate contact with students, the Resident Faculty will work closely with the Residence Life staff and the Residence Hall Association.

The Faculty Associates Program assigns individual faculty to one specific floor in the residence hall, if possible based on a match between the individual faculty member and the types of students living on that floor: undergraduate/graduate, first year vs. upper-class students, typical colleges represented, etc. Faculty Associates participate in any number of our New Student Days programs/activities in August, and volunteer their time to be active with the students on their floor about once a month. This initiative provides another vital link between resident students and faculty and hopefully will foster a greater sense of community here at UIC - with an eye toward our primary goal of student retention and student success.