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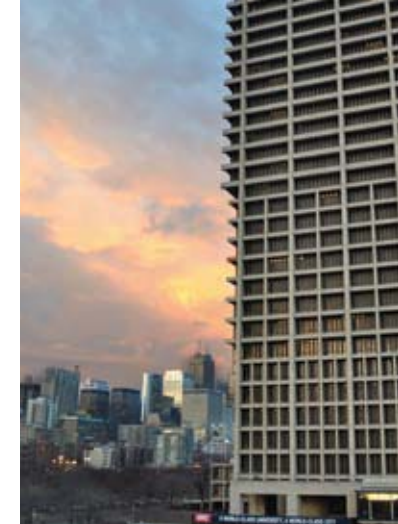
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Welcome to UIC!

Dear UIC Parent,

Congratulations on your student's acceptance to the University of Illinois at Chicago. I am glad that you have accepted my invitation to participate in the Parent Orientation Program. UIC recognizes that parents play a significant role in their student's adjustment to college life. Through your attendance today, you will become acquainted with campus units and services necessary to help support your family member during his/her transition to UIC.

I have provided this Parent Guide as a supplemental resource to your student's Student Life Guide to assist you in further understanding general information about the university. This guide contains information regarding academic regulations, tips for parents, UIC's community, and important phone numbers and campus maps.

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Hopefully by the conclusion of your orientation, all of your immediate questions will be answered. If further questions arise, feel free to contact me at jepayne@uic.edu or (312) 996-3271.

Sincerely,

Jessica Stewart
Associate Director, Student Development Services ■

Academic Regulations

All academic regulations can be found online in the UIC Undergraduate Catalog and Policy Guide at www.uic.edu/ucats/catalog.

Grade Point System

UIC's grade point system is based on a 4.00 scale, where 4.00 = A. The remaining conversions are listed in the table below.

Grades	Equivalent	Grade Points/hr
A	Excellent	4
B	Good	3
C	Average	2
D	Poor but passing	1
F	Failure	0

Maintaining Good Academic Standing

For a student to remain in good academic standing, the student must maintain a 2.00 grade point average in all work taken at the University of Illinois at Chicago, in all work taken in their major field, and in all work accepted by the University (transfer work). Some academic curricula may require students to meet a higher minimum grade point average.

Academic Probation

The following is the minimum UIC undergraduate probation criteria that apply to both full-time and part-time students. Colleges and programs may have higher standards.

A student not currently on academic probation will be placed on probation at the end of any term in which the student earns less than a 2.00 grade point average. This rule applies even for the student with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher. For such a student, the probation serves as a warning. An entering transfer student, admitted by petition with a cumulative grade point average lower than 2.00, will be immediately placed on probation.

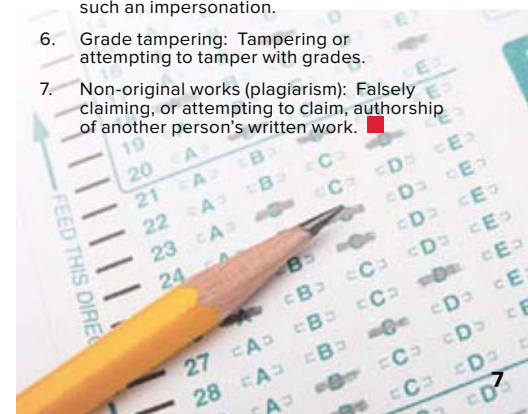
A student readmitted by petition with a UIC grade point average lower than 2.00 will be immediately placed on probation. A student readmitted by petition whose combined cumulative grade point average from UIC and other institutions is lower than 2.00 will be immediately placed on probation.

Additional information on probation and removal from probation can be found online in the UIC Undergraduate Catalog at www.uic.edu/ucats/catalog.

Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

1. Cheating: Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials or information in any academic exercise. Extending or receiving unauthorized assistance on any examination or assignment.
2. Fabrication: Falsifying any information or citation in an academic exercise.
3. Facilitating academic dishonesty/plagiarism: Intentionally representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise.
4. Bribes, favors, threats: Threatening, bribing or attempting to bribe any person with the intention of affecting the evaluation of academic performance. Conspiring to bribe or threatening a person with the intention of affecting an evaluation of academic performance.
5. Examination by proxy: Impersonating another student during an exam, or intentionally allowing such an impersonation.
6. Grade tampering: Tampering or attempting to tamper with grades.
7. Non-original works (plagiarism): Falsely claiming, or attempting to claim, authorship of another person's written work. ■



UIC's Relationship with Students and their Parents

- ▶ UIC students are capable of managing their affairs including decisions and responsibilities pertaining to academic, financial, and personal issues.
- ▶ Students are trusted and afforded privacy. They are expected to act responsibly and are held accountable for their behavior. If they do make mistakes, UIC believes students should be assisted in learning from them.
- ▶ To help students in their academic and personal development, a wide range of supporting resources are available.

Because of these principles, our compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and the practical fact that UIC is unable to assess the nature of each student-parent relationship, in most cases the University leaves it to the student to decide whether or when to involve parents. Most academic and personal difficulties—from violation, to problems



with physical and mental health, finances, family discord, roommates and relationships—are resolved without the university involving the parents. University staff members are available to support students as they work through such issues. Additional information about UIC Student Records Policy can be found online at: www.uic.edu/depts/oar/campus_policies/records_policy.html.

The University does recognize, however, that there are unusual situations that may necessitate contact with parents. The vast majority of students handle their new independence with a deep sense of personal responsibility. If, however, a new student faces mental health problems, the university may choose to involve parents.

Recent revisions to the Higher Education Act also allow the university to notify parents of students under the age of 21 who violate laws on the use or possession of alcohol or drugs. ■



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Undergraduate Advising Questions & Answers for Parents

What advising resources are available to students?

Professional academic advisors are available to help students from their first year through graduation. All freshmen are required to meet with advisors their first and second semesters. Advisors provide detailed information about academic resources, degree requirements, majors/minors, pre-professional program advising and graduate school advice. UIC's academic advisors can show transfer students how courses from previous institutions fulfill UIC's requirements. In addition, the educational requirements for UIC can be explained in detail to transfer students.

What can a parent do to help?

UIC students put a lot of pressure on themselves to excel and often call home when they are upset or confused. Listen to what your son or daughter says but try not to overreact. If you talk to them a day or so later, the "crisis" has often passed. Recognize that this is a time of exploration and self-discovery for students.

Encourage your son or daughter to try different subjects and to get involved in activities that will broaden his or her experiences. Show interest in your son or daughter's academic decisions but try not to influence him or her unduly.

Finally, realize that UIC has many exceptional students and not everyone can be at the top of the class. Freshman and sophomore students, in particular, need reassurance that doing their best is all that is expected.

When should a major be declared?

Students are encouraged to spend their freshman year exploring a variety of courses and resources offered by their academic college. By sophomore year, students should begin to consider their choice of major. Students must declare their major before achieving junior standing. Remember that the pre-professional programs, such as pre-pharmacy or pre-medicine, are not majors; instead, they are educational goals that are geared toward helping students achieve their professional aspirations. ■



UIC Educational Opportunities

Honors College

The Honors College is open to all UIC students. Students can apply to be in the Honors College their first semester as long as their cumulative GPA is a 3.4/4.0 and they have at least three semesters left before graduation.

After participating in the Honors College beyond their freshman year, students will be assigned Honors College Fellows within their field of study. Students and fellows meet at least once per semester to decide on an honors activity and to review the student's academic progress. The fellow acts as a mentor and offers academic advice to the student.

Undergraduate Research

As a research intensive university, UIC offers a wide variety of opportunities for undergraduate students to engage in significant exploratory endeavors. Opportunities are available to all students in many fields. Undergraduate research is not limited to chemistry or biology; there are opportunities available in virtually every department. There are summer opportunities made available through McNair/ SROP.

The Undergraduate Research Symposium is a forum to showcase independent research conducted by undergraduate students. This is a student-run and organized event that continues to receive strong support from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, the Honors College, Undergraduate Student Government and the UIC chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society. Annually there are over 100 poster presentations featured at this event on a wide variety of topics in the arts and sciences.

STUDY ABROAD



The UIC Study Abroad Office is committed to making overseas study an integral part of the undergraduate educational experience to prepare students to meet the challenges and opportunities of a transnational world.

Students may participate in a summer, semester, or year-long academic experiences by selecting from more than 300 programs in over 60 countries on six continents.

Coursework is available across all academic disciplines. Institutional and federal financial aid may be applied and there are a wide range of scholarships available.

All credit earned goes toward the student's undergraduate degree and many programs also include an internship component, giving students an opportunity to gain valuable practical experience working in an international environment. Studying abroad builds a strong resume and gives students unique skills for a competitive marketplace.

Office of Special Scholarships Program

The Office of Special Scholarship Programs (OSSP) assists UIC students in searching and applying for nationally competitive scholarships, fellowships and external scholarship awards. They provide information about available awards, advice on application preparation, and assistance throughout the scholarship application process.



OSSP does not simply provide a list of awards; they help students present themselves clearly and effectively for awards that best suit their needs. Students are welcome at any point in their academic career, and are encouraged to plan ahead to prepare the strongest possible scholarship applications, with assistance from the office.

Additional information can be found online at: www.uic.edu/depts/oa/spp.

Academic Assistance

UIC offers a plethora of tutoring opportunities for students. There are a number of tutoring centers devoted to a specific area of study, as well as general tutoring facilities. These facilities include; the Writing Center, the Mathematic Sciences Learning Center, the Science Learning Center, as well as Honors College Tutoring. Also available are the Academic Support Programs; African American Academic Network, Latin American Recruitment and Educational

Services, Native American Support Programs, and the Academic Center for Excellence, all of which are located in the Student Services Building.

These are only some of the tutoring resources available to students; they also have the option of going to their professor's or TA's office hours, forming their own study groups and much more. ■



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At UIC, we are committed to helping your student maintain their academic success as well as their personal well-being. If either is not up to par, there are services here to help:

FAMILY MEDICINE

The goal of Family Medicine is to provide education, prevention and coordination of medical care and services for UIC students. Student feedback is appreciated so that we can continuously improve our services. If you or your students have a question or concern, please e-mail Rita Smaw, Assistant Director of Physician Practice at rsmaw@uic.edu.

The student health fee, paid as part of tuition and fees, provides access to our service during each academic semester and summer for enrolled students.

SERVICES OFFERED AT THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

Currently enrolled students at UIC have access to a wide range of services, including early treatment of illness and injury, prevention, nutrition education, and health promotion/outreach services.

The Family Medicine Center provides the following services to all students when medically necessary and appropriate, and when rendered in our center:

- Preventive health care services
- Common sexually transmitted infection (STI) care (including HIV testing and counseling)
- Student formulary covered medications, pregnancy counseling, and urine testing
- Vision screening and hearing testing as provided by Family Medicine
- Physical exams and PPD skin testing as required by the student's college
- Administration of student provided desensitization injectables
- Tetanus booster if indicated and available
- Acute care services

The following lab services, when ordered by the Family Medicine Center, are covered under the student health plan:

- STI care: HIV, GC, Chlamydia
- Basic gynecologic care: urine pregnancy test, KOH/ Saline (when done on site)
- General care: total cholesterol at approved intervals when medically indicated

There is no co-payment or charge to the student for the listed services when obtained at the Family Medicine Center.

What to do if the services needed are not covered by student health?

Occasionally, a student may need services that will not be covered by the student health fee included in tuition. Since the Family Medicine Center is a primary care center as well as the student health center, it can provide additional services as medically indicated or make an appropriate referral recommendation.

Payment for these services will be the responsibility of the student and/or the student's private health insurance. The Family Medicine Center is a CCN provider of services under CampusCare Insurance. If your student has CampusCare as their primary insurance coverage, many additional services will be covered.

Location

Family Medicine Center – University Village
722 West Maxwell Street, Suite 235

Family Medicine Center – Outpatient Care Center
1801 West Taylor Street, 2A



SCHEDULING AN APPOINTMENT

All care at Family Medicine Center is provided by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (312) 996-2901. Additional information can be found online at: www.uic.edu/depts/mcfp/Student_Health.htm. We are closed for university observed holidays.

Your student will need their student i-card and current class schedule. We must verify current class enrollment to provide “no cost” services through the student health fee. For services not covered by student health, we will require private insurance card and billing information. Your student's insurance will be responsible for services obtained that are not covered by the student health fee.

CAMPUSCARE

CampusCare is the UIC self-funded student health benefit program providing comprehensive health care benefits ►

The student health fee in your tuition DOES NOT pay for:

- Care provided that is not included on the above list
- Care provided outside the Family Medicine Center
- Travel immunizations
- The cost of immunizations other than an indicated tetanus shot
- Referrals

The Family Medicine Center recommends you check with your private health insurance carrier prior to having any care provided that is not covered by the student health fee in your tuition.

to eligible enrolled students and their dependent(s). CampusCare provides and arranges for inpatient and outpatient hospitalization, prescription drugs, physical therapy, home health care, mental health and substance abuse services, and emergency services.

New students at UIC are automatically enrolled in the program. The University requires that all students have health insurance. If your student is covered under your insurance, through their work, or through another source, they have the option of waiving out of the program. They must complete the waiver before the deadline passes or they will be charged the fee. The Campus Care waiver is available online at: www.uic.edu/hsc/campuscare

All covered services must be provided or authorized by a CampusCare health care physician and the provider must be the UIC Medical Center and Clinics. The UIC Department of Family Medicine is the designated CampusCare Health Center for students at UIC.

UIC PHARMACY

There are two conveniently located pharmacies on campus taking care of UIC's students' needs.

University Village Pharmacy is located on the south side of campus on Maxwell Street and right across the hall from the main location of the Family Medicine Center. Students with Campus Care receive their primary care at this location. The pharmacy can be reached at (312) 355-2345.

The Taylor Street/EEI Pharmacy is located on the west side of campus near the University of Illinois Medical Center and steps away from the Outpatient Care Center location of the Family Medicine Center. This pharmacy can be reached at (312) 996-6540.

UIC students receive discounts on:

- Over-the-counter medications
- Some prescriptions
- Birth control

Last minute items:

- Contact lens solution
- First aid
- Personal care
- Vitamins

UIC students can bring all of their prescriptions to these two pharmacies and the staff will assist in obtaining the best price possible.

THE WELLNESS CENTER

The Wellness Center at UIC encourages students, staff, and faculty to make informed decisions about lifestyle choices by providing up-to-date information on wellness issues.

The Wellness Center sponsors educational activities ranging from individual consultations with a health educator and small group workshops, to weekly and large-scale events. These sessions address issues such as responsible drinking, safer sex, stress reduction, nutrition, time management, campus safety, money management, and smoking cessation. The Wellness Center also hosts campus wide events such as Safer Spring Break and National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

Additional information about the Wellness Center and the programs they host can be found online at: www.uic.edu/depts/wellctr

COUNSELING CENTER

The Counseling Center's services include counseling and psychotherapy (individual, couples, and group), consultation, crisis intervention, assessment, referrals, psychiatric care, and career counseling. Additionally, workshops are hosted regarding topics such as choosing a major, relationship skills, stress management, helping distressed students, and diversity issues. All

Both University Village Pharmacy (UVP) and Taylor Street/EEI Pharmacy accept most insurance plans.*

Students covered under the Campus Care plan save out-of-pocket expenses when they use our pharmacies to fill prescriptions.

*Please check with the pharmacies and they will be happy to assist you with your insurance questions.

services provided are confidential and free of charge to enrolled students.

The InTouch Crisis Hotline is an additional resource provided by the Counseling Center that offers trained paraprofessionals who provide telephone crisis intervention, support, and referrals. This service is available daily from 6:00pm-10:30pm and can be reached at (312) 996-5535.

The Counseling Center is located in the Student Services Building, suite 2010. For more information call (312) 996-3490 or visit www.counseling.uic.edu. ■



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UIC LIVING



How Can Parents Get Involved?

At UIC, we encourage parents to be involved in their student's new community. Whether it is attending a UIC Association of Parents event, Convocation, or an athletic game, there are many ways to get involved with other parents of UIC students.

UIC ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS

The purpose of the UIC Association of Parents (UICAP) is to help students achieve personal and academic success at the university. The Association acts as an advocate for students and parents, presenting issues of concern to faculty and administration. In order to promote the welfare of students, the Association seeks to foster understanding and cooperation among parents, guardians and family members. The Association also provides educational programs to inform parents of resources within the university for their student. Throughout the year there are a number of great events that are offered to UICAP members. They include presentations on scholarship information, opportunities to attend Flames basketball games with

other parents and students, and even the chance to see a play or musical presented at the UIC Theatre.

UIC CONVOCATION

Each fall, on the Sunday before the first day of classes, UIC hosts the UIC Convocation. The UIC Convocation is a ceremony to welcome new freshman and transfer 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 freshmen are expected to attend. Parents are invited to this lively event to reconnect with the individuals that you met during orientation. You may even catch a glimpse of faculty, the Chancellor, or Sparky D. Dragon, our UIC mascot. At the event, speakers will welcome students

to the university and the student athletes will provide exciting entertainment for all who attend. UIC Convocation will be immediately followed by the Chancellor's New Student Welcome Picnic.

UIC ATHLETICS

We hope all students join the FURY-the official student fan group of the UIC athletic teams-and get rowdy when the Flames are in action. That doesn't mean parents and the rest of the family should be on the sidelines at home. Attending an athletic event on campus and cheering on the Flames with the family provides a wonderful opportunity for parents to help ignite school spirit and participate in the UIC Experience. With 18 nationally competitive, Division I sports programs the Flames represent the entire UIC Family. To take advantage of affordable tickets for your family, get outfitted in Flames gear or to simply follow the latest news on the UIC teams visit www.uicflames.com or call (312) 413-UIC1 (8421).

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- 45 all-time league championships
- 53 all-time NCAA appearances
- The UIC soccer team advanced to the Elite Eight of the 2007 College Cup and finished the season ranked in the top ten in the country.
- The 1994 UIC softball team qualified for the College World Series.
- Flames baseball great and MLB All-Star Curtis Granderson plays for the NY Yankees.
- Jay DeMerit, a former UIC soccer star, plays professionally in England for Watford FC and is a member of the U.S. Men's National Team.
- UIC softball head coach Michelle Venturella won a gold medal as part of the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team.
- 2008 UIC soccer All-American Baggio Husidic plays professionally for the Chicago Fire.
- The UIC women's tennis team has won 13 consecutive league titles and made 11 straight NCAA appearances.
- The UIC men's basketball team has qualified for three NCAA Tournaments and one NIT in recent years.
- The Flames celebrated 25 years of Division I athletics in 2007. ■

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The Facts About Student Employment

Have you been thinking, “Do I really want my child to work a part-time job or should my child concentrate solely on studying for a degree?!” This section will provide information about Student Employment and the benefits of working a part-time job.

BENEFITS:

- ▶ The Student Employment Office at UIC feels strongly that a student’s best learning tools are not just in the classroom. Part-time employment provides the student with valuable work experience and an opportunity to test and develop skills, whether it is specific skills or abilities that will benefit the student as they move from one work situation to another, or from one career to another.
- ▶ Part-time employment often develops into full-time professional opportunities. As a result, many jobs offer a critical starting point towards a definite and viable career path.
- ▶ A part-time job allows the student to experience something new and completely different from their academic interests. For many, working 12-15 hours a week is a refreshing break from the books.
- ▶ Working part-time develops effective time-management skills. Holding down a job requires a person to balance class schedules, study time, leisure time and the demands of a work schedule.
- ▶ National statistics indicate that students who work an average of 12-15 hours per week develop more effective study habits and perform better academically. This



may be a result of developing effective time-management skills.

- ▶ Working can develop self-confidence, self-sufficiency and a real sense of independence for many individuals. These are personal attributes that are in high demand in the job market.
- ▶ Students who work through a series of jobs, while attending college, can establish an excellent work record and employment history. A solid work history can benefit students as they begin seeking permanent employment.
- ▶ Part-time work can help reduce the burden of educational loans.
- ▶ Finally, it is important to note that employment is a part of education itself. What better way is there to learn about the world of employment than on the job?

SERVICES:

On Campus:

Students typically work 10-15 hours per week during the semester. The work schedule is normally flexible around a student’s class schedule and can adjust every semester. Currently the on-campus minimum wage is \$8.25/hour. Students can work on campus whether or not they qualify for Federal Work Study.

Student Temporary Services:

Temporary positions on campus may last anywhere from 1-2 days to 3-4 weeks. Students are called based on their availability to work and qualifications for the position. This quite often leads to a permanent student position.

Off Campus/Part-Time Local:

We provide listings of part-time positions that are in the Chicagoland area. Positions are available in areas of clerical, retail, customer service, and food, to name a few.

Job Location and Development Program:

These are part-time, off-campus positions in the Chicagoland area that are tailored to a student’s interest. Positions are available in a number of areas including computers, business, engineering, law, and health. These positions are ideal for students who have some coursework or experience under their belt.

INCOME GUIDE:

State minimum = \$8.25 through 6/30/2011
Campus minimum = \$8.25 through 6/30/2011

The table below lists an average amount a student can earn on campus

Salary	1 Semester (16 wks)	2 Semesters (32wks)	Year Round (52 wks)
\$8.25/10hrs/wk	\$1320.00	\$2640.00	\$4290.00
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Please note that money earned though the Federal Work Study program has no effect on the next year’s financial aid package. This is a key benefit for this particular financial aid award. Bear in mind, subsidized loans can be reduced and converted to Federal Work Study money. This can reduce costs for the present time and for the future - a win/win situation.

Positions can be viewed at the Student Employment Office or online at www.uiccareers.com, and <http://studentjobs.seo.uic.edu>. ■



Resident & Commuter Resources

UIC provides a comprehensive and highly effective array of services for all students' needs. In the residence halls, students receive support from Resident Assistants, Peer Mentors, Resident Directors and Faculty in Residence. Your student will build a strong relationship with their Resident Assistant and Peer Mentor, helping them feel more connected to the university and become knowledgeable about the resources UIC has to offer. Here is a quick overview of what life on campus is really like.

UIC CAMPUS HOUSING

While UIC has traditionally been a commuter campus, many students do live on campus, allowing for a blend of academic and residential life. Individuals living on campus create a vibrant community within UIC's diverse city campus. While slightly less than 25% of all students live on campus, almost 50% of incoming freshmen live on campus.

One of the many things parents learn at orientation is that residential life distinguishes UIC from many other institutions. The university pays close attention to having residence halls become a home. Residence halls become not only the center of social life, a focus for UIC spirit and a place to make lifelong friends, but also provide an opportunity to carry on learning beyond the classroom.

Campus Housing offers more than just great facilities close to classes. It offers something students cannot get anywhere else: an educational advantage. There is free tutoring for residents in the evening (when they are doing their homework) in the buildings; special interest living areas provide students a place to live with others who share similar academic interests, and Campus Housing provides many chances for students to interact with faculty outside the classroom.

It is also important to recognize that students will spend more time outside the classroom than inside, and to make sure that those times are just as educational. Campus Housing has free laundry in all halls and apartment style halls to help students learn independent living

skills. There are also great leadership opportunities for students to get involved at any level. And being surrounded by so many other intelligent, talented people helps residents learn communication, teamwork, and interpersonal skills they will use no matter what their career choice.

COMMUTER STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER

The goal of the Commuter Student Resource Center (CSRC) is to foster student success by providing facilities, programs, and services to commuter students. The CSRC is conveniently located in Student Center East and hosts a variety of programs and services as well as providing a comfortable environment for students. The facility includes lounge space, study areas, lockers, showers, private lactation rooms, a kitchenette, computers and printers, as well as areas to recharge electronic devices. Programs include study breaks, an off campus housing fair, workshops on commuting, Take a Professor to Lunch, and social events with other commuters. Services that are provided by the CSRC include transportation information, off campus housing assistance, and carpool connections. For more information on the Commuter Student Resource Center please visit www.commuter.uic.edu, e-mail commuter@uic.edu, or call (312) 413-7440.

EATING AT UIC

All students that live in residence halls

are required to purchase a traditional meal plan (does not include apartment style halls TBH, MRH, and SSR). Students are billed for their meal plan each semester. UIC Dining Services offers all-you-care-to-eat, anytime dinner.

Students can eat in any of the all-you-care-to-eat dining areas on campus anytime and as many times as desired throughout the day. The traditional meal plan offers 5-day (Monday-Friday), 6-day (Sunday-Friday), and 7-day (Sunday-Saturday) options, including the choice of adding Dragon Dollar\$ to the student ID card (i-card).

Dragon Dollar\$ are accepted like cash in all of our dining locations, including fast food eateries, and convenience stores. Whenever Dragon Dollar\$ are used, the total amount of the purchase is subtracted from the balance. Dragon Dollar\$ can be added to the i-card at any time.

Commuter students have the option of purchasing traditional meal plans or block meal plans (at a discounted rate) or using the Dragon Dollar\$ program to purchase meals. Both meal plans and Dragon Dollar\$ are accessed using the student i-card.

Additional information about traditional and block meal plans, Dragon Dollar\$, and i-cards can be found online at:

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Staying Safe at UIC

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The StarTel Alarm System on campus provides a direct link to campus police. The StarTel Alarms are the brown poles with blue lights seen throughout campus. There are over 1000 alarms throughout campus. If a student ever feels

threatened, he/she can press the button on one of the StarTel units on campus and he/she will be immediately connected to the campus 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 the time, the police will know where to go.

Getting around campus at night is often another area of concern for parents. After 11:00 PM, students can call the Red Car service and be picked up and dropped off for free at any location on campus between 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM. Another service available is Student Patrol, a free service where a student can request to be escorted from one location to another on campus.

In the case of emergencies call the police at (312) 355-5555, to request Red Car call (312) 996-6800, and for Student Patrol call (312) 996-2830. For more information about UIC Police and their services please visit: www.uic.edu/depts/police/index.html. ■

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Chicago is a bustling, energetic city that never stops no matter the season. It's a destination with world-class cultural attractions, diverse neighborhoods and architectural wonders. Chicago is known for critically acclaimed restaurants, world-famous museums, first-class shopping, adventurous nightlife, action-packed sporting events and a thriving theater scene.

Performing Arts

Chicago's theater industry pushes the envelope with cutting-edge performances in historic and state-of-the-art stages. The Chicago Theatre, Goodman, Bank of America Theatre, Cadillac Palace, Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University and the Ford Center have made visiting downtown a must for theatre lovers. Distinctive theaters can also be found throughout Chicago neighborhoods. Theater's like the Steppenwolf and The Second City, all weave themselves into Chicago neighborhoods solidifying Chicago's reputation as a world-class theater destination.

Dining

Once in Chicago, visitors never have to worry about finding a place to eat. Chicago features thousands of restaurants that offer culinary favorites to suit every taste, budget, and mood. Whether the preference is Chicago-style hot dogs or a burger, fried clams or smoked ostrich, pirogues or pizza, Chicago has it all.

Soul food, Italian, Chinese, French, Japanese, Mexican, Asian, or Spanish... Chicago offers a virtual United Nations of eating choices. Ethnic neighborhoods such as Chinatown, Greektown, West Rogers Park, and Pilsen are among those offering tempting tastes from around the world. ►

Chicago is also proud to be home of award-winning restaurants and world-renowned chefs, as well as home to deep-dish pizza...one of Chicago's most important contributions to 20th Century culture.

Museums

Chicago is world-renowned for its diverse collection of museums, which explore a variety of subjects including Chicago history, art, African-American culture, astronomy, natural history and much more.



Those visiting Chicago should plan on spending time at Chicago's Museum Campus. The scenic park conveniently joins the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum, the Shedd Aquarium/Oceanarium, and the Field Museum of Natural History with easy access to all three locations.

The Shedd Aquarium offers one of the world's largest array of more than 8,000 aquatic mammals, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates and fish. After exploring the oceans, attendees can gaze up at the heavens in the nearby Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum. The Field Museum offers exciting displays of mummies, Egyptian tombs, Native American artifacts, and dinosaur skeletons are on display. It is also the permanent home of Sue, the

world's largest, most complete and most famous Tyrannosaurus rex. Other Chicago museums include the Chicago History Museum (the city's oldest cultural institution), the Museum of Science and Industry, the DuSable Museum of African-American History, the Art Institute of Chicago (one of the world's leading art museums), the Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Museum of Contemporary Photography.

Attractions

In addition to world-renowned museums, Chicago is home to a variety of spectacular attractions. The Chicago Cultural Center (pictured) is described as a "neo-classical masterpiece" that features two art-glass domes and glittering mosaic walls. The many galleries in the Cultural Center exhibit contemporary art from around town and works from around the world.

Navy Pier is the city's lakefront playground and the state's most popular attraction, offering visitors a unique blend of family-oriented

attractions. This famed attraction boasts the 150-foot high Ferris wheel, a musical carousel, the Chicago Children's Museum, Wave Swinger ride in Pier Park, a 3-D Time Escape ride, a variety of restaurants and the famed Chicago Shakespeare Theater.

Chicago's Millennium Park offers 24.5 acres of green space. It contains an outdoor performing arts pavillion, indoor year-round theatre, restaurant, ice-skating rink, contemporary garden, public art, fountains, promenade area for special events, landscaped walkways and green spaces.

Other Chicago attractions not to miss include Buckingham Fountain at Grant Park, the Hancock Observatory, and the Sears Tower Skydeck. ■



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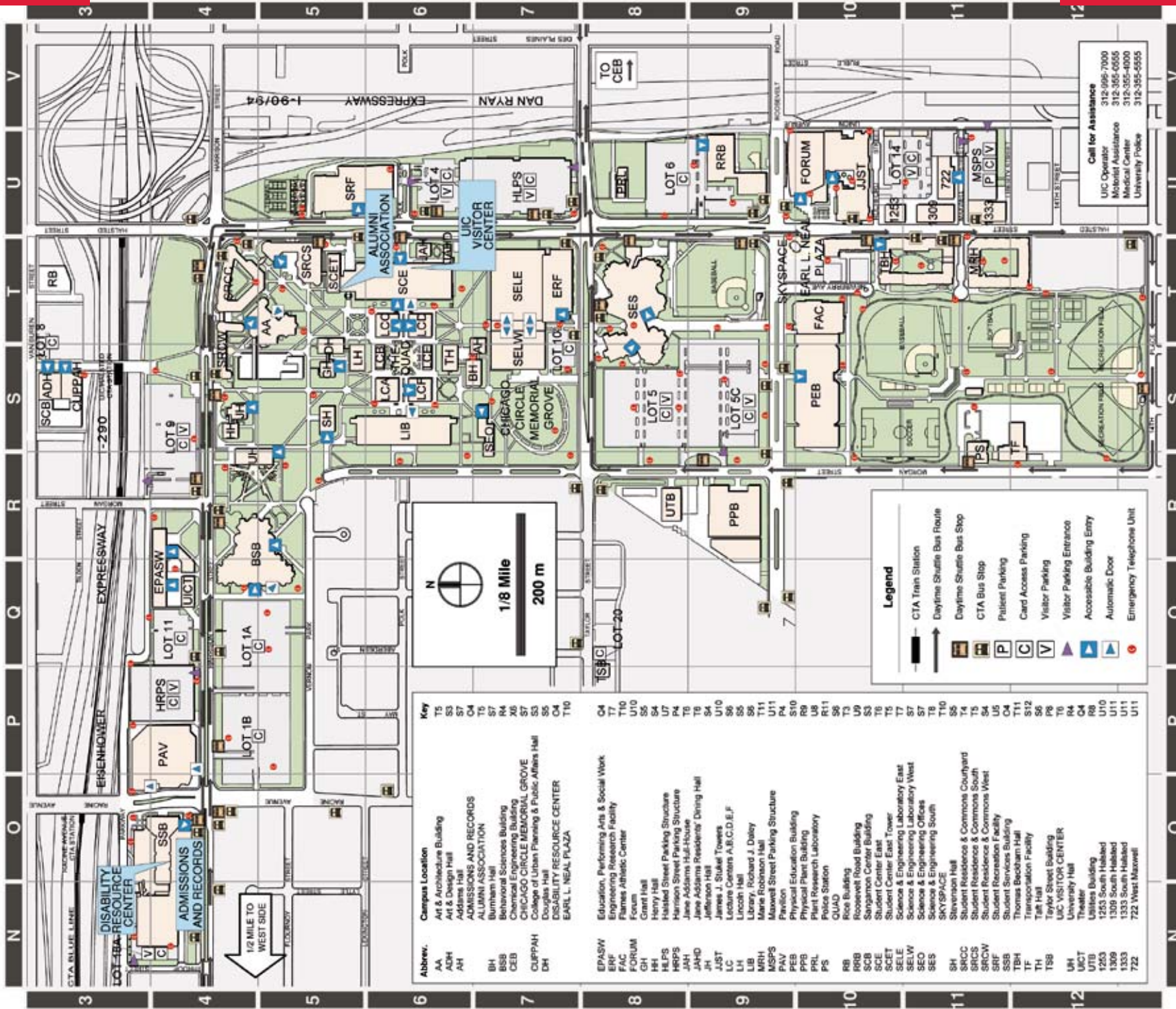
FALL SEMESTER 2011

August 21, Su	UIC Convocation.
August 22, M	Instruction begins.
September 5, M	Labor Day holiday. No classes.
September 12, M	CampusCare deadline to submit waiver forms.
September 28, W	University bill payment due.
November 24-25, Th-F	Thanksgiving holiday. No classes.
December 2, F	Instruction ends.
December 5-9, M-F	Final examinations.

SPRING SEMESTER 2012

January 9, M	Instruction begins.
January 16, M	Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. No classes.
February 5, Su	CampusCare deadline to submit waiver forms.
February 28, T	University bill payment due.
March 19-23, M-F	Spring vacation. No classes.
April 27, F	Instruction ends.
April 30-May 4, M-F	Final examinations.

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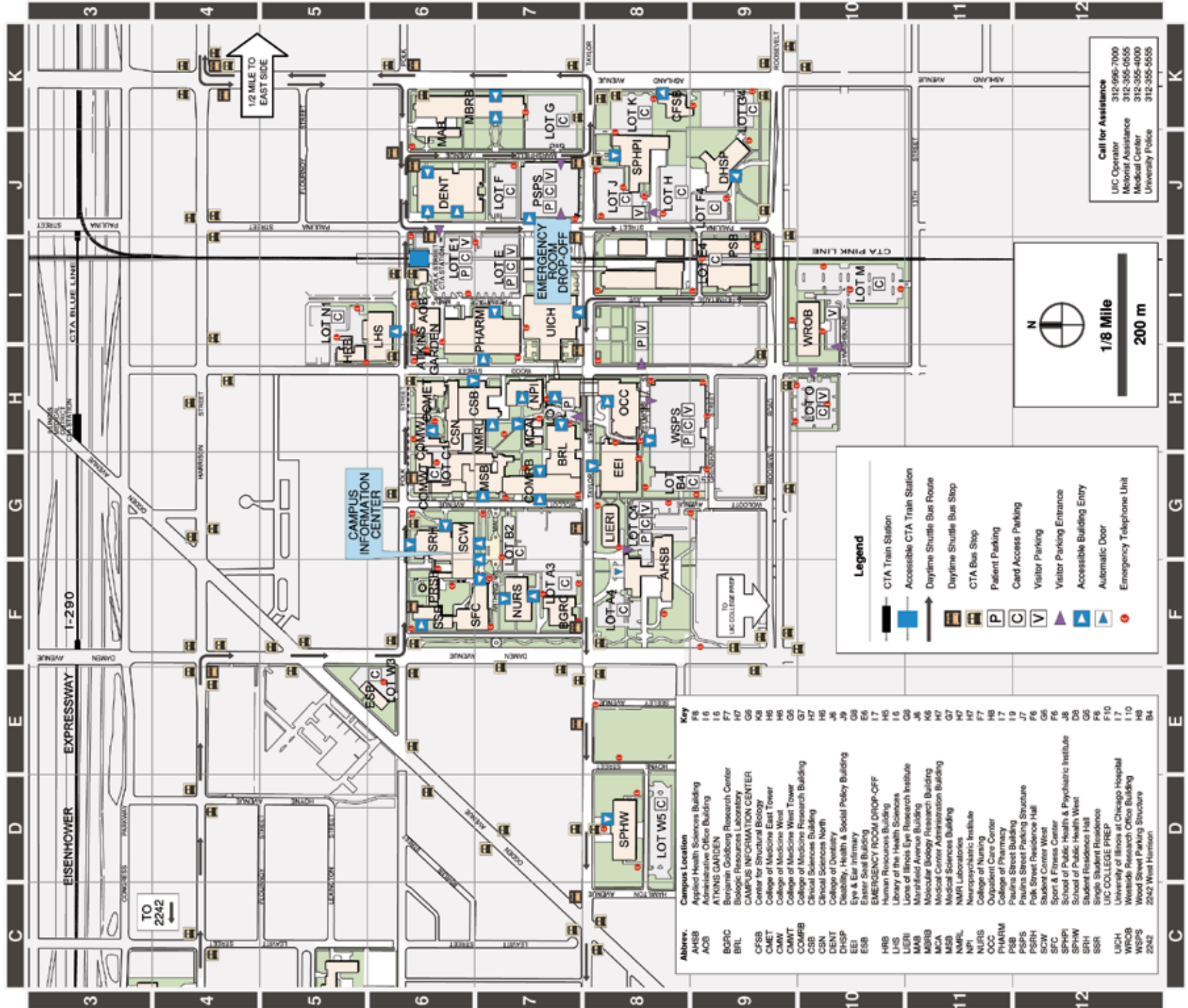
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ADH	Art & Design Hall
AH	Address Hall
ADMS	ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS
AA	ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
BH	Burnham Hall
BHS	Behavioral Sciences Building
CEB	Chemical Engineering Building
CUPPAH	CHICAGO CIRCLE MEMORIAL GROVE
DH	College of Urban Planning & Public Affairs Hall
DH	Douglas Hall
DH	DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER
C4	EARL L. NEAL PLAZA
T5	Education, Performing Arts & Social Work
T7	Engineering Research Facility
T10	Flames Athletic Center
T10	Forum
S5	Grant Hall
S4	Henry Hall
U7	Haskell Street Parking Structure
P4	Harrison Street Parking Structure
T0	Jane Addams Hall-Home
T0	Jane Addams Residence Dining Hall
S4	Jefferson Hall
U10	James J. Stokel Towers
S6	Leisure Centers A,B,C,D,E,F
S5	Lincoln Hall
S5	Lucas Hall
T1	Library, Richard J. Daley
T1	Mary McCormack Hall
U11	Marion Street Parking Structure
P4	Physical Education Building
S10	Physical Plant Building
R8	Plant Research Laboratory
R9	Police Station
R11	QUAD
S8	Rice Building
T3	Rosenfeld Road Building
U9	Sangamon Center Building
S3	Student Center East
T6	Student Center East Tower
T5	Science & Engineering Laboratory East
S7	Science & Engineering Laboratory West
S7	Science & Engineering Offices
T8	Science & Engineering South
T10	SKYSPACE
S5	Skirven Hall
T4	Student Residence & Commons Courtyard
T5	Student Residence & Commons South
S4	Student Residence & Commons West
U5	Student Recreation Facility
C4	Student Services Building
T11	Thomas Boehman Hall
S12	Transportation Facility
S6	Taft Hall
P6	Taylor Street Building
T0	UIC VISITOR CENTER
R4	University Hall
C4	Theater
R8	Utilities Building
U10	1203 South Halsted
U11	1309 South Halsted
U11	1309C South Halsted
U11	722 West Marwell

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