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Academic Calendar

Fall Semester 2024

August 23	Full-Term and First-Half Classes Begin
September 2	Labor Day, Campus Closed
October 19	Mid-Point
October 21	Last-Half Classes Begin
October 23 (Noon)	Mid-Term Grading Deadline
November 27–29	Thanksgiving Recess
December 7	Last Day of Classes
December 9–14	Finals Week
December 14	Semester Ends
December 18 (Noon)	Final Grading Deadline
December 22-January 1	UIS Offices Closed

Spring Semester 2025

December 16	Intersession Classes Begin
January 13	Full-Term and First-Half Classes Begin
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Campus Closed
March 8	Mid-Point
March 10–14	Spring Recess
March 12 (Noon)	Mid-Term Grading Deadline
March 17	Last-Half Classes Begin
May 3	Last Day of Classes
May 5–10	Finals Week
May 110	Semester Ends/Commencement
May 14 (Noon)	Final Grading Deadline

Summer Session 2025

June 2	Full-Term and First-Half Classes Begin
June 19	Juneteenth, Campus Closed
June 28	Mid-Point
June 30	Last-Half Classes Begin
July 4	Independence Day, Campus Closed
July 26	Semester Ends
July 30 (Noon)	Final Grading Deadline

Have questions? Contact Us

Financial Aid Office | 217-206-6724 | finaid@uis.edu

Health Services | 217-206-6676 | uishealthservice@uis.edu

Records & Registration | 217-206-6174 | registrar@uis.edu

University Bursar Customer Service
217-206-6727 | bursarhelp@uillinois.edu

Following the Tuition Trail



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1 The Office of Records and Registration

answers questions and helps students understand tuition and fee assessment.

STEP 1
The Office of
Records and
Registration

2 The Office of Financial Aid

walks students through options that can help pay for college.

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Student Loans
- Work Study
- FAFSA Assistance
- Veteran & Military Education Benefit Processing

STEP 2
The Office of
Financial
Aid

3 The Bursar's Office

connects students directly to their university account.

- Understand payment options
- Pay your bill online
- Enroll in direct deposit
- Sign up for optional payment plans

STEP 3
The Bursar's
Office

REGISTRAR



Tuition & Fees

Tuition assessment is based upon an hourly rate and the year the student was admitted. Students are billed the below fees based upon full-time or part-time status. Additional tuition and fee information can be found on the [UIS Tuition & Fees](#) webpage.

Mandatory Fees

Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund

Assessment: An assessment to support deferred maintenance and facility renovations for academic buildings.

Campus and Library Technology

Assessment: This assessment supports the library to help pay for access to online journals and other materials and to Information Technology Services to help pay for servers, internet access, smart classrooms, etc.

General Fee: A fee comprised of debt service, facility renewal and replacement funds, campus administrative charges, and general University overhead charges.

Green Fee: This fee provides funding necessary to improve our campus commitment to environmental sustainability. This fee can be waived by contacting Records and Registration by their posted deadline each semester. Applicable to full-time students only.

Health Fee: This fee is divided between Campus Health Services and the Counseling Center and supports annual operations of both services.

Service Fee: This fee provides support for a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular activities and services benefiting the student population.

Student Insurance Fee: The Insurance Plan provides worldwide coverage for our students. For more information on student insurance, please see page 10 in this guidebook or visit the UIS Student Insurance website at: uis.edu/hr/benefits-leave/student-insurance.

Student-to-Student Grant Fee: This fee provides financial support to undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate high financial need. This fee can be waived by contacting Records and Registration by their posted deadline each semester.

Student Union Fee: Along with private funding, this fee provides support for the UIS Student Union.

Records and Registration

The **Office of Records and Registration** (also known as the Office of the Registrar) consists of a number of units responsible for:

- **Registration**
 - Course registration
 - Catalog/schedule maintenance
 - Tuition/fee assessment
- **Records**
 - Official UIS transcripts
 - Enrollment/degree verification
 - Grade changes
- **Graduation**
 - Awarding of all degrees and associated diplomas
- **Degree Audits**
 - Articulation of incoming courses
 - Evaluation of all degrees in process

FERPA

The **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** is a federal law that protects the accessibility and privacy of student records. For more information about FERPA regulations, contact the Office of Records and Registration and view the [Student Record Policy](#).

Contact: University Hall, Room 1076
217-206-6174 | registrar@uis.edu



Cost of Attendance (2024-25) for Undergraduates

Based on full-time attendance (15 credit hours per semester)

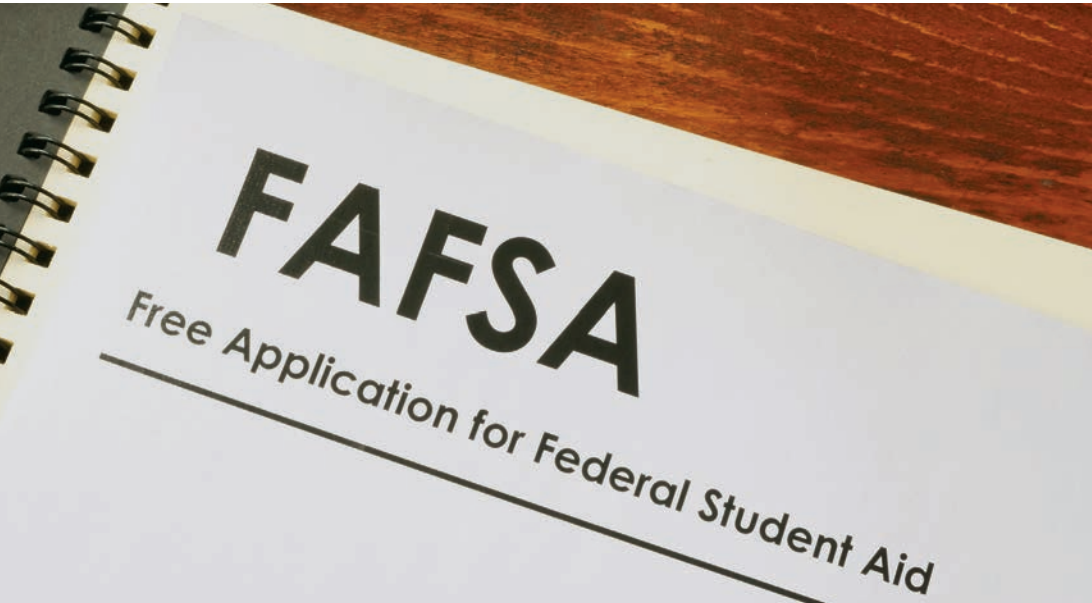
Direct, Billable Expenses	IN-STATE Living with Parent	IN-STATE ON Campus	IN-STATE OFF Campus	OUT-OF-STATE ON Campus	ONLINE OFF Campus
Tuition*	\$9,645	\$9,645	\$9,645	\$19,410	\$11,025
Fees**	\$2,617	\$2,617	\$2,617	\$2,617	\$2,435
Housing***	—	\$7,916	—	\$7,916	—
Food***	—	\$4,326	—	\$4,326	—
Indirect, Non-billable Expenses					
Housing	\$1,890	—	\$6,300	—	\$6,300
Food	\$4,326	—	\$4,326	—	\$4,326
Personal/Misc	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Transportation	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	—
Loan Fees	\$86	\$86	\$86	\$86	\$86
Books & Supplies	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Total	\$23,764	\$28,790	\$28,174	\$38,555	\$27,372

***Tuition** rates are guaranteed for 4 years; therefore, students who began at UIS prior to Summer 2022 will have different tuition rates.

****Fees** do not include Student Health Insurance, estimated at \$1,124 per semester, and a Student Assistance Grant of \$4.00 per semester. Both are waivable. Students in the Capital Scholars Honors program will have an additional fee of \$700 per year.

*****Housing** and **Food** for on-campus is based on a standard double room and the highest meal plan. On-campus housing information is available at [Housing](#). On-campus dining information is available at [Meal Plans](#). Off-campus figures are estimates only.

FINANCIAL AID



Financial Aid

Nearly 80 percent of all UIS students receive financial aid through scholarships, grants, loans and/or student employment. The Office of Financial Assistance is ready to help students apply for and receive assistance to fund their education.

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Student loans
- Work study
- Veteran's & military education benefit processing
- FAFSA assistance

Contact: University Hall, Room 1015
217-206-6724 | Fax 217-206-7376
finaid@uis.edu
uis.edu/cost-aid/financial-aid
FAFSA: StudentAid.gov

Scholarships

The UIS Office of Financial Aid and Division of Advancement coordinate more than 330 scholarships, which cumulatively offer more than \$830,000 in scholarship awards. UIS students are encouraged to [apply for Institutional Scholarships](#) each year. The application for Institutional Scholarships opens in the fall each year. Students have until Feb. 15, 2025 to apply for the next academic year.

Important Points

1. You **MUST have a 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form on file** with the UIS Office of Financial Assistance in order to have any aid, including scholarships, disbursed to your account.
2. **All** correspondence from the Office of Financial Assistance will be sent to the student's UIS email account. It is very important that students check their **UIS email account** at least once a week. Respond to all correspondence from the Office of Financial Assistance expeditiously. Time is always of the essence and failure to meet deadlines can have dire financial aid consequences.
3. You must complete Federal Direct Entrance Loan Counseling and a Master Promissory Note (MPN) to receive your Federal Direct Loan funds. Login to The Department of Education's StudentAid.gov page to complete these requirements as quickly as possible. You will need your FSA ID and password to log-in.
4. Due to FERPA, UIS Office of Financial Aid staff cannot discuss details of a student's financial aid package with anyone except the student. Unless the student is present with his/her parent or relative, we cannot discuss financial matters with parents or relatives. Students may complete a [FERPA release form](#) if there is an individual to whom they would like information released.
5. As a reminder, please note that there are indirect cost components included in the estimated cost of attendance that appear on your financial aid offer notification. These items will never be charged to the student by the university—books/supplies, transportation and personal/miscellaneous expenses. For students who are commuting and will not be living in on-campus housing, you will also see estimated room and board in indirect costs.
6. All grants, loans, waivers and/or scholarships proceeds will be disbursed to your student account, beginning the week before the start of classes each term if your financial aid file is complete. Refunds will be issued the week before the start of classes each term for eligible students who have excess financial aid. Total financial aid, from all sources, may not exceed a student's estimated cost of attendance.
7. Changes in enrollment status, financial need, student level (undergraduate class level versus graduate student), cost of attendance and other changes will affect a student's financial aid eligibility and amounts. Students must also maintain specific minimum GPA requirements or other renewal criteria for UIS scholarship programs.
8. Don't drop a course or withdraw from the University without speaking to a Financial Aid Advisor. Read the [UIS Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) policy. Students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements in order to be eligible for financial aid each semester.
9. If you are interested in working on campus, you may search [CareerConnect](#) for available positions. This site will direct you to all the current job listings. Beginning July 1st, all incoming fall students will have access to CareerConnect 72 hours after registering for classes. To apply for open positions, students will need to upload a resume into CareerConnect for the career counselors to review and approve.

BURSAR



University Bursar

University Bursar is the central billing and payment unit of the University of Illinois. The office serves students at all three U of I campuses.

University Bursar assists students and their authorized payers with questions regarding student billing, authorized payers, payment options, due dates, refunds, 1098T tax reporting and financial literacy.

The **New Student Checklist** from University Bursar walks students through the process of authorizing their student account, setting up an authorized payer, enrolling in direct deposit, signing up for a payment plan and more.

Tuition Due Dates

- Fall – September 28
- Spring – February 28
- Summer – June 28

Authorized Payer

Authorized payers are any individual(s) the student has designated to be able to view and pay on their account. University Bursar will only be able to speak to the student and designated authorized payers.

Student instructions:

To sign up an Authorized Payer:

1. Log into your account through the [Access page](#)
2. Select “Authorize Payers”
3. Select “Add New”

Authorized payers can login to the Authorized Payer website at: paymybill.uillinois.edu and select ‘Authorized Payer.’

Enroll in Direct Deposit

Enrolling in direct deposit allows University Bursar to efficiently process student refunds. Direct deposit requires **Two Factor Authentication (2FA)**.

Student instructions:

To enroll in direct deposit:

1. Select your campus from **Self-Service**
2. Enter NetID and Password and click “Log In”
3. Verify your identity
4. In the “University Bursar” card, choose “Direct Deposit” and follow the prompts to enroll

Please note: The checking or savings account used to enroll in direct deposit must be a **U.S. bank account**.

View Student Accounts/Make Online Payments

At the beginning of each month, students and authorized payers will receive an email prompting them to view the student account for activity. Students are responsible for monitoring their official University email.

The University accepts the following payments:

- **E-checks** are an electronic withdrawal from a U.S. checking or savings account.
- **Credit cards** are accepted for payment. Credit card transactions will be assessed a 2.5% service fee.

Student instructions:

1. Log into your account through the [Access page](#)
2. Select “Make Payment” icon
3. Confirm or update payment amount
4. Select “Payment Method”
5. Select “Continue” and follow prompts

Authorized Payers:

1. Access **UI-Pay**
2. Select “View and Pay Accounts”
3. Select “Make Payment” icon
4. Confirm or Update Payment Amount
5. Select “Payment Method”
6. Select “Continue” and follow prompts

Payments by Mail

Mailed payments should be sent 7-10 business days prior to the due date. Please include:

1. Student’s name & UIN on the check.
2. Printed pay stub from student’s account.

Payments may be mailed to:

University of Illinois Payment Center
Student A/R
28393 Network Place
Chicago, IL 60673-1283

Scholarship Payments

Scholarship payments should be sent directly to the UIS Financial Aid Office:

UIS Office of Financial Aid
One University Plaza – UHB 1015
Springfield, IL 62703-5407

Please include the following on the scholarship correspondence:

1. Student’s name
2. UIN

Plan for tuition and dinner with friends.

Payment plans spread tuition throughout the semester, making it easier for you to plan your finances ahead of time. (Even for the fun stuff.)



For additional information, visit
paymybill.uillinois.edu/payments/PaymentPlan



I-CARD



The i-card is the official University of Illinois System identification card. It serves as an ID, wallet and coupon. Students will need to carry their i-card for:

- Meal plans
- Campus Cash
- Borrowing library books
- Registration and access to some student events

Meal Plans

i-cards provide access to a student's meal plan through UIS Food Service. Students may check the balance of their meal plan or Campus Cash at icardwallet.uis.edu or at the ID Center. See page 9 for more on meal plans.

Campus Cash

i-cards provide access to a student's Campus Cash account, allowing students to carry less cash. Additional funds may be added to Campus Cash by connecting a debit or credit card. A minimum \$5 deposit is required when adding to Campus Cash.

Campus Cash may be used to pay for:

- Food & beverages at UIS dining locations, Starbucks and vending machines
- Photocopying

- Textbooks and supplies at the UIS Bookstore
- Tickets at the Sangamon Auditorium Box Office
- Printing at UIS computing facilities
- Students are allotted \$5 from ITS in printing funds each calendar year.

Identification & Access

i-cards provide access to a student's Campus Swiping or scanning your i-card confirms your current status as a student. You must identify yourself for the following services:

- Library – Students have borrowing privileges at Brookens Library.
- Door access – Persons receive access as needed.
- Recreation – Students assessed the General fee may use their i-card for access to Campus Recreation facilities.

PNC Bank Account

UIS students may bank with their i-card if they open a Virtual Wallet Student account and link their i-card. See page 19 for more details.

Account Set Up & Management

Choose your meal plan and sign up at go.uis.edu/mealplanrequest. Meal plans are billed to a student's account.

Campus Cash accounts are available on all UIS cards as soon as you are registered and have your ID! They can be funded with cash, credit, or debit.

Students may check the balance of their meal plan or campus cash at icardwallet.uis.edu, through the register or vending display when making a purchase, or at the ID Center.

Discounts

Students may show their i-card for savings:

- Athletics – Students receive free admission to regular season games and discounts on conference and playoff tickets.
- Performing Arts – Students may purchase discounted tickets to events at the Performing Arts Center.
- **Shopping & Service Discounts** – Many local merchants offer discounts to UIS i-card holders.

ID Center

University Hall Building, Room 1004
Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
217-206-7718 | idcenter@uis.edu
www.icard.uillinois.edu

FOOD SERVICES and i-card

The Food Studio

UIS Dining Services welcomes you to this unique food court on the first floor of the Student Union.

Our main dining room is open 7 days a week.

Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 10:30 a.m.–8 p.m.

Union Griddle, Express Grab-N-Go and Beverages:

Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 10:30 a.m.–8 p.m.

Chef's Table:

Monday–Friday, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. and
4:30–7 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 11:30 a.m.–7 p.m.

World Flavors:

Monday–Friday, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. and
4:30–7 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, Closed

Deli, Pizzeria and Salad Bar:

Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.–close

Inside the Food Studio

Beverages: Soda, coffee, tea, and more.

Chef's Table: Roast beef, chicken, potatoes and all the comfort foods of home.

Deli / Salad Bar: Sandwiches, deli trimmings, soup, and salad bar.

Express: Grab-N-Go food—fruit, sandwiches, salads, yogurt, ice cream, bottled beverages and milk. Everything you need when you're in a hurry.

The Union Griddle: All of your favorites for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks: eggs, bacon, pancakes, burgers, steaks, chicken breasts, fries, nachos, pretzels and more!

Pizzeria: 14" pizzas or by-the-slice goodness.

World Flavors: Have your meal cooked right in front of you. Build your own skillet toss or panini sandwich—pick your ingredients.



Starbucks Coffee

A full-service Starbucks is also in the Student Union. Hours during the fall and spring semesters are: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Campus Cash

Campus cash can be used to purchase food and drink, but also covers service and retail purchases across UIS. Such services include copying, printing, Performing Arts Center tickets and the UIS Bookstore. (*Campus Cash is a taxable form of payment.*)

Meal Plans

Meal plans can be used only for food and beverage purchase. Meal plans can be requested by going to go.uis.edu/mealplanrequest. Meal plans can be changed until the 10th day of classes for fall or spring semester. Meal plans roll over from fall to spring, but at the end of spring semester money is forfeited back to UIS.

UIS Dining Services

Student Union, Room 202

217-206-7740

uis.edu/dining

Choose your Meal Plan



**Home on the weekends?
That's a five-day "eating week."**

**Home for the holidays only?
That's a seven-day "eating week."**

	Signature plan \$2,163/sem.	Gold plan \$1,725/sem.	Silver plan \$1,442/sem.
Cost per day			
7 day week	\$19.84	\$15.83	\$13.23
5 day week	\$27.38	\$21.84	\$18.25

HEALTH & WELLNESS



Health Services

Health Services provides cost effective, professional, preventative health care for UIS students. All care is accessible and confidential and can be done through an office appointment or online telehealth at doxy.me.

Treatment provided:

- Treatment for acute injuries & illnesses
- Allergies
- Seasonal flu shots & other immunizations
- Women's health exams
- Birth control
- Sexual health testing & counseling
- Physician consultation
- Routine physicals
- Acetaminophen, bandages, cold medicine, condoms

Immunization Requirements & Records

UIS requires immunizations for all students attending on ground, remote or living on campus. Records must be uploaded by the first semester to avoid a \$35 late processing fee and holds placed on students' accounts that restrict class registration for future semesters. The [immunization website](#) has directions for locating immunization records and uploading them to a student's [Patient Portal](#).

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Patient PORTAL

Student Insurance

Students are automatically enrolled in **student insurance** which is administered through **BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois**.

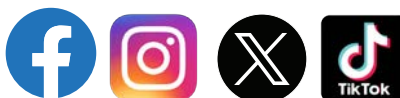
Students may file for an exemption from the health insurance fee, but must provide proof of alternative coverage. Students have seven weeks in which to submit the opt out waiver. The office of Student Insurance will communicate open enrollment and waiver periods through the student's university email. Waivers, approved during the fall, do not need to be re-submitted for the spring semester. Students, who wish to do so, will need to submit an insurance waiver each academic year.

Insurance coverage & fees

Summer 2024 – \$617
Fall 2024 / Spring 2025 – \$1,124
Summer 2025 – \$617

Health Services

Human Resources Building, Room 64
217-206-6676 | Fax 217-206-7779
uishealthservice@uis.edu



UIS Health Services

Counseling Center

The **Counseling Center** provides free, confidential counseling, outreach and psychological consultation to UIS students in a safe and private environment. Counseling sessions are offered in person and remote by phone or telehealth.

The Counseling Center staff help students build confidence, gain insight and make changes to assist them in being successful as students and in their personal lives.

Services include:

- Individual counseling for UIS students
- Couples and group counseling
- Personal development workshops
- Crisis intervention

Counseling Center

Human Resources Building, Room 64
Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
217-206-7122

After hours crisis counselors available
counseling@uis.edu



UIS Counseling Center
Outreach & Support



@uiscounselingcenter



Disability Services

The **Office of Disability Services** ensures that students with disabilities receive the academic accommodations needed for their success in the classroom. Students requesting accommodations should contact Disability Services to request an interview, which includes providing documentation about their disability. Disability Services believes every individual is capable of learning and respects the different learning styles of all UIS students.

Accommodations can include:

- Priority registration
- Peer note takers
- Alternative format text conversion
- ASL interpreters
- Alternative seating arrangements
- Adaptive technology training
- Computer lab
- Extended time on exams
- Quiet, distraction free environment for taking exams

Disability Services

Human Resources Building, Room 64
217-206-6666 | TDD 217-206-6668
ods@uis.edu

Campus Recreation

Campus Recreation provides programs, services, facilities and employment opportunities designed to promote the awareness and benefits of lifetime health and recreation.

- The Recreation and Athletic Center (TRAC) has basketball, volleyball, pickleball/badminton, racquetball and squash courts. There is an elevated running track, cardio/weight training and group fitness. TRAC is home to UIS Men's and Women's Basketball and Women's Volleyball.
- Outdoor Adventure Trips

- Intramural sports
- Outdoor fields and courts, including a 9-hole miniature golf course and sand volleyball at Rec Park.
- 18-hole disc golf course
- Group fitness classes, personal training, cooking demonstrations and the annual Health & Safety Fair.
- Challenge course team building
- StarBikes
- Rec Palooza

Campus Recreation

The Recreation and Athletic Center
217-206-7103 | Front desk 217-206-6658
campusrec@uis.edu



ACADEMIC RESOURCES



UIS Bookstore

The **UIS Bookstore**, located in the lower level of the PAC, is a great source for textbooks, spirit apparel, UIS gifts and more. The Bookstore offers online shopping with free in-store pick up. Regular semester hours are Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Hours vary over the summer.

- Textbook sales & rentals
- Digital textbooks
- UIS apparel
- School and office supplies
- Gift and school spirit items
- Computer and technology items

Location:

Public Affairs Center, 1st floor

217-206-6766

bkstr.com/illinoispringfieldstore

Career Development Center

The **Career Development Center** provides comprehensive career planning services to all UIS students. Throughout a students' time at UIS, the Career Center offers programming, meaningful real-world opportunities and experiences to develop career strategies and enhance students' opportunities after graduation.

Personalized services include:

- Career counseling and advising
- Resume and cover letter critiques
- Online career planning systems & extensive resources
- Support through Career Suite open hours
- Job shadowing & informational interviews with professionals and alumni
- Workshops, career fairs and visits with potential employers
- Access to UIS CareerConnect, our online internship and job board
- Interactions with recruiters on the UIS campus
- Customized career opportunities

Location:

Human Resources Building, Room 80

217-206-6508 | uis.edu/career

Center for Academic Success & Advising (CASA)

The **Center for Academic Success and Advising (CASA)** is an all-encompassing academic resource for first-year students, pre-nursing and undecided students which includes advising, tutoring and course planning. Professional academic advisors help students select general education requirements and prepare for a major course of study. Advisors also monitor student progress and connect students with other services on campus.

- Four-year advising for all undergraduate students
- Placement exams for students to determine course readiness
- Peer Advisor/Peer Mentor Program
- The Learning Hub peer tutoring

Hours: Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Online appointments available during traditional and nontraditional office hours.

Location:

Brookens Library, Room 461

217-206-7471 | advising@uis.edu

Capital Scholars Honors Program students utilize advising through that program, not CASA.

Internships and Prior Learning

The Office of Engaged Learning **Internships and Prior Learning** supports active learning for UIS students:

- **Internships** enable students to obtain real-world experiences in their area of study. Students earn credit by enrolling in a course concurrently with a field experience.
- **Prior Learning Assessment** gives students an opportunity to earn credit for previous college-level learning experiences. Students earn credit by developing a portfolio about their experiences.
- **Service-Learning** courses allow students to engage with the community and develop and understanding of civic responsibility by providing community service to non-profit agencies as part of their coursework.

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Location:

Brookens Library, Room 482
217-206-6640 | ipl@uis.edu

Information Technology Services

Reliable technology is a necessary part of academia. **Information Technology Services (ITS)** is responsible for the planning, management and direction of technology initiatives in support of both academic and administration operations at UIS.

- Instructional support and training
- Technology training
- 3D Printing and scanning
- Canvas Learning Management System
- Help Desk
- Equipment check out (digital or video cameras, laptops, tripods)
- **Software WebStore**

The Learning Hub

Part of the Center for Academic Success and Advising, **The Learning Hub's** mission is to assist UIS students to succeed in their academic coursework. The Learning Hub offers academic skills workshops and open group or one-on-one tutoring. Through peer tutoring, the Learning Hub offers tutoring on any subject taught on the UIS campus.

- Writing
- Math and statistics
- Accounting and economics
- Computer Science
- Science
- Academic study skills

Hours: Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Location:

Brookens Library, Room 462
217-206-6503 | thehub@uis.edu

Study Away Programs

Study Away programs offer opportunities for experiential learning through both national and international travel.

- Short-term study programs in Ashikaga, Japan, and newer programs in England, Taiwan and Vietnam.
- Full semester or year-long programs in Australia, Japan, the United Kingdom, China, France, Spain, Ireland, Denmark, the Netherlands, Korea and Mexico.
- Opportunity to study abroad through exchange programs with universities in 55 countries through UIS' membership in the International Student Exchange Program.
- UIS is a member of the National Student Exchange program, which offers opportunities across the U.S. and Canada.
- International online education exchange initiatives with Mexico's University of Colima and other collaborations with universities located outside the U.S.

Location:

Brookens Library, Room 482
217-206-8319 | sap@uis.edu



REGISTER for your SOFTWARE

Login at

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see what you're eligible for!**



webstore.illinois.edu

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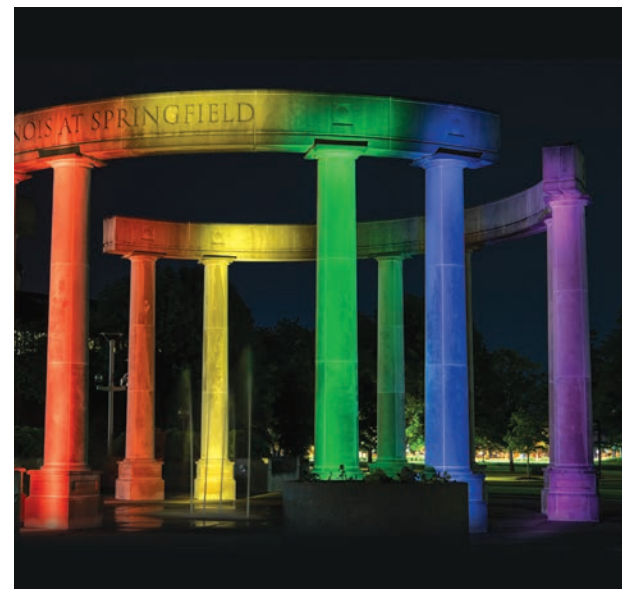
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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT



Athletics

UIS Athletics sponsors 17 intercollegiate varsity sports, as well as cheerleading, and is a proud member of the NCAA Division II and the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Its mission is to shape student-athletes into productive, service-minded leaders and to center the athletics experience on academic achievement, pursuits of championships and community outreach.

Men's Sports

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Soccer
- Tennis
- In- & Outdoor Track & Field

Women's Sports

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- In- & Outdoor Track & Field
- Volleyball

Location:

The Recreation and Athletic Center
217-206-6674 | uisprairiestars.com



UIS Athletics
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Diversity Center

The **Diversity Center** is a cultural, educational and social entity on campus that represents and advocates for the concerns and challenges of all students. The center provides advocacy and support to the campus community offering university-wide workshops/trainings on topics within Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice. The Women's Center and Gender and Sexuality Student Services reside within the Diversity Center.

Signature programs and initiatives include:

- First Generation College Students
- Greek Life
- Hispanic/LatinX Initiative
- Men of Color Initiative
- Necessary Steps Mentoring Program
- OUCH!

Location:

Student Life Building, Room 22
217-206-6333 | diversity@uis.edu



UIS Diversity Center

Gender and Sexuality Student Services

Gender and Sexuality Student Services provides education, advocacy, support, mentoring and a safe space for students with marginalized gender and sexual identities (LGBTQIA+) and all students at UIS.

Location: Student Life Building, Room 22
217-206-8316 | gss@uis.edu



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International Student Services

The **Office of International Student Services** provides support and assistance necessary for international students to achieve their educational goals and to ensure institutional compliance with government immigration regulations. ISS staff guide students on immigration matters, offer orientation, host special events and programs and provide cross-cultural counseling and academic and financial counseling.

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Location: Human University Hall, Room 1006
(Fall 2024)
217-206-6678 | iss@uis.edu



Military & Veterans Student Services

Military and Veteran Student Services guides veterans, active military personnel, reservists and military dependents through programs and education benefits and provides assistance with forms and information related to military grants and scholarships available through the state of Illinois. M.V.C. is the **Military and Veterans Club** which provides support to active military, veteran students and families.

Location: University Hall, Room 1002
217-206-8387 | veterans@uis.edu



UIS Military & Veteran Student Services

Student Affairs

The **Division of Student Affairs** is a team of professionals dedicated to the personal and professional development of students. Student Affairs programs, services and facilities assist students in their transition to campus life and help them navigate and complete the college experience all while deriving the greatest value and pleasure from their time at UIS.

- Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
- Executive Director of Auxiliary Services
- Dean of Students
- Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Engagement
- Executive Assistant to the Vice Chancellor

Location: Founders Residence Hall, Room 171
217-206-6581 | vcsa@uis.edu



UIS Student Affairs

Student Life

The **Office of Student Life** cultivates the personal, social and educational development of UIS students by engaging them in leadership opportunities and promoting participation in the campus community. Student Life supports more than 60 student clubs through their space in the Student Leadership Center. You can find the calendar of student events on UIS Connection.

- Homecoming
- Welcome Week
- Student organizations
- Student Government (SGA)
- Student Activities Committee (SAC)
- Leadership programs & awards

Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, 12–8:30 p.m.

Location: Student Union, Room 103
Student Leadership Center
217-206-4762 | studentlife@uis.edu



UIS Student Life

Volunteer and Civic Engagement

The **Volunteer and Civic Engagement Center** helps develop civic and social responsibilities within individual students, faculty and staff. The center partners with community organizations for short- and long-term service opportunities. Some signature events and activities include:

- MLK Day of Service
- Trick or Treat for Canned Goods
- UIS Cares Food Pantry
- UIS Cares School Supply Shop
- Voter Registration
- Welcome Week Day of Service

Location: Student Union, Room 103
Student Leadership Center
217-206-7716 | volunteer@uis.edu



UIS Volunteer & Civic Engagement Center



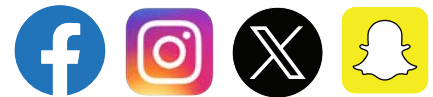
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Women's Center

The **Women's Center** exists to provide programming and support for women-identified students and their allies on campus. The approach is intended to be intersectional, recognizing that not all of those who may identify as a woman experience life the same way.

- Women's History Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Take Back the Night

Location:
Student Life Building, Room 15
217-206-7173 | womenscenter@uis.edu



UIS Women's Center



CAMPUS SAFETY & EQUITY



Access & Equity

The UIS Assistant Director for **Access & Equity** helps foster a welcoming campus climate in support of students' success.

- Provides educational awareness, prevention programming and training on inclusion and diversity.
- Investigates complaints of **discrimination**.
- Serves as the **Title IX** Coordinator, addressing complaints of harassment sexual misconduct and assists victims of sexual assault and other sexual misconduct.
- Serves as the **Americans with Disabilities (ADA)** Compliance Officer.

Location:
Human Resources Building, Room 52
217-206-9999 | titleix@uis.edu

Dean of Students

The **Dean of Students Office** provides oversight of:

- Advocay & Support
- Student Conduct
- Student Rights & Responsibilities
- Student Grievances
- Campus Behavior Intervention Team

Location:
Founders Residence Hall, Room 178
217-206-8211 | deanofstudents@uis.edu

UIS Police

The **UIS Campus Police** Department is responsible for law enforcement and security on UIS property. The department is staffed 24 hours a day by trained police officers and police telecommunicators. UIS Police use **RAVEAlert** as an emergency notification system which quickly sends important messages directly to you via text, email and social media in the event of an emergency.

- Police Emergency: 217-206-7777
- Non-Emergency: 217-206-6690



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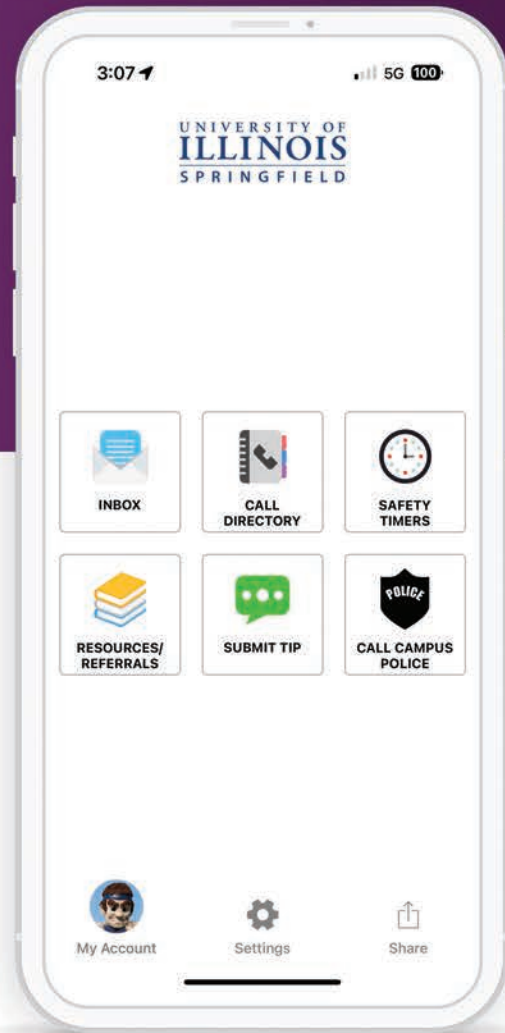
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- access research databases online 24/7
- borrow books from other libraries
- access and borrow from the Library of Things

STUDENT UNION



The **Student Union** is the social heart of campus for students. This signature building is full of light and activity creating a vibrant and thriving focal point for life at UIS.

- Ballroom
- Dining & Food Services
- Catering Services
- Charging stations
- Conference rooms
- Game room
- Lost and found
- Starbucks
- Student Life
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Student Organization Funding Association (SOFA)
- Student Activities Committee (SAC)
- Volunteer & Civic Engagement



Semester hours:
Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–10 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, 10:30 a.m.–10 p.m.
studentunion@uis.edu

RESIDENCE LIFE (HOUSING)



The **Department of Residence Life** fosters an inclusive community environment strongly supportive of academic and personal growth among students through progressive, collaborative and intentional experiences. Each year more than 1,100 students choose to live on the UIS campus in one of four distinct housing options:

- **Residence Halls**
- **Townhomes**
- **Apartments**
- **Family Housing**

Take a virtual tour of these living options.

On campus housing includes:

- High speed internet access
- Free laundry
- Utilities included
- Nearby parking
- ADA accessible options
- Inclusive and supportive community

Location: Residence Life Office
Homer Butler Commons
217-206-6190 | reslife@uis.edu



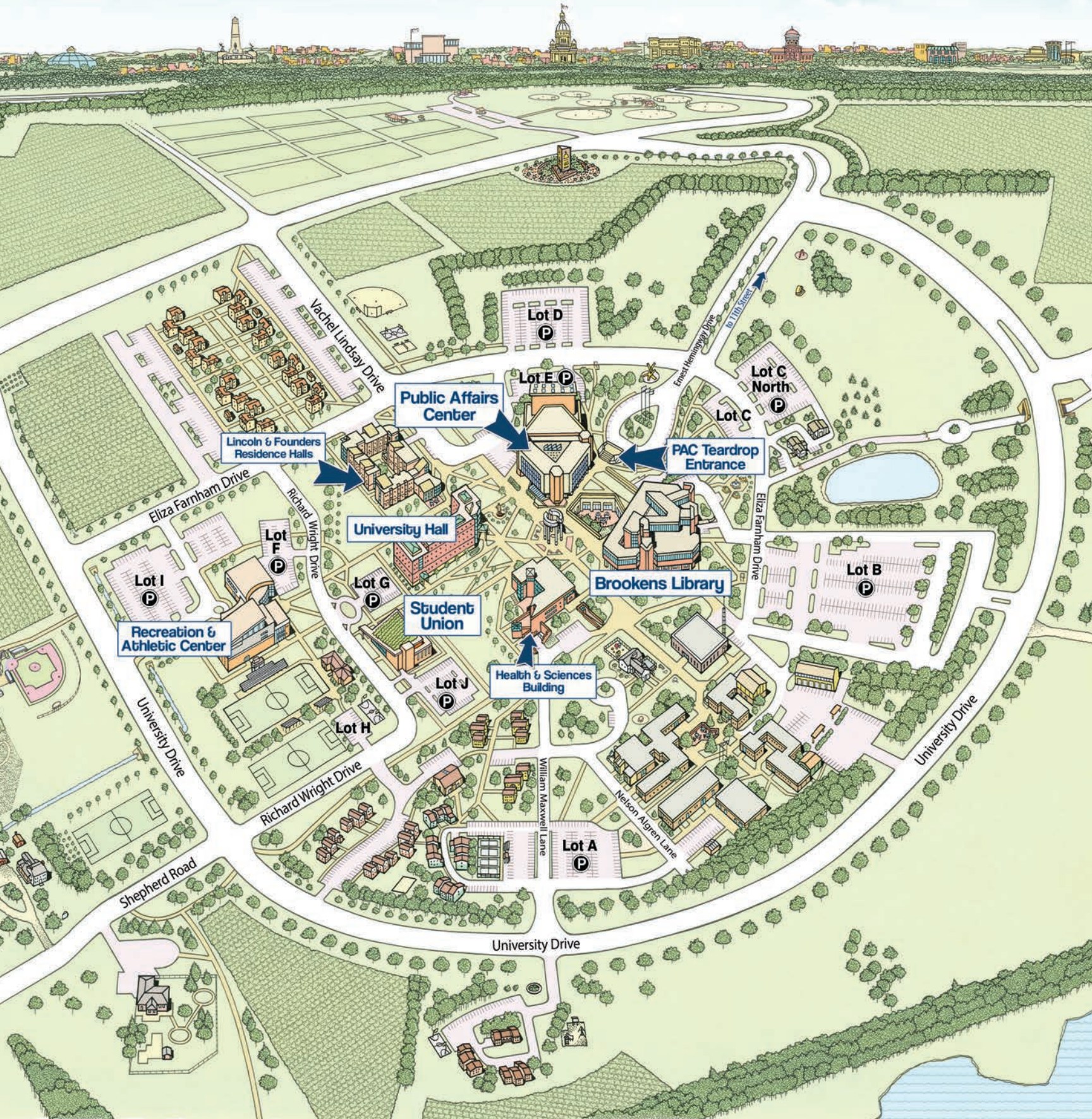
Parking Operations

Students who bring a vehicle to campus must purchase and display a current parking hang tag in order to park a vehicle on university property. Tags must be **purchased online** and picked up at the **Parking Operations** office using a photo ID. See **parking legend and key**.

Location: Business Services Building, Room 43
217-206-8502 | parking@uis.edu



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How **Parents** can **Support** their Prairie Stars

Not all students will share these feeling or experiences, and it might not be 'right on schedule.' But research supports this cycle of emotions and events, so being familiar with the possibilities can prepare you for conversations with your student.

Fall Semester

Two primary concerns about adjustment to college life are "Can I succeed academically?" and "Will I find friends?" Once the adrenaline of Orientation subsides, the excitement of being in a new environment with new people can fade into anxiety about coursework, homesickness, and stress about new relationships.

All of this newness and stimulation can be overwhelming or exciting – sometimes both at once. Don't panic if your student calls home with transition concerns sometime within the first six weeks of school. The road to independence and autonomy can be rocky—be sure your new student knows they have your support. Sometimes the number of choices open to the student can be taxing to students used to the structure of high school and home: Shall I sleep, watch a movie, or exercise? What shall I wear today: sweats or pajamas? Homework or PlayStation?

September

- Homesickness/loneliness
- Experimenting with new freedoms
- Wondering how/if they'll "fit in"
- Values crises
- Excitement over friends/activities
- Book buying sticker shock
- Preconceptions of college life challenged
- Feelings of academic inadequacy
- Anxiety over first tests and papers

Things may seem to settle down as campus becomes familiar and less threatening. Lifelines are maintained courtesy of smartphones and social media. Fall Break and Family Weekend can be highly anticipated opportunities for students to touch base with family and friends from home and to enjoy a little TLC.

October

- Loneliness
- Relationship concerns
- Finding balance between social life and academics
- Facing choices to use alcohol/other drugs
- Disappointment in early grades
- Money concerns
- Roommate conflicts
- Frustration with professors
- Anxiety about mid-terms
- Becoming over-extended

Breaks carry their own complications for students used to deciding their own schedule. Will mid-term grades set a happy tone? Students may be excited to see their old high school friends. This is also a time

for the reveal—as parents get to see for the first time the physical manifestations of their child's journey of developing their identity in different hairstyles, clothes, and food choices. Breaks and holidays are also a great opportunity to host students who are a long way from home. If your student knows someone who is unable to go home during these times, consider "adopting" them for the occasion and help alleviate some of the feelings that go with being far from home.

November/December

- Wondering when they will fit in
- Missing holiday preparations at home
- Worries about returning home for break
- Making travel arrangements
- Stress over spring registration
- Winter colds and illness
- Money concerns
- Worries about grades
- End of the semester social activities
- Final papers and exams

Winter Break

The first days of break, parents may find that their students have "crashed." After a hectic round of exams and social activities, the idea of "chilling" out in front of the TV might be very appealing. For families celebrating holidays and other family traditions, there may be some disappointment that their new student may not be up to the rigor of family time. Other challenges that might be faced may be the family rules of curfew and approved social activities. Your student might also be grappling with the changes in themselves and their friends and wonder about their friendships, old and new.

Spring Semester

After a month at home with friends, family, and pets, students may find the return to college in January harder than arriving in August. While homesickness surfaces right after break, students more readily fall into a positive routine with roommates and others in their social network. Students may feel more confident with their college tasks, though time management might continue to be an issue. Those that did not do as well as they expected the first semester, might buckle down with a renewed commitment. Others may be rethinking their career goals.

January/February

- Getting back into routine
- Homesickness
- Valentine's depression
- Bad weather/cabin fever
- Desire to get involved in campus life
- Pressure to improve grades
- Housing and roommate decisions for next year

The cold and bleak winter months may find students in lengthy conversations that challenge and explore beliefs and values, as they discover new aspects of their identity. Spring Break arrives just in time to ease the cabin fever of February. Many students begin to explore life outside the classroom and join clubs and other campus activities.

March

- Anxiety over Spring Break plans
- "Freshmen 15" becomes apparent
- Money concerns
- Stress over mid-terms
- Applications due for leadership positions
- Spring fever sets in
- Relationship stress
- Summer job stress

As the days warm up, so do many students thoughts about what they will be doing over Spring Break. The weeks from break until finals go by in a blur. Students are caught up in the end-of-the-semester activities of choosing rooms and roommates for the next year, as well as their classes.

April/May

- Good weather distractions
- Concerns about grades
- Excitement or concern about moving back home
- Anxiety over missing college friends, adjustments with high school friends
- Finals
- Packing and storage

How Parents Can Help

- Understand that stress is a natural response to change.
- Be familiar with campus resources – encourage your student to seek support.
- Do keep the lines of communication open – stay in touch, plan a time to talk with one another.
- Don't minimize your student's concerns – be willing to listen.
- Don't rush in to save the day – respect your student's new independence. Trust them to make good decisions. Empower them by processing options without dictating responses or rushing to solve their problems for them.
- Do keep perspective – understand that your student is still developing their identity as a person and "trying on" new thoughts, ideas, and possibilities, as well as hairstyles and clothing.
- Don't give ultimatums by insisting on commitment to activities, major, or career now – share your child's enthusiasm for new interests and activities. Encourage them to get involved.
- Understand that the expectations for college work are much different than high school – it may be challenging for your new student to get used to the ambiguity of the classroom. Though their opinions are valued, new students are often frustrated by professors who ask them to reflect or react on what they like or do not like about a subject; to provide examples to support their ideas; and to present reasoned arguments to support their thesis. The tradition of the liberal arts is to analyze and evaluate the subjects that they are engaged in and formulate views on the subject that are confidently grounded in scholarship. Students at UIS will engage in this process repeatedly over their four years and will be well served by this experience.



UIS Abbreviations & Lingo

Advising (Undergraduate) – Center for Academic Success and Advising (CASA). Information on registration and advising for first year, sophomore, and undeclared transfer students. Capital Honors Scholars (CAP) program advises first-year and sophomore CAP students.

BC or HCOM – Homer Butler Commons. Where the Residence Life Office is located.

BRK – Brookens houses the Library; classrooms; the Center for Student Success, The Learning Hub, Advising Services & Information Support, Internships & Prior Learning, and International Programs; ITs; COLRs; and Brookens Auditorium. There are two main entrances to the building—one takes you into the library the other to the academic side of the building.

BSB – Business Services Building houses Graphics & Printing, Facilities & Services, and Parking Services.

Brookens Auditorium – An auditorium and large lecture hall that is easily accessible from the Tunnels that connect PAC, Brookens Library, and HSB. Lots of campus events are held in Brookens. Located on the 1st floor of Brookens Library.

Canvas – Canvas Online learning management system with course materials, tests, quizzes, discussion boards, and grades.

CAP – Capital Scholars Honors Program. The CAP Honors Program brings together intellectually strong students with talented, dedicated faculty to create a unique academic environment within the greater UIS community. Offices are located on the 1st Floor of LRH.

Cashier's Office Also known as University Bursar. Handles general student account payments. Located on the 1st Floor of UHB.

COLRS (Center for Online Learning, Research and Service) Manages online learning courses and majors at UIS. Located in the Brookens Library.

Commuter Student – A student who lives at home and commutes to campus, aka Off-Campus Living Student.

East – East Campus Apartments are for upperclassmen, graduate students, and students with families.

ECCE – pronounced êh-chay (Engaged Citizenship Common Experience) is part of the General Education Requirement and is designed to help students become aware of their roles in a complex, interdependent set of communities. ECCE categories promote cultural awareness and engagement experiences.

Esports – Short for electronic sports, is a form of competitive, organized video gaming. The UIS Esports Arena, located in Founders Residence Hall, boasts a remarkable setup where students can game recreationally or competitively as a member of the UIS Esports team.

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid. FAFSA is used to determine eligibility for financial aid, scholarships, and work-study.

FRH – Founders Residence Hall. Housing many sophomore students, the pre-Nursing Living Learning community, UIS Esports Arena and the Offices of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, the Dean of Students, the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Engagement and New Student Orientation & Parent Relations.

FYS – First-Year Seminar or Freshman Seminar is a student’s introduction to college and provides a crucial vehicle through which students will develop strong academic skills and habits.

FERPA – The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a federal law that protects the accessibility and privacy of student records. For more information about FERPA regulations, contact the Office of Records and Registration and view the [Student Record Policy](#).

Food Studio – The main dining venue for campus. Meal plans, Campus Cash, major credit cards and cash are accepted to purchase a la carte items from breakfast to burgers and sandwiches, salads, stir fry, hot entrees, desserts and beverages. Located on the 1st Floor of the Union.

GER – General Education Requirement. General education is based on two main principles: life-long learning and engaged citizenship. The UIS General Education Curriculum helps students gain skills and knowledge needed for the twenty-first century and complements all of our degree programs. Courses in the program are divided into two categories:

- Lower division courses in written communication, oral communication, science, math, humanities, and social sciences. These courses provide a foundation of knowledge and skills that are crucial for a broad liberal arts education.
- Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE)

Gen Ed – General Education course

GPA – Grade Point Average

IT Help Desk (ITS) – For help with computers, Wi-Fi, UIS apps, viruses, training, laptop loan, and more. The ITS Help Desk is located on the lower level of Brookens Library. Email: techsupport@uis.edu; phone: 6TECH (217-206-8324).

HRB – In addition to UIS Human Resources, the Career Development Center, UIS Cares Food Pantry, the Counseling Center, Disability Services, Testing Services, and Health Services are all located in HRB.

HSB – Health & Sciences Building is home to the offices of Astronomy, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Medical Lab Science, Natural Sciences, classrooms, labs, the Orion Lab and the Visual Arts Gallery.

i-card – Student Identification Card. Carry it with you at all times. You will need it to access into halls, library card, ECCE attendance swiping, meal plans/campus cash, etc.

Learning Hub or The Hub Offers one-on-one tutoring in math, writing, reading, computer science, science, and study skills. Hosts student workshops on study skills.

Lost & Found – Looking for something you misplaced or found something that you want to turn in? Try the Parking Services office in BSB 43 or the Student Union desk. Found a lost i-card? Turn it in to the i-Card Office UHB 1004 or Campus Police (after business hours).

LRH – Lincoln Residence Hall. Residence for first-year freshmen. The CAP Honors program offices are on the 1st floor. The learning communities for Stars, Necessary Steps, CAP, and L4L are in LRH.

NESSIE – Human Resources web site for new hire forms (Nessie New Hire) and updating of employment information.

On-Campus Living Student a student who lives on campus in university housing: residence halls, townhomes, or apartments. Also known as Residential students.

PAC – Public Affairs Center. In addition to the College of Public Affairs and Education, classrooms, administrative offices and The Performing Arts Center (which includes Sangamon Auditorium and the Studio Theatre), the PAC houses the Sangamon Experience and the Bookstore.

PDB – Police Department Building. The PDB is located in a white house at 2285 Eliza Farnham Drive across from Brookens Library near the pond.

Quad or The Quad – A quadrangular space or rectangle of lawn that is surrounded by four current buildings: The Public Affairs Center (PAC), University Hall Building (UHB), the Health & Sciences Building (HSB), and the Student Union. Many

events are held on the Quad through the early fall and late spring semesters.

RA – Resident Assistant. RAs work for Residence Life. RAs are available to students for questions about on-campus housing, Residence Life, living on campus, academic and campus resources, and roommate relationships.

RHB – Rehearsal Hall, Room B. In the Visual & Performing Arts Building (VPA).

Ring Road – The road that goes around the University on the east side.

SAB – Student Affairs Building. Home to the UIC College of Nursing Program at UIS classrooms and offices.

SAC – Student Activities Committee. A student organization that coordinates activities on campus. Located in the Student Leadership Center in the Student Union.

SGA – Student Government Association. Located in the Student Leadership Center in the Student Union.

SLB – Student Life Building. Home to the Diversity Center, Gender & Sexuality Student Services, The Women’s Center, the Offices and classrooms for the Department of Exercise Science, and the SLB Gym.

SOFA – Student Organization Funding Association. A student association that allocates University funds to student organizations. Located in the Student Leadership Center in the Student Union.

SPH – Spencer House. This used to be the residence of Sangamon State/UIS chancellors. Now it is home to the UIS Challenge Course operated by Campus Recreation. The Cross County course runs through the Spencer House grounds.

Sangamon Auditorium – A 1,500 seat auditorium that has live concerts, Broadway shows, and entertainment throughout the year. Students receive discounted tickets to events. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Booth off the lobby near. Located in the Public Affairs Center (PAC).

Student Union – Home to the Offices of Student Life and Volunteer & Civic Engagement, Dining Services, the Food

Studio, Starbucks, conference rooms, a multipurpose ballroom, gaming consoles, and spots galore to relax, socialize, or do homework.

Tear Drop – Tear shaped road/parking area north along PAC. If you enter campus from 11th Street take Ernest Hemingway Drive and it will lead you directly into the Tear Drop.

TEP – Teacher Education Program

TRAC – The Recreation and Athletics Center (see information under An Overview of UIS Student Services & Resources).

UHB (or UHall) – University Hall is home to the College of Business and Management, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, classrooms, computer labs, University Bursar, Military and Veteran Student Services, i-Card Center, and the Enrollment Management Offices: the Office of Financial Assistance, the Admission Office, and Records & Registration.

UIN – University Identification Number. This 9-digit number is a student's unique identifier and used on many university documents. The UIN is needed to generate the student's NetID and webmail account.

UNI – University Course

VPA – Visual & Performing Arts building. Home to the Departments of Art, Theatre, and Music, art studios, music practice rooms, Rehearsal Hall, Room B, and classrooms.

West or The Townhouses – West Campus Townhouses are for upperclassmen, graduate students and international students.



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UIS History & Facts

1970 – UIS was founded as Sangamon State University on September 28, 1970 (the first classes were held that day).

SSU was known as an upper-division college—a three-year institution, a capstone to the state’s community college system. SSU offered classes for juniors, seniors and graduate students. There were no freshmen or sophomores.

Karen Hasara was the second person in line to register for classes. She was later a state senator, served as the first female Mayor of Springfield, and became the first UIS alumna on the University of Illinois Board of Trustees. In 2019, she was presented with an honorary doctorate of humane letters during the UIS Commencement in recognition of her inspirational leadership, public service, and contributions to her community.

SSU’s curriculum was built around four University Programs:

- Communication in a Technological Society (CTS)
- Work, Leisure, Poverty, and Power
- Justice and the Social Order (JSO)
- Environments and People (ENP)

The first president of SSU, was Dr. Robert C.

Spencer. The Spencer’s lived in what is now the Cox Children’s Center.

1971 – In December, the first students graduated from SSU, although the first ceremony wasn’t until 1972.

1971 – During the spring semester, Professor Gus Stevens was criticized by a state senator for wearing a hat “in the presence of ladies.” Stevens responded by organizing the first “Floppy Hat Day” inviting students, faculty, and staff to join him in wearing floppy hats.

1971 – Baseball was established as the first SSU sports team.

1972 – SSU had classes downtown in the Leland Building.

1973 – Author Alex Haley appeared on campus as part of Black Awareness Week sponsored by SSU Black Student Union.

1975 – Singer Bobby McFerrin was a Peer Group Counselor.

1976 – Brookens Library was the first permanent building on campus – dedicated in May. This moved the library from building F, which is now the Student

Affairs Building and home to the UIC College of Nursing at Springfield.

1978 – Dr. Alex B. Lacy Jr. became SSU’s second president in September. His vision for SSU included seeing the campus be at center stage for the study of government, politics, and public policy.

1978 – The University Observatory was dedicated on the roof of Brookens Library. The first “Star Party” was held.

1980 – The first on-campus student housing opened in August. The Public Affairs Center, the second permanent campus building opened in September.

1981 – Sangamon Auditorium held its first performance – Hal Holbrook in “Mark Twain Tonight!”

1984 – Dr. Durward Long, became SSU’s third president in July.

1986 – The Soccer Team won the first of three NAIA National Championship.

1991 – Dr. Naomi B. Lynn became the fourth president of SSU and then subsequently the first UIS Chancellor in 1995.



- 1992 – The Health & Sciences Building opened
- 1995 – Sangamon State University became part of the University of Illinois system. The last SSU commencement was held in May of 1995.
- 1996 – UIS held its first homecoming (SSU held sponsored homecoming events in 1977, 1990, and 1994).
- 1999 – The Capital Scholars Honors program was created.
- 2001 – Richard D. Ringeisen became the second UIS Chancellor in April.
- 2001 – UIS welcomed its first freshman class in August, with the advent of the Capital Scholars Honors Program. 116 students moved into the first residence hall—Lincoln Residence Hall.
- 2004 – University Hall opened. Construction of UHB resulted in a planned quadrangle of landscaping bordered on the east of the new building.
- 2005 – The UIS Colonnade was completed and designated as the symbolic center of campus and the head of the new Quad.
- 2006 – UIS became a four-year university with the arrival of freshmen admitted to the general education curriculum.
- 2007 – The Recreation and Athletics Center (TRAC) was dedicated

- 2007 – UIS alumna Dana Perino became White House Press Secretary to President George W. Bush. Perino graduated in 1995 with an MA in Public Affairs Reporting.
- 2008 – Founders Residence Hall opened to house 132 freshmen. The partially completed building was named in honor of all those men and women who are recognized as SSU founders. *Fun Fact:* Founders Residence Hall has a green roof – covered in 26,000 feet of soil and sedum that acts as insulation for the building, reducing heating and cooling costs.
- 2010 – UIS Athletics became a member of NCAA Division II. UIS participates in the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC).
- 2010 – 63 foreign flags were placed in the Public Affairs Center representing the countries from which international students had to travel to attend UIS over the past 40 years.
- 2010 – UIS/SSU celebrated its 40th Anniversary.
- 2011 – Dr. Susan J. Koch became third Chancellor of UIS.
- 2018 – The Student Union opened in January.
- 2022 – Dr. Janet L. Gooch became fourth Chancellor of UIS
- 2022 – UIS purchased downtown Innovation Center, with plans to open in 2025

About UIS

Mascot: Orion. *Fun Fact:* In Greek mythology, Orion the Hunter, was placed in the heavens by Zeus, in what is now the Orion Constellation.

Nickname: Prairie Stars

UIS' official colors are UIS Blue and White. UIS Gold is a secondary color and used in Athletics.

UIS' promise is Leadership Lived. An inherent promise the university makes and keeps to its constituents and is centered around four Core Attributes:

- Teaching-Focused Academic Experience
- An Abundance of Opportunities to Collaborate
- A Right-sized, Supportive Community
- A Tradition of Educating Public Servants and Leaders

As of fall 2023 UIS had:

- 4,661 students (2,339 or 50% are undergraduates)
- Online students: 2,130
- 59% of undergraduate students attend classes full-time
- 66% of students are from Illinois
- 195 full-time and 129 part-time faculty
- 70+ student clubs and organizations
- 844 students living in campus housing
- More than 44,000 living alumni located throughout the world
- 60 undergraduate programs of study, 44 graduate programs of study, 1 doctoral program

Who Are The Campus Streets Named After?

Most of the streets at UIS are named after writers who were born, or lived in Illinois during their lifetime.

Nelson Algren (1909-1981) Lane – Best known for his novel turned movie *Man with the Golden Arm*. Algren grew up in the North and South side of Chicago and attended U of I (Urbana-Champaign) where he wrote for the campus newspaper.

Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000) Lane – Named after the Pulitzer-Prize winning poet, teacher and Poet Laureate of Illinois. Gwendolyn Brooks lived in Chicago attending 4 different racially diverse schools which gave her insights into the racial dynamics of the city that influenced her writing. She was 13 when her first poem was published.

Theodore Dreiser (1871-1945) Lane – Known mostly as a novelist and journalist, Dreiser wrote poetry and short stories. He worked as a reporter for the Chicago *Globe* in the late 1800s. His work was often controversial because he challenged moral codes with his writings on sex, prostitution, promiscuity, lynching, murder, and characters that triumphed even though they were involved in morally compromising situations.

Eliza Farnham (1815-1864) Drive – Novelist, feminist, and abolitionist, Farnham lived in Illinois for six years. She wrote about her experiences in Pekin in *Life in the Prairie Land*. She was an advocate for women in prison and in her later life helped destitute women to emigrate to the American west, helping them find new homes.

Edna Ferber (1885-1968) Lane – Fans of movies from the 30s, 40s, and 50s will know Ferber's work that became blockbuster movies: *Show Boat*, *Cimarron*, and *Giant*. The Pulitzer-Prize winning Ferber was a novelist, short story writer, and playwright who lived for a short period of time in Chicago, Illinois.

Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961) Drive – The Nobel Prize winner and author of some of America's great classics was born and raised in Oak Park, Illinois and later lived and worked in Chicago.

Vachel Lindsay (1879-1931) Drive – A native son of Springfield, Illinois, Lindsay became famous as "the Prairie Troubadour." A poet and performance artist, he published his poetry in pamphlets, which he read in a singing chant, and sold to people as he walked from town to town, through much of the eastern and midwestern United States. His childhood home at 603 South Fifth Street is maintained by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and is open to the public.

Edgar Lee Masters (1868-1950) Drive – Lee was a poet, biographer and attorney (who shared a practice with Clarence Darrow). Lee grew up in Lewistown, IL and was influenced by the Spoon River and Oak Hill Cemetery. He wrote *Lincoln: the Man*, a biography of Abraham Lincoln in 1931.

William Maxwell (1908-2000) Lane – American editor and author who wrote short stories and novels about small-town life in the American Midwest in the early 20th century. Maxwell taught English at the University of Illinois before joining the staff of *The New Yorker*.

Carl Sandburg (1878-1967) Lane – Sandburg was a three time Pulitzer Prize winning writer and poet. He was born and raised in Galesburg, IL and later lived in Chicago, Evanston, and Elmhurst, IL. His second volume of *Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years* was recognized with his first Pulitzer Prize for History in 1940.

Richard Wright (1908-1960) Drive – Wright and his family moved to Chicago as a young man to escape the Jim Crow south. His childhood in Mississippi and life in Chicago heavily influenced his award-winning writing about the lives of African American citizens and racism in America.

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