THE COMMUTER GUIDE

Sponsored by Student Development Services, a unit of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
The Commuter Student Resource Center (CSRC) at the University of Illinois at Chicago is excited that you want to learn more about us!

The mission of the CSRC is to provide non-residential students (any student who lives off-campus) with a facility, services, and programs necessary for successful academic achievement and personal development.

The Commuter Student Resource Center is here for you and is committed to your success.

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The CSRC is ready to help with transportation, off-campus housing, and resource referral needs. They are available to help at the front desk of the CSRC whenever we are open.

The CSRC provides many amenities that are popular with students who commute. Our space hosts showers, lockers, a kitchen, lounge space, computers, study space, and more.

During the academic year, the CSRC is open Monday to Thursday 7:30 am - 6 pm and Friday 7:30 am - 5 pm.

The CSRC hosts programs that provide useful information for commuters through workshops and activities. We also offer fun social opportunities to meet other students throughout the semester.

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YOUR COMMUTE CAN BE SIMPLE ONCE YOU KNOW WHAT OPTIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION ARE AVAILABLE.

Look for apps at commuter.uic.edu.

Full time students can utilize the U-Pass.

Multiple bus & train routes come to campus.

Pace is a suburban bus provider.

The U-Pass does not cover the Pace bus.

Metra is the suburban train provider.

The U-Pass does not cover Metra, but students can save money by purchasing 10-ride or monthly passes.

Other Commuting Methods

- Walking
- Biking
- Car
Get more information on your type of transit at www.commuter.uic.edu.
**5 IMPORTANT POINTS ABOUT THE CSRC FACILITY**

1. **Lounge & Study Space**
   The CSRC is a comfortable space to study or relax with other commuters between classes.

2. **Lockers & Showers**
   Our semester and weekly lockers provide an easily accessible location to store your belongings free of charge.

3. **Kitchen**
   The kitchen facility offers microwaves, a large sink, and a full-sized refrigerator and freezer to store your food.

4. **Multipurpose Room & Computers**
   The multipurpose room offers lots of tables and seating for studying. Public computers and a printer are available.

5. **More!**
   The CSRC also provides private lactation rooms, reservable group study areas, and a satellite office.
Our Programs

Informative Workshops

On topics from safety to resume building, the CSRC provides informational workshops on a regular basis.

Off-Campus Housing Fair

An annual event showcasing companies and agencies that can aid in your life off-campus.

Game Days

The CSRC helps students de-stress and meet others by providing video games, board games, and more fun activities throughout the space.

Commuter Connection Day

A welcome event for incoming first-year students that occurs in the summer before classes start. The day includes educational sessions, speed networking, and a scavenger hunt of campus.

Commuter Student Appreciation Week

Each fall look for a series of events to showcase and celebrate our UIC commuters!
THE CSRC GIVES ASSISTANCE AND SHARES RESOURCES ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS RELATING TO COMMUTING INCLUDING SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING, AND LIVING.

UIC iCarpool
Sharing your commute can save you money and make your ride more fun. Find more info about UIC’s ride-sharing service online at commuter.uic.edu.

Off-Campus Housing Resources
The CSRC offers services and assistance in determining how to make your apartment a comfortable environment that you want to come home to.

Transportation Resources
The CSRC can help you plan your commute by providing you information such as tech tools, links, maps, and schedules.

Take a Professor to Lunch
This popular program allows between 2–8 students to informally network over a free lunch with a faculty member. Enroll at the front desk of the CSRC.
TOP 4 SAFETY TIPS

THAT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF WHILE ON CAMPUS & COMMUTING

1. Always be aware of your surroundings.

2. Try not to walk alone, especially at night. Walk in groups or with friends as much as possible.

3. Call (312) 355-5555 during an emergency on campus. Or call 5-5555 from any campus phone.

4. Locate the Blue Emergency Poles on campus where you can press a button during an emergency.

Personal Safety
SMART COMMUTING
TIPS FOR A BETTER AND SAFER COMMUTE

Keep electronics concealed (i.e., mp3 players, smart phones, tablets, and e-readers).

Carry road safety tools such as a jack, small cones, flares, and brightly colored ribbon in case your car breaks down.

Always wear a helmet.

Always obey all traffic laws.

Plan your route ahead of time by checking directions, departure schedules, traffic and detours, and weather before you leave for your commute.

Carry a cell phone with you.

Always be aware of your surroundings.

Try to walk in groups and in brightly lit areas.

Bus
Train
Car
Bike
Walk
TAYLOR STREET

HARRISON STREET

HALSTED STREET

ROOSEVELT ROAD

WEST TO UIC WEST CAMPUS

NORTH TO GREEKTOWN AND CTA BLUE LINE

EAST TO LOOP, UNION STATION, AND OGILVIE TRANSPORTATION CENTER

WEST TO LITTLE ITALY

SOUTH TO UIC SOUTH CAMPUS, MAXWELL STREET, UNIVERSITY VILLAGE, AND PILSEN

About the Area
Moving In

LIVING ON YOUR OWN CAN BE VERY OVERWHELMING AND IT MAY SEEM THAT THERE ARE A MILLION THINGS THAT NEED TO GET DONE. MAKE MOVING IN FUN AND EASY. HERE ARE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HAVE A SMOOTH MOVE-IN DAY.

1. Make a decision about who is going to help you move. Will you do it all on your own or will you have someone help you move?
2. To save money, look for boxes that others have recycled.
3. Buy all the materials you will need to begin packing.
4. Begin packing a week or two in advance.
5. Label every box you have packed on the sides and top, stating in which room the box will go or what it contains.
6. Take one last look around. Make sure you bring everything that you need.
7. Find out from the landlord where you can park and unload.
8. Work with USPS to coordinate mail delivery.
9. Coordinate utilities.

Comcast 1-800-934-6489 www.comcast.com
RCN 1-800-746-4726 www.rcn.com/about-rcn
AT&T 1-888-333-6651 www.att.com/econtactus
ComEd 1-800-344-7661 www.comed.com
People’s Gas 1-866-556-6001 www.peoplesgasdelivery.com
Spark Energy 1-877-547-7275 www.sparkenergy.com
5 STEPS TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Noise Levels

Maintain a respectable noise level. Your neighbors may not enjoy the same music as you. Or they may not want to hear the 50 people you invited to your house party.

Be Aware of Strangers

Make note of people who are unfamiliar to the premises. Always be on the lookout in the case that someone tries to break into your neighbor’s place. YOU could be NEXT!

Be Cordial

Be cordial to your neighbors, and if possible, introduce yourselves. Swap contact information in case of an emergency.

Pets

Control your pets especially if they are noisy. Also clean up after them.

Parking Etiquette

When parking your car, don’t block anyone’s access or put them in a really tight spot. Don’t rev your engine early in the morning or late at night.
Get involved at UIC!

Visit the Commuter Student Resource Center

Learn your commute and back-up options

Get a locker in the CSRC or elsewhere on campus

Sign up for listservs you care about, like the CSRC listserv (email your name to commuter@uic.edu)

Bring your lunch from home and store it in the CSRC kitchen

If you drive, sign up for iCarpool to find a potential ride-share

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