

THE COMMUTER GUIDE



**Commuter Student
Resource Center**

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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 & *personal development*

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

Come visit us soon in the Commuter Student Resource Center!

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TAKE A LOOK AT A QUICK OVERVIEW OF OUR SPACE, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES



The Space

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.



Programs

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.



Services

Our staff 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.

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



www.transitchicago.com

Look for apps at commuter.uic.edu.

Full time students can utilize the U-Pass.

Multiple bus & train routes come to campus.



www.pacebus.com

Pace is a suburban bus provider.

The U-Pass does not cover the Pace bus.



www.metrarail.com

Metra is the suburban train provider.

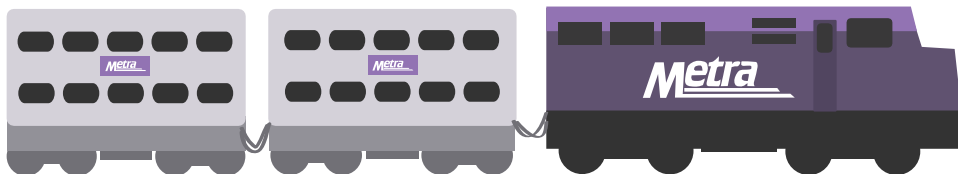
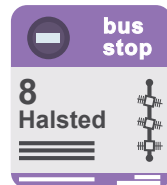
The U-Pass does not cover Metra, but students can save money by purchasing 10-ride or monthly passes.

Other Commuting Methods



PLENTY OF ALTERNATIVES FOR YOUR COMMUTE TO AND FROM CAMPUS AS WELL AS ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE CITY.

UIC-Halsted =



Get more information on your type of transit at www.commuter.uic.edu.

5 IMPORTANT POINTS ABOUT THE CSRC FACILITY



Lounge & Study Space

The CSRC is a comfortable space to study or relax with other commuters between classes.



Lockers & Showers

Our semester and weekly lockers provide an easily accessible location to store your belongings free of charge.



Kitchen

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



Multipurpose Room & Computers

The multipurpose room offers lots of tables and seating for studying. Public computers and a printer are available.



More!

The CSRC also provides private lactation rooms, reservable group study areas, and a satellite office.

PROGRAMMING OCCURS ALL SEMESTER

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!

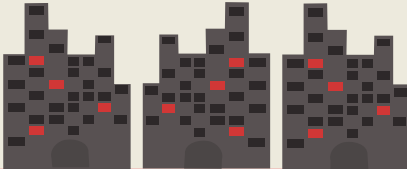


THE CSRC GIVES ASSISTANCE AND SHARES RESOURCES ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS RELATING TO COMMUTING INCLUDING SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING, AND LIVING.



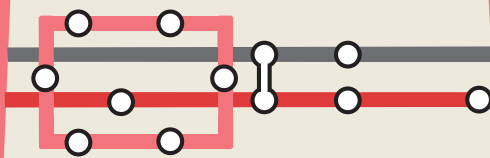
UIC iCarpool

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.



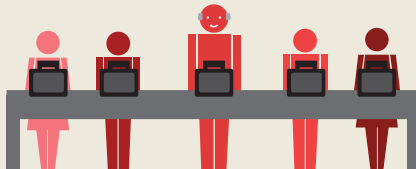
Off-Campus Housing Resources

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.

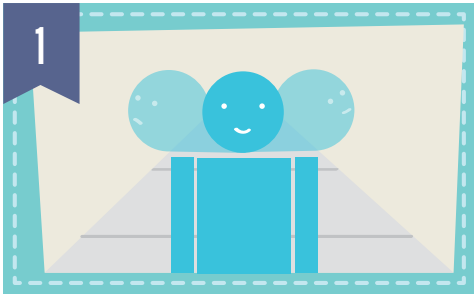


Take a Professor to Lunch

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



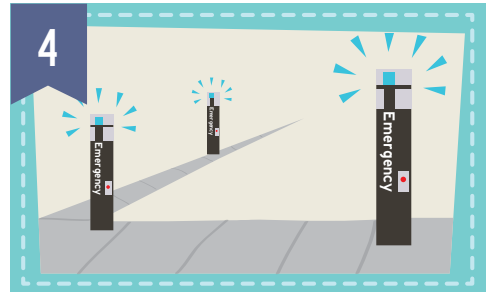
Always be aware of your surroundings.



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



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



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

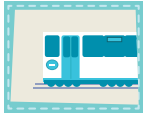


SMART COMMUTING

TIPS FOR A BETTER AND SAFER COMMUTE



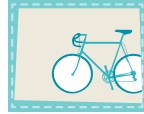
BUS



TRAIN



CAR



BIKE



WALK

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.

Install a light on your bike

Always wear a helmet.

Try to walk in groups and in brightly lit areas.

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.

UIC EAST CAMPUS

←
WEST TO UIC
WEST CAMPUS

↑
NORTH TO
GREEKTOWN AND
CTA BLUE LINE

HARRISON STREET

→
EAST TO LOOP, UNION
STATION, AND OGILVIE
TRANSPORTATION CENTER

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WEST TO LITTLE
ITALY

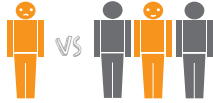
TAYLOR STREET

HALSTED STREET

ROOSEVELT ROAD

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

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
RCN
AT&T
ComEd
People's Gas
Spark Energy

1-800-934-6489
1-800-746-4726
1-888-333-6651
1-800-344-7661
1-866-556-6001
1-877-547-7275

www.comcast.com
www.rcn.com/about-rcn
www.att.com/econtactus
www.comed.com
www.peoplesgasdelivery.com
www.sparkenergy.com

5 STEPS TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR



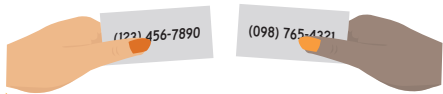
Noise Levels

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.

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COMMUTER STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER



WELLNESS CENTER



INNER CIRCLE

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KEYS TO COMMUTER STUDENT SUCCESS!

- 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
- Become a fan of the CSRC on Facebook
- Follow the CSRC on Twitter