Apartments & Student Living

Everything you need to know about Champaign-Urbana



Apartment Styles

Studio/One Bedroom

Studio/One-bedroom apartments are great if you are someone who wants to have your own space that you can call home while at school. They range in price depending on size and location. A studio is an apartment that has a bathroom, kitchen, living, sleeping area all within a central space. The key difference between a studio and a one bedroom is that the bedroom is behind a closed door from the rest of the space, allowing you to have a separate sleep space.

Two Bedrooms

Two-bedroom apartments are perfect for sharing a space (and part of rent) with another roommate. One of the main benefits of sharing is being able to have your rent go farther in terms of size and location of the unit. These units will come with two separate bedrooms each with a closet and can have between 1 and 2.5 bathrooms. Rent can range in price depending on very similar factors to other apartment styles.

Three Bedrooms

Three-bedroom apartments is the least common type of apartment on campus. This is due to lack of interest by the majority of students. These are priced similar to Two-bedroom apartments range in price. These apartment styles come with three separate bedrooms each having a closet and can have bathroom ranging from 1-3.

Four Bedrooms

Four-bedroom apartments are the most common on campus. These units have a large discrepancy in price points throughout campus. These units generally offer larger kitchen and living rooms to accommodate the additional residents.

Realty Groups

- JSM
- American Campus
- CPM Realty
- Smile Student Living
- Roland Realty
- Green St Realty
- Ramshaw Realty
- University Groups
- The Academy Campustown
- And many more...

Tips:

- By waiting until Spring semester before signing a lease, you are able to better negotiate with realty companies. Many you are able to negotiate for lower rent or free parking.
- If you have the opportunity to explore campus (in person or on maps) check out what is around potential apartments from restaurants to potentially noise neighbors.

Commuting

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Commuting to Class

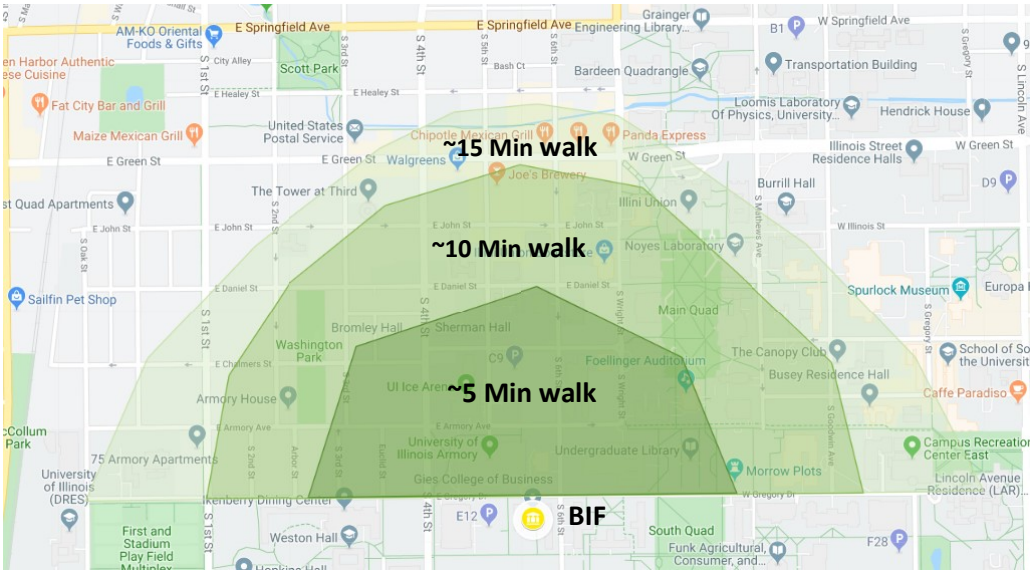
Class is obviously an important part of your college career. That is why selecting an apartment that works with your lifestyle to ensure you are able to get to class is crucial. Classes will be hosted at the Business Instructional Facility (BIF) so focusing apartment hunting with that in mind.

Walking

Walking is often the most convenient way to get to class. During most of your time on campus weather will be pleasant enough to make a 15 minute walk go by quickly. Selecting an apartment that is close within reasonable walking distance to BIF will help make getting to class a breeze.

Commuting on Bus

With central Illinois winters it may not always be ideal to walk to class. That is why understanding the bus system is important to a frustration-free commute. MTD buses are phenomenal to use to commute to class. They operate at 10 minute intervals during school hours, stopping generally every three blocks at designated bus stops. If you feel you want will use the bus system often, or want to live potentially outside of walking distance, being mindful of bus stops is important. One of the best resources is the website MTD.org to gain additional information on routes and times.



Important Links

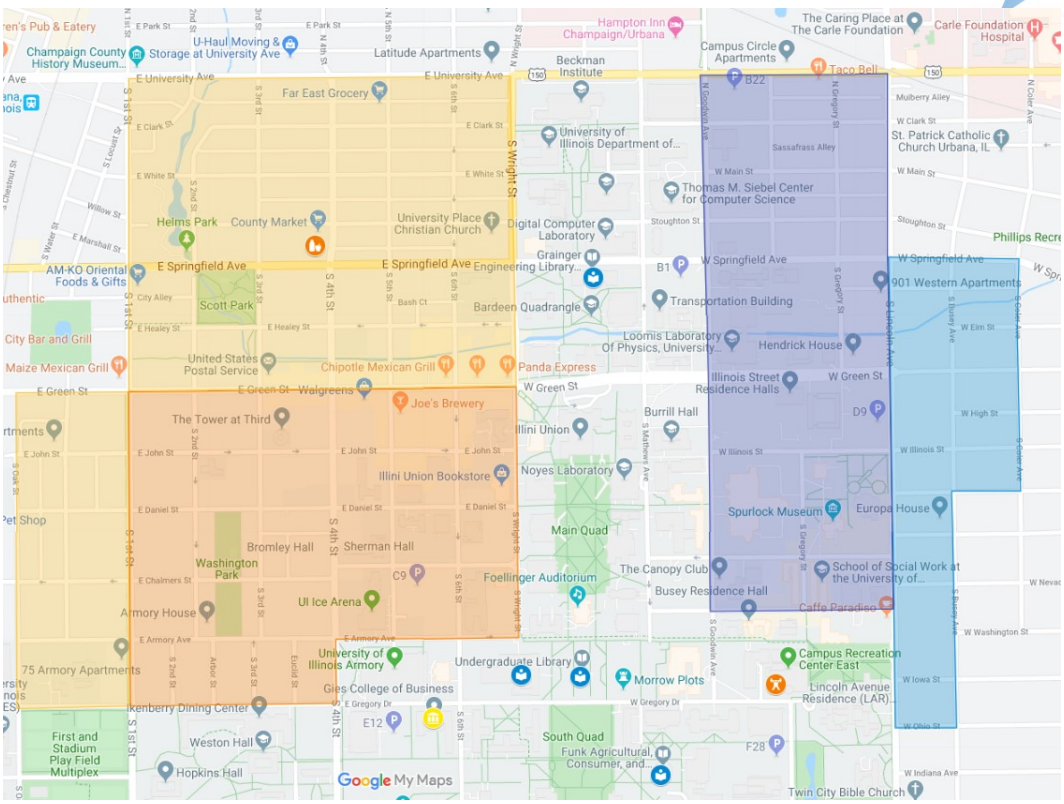
- MTD.org - access all information about buses and routes
- UIUCBus.com - provide up to the minute timing on bus times (in case of delay). Similar to the "Illini Bus for CUMTD" app
- Transit-similar to UIUCBus but it's a very versatile app that supports other cities including Chicago

veo

VeoRide is a low-cost bicycle and scooter sharing system that allows student around campus another method of transportation. You can search "VeoRide" on your app store

Neighborhoods of Campus

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Champaign - Campus (Dark Orange)

This area of Champaign is considered "on campus" when looking at apartments and student life. In this area you will find countless apartments at every price point intermixed with Greek-life houses. This is a great location on campus for students that are looking for short commutes to class, restaurants, and on campus study spots. One thing to pay attention to when apartment hunting is the properties immediately surrounding the apartment, as many fraternities can be loud into the night. Another thing to note is that parking here tends to be typically more expensive than it would be in other areas of the community, make sure to factor that in (if applicable) to the overall price of rent.

Champaign - Off Campus (Light Orange)

This area is farther away from BIF which provides a different experience than campus apartments. The area immediately west of campus is considered "Senior land" where it is popular for students to live during their senior year. Here you will find a mix of old and new apartment complexes as well as free standing homes that are traditionally rented by an organization. The area immediately north of campus is typically a place where engineering students live as it is closer to their classes. This has a mix of both new and old complexes with a wide variety of price points. Rent is traditionally cheaper in these areas as you move away from the center of campus.

Urbana - Campus (Dark Blue)

The campus portion of Urbana has limited offerings unless you go north of Green St. Once you go north of Green you will find many apartment complexes in a rather quiet area of campus. These can be less expensive than living in the Champaign side of campus because you are farther away from classes and other university services (ARC, Libraries). If considering living in this area factor in what a traditional commute would look like.

Urbana - Off Campus (Light Blue)

The is the quietest area of campus with the most limited offerings of apartments. In this area, campus begins to transition to the suburban neighborhood of Urbana with many homes and fewer apartments. This area is similar to the other area of Urbana in that apartment rent is traditionally cheaper. A commute to class in this area would require traditionally a longer bus ride to class and restaurants.

University Housing and Links

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University Housing

https://housing.illinois.edu/

https://grad.illinois.edu/prospective/housing



University housing (dorms) are abundant at the University of Illinois' campus. It provides the opportunity for students to have meals prepared for them in a typical dining hall fashion gaining extra time to spend studying. It is common for freshman and even sophomores to live in dorms before transitioning to apartment style living on campus. As graduate students, you have the opportunity to live in special housing designated for graduate students. These properties provide apartments with certain utilities included. However, these properties are usually much further away from the Business Instructional Facility than apartments located on campus. It is still an option to consider during your search for housing, depending on your needs and location preferences.



Links

These links include important link and information about housing on campus.

Off-Campus Community Living - https://occl.illinois.edu

- This university run website provides support to students living off campus and assistance with apartment searching. A great resource to start your search with.

Company Websites

American Campus - https://www.americancampus.com

Roland Realty - http://www.roland-realty.com

JSM Realty - https://apartments.jsmliving.com

CPM Realty - https://cpmmovein.com

Green St Realty - https://www.greenstrealty.com

Ramshaw Real Estate - https://ramshaw.com

Smile Student Living-www.smilestudentliving.com