

*A Guide to*  
**Benefits and Services**  
*For Retirees*

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**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN**

## Associations

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:** Retirees may join the Alumni Association as associate members by paying a membership fee. This entitles them to insurance, special events, tours, and the association's publications.

*Alice Campbell Alumni Center*  
601 S. Lincoln Ave.  
Urbana, IL  
217-333-1471; 800-355-2586  
<mailto:alumni@uillinois.edu>

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION (SUAA):** SUAA works to protect, promote, and enhance the collective interests of its members as annuitants and as State Universities Retirement System (SURS) members. The local chapter represents these interests to the University, the state organization of SUAA chapters, to SURS, and to other entities. Membership is open to those SURS participants who are 50 and older and have retired or are nearing retirement, and their spouses. The membership fee supports state and local SUAA activities, chapter newsletters, and meetings. SUAA members may also subscribe to Inside Illinois, the campus newsletter, for a nominal cost and are eligible to purchase long-term care insurance at very favorable rates.

*State Universities Annuitants Association*  
364 Henry Administration Bldg.  
506 S. Wright St., Urbana  
<http://www.suaa.org>

**STATE UNIVERSITIES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SURS):** In addition to the many services provided by SURS, its publication The Advocate and its web site provide considerable information that may be of interest to retirees, including links to federal and state agencies.

*State Universities Retirement System*  
1901 Fox Dr., Champaign  
378-8800; 800-ASK-SURS  
<http://www.surs.com>

## Computing Services

**E-MAIL:** Retirees may continue to use their U of I e-mail accounts for their University business without further action. If there are questions, contact Campus Information Technologies and Educational Services (CITES).

*1420 Digital Computer Laboratory*  
1304 W. Springfield Ave., Urbana  
244-7000  
<http://www.cites.uiuc.edu>

**COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE:** The Campus Computer Center has a wide range of computer hardware and software for purchase.

*Campus Computer Center*

1609 S. Oak St., Champaign  
244-0139 <http://www.cstores.uiuc.edu/center/services/sales.html>

## Educational Benefits

**COURSE AUDITING:** The fee charged for auditing courses is waived for those age 65 or older upon proof of age.

*Registration Services*  
901 W. Illinois, Urbana  
333-0210

**TUITION AND FEE WAIVERS:** All retirees are eligible for waivers of tuition and fees by obtaining verification of their status as a retiree and presenting that at the Registration Services Window 25.

*Registration Services*  
901 W. Illinois, Urbana  
333-0210

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

*Office of Admissions and Records*  
901 W. Illinois St., Urbana  
333-0302

### VERIFICATION OF STATUS FOR ACADEMIC STAFF RETIREES

*Academic Human Resources*  
807 S. Wright St., Suite 420, Champaign  
333-9364

### VERIFICATION OF STATUS FOR CIVIL SERVICE RETIREES

*Staff Human Resources*  
52 E. Gregory St., Champaign  
333-2143

## Financial Services

**BENEFITS SERVICE CENTER:** Retirees who invested in tax deferred plans during active employment (e.g., 403(b) tax deferred retirement plans or the Section 457 State of Illinois deferred compensation plan) may find Benefits Center staff members helpful in answering questions or finding sources of detailed information.

*Benefits Service Center*  
807 S. Wright St., Suite 480, Champaign  
1-866-669-4772  
[webster.uiuc.edu/benefits/services.asp](http://webster.uiuc.edu/benefits/services.asp)

**CHECK CASHING/TRAVELER'S CHECKS:** Retirees may cash personal checks for up to \$200 and purchase up to \$2,000 worth of traveler's checks free of charge; an I-Card is required. A guaranteed remittance such as a cashiers check or cash is required for sums over \$2,000.

*100 Henry Administration Bldg.  
506 S. Wright St., Urbana*

**CREDIT UNION:** The U of I Employees Credit Union is open to all University employees, retirees, and members of their families and offers a wide range of banking services.

*U of I Employees Credit Union  
2201 S. First St., Champaign  
278-7700  
<http://www.uiecu.org>*

## **Health-Related Benefits and Services**

**MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND VISION INSURANCE:** Upon retirement, the administration of staff members' insurance is transferred from the University to the State Universities Retirement System (SURS). SURS acts as retirees' group insurance representative liaison to the Illinois Department of Central Management Services Group Insurance Division (CMS/ GID). SURS publishes an Annuitant Guide that is a helpful source of information. CMS/ GID oversees a large number of plans, including managed care plans and some administered by the state itself (e.g., Quality Care Health Plan). The State of Illinois Benefits Handbook is published by CMS every three years and provides general information describing the overall benefits. Benefit Choice Options is published annually by CMS and provides specific, current information about the various plans in order to facilitate the opportunity to change benefit providers or coverages. Following the benefit choice period, individuals receive mailings from their specific plan administrators (e.g., their HMO or Quality Care Health Plan).

**BENEFITS SERVICE CENTER:** Those within two months of retirement may want to go to the Benefits Service Center to discuss insurance changes that occur at retirement.

*Benefits Service Center  
807 S. Wright St., Suite 480, Champaign  
1-866-669-4772  
[webster.uiobr.uiuc.edu/benefits/services.asp](http://webster.uiobr.uiuc.edu/benefits/services.asp)*

**STATE UNIVERSITIES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SURS):** At retirement, SURS assumes several of the functions previously served by the University. SURS also has an insurance group and trained advisers. In addition, retirees should be aware that there is a linkage for some of them between eligibility for Social Security, the purchase of Medicare-Part B coverage, and the coverages of their (and their spouses') individual health plans. SURS provides notification of this matter for individuals near age 65.

*State Universities Retirement System  
1901 Fox Dr., Champaign  
378-8800; 800-ASK-SURS  
<http://www.surs.com>*

**CMS/GROUP INSURANCE DIVISION: CMS/GID:** can answer benefit questions or provide guidance to sources of information.

*CMS/Group Insurance Division*  
782-2548; 800-442-1300

**BLOOD DONATION PROGRAM:** Retirees and their families are eligible to participate in blood drives and other volunteer opportunities sponsored by Volunteer Illini Projects.

*Volunteer Illini Projects*  
270 Illini Union, 1401 W. Green St., Urbana  
333-7424  
[vip.union.uiuc.edu](http://vip.union.uiuc.edu)

**FACULTY/STAFF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** Confidential help is available to retirees and their dependents who are experiencing difficulties such as substance abuse, relationship conflicts, financial problems, or psychological strain. An assessment and referral will be made to the appropriate resources.

*Faculty/Staff Assistance Program*  
1011 West University Avenue., Urbana  
244-5312  
<http://www.admin.uiuc.edu/fsap>

**IMMUNIZATIONS:** Retirees may visit McKinley Health Center for free flu shots and travel immunizations at a nominal charge.

*McKinley Health Center*  
1109 S. Lincoln Ave., Urbana  
333-2701  
<http://www.mckinley.uiuc.edu>

**LIFETIME FITNESS PROGRAM:** This program, sponsored by the Department of Kinesiology, is designed for faculty, staff, retirees, and spouses that are age 30 or older.

*Lifetime Fitness Program, Kenney Gym,*  
140 W. Springfield Ave., Urbana  
244-4510  
<http://www.kines.uiuc.edu/service/lifetime>

**PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES CENTER:** The Department of Psychology offers a variety of assessment, consultative, educational, and therapeutic services. The charge for services is moderate and may be covered by insurance.

*Psychological Services Center*  
505 E. Green St., Champaign  
333-0041

**DIVISION OF REHABILITATION-EDUCATION SERVICES:** A variety of equipment and services are provided for retirees, subject to workload and availability; a nominal fee may be charged. Services include assistance with adaptive equipment, consultation for the visually and

hearing impaired, functional evaluations following illness or disability, loans of some equipment, and physical therapy.

*Division of Rehabilitation-Education Services*

*1207 S. Oak St., Champaign*

*333-1970*

<http://www.rehab.uiuc.edu>

**SPEECH AND HEARING CLINIC:** Diagnostic and therapeutic services are available for those who have impaired hearing, language problems, or speech deviations. The fees charged vary according to income and family size.

*Speech and Hearing Clinic*

*901 S. Sixth St., Champaign*

*333-2230*

## Local Area Agencies

**SENIOR SERVICES OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY:** A very extensive guide to senior services available in the area which is published and posted on the web site of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission.

*Senior Services of Champaign County*

*1776 E. Washington, Urbana*

*328-3313*

<http://www.prairienet.org/senior-services/>

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION:** The Social Security Administration has a local office with advisers and a collection of publications.

*Social Security Administration*

*101 S. Country Fair Dr., Champaign Local:*

*398-5399; national: 800-772-1213*

<http://www.ssa.gov>

## Parking and Transportation

**PARKING:** Only those retirees who maintain an office on campus are eligible to rent parking, contingent on availability.

*Division of Campus Parking and Transportation*

*1101 W. Springfield Ave., Room 201, Urbana*

*333-3530*

<http://www.parking.uiuc.edu>

**BUS PASS:** The I-Card serves as a free pass to ride on any Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD) bus.

*Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District*

*384-8188*

<http://www.cumtd.com>

## Recreational Activities

**ATHLETIC EVENTS:** Retirees may pay faculty/ staff prices for athletic events sponsored by the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.

*Athletic Ticket Office*  
100 Assembly Hall  
1800 S. First St., Champaign  
333-3470 or toll free at 866-ILLINI1  
<http://www.fightingillini.com>

**ATHLETIC RECREATION:** Retirees and their spouses may purchase passes for the use of campus recreational facilities by presenting their I-Card at the Intramural-Physical Education Building (IMPE).

*IMPE*  
201 E. Peabody Dr., Room 170, Champaign  
333-3136  
<http://www.campusrec.uiuc.edu>

**ILLINI UNION:** All Illini Union facilities are available to retirees. Tickets to events sponsored by the Faculty/Staff Social Committee may be purchased by presenting valid identification.

*Illini Union*  
1401 W. Green St., Urbana  
Info Desk, 333-4666  
<http://www.union.uiuc.edu>

### **FACULTY/STAFF SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

*284 Illini Union*  
1401 W. Green St., Urbana  
333-3660

**KRANNERT CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS:** Retired faculty and staff may purchase tickets to events at senior citizen prices.

*Krannert Center for the Performing Arts*  
500 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana General info:  
333-6700; ticket office: 333-6280  
<http://www.krannertcenter.com>

**LEVIS FACULTY CENTER:** Retirees and surviving spouses may use the Levis Faculty Center. There are no membership fees, but there are service charges and rental fees.

*Levis Faculty Center*  
919 W. Illinois St., Urbana  
333-6241  
<http://www.levis.uiuc.edu>

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARY:** Retirees who have an I-Card may enjoy full use of the entire University Library system. Alternatively, a courtesy card may be obtained that permits use with somewhat reduced privileges.

*University Library*  
1408 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana  
Information Desk: 333-2290  
<http://www.library.uiuc.edu>

## **COURTESY BORROWING CARDS**

*Room 203, Main Library 333-2079*

## **Research, Teaching, and Faculty Affairs**

**RESEARCH:** Retired academic staff members may be provided with research assistance on an annual basis and are required to submit a report on that work to the Chancellor.

**TEACHING:** Faculty who offered graduate courses before their retirement may offer conferences with graduate students providing approval is obtained from their unit head, the dean of the Graduate College, and the chancellor.

**FACULTY AFFAIRS:** Retired faculty members may participate, without vote, in meetings of their college or unit faculties. They continue to be eligible for full participation in the Urbana-Champaign Senate.

**EMERITUS STATUS:** Retired faculty may be granted the title “Emeritus” on the recommendation of their unit and concurrence by the dean of their college, the Chancellor, the President, and the Board of Trustees. The title may also be granted to some academic staff members who had no faculty rank. Emeritus status does not imply any privilege beyond those granted to all academic staff retirees.

**RE-EMPLOYMENT:** An academic or civil service staff retiree may be re-employed if warranted by the needs of the University. Retirees cannot be rehired until 60 days after their retirement date. However, there are a number of conditions that must be satisfied in order that the re-employed person not jeopardize their retirement annuity and various insurance coverages. Also, retirees should be aware that they would be required to meet the initial conditions required of new University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign employees. All should contact the State Universities Retirement System (378-8800 or 800-ASK-SURS) for specific advice before returning to work. In addition, civil service retirees should obtain further information from Personnel Services (333-2143); academic staff retirees should contact Academic Human Resources (333-6747).

If a retiree is re-employed 71 days or more after retirement, their earnings will be subject to Medicare tax.

## **Miscellaneous Benefits and Services**

**BUSINESS CARDS/ PRINTING SERVICES:** The Office of Printing Services provides a wide range of copying, imaging, photographic, and printing services. Business cards bearing the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign logo are available for purchase.



*Printing Services*  
54 E. Gregory Dr., Champaign  
333-9350  
<http://www.printing.uiuc.edu>

**I-CARD:** University of Illinois I-Cards are required in order to gain access to many of the functions on campus. Retirees with a paper ID card or active employee I-Card may replace those with a retiree's (gray border) I-Card at the Illini Union Bookstore ID Center. Civil Service retirees or survivors who have no current U of I identification must initiate the process by contacting Personnel Services at 333-2143; academic staff retirees or survivors must contact Academic Human Resources at 333-9364.

*Illini Union Bookstore ID Center*  
809 S. Wright St., Second Floor, Champaign  
244-0135

**MOVING DISCOUNTS:** Moving discounts are available to retirees. For more information, contact Academic Human Resources.

*Office of Academic Human Resources*  
807 S. Wright St., Suite 420, Champaign  
333-6747

**PASSPORT PHOTOS:** Passport photos can be taken at the ID Center on the second floor of the Illini Union Bookstore.

*Illini Union Bookstore ID Center*  
809 S. Wright St., Second Floor, Champaign  
244-0135

**STUDENT/STAFF DIRECTORY LISTING:** Retirees may choose to list contact information in the Student/Staff Directory. Retirees who are on the State Universities Annuitants Association mailing list will automatically receive a form in the mail after June 1. Contact the Office of Publications and Marketing (OPM) if you have not received a form by June 30. Staff members who retire between May 1 and September 21 and wish to be listed in the Directory for the following year may obtain a form from OPM. A new form must be submitted each year and forms are due September 1. Copies of the Directory may be purchased at the Illini Union Bookstore.

*Office of Publications and Marketing*  
807 S. Wright St., Suite 520, Champaign  
333-9200

*Illini Union Bookstore*  
809 S. Wright St., Champaign  
333-2050

**TRAVEL DISCOUNTS:** Vacation discount coupons for a number of destinations are available from the Illini Union Information Desk. Also, the Alumni Association provides e-mail alerts to lower-priced travel opportunities.

*Illini Union Information Desk*  
*115 Illini Union, 1401 W. Green St., Urbana*  
*333-4666*  
<http://www.union.uiuc.edu>  
*Alumni Association [alumni@uillinois.edu](mailto:alumni@uillinois.edu)*  
<http://www.uiaa.org/urbana>