University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign was founded in 1867 as a state-supported, land-grant institution with a threefold mission of teaching, research, and public service. The University has earned a reputation as an institution of international stature. It is recognized for the high quality of its academic programs and the outstanding facilities and resources it makes available to students and faculty. Scholars and educators rank it among a select group of the world’s great universities.

The Campus

Located in the adjoining cities of Champaign and Urbana, approximately 140 miles south of Chicago, the University and its surrounding communities offer a cultural and recreational environment ideally suited to the work of a major research institution.

The University is a residential campus of classrooms, laboratories, libraries, residence halls, and recreational and cultural facilities with 211 major buildings on the central campus. Nearby are the University’s Willard Airport; Robert Allerton Park, the University’s nature and conference center; and agricultural land. More farmland elsewhere in Illinois is used by the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences as experimental fields.

Nearly every facility on campus is accessible to people with physical disabilities, and the University’s programs and services for people with disabilities have served as models worldwide.

Colleges and Schools

Nine undergraduate-serving colleges and schools offer over 150 programs of study leading to baccalaureate degrees. They are the Colleges of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; Applied Health Sciences; Business; Education; Engineering; Fine and Applied Arts; Liberal Arts and Sciences; Media and the School of Social Work. Postbaccalaureate students study in more than 100 fields through the Graduate College and in professional programs through the Colleges of Law and Veterinary Medicine. National surveys consistently rank the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign among the top ten institutions in many fields of study, with several colleges and departments ranked among the top five.