

Guide to food, drink, and fun

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center

Key & directions from Transit Plaza stop (near bookstore) on campus:

DU = Downtown Urbana [take 13N Silver to Lincoln Square]

DC = Downtown Champaign [take 1N Yellow, 4W Blue, or 9B Brown to Illinois Terminal]

CT = Campustown area (or closely walkable from) [You are here!]

S = Savoy [take 1S Yellow to Lyndhurst & Arbours Drive]

TRANSPORTATION

Neutral Cycle – **CT**, bike shop that also offers bike rentals

Address: 624 S 5th St, Champaign

Phone: (312) 834-3560

Website: <http://www.neutralcycle.com/>

Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (CUMTD) – the local bus system, mostly reliable

Website: <https://www.cumtd.com/>

Zip Car – car rental service

Website: <http://www.zipcar.com/universities/university-of-illinois-champaign-urbana>

Uber – a ridesharing mobile app available for Android, iOS, and Windows Phones

Website: <http://www.uber.com>

Lyft – similar to Uber

Website: <https://www.lyft.com>

DRINKS

Best for beer:

The Blind Pig Brewery – local brewery, major “hangout” spot for graduate students, discounted beer on “mug nights” (Tuesday and Wednesday – buy a mug for five dollars, get half priced beer forever), trivia on Sundays at 7 PM. **DC**

Address: 120 N Neil St, Champaign

Phone: (217) 398-5133

Website: <https://www.blindpigco.com/>

Quality – outdoor seating, games inside, **DC**

Address: 110 N Neil St, Champaign

Phone: (217) 359-3425

Website: <https://quality-beer.com/>

Sipyard – alley converted into outdoor bar, cool graffiti, **DU**

Address: 204 W Main St, Urbana

Website: <http://sipyard.com/>

Crane Alley – extensive beer list, decent wine list, full food menu, large outdoor seating, **DU**
Address: 115 W Main St, Urbana
Phone: (217) 384-7526
Website: <http://www.crane-alley.com/>

Triptych – local brewery, **S**
Address: 1703 Woodfield Dr, Savoy
Phone: (217) 607-1176
Website: <http://triptychbrewing.com/>

Riggs – local brewery, huge outdoor seating area, *only easily accessible by car, open Thurs-Sun
Address: 1901 S High Cross Rd, Urbana, IL 61802
Phone: (217) 718-5345
Website: <https://www.riggsbeer.com>

Best for cocktails:

Big Grove – farm-to-table food, well-crafted cocktails, good wine list, some beers, **DC**
Address: 1 E Main St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 239-3505
Website: <http://www.biggrovetavern.com/>

Bentley's Pub – great house cocktails and nice outdoor seating, **DC**
Address: 419 N Neil St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 359-7977
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Bentleyspubchampaign/>

Best for both:

Collective Pour – 40 craft beers on draft, nice specialty cocktails, extensive whiskey menu, **DC**
Address: 340 N Neil St. Suite 101, Champaign
Phone: (217) 607-5292
Website: <https://www.collectivepour.com/>

Barrelhouse 34 – decent beer list, nice craft cocktails, and rooftop seating, **DC**
Address: 34 E Main St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 239-4677
Website: <http://barrelhouse34.com/>

Best for wine:

Analog Wine Library – rotating wine lists by the glass or bottle, **DU**
Address: 129 N Race St, Urbana
Website: <https://analogurbana.com/>

Ladro Enoteca – very new local business, natural & small family wineries, **DC**
Address: 1 E Main St Suite 108, Champaign
Website: <https://www.instagram.com/ladroenoteca/>

COFFEE

Cafeteria and Company – DU

Address: 208 W Main St, Urbana

Website: <https://cafecourbana.square.site/>

Aroma – sandwiches, salads, and all-day breakfast, brunch available Saturday & Sunday, DC

Address: 6 East Taylor St, Champaign (Located inside Cowboy Monkey)

Phone: (217) 356-3200

Website: <http://www.aroma-cafe.com/>

Café Kopi – DC

Address: 109 N Walnut St, Champaign

Phone: (217) 359-4266

Website: <http://cafe-kopi.com/>

Espresso Royale – multiple locations, including one in the basement of the Undergraduate Library and one on W Oregon St, *tip: take the underground passageway from the basement of the Main Library to avoid the heat! – CT

Website: <http://www.espressoroyale.com/>

Caffe Paradiso – CT

Address: 801 S Lincoln Ave, Urbana

Phone: (217) 384-6066

Website: <http://www.enjoyparadiso.com/>

Flying Machine Avionics – features local [Page Roasting Co.](#) coffee, DC

Address: 202 S 1st St, Champaign

Phone: (217) 600-7949

FOOD

Breakfast:

Courier Café – breakfast until 11 AM, beloved, charming, cheap diner-quality breakfast, DU

Address: 111 N Race St, Urbana

Phone: (217) 328-1811

Website: <http://couriercafe.squarespace.com/>

Merry Ann's – all-day breakfast, classic inexpensive diner food, open 24/7, between CT & DC

Address: 1510 S. Neil St, Champaign

Phone: (217) 352-5399

Website: <http://www.merryannsdiner.com/>

The Bread Company – amazing and cheap breakfast sandwiches until 11 AM, not far from the library, CT

Address: 706 S Goodwin Ave, Urbana

Phone: (217) 383-1007

Website: <http://thebread.co/>

Brunch:

Big Grove Tavern – go for the bottomless mimosa bar!, **DC**
Address: 1 E Main St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 239-3505
Website: <http://www.biggrovetavern.com/>

Watson's Shack and Rail – **DC**
Address: 211 N Neil St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 607-0168
Website: <https://www.watsonschicken.com/>

Lunch & Dinner:

Black Dog – best BBQ in town, **DC/DU**, *tip: the DU location is the original location
Address: 201 N Broadway Ave, Urbana
320 N Chestnut St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 344-9342 (Urbana)
(217) 954-0465 (Champaign)
Website: <http://www.blackdogsmoke.com/>

Watson's Shack and Rail – fried chicken and Southern cuisine, **DC**
Address: 211 N Neil St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 607-0168
Website: <https://www.watsonschicken.com/>

Baldarotta's Porketta & Sicilian Sausage – excellent sandwiches, take & bake pizzas, **DU**
Address: 300 S. Broadway Ave, Urbana (Located inside Lincoln Square Mall)
Phone: (217) 800-5726
Website: <https://www.baldarottas.com/>

Stango Cuisine – Zambian food, *tip: find them Saturdays at the Urbana Farmers Market, **DU**
Address: 300 S. Broadway Ave, Urbana (Located inside Lincoln Square Mall)
Phone: (217) 369-3566
Website: <https://www.stangocu.com/>

Big Grove - farm-to-table food, **DC**
Address: 1 E Main St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 239-3505
Website: <http://www.biggrovetavern.com/>

Hamilton Walker's – seafood and steak, **DC**
Address: 201 N Neil St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 350-0363
Website: <http://www.hamiltonwalkers.com/>

Seven Saints – **DC**
Address: 32 E Chester St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 351-7775
Website: <http://sevensaintsbar.com/food.html>

Dancing Dog – vegan, excellent mimosas, **DU**

*tip: try the baked goods!!

Address: 126 W Main St, Urbana

Phone: (217) 552-1344

Website: <https://www.dancingdogeatery.com/>

Crane Alley – **DU**

Address: 115 W Main St, Urbana

Phone: (217) 384-7526

Website: <http://www.crane-alley.com/>

Maize – MUST TRY Mexican, **CT/DC**, *tip: the original CT location has very limited seating

Address: 60 E Green St, Champaign

100 N Chestnut St, Champaign

Phone: (217) 355-6400

<http://www.maizemexicangrill.com/>

Huaraches Moreleon– Authentic, family-owned Mexican eatery in East Urbana, excellent margaritas, more easily accessible by car, a nice walk from **DU**

Address: 805 Philo Rd, Urbana

Phone: (217) 344-6772

Website: <https://huarachesmoreleonrestaurant.e-tab.com/>

Sushi Kame – sushi and Japanese food, **CT**

Address: 39 E Green St, Champaign

Phone: (217) 356-3366

Website: <https://www.sushi-kame.com/>

Sticky Rice – Family owned, Lao and Thai cuisine, **DC**

Address: 415 N Neil St, Champaign

Phone: (217) 954-1929

Website: <https://stickyricechampaign.com/>

Masijta Grill – Korean BBQ, **DU**

Address: 202 N Race St, Urbana

Phone: (217) 552-1188

Website: <http://masijtagrill.com/>

Golden Harbor – family-style Chinese dishes, best for groups, between **CT & DC**

Address: 505 S Neil St, Champaign

Phone: (217) 398-8988

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/goldenharbor>

Fiesta Café – Mexican, **CT**

Address: 216 S 1st St, Champaign

Phone: (217) 352-5902

Website: <https://www.fiestacafe.com>

The Himalayan Chimney – Indian, DC
Address: 134 W Church St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 552-1834
Website: <http://www.thehimalayanchimney.com/>

Kohinoor – Indian, DC
Address: 6 E Columbia Ave, Champaign
Phone: (217) 552-1384
Website: <http://www.kohinoorchampaign.com/>

Guido's – American food, boozy milkshakes, DC
Address: 2 E Main St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 359-3148
Website: <http://guidosbar.com/>

Farren's – great burgers, good beer, DC
Address: 308 N Randolph St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 359-6977
Website: <http://www.farrenspub.com/>

Weird Meat Boyz – bar food, house-made smash burgers, rotating specials, DC
Address: 340 N Neil St (Located inside Collective Pour)
Phone: (815) 575-9514 / Note: Thurs – Sat dinner service
Website: <https://www.weirdmeatboyzkitchen.com/>

***Favorite on-campus eats/drinks:

The Bread Company – sandwiches and salads, fondue, pizza, and pasta for dinner
Address: 706 S Goodwin Ave, Urbana
Phone: (217) 383-1007
Website: <http://thebread.co/>

Sakanaya – sushi and ramen
Address: 403 E Green St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 344-1400
Website: <http://www.sakanaya-restaurant.com/>

Jerusalem Restaurant – Middle Eastern cuisine
Address: 601 S Wright St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 344-8760
Website: <http://places.singleplatform.com/jerusalem-restaurant-14>

Asian Taste – Vietnamese pho and noodles, very close to the library
Address: 502 E John St #109, Champaign
Phone: (217) 384-6070

Manolo's – pizza by the slice and empanadas
Address: 1115 W Oregon St, Urbana
Phone: (217) 365-0110
Website: <http://manolospizza.com/menu/>

Cracked – breakfast sandwiches and tater tots
Address: 619 E Green St, Champaign
Phone: (847) 501-1357
Website: <http://www.crackedongreen.com/>

Ambar India – Includes a buffet option
Address: 605 S Wright St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 344-1500
Website: <http://ambarindianchampaign.com/34572>

Murphy's Pub – a tolerably decent bar on campus
Address: 604 E Green St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 344-4372
Website: <http://murphyspubuofi.com/>

SWEETS

Jarlings – a MUST TRY custard shop, located in South Champaign (accessible by 1S Yellow bus)
Address: 309 W Kirby Ave, Champaign
Phone: (217) 352-2273
Website: <http://www.jarlings.com/>

Pekara – cakes and other baked goods, **DC**
Address: 116 N Neil St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 359-4500
Website: <https://www.pekarabakery.com/>

Cocomero – frozen yogurt, **CT**
Address: 709 S Wright St, Champaign
Phone: (217) 328-3888
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/cocomero.frozenyogurt/>

RegCakes – 100% gluten free bakery, **DU**
Address: 300 S Broadway Ave Suite 142, Urbana (Inside Lincoln Square Mall)
Phone: (217) 417-8577
Website: <http://www.regcakes.com/>

THINGS TO DO

Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery – hang out with goats, try goat cheese products including gelato! North Urbana, need a car!
Address: 4410 N Lincoln Ave, Champaign
Phone: (217) 643-2314
Website: www.prairiefruits.com/

Amara Yoga and Arts – **DU**
Address: Lincoln Square, Urbana
Phone: (217) 328-9642
Website: www.amarayoga.com/

Urbana Farmers' Market – every Saturday, 7 AM until noon, **DU**
Address: 401 S Vine St, Urbana
Phone: (217) 384-2319
Website: www.urbanainillinois.us/market

Rose Bowl Tavern – daily live music, outdoor summer seating **DU**
Address: 106 N Race St #1, Urbana
Phone: (217) 367-7031
Website: <https://www.rosebowltavern.com/>

Krannert Concert Series – **CT**
Address: 500 S Goodwin Ave, Urbana
Phone: (217) 333-6280
Website: krannertcenter.com

Allerton Park – giant estate grounds not far from town, filled with walled gardens, sculptures, ponds, and an extensive system of arboretum trails, *only accessible by car
Address: 515 Old Timber Rd, Monticello
Phone: (217) 333-3287
Website: allerton.illinois.edu/

Japan House – **CT**
Address: 2000 S Lincoln Ave, Urbana
Phone: (217) 244-9934
Website: japanhouse.art.illinois.edu

Arboretum – **CT**
Address: 2001 S Lincoln Ave, Urbana
Phone: (217) 333-7579
Website: arboretum.illinois.edu/

Meadowbrook Park – walking loop through sculptures, park, and prairies of native plants, birds, and deer. - South Urbana
Website: <http://www.urbanaparks.org/parks/meadowbrook-park/>

Crystal Lake Park – North Urbana
Website: <http://www.urbanaparks.org/parks/crystal-lake-park/>

National Center for Supercomputing Applications – take a tour of the University's supercomputer! **CT**, Research Park
Address: 1205 W Clark St, Urbana
Phone: (217) 244-0710
Website: <http://www.ncsa.illinois.edu/>

Friday Night Live – Music on the street every Friday in **DC**
Website: <http://40north.org/programs/friday-night-live>

Local Shops:

Jane Addams Bookstore – huge bookstore with multiple floors of academic texts and popular fiction, **DC**

Address: 208 N Neil St, Champaign

Phone: (217) 356-2555

Website: <http://www.janeaddamsbooks.com/>

The Literary – bookstore, café, and bar, **DC**

Address: 122 N Neil St, Champaign

Phone: (217) 954-1500

Website: <https://www.literarybookbar.com/>

Art Mart – gourmet food store, toys, café

Address: 1705 S. Prospect Ave., Champaign

Phone: (217) 344-7979

Website: <http://shopartmart.com/>

Priceless Books – oddly organized, odd hours, worth a visit - **DU**

Address: 112 W Main St

Phone: (217) 344-4037

Exile On Main Street – record store, **DC**

Address: 100 N. Chestnut St, Champaign

Phone: (217) 398-6246

Website: <https://www.exilemainstreet.com/>

See You CD & Vinyl – record store, **DU**

Address: 123 W Main St, Urbana

Phone: (217) 600-7063

Website: <http://seeyoucdandvinyl.com/>

Bohemia – clothing and antique store, **DU**

Address: 135 W Main St, Urbana

Phone: (217) 344-5000

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/bohemia.urbana.il/>

Art Coop – art supplies, **DU** (Lincoln Square Mall)

Address: 150 Lincoln Square, Urbana

Phone: (217) 352-4562

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/artcoop>

Common Ground Co-Op – organic and locally-produced food, **DU** (Lincoln Square Mall), *tip: try the café

Address: 166 Lincoln Square, Urbana

Phone: 217-352-3347

Website: <http://commonground.coop/>

Heel to Toe – shoes, **DU**

Address: 106 W Main St, Urbana
Phone: (217) 367-2880
Website: <http://www.heel2toe.net/>

Strawberry Fields – international and organic food, good selection of health products, **DU**, *tip:
try the hummus

Address: 306 W Springfield Ave, Urbana
Phone: (217) 328-1655
Website: <http://www.strawberry-fields.com/>

Salons:

Kane & Company – **DC**

Address: 41 E University Ave # 1A, Champaign
Phone: (217) 359-2424
Website: <http://kanespa.com/>

H2O Salon – **DU**

Address: 109 Broadway Ave, Urbana
Phone: (217) 337-1480
Website: <http://www.h2osalonurbana.com/>

Midwest Barber Co – **DC**

Address: 9 E University Ave, Champaign
Phone: (217) 600-7402
Website: <https://www.midwestbarberco.com/>

Something You Salon & Spa – South Champaign, near Jarlings (see directions under “sweets”)

Address: 1401 S State St, Suite A, Champaign
Phone: 217-607-5116
Website: <http://www.somethingyoubauty.com/>

No. 7 Salon and Spa – **CT**

Address: 700 S Gregory St, Urbana
Phone: 217-607-5280
Website: <https://www.7salonandspa.com/>

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