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 = Campus town 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/

Tripych – local brewery, S
Address: 1703 Woodfield Dr, Savoy
Phone: (217) 607-1176
Website: http://tripychbrewing.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  

Watson’s Shack and Rail – DC  
Address: 211 N Neil St, Champaign  
Phone: (217) 607-0168  
Website: [https://www.watsonschicken.com/](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/](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/](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/](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/](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/](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/](http://www.hamiltonwalkers.com/)

Seven Saints – DC  
Address: 32 E Chester St, Champaign  
Phone: (217) 351-7775  
Website: [http://sevensaintsbar.com/food.html](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://huarachesmoroleonrestaurant.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.frozyogurt/

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.urbanaillinois.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.somethingyoubeauty.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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