

STUDENT LIFE

Student life at the University of Illinois at Springfield is both stimulating and comfortable. Recreational sports, intercollegiate athletics, many active student organizations, and regularly scheduled cultural attractions broaden campus life. Support services, ranging from housing to health care to computer labs, make student life at UIS as convenient as possible. All services and activities are available to full- and part-time students.

ATHLETICS

The Prairie Stars belong to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and compete in six varsity sports. Men's soccer, women's tennis, and women's volleyball compete in the fall. Men's and women's basketball compete in the winter, and men's tennis in the spring. The women's volleyball team has advanced to the regional tournament six times while the men's and women's tennis, women's basketball, and men's soccer teams have won regional championships in recent years and advanced to NAIA national tournaments. Men's basketball began its inaugural season in 2002-2003.

The Office of Athletics is located in SLB 16.

BOOKSTORE

Follett's UIS Bookstore is located just off the cafeteria on the lower level of the Public Affairs Center. All texts required for your classes are available in the store, including a large supply of used books. In addition, the bookstore carries school supplies, reference books and bestsellers, greeting cards, gift items, and UIS clothing. A selection of academically priced computer software and computer accessories is also available. There is a special order service for books and software not in stock. Gift certificates are available. In addition, you can sell your textbooks back to the bookstore year-round.

The bookstore is accessible online at www.uis bkstr.com, through the campus' main website, or through efollett.com.


The bookstore is open 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. Extended service hours and dates are published in the course schedule each semester.

BROOKENS LIBRARY

The Norris L. Brookens Library supports teach-

ing and learning at UIS with a collection of 521,000 books and journals, nearly 2,000 periodical subscriptions, 3,500 films and videotapes, and 1,800,000 microforms. UIS students can search the statewide ILLINET Online system to find information about the holdings and availability of library materials both at UIS and at 42 other academic libraries throughout the state, including the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Books and journal articles not available in the local collection may be obtained through inter-library loan at no charge. Over 90 databases, many of them full-text, are also available through the library network and can be accessed remotely as well as on campus.

Library faculty provide individualized instruction, offer workshops for specific courses, and teach a course in library research methods. A member of the library faculty works with each degree program at UIS to support the program's particular information needs. In addition, individual assistance is provided at the Information Desk on level two. Another specialized service is course reserves, available either electronically or at the Circulation Desk. Also available on level



two is the Non-Profit Resource Center, a service that helps non-profit organizations to find information on funding sources and opportunities. The UIS Archives and Special Collections unit, on level one of the library, houses both UIS records and manuscript materials, including the campus' oral history collection, and the Illinois Regional Archives Depository, one of 14 in the state.

Educational Technology is responsible for instructional technology facilities and services at UIS. Facilities include computer labs, technology-enhanced "smart" classrooms, multimedia classrooms, and distance learning/video conferencing rooms. Educational Technology administers Blackboard, Web Board, and WebCT servers supporting online courses and provides technical support for standard instructional software and multimedia production software. A variety of equipment, including digital still cameras, digital or analog video camcorders, and laptop computers, is available for loan to students and faculty.

General access labs are located in BRK 180 and HSB 108/109. Additional computer labs (6), smart classrooms (46), technology enhanced conference rooms (5), and distance learning rooms (2) are locat-

ed throughout campus. Each semester, Educational Technology offers a series of free workshops on multimedia topics (such as iMovie, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Flash, and others) in the multimedia classroom. The videoconferencing facilities provide "live" two-way audio and video connections to either single or multiple remote sites, permitting courses to be delivered or received from other locations on a potentially worldwide basis.

Library and Educational Technology hours are Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-midnight; Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday 1 p.m.-midnight. Hours are extended during exam periods.

Access the library's collections or find out about services at www.uis.edu/library/bridge.htm. Find out more about Educational Technology at <http://edtech.uis.edu>.

BURSAR'S OFFICE

The Bursar's Office, located on the lower level of the Public Affairs Center, will cash your personal checks up to \$25, or \$25 over the amount of payment when you present a valid UIS *i-card*. The office also operates a U.S. postal substation; collects your registration,

housing, and other fees; and sells campus parking decals and bus passes for the Springfield Mass Transit District. MasterCard, VISA, and Discover cards are accepted for payment on student accounts via the UIS Student Accounts website at www.uis.edu/studentaccounts/.

The Bursar's Office is normally open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. However, for fall and spring, the office is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday during the week before the semester begins and for the first two weeks of the semester. For the summer term, extended hours are in effect the week before the session begins and continue through the first week.

CAMPUS HEALTH SERVICE

The Campus Health Service is located in BSB 20. Physicians are available six hours a week. The clinic is staffed by a nurse practitioner and a registered nurse during regular clinic hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A walk-in clinic is available from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday and Wednesday.

Health care is provided to you whether you are a full-time or part-time student and whether or not you have student health insurance. Services include treat-