

## Abbreviations & UIS Lingo

- Advising (Undergraduate) Center for Academic Success and Advising (CASA).** Information on registration and advising for first year, sophomore, and undeclared transfer students. Capital Honors Scholars (CAP) program advises first-year and sophomore CAP students.
- BC or HCOM** Homer Butler Commons. Where the Residence Life Office is located.
- BRK** Brookens houses the Library; classrooms; the Center for Student Success (which includes The Learning Hub, Office of Advising Services & Information Support, Internships & Prior Learning, and International Programs); The College of Education & Human Services, ITs; COLRs; and Brookens Auditorium. There are two main entrances to the building – one takes you into the library the other to the academic side of the building.
- BSB** Business Services Building. The Health Center and Parking Services are located in the BSB.
- Brookens Auditorium** An auditorium and large lecture hall that is easily accessible from the Tunnels that connect PAC, Brookens Library, and HSB. Lots of campus events are held in Brookens. Located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Brookens Library.
- CAP** Capital Scholars Honors Program. The CAP Honors Program brings together intellectually strong students with talented, dedicated faculty to create a unique academic environment within the greater UIS community. Offices are located on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of LRH.
- Cashier's Office** Also known as University Bursar. Handles general student account payments. Located on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the PAC.
- COLRS (Center for Online Learning, Research and Service)** Manages online learning courses and majors at UIS. Located in the Brookens Library.
- Commuter Student** A student who lives at home and commutes to campus, aka Off-Campus Living Student.
- East** East Campus Apartments are for upperclassmen, graduate students, and students with families.
- ECCE** – pronounced êh-chay (**Engaged Citizenship Common Experience**) is part of the General Education Requirement and is designed to help students become aware of their roles in a complex, interdependent set of communities. ECCE categories promote cultural awareness and engagement experiences.
- FAFSA** Free Application for Federal Student Aid. FAFSA is used to determine eligibility for financial aid, scholarships, and work-study.
- FRH** Founders Residence Hall. Housing many sophomore students, the pre-Nursing Living Learning community, and the Offices of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, the Dean of Students, and the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Engagement and Veteran's Services.
- FYS** First-Year Seminar or Freshman Seminar is a student's introduction to college and provides a crucial vehicle through which students will develop strong academic skills and habits.
- FERPA** The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a federal law that protects the accessibility and privacy of student records. To complete a FERPA waiver to allow parents/guardians access to academic information and more information about FERPA regulations contact the Office of Records and Registration at [go.uis.edu/FERPA](http://go.uis.edu/FERPA).
- Food Studio** The main dining venue for campus. Meal plans, Campus Cash, major credit cards and cash are accepted to purchase a la carte items from breakfast to burgers and sandwiches, salads, stir fry, hot entrees, desserts and beverages. Located on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the Union.
- GER** General Education Requirement. General education is based on two main principles: life-long learning and engaged citizenship. The UIS General Education Curriculum helps students gain skills and knowledge needed for the twenty-first century and complements all of our 23 degree programs.
- Courses in the program are divided into two categories:
- Lower division courses in written communication, oral communication, science, math, humanities, and social sciences. These courses provide a foundation of knowledge and skills that are crucial for a broad liberal arts education.
  - *Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE)* – see above.
- Gen Ed** General Education course
- GPA** Grade Point Average.
- IT Help Desk (ITS)** For help with computers, Wi-Fi, UIS apps, viruses, training, laptop loan, and more. The ITS Helpdesk is located on the lower level of Brookens Library. Email: [techsupport@uis.edu](mailto:techsupport@uis.edu); phone: 6TECH (217/206-8324).
- HRB** Human Resources Building – In addition to UIS Human Resources, The Counseling Center,

Disability Services, Testing Services, and International Student Services are all located in HRB.

**HSB** Health Science Building.

**i-Card** Student Identification Card. Carry it with you at all times. You will need it to access into halls, library card, ECCE attendance swiping, meal plans/campus cash, etc.

**Learning Hub or The Hub** Offers one-on-one tutoring in math, writing, reading, computer science, science, and study skills. Hosts student workshops on study skills.

**Lost & Found** Looking for something you misplaced or found something that you want to turn in? Try the Parking Services office in BSB 43 or the Student Union desk. Found a lost i-card? Turn it in to the i-Card Office PAC 124 or Campus Police (after business hours).

**LRH** Lincoln Residence Hall. Residence for first-year freshmen. The CAP Honors program offices are on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. The learning communities for Stars, Necessary Steps, CAP, and L4L are in LRH.

**NESSIE** Human Resources web site for new hire forms (Nessie New Hire) and updating of employment information.

**On-Campus Living Student** a student who lives on campus in university housing: one of the residence halls, townhomes, or apartments. Also known as Residential students.

**PAC** Public Affairs Center. In addition to classrooms, administrative offices, The Performing Arts Center which includes Sangamon Auditorium and the Studio Theatre; the PAC also houses the i-Card Center, University Bursar, and the Bookstore.

**PDB** Police Department Building. The PDB is located in a white house at 2285 Eliza Farnham Drive across from Brookens Library near the pond.

**Quad or The Quad** A quadrangular space or rectangle of lawn that is surrounded by four current buildings: The Public Affairs Center (PAC), University Hall Building (UHB), the Health Sciences Building (HSB), and the Student Union. Many events are held on the Quad through the early fall and late spring semesters.

**RA** Resident Assistant. RAs work for Residence Life. RAs are available to students for questions about on-campus housing, Residence Life, living on campus, academic and campus resources, and roommate relationships.

**Residential Student** A student who lives on campus in university housing.

**RHB** Rehearsal Hall, Room B. In the Visual & Performing Arts Building (VPA).

**RING ROAD** The road that goes around the University on the east side.

**SAB** Student Affairs Building. Home to the UIC College of Nursing Program at UIS classrooms and offices and The Career Development Center.

**SAC** Student Activities Committee. A student organization that coordinates activities on campus. Located in the Student Leadership Center in the Student Union.

**SGA** Student Government Association. Located in the Student Leadership Center in the Student Union.

**SLB** Student Life Building. Home to the Diversity Center, Gender & Sexuality Student Services, The Women's Center, the Offices and classrooms for the Department of Exercise Science, and the SLB Gym.

**SPH** Spencer House. This used to be the residence of Sangamon State/UIS chancellors. Now it is home to the UIS Challenge Course operated by Campus Recreation. The Cross County course runs through the Spencer House grounds.

**Sangamon Auditorium** A 1,500 seat auditorium that has live concerts, Broadway shows, and entertainment throughout the year. Students receive discounted tickets to events. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Booth off the lobby near. Located in the Public Affairs Center (PAC).

**Student Union, The Stu, SU, Union** Home to the Offices of Student Life and Volunteer & Civic Engagement, Dining Services, the Food Studio, Starbucks, conference rooms, a multipurpose ballroom, gaming consoles, and spots galore to relax, socialize, or do homework.

**Tear Drop** Tear shaped road/parking area north along PAC. If you enter campus from 11<sup>th</sup> Street take Ernest Hemingway Drive and it will lead you directly into the Tear Drop.

**TEP** Teacher Education Program.

**TRAC** The Recreation and Athletics Center (see information under *An Overview of UIS Student Services & Resources*).

**UHB** The University Hall Building is home to the College of Business, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, classrooms, computer labs, and the Enrollment Management Offices: The Office of

Financial Assistance, the Admission Office, Records & Registration, and New Student Orientation & Parent Relations.

**UIN** University Identification Number. This 9-digit number is a student's unique identifier and used on many university documents. The UIN is needed to generate the student's NetID and webmail account.

**UNI** University Course.

**VPA** Visual & Performing Arts Building. Home to the Departments of Art, Theatre, and Music, art studios, music practice rooms, Rehearsal Hall, Room B, and classrooms.

**West or The Townhouses** West Campus Townhouses are for upperclassmen, graduate students and international students.