

Retirement Guide



Retiree Identification Cards (UIC “i-card”)

The retiree identification card provides retired UIC employees the opportunity to enjoy many of the privileges and services offered by the University. To obtain an “i-card”, a retiree brings a letter of proof of retirement from their department and a valid driver’s license, passport, or state ID to one of the ID Center offices. There is currently no charge for the first ID as long as the retiree’s faculty/staff card is turned in at the time of retirement. There is a replacement fee for lost or stolen i-cards. At the time of retirement, faculty and staff members should contact one of the UIC ID Center offices for assistance. See office locations below. For questions call 312-413-5940, or visit the ID Center website at www.uic.edu/depts/idcenter/, or the “i-card” Programs website at <https://www.icardnet.uillinois.edu/appublicwebsite/>.

Main ID Center

Student Services Building (SSB), Suite 1790
1200 West Harrison Street

Satellite ID Center

Student Center West (SCW), Room 241
828 South Wolcott

State Universities Retirement System (SURS)

The State Universities Retirement System (SURS) provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible university employees. All changes or questions regarding mailing address and contact information; annuities; automatic annual increases; death benefits; direct deposit of monthly payments; retired staff dental, health, and life insurance; reemployment; survivor benefits; tax changes; and the newsletter should be referred to a SURS customer service representative.

Information may be obtained from the SURS website at www.surs.org or call 1-800-ASK-SURS (800-275-7877).

UIC SUAA, State Universities Annuity Association (SUAA)

The UIC chapter of the State Universities Annuity Association (SUAA), with over 1,600 members, exists to promote the individual and collective interests and welfare of its members and of all UIC retirees. It endeavors, in association with 52 other chapters in Illinois, to achieve legislation favorable to retirees and to keep members informed of pending legislation that can be of importance to them. In addition, the Chapter disseminates current information on issues of general concern to senior citizens, provides a liaison between retirees and the campus administration, provides opportunities for socializing among members, and works to assure adequate funding of the Illinois State Universities Retirement System (SURS). The Chapter seeks ways in which retirees can help further the goals of the campus through volunteering, re-employment, financial support, or other activities. Membership is open to all SURS members, including current faculty/staff, annuitants, their spouses and survivors.

For information, visit www.uic.edu/orgs/suaa or contact UIC SUAA at suaa@uic.edu / 312-996-5834, or.

Emeritus/Emerita Status

When senior administrators or faculty members retire from active University service, they may be given the title “emeritus” or “emerita.” Emeritus/a status is granted upon the recommendation, as appropriate, of the department, with the concurrence of the dean of the college based on recommendation of a college faculty committee (e.g. Executive Committee), the Provost, the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees. Ordinarily, emeritus/a status will not be granted to an individual who has served fewer than seven years as a faculty or five years as an administrator. Emeritus/a status does not imply any special privileges apart from those granted to all retired members of the academic staff. Emeritus/a faculty may, however, retain their UIC e-mail accounts without interruption or change. For more information on emeritus/a status, please visit the website at <http://faculty.uic.edu/emeritus-faculty/>.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

Educational Benefits

Retirees may be eligible for a tuition waiver to enroll in University courses, assuming that other conditions governing enrollment in such courses are satisfactorily met. Prior to enrollment, retirees must apply for admission within specified deadlines for a particular term. Information regarding admission may be obtained from the Office of Admissions and Records, 1200 West Harrison Street, 312-996-4350, or by visiting the website at <https://admissions.uic.edu/>.

Additional information about tuition and service fee waivers may be found on NESSIE at https://nessie.uihr.uillinois.edu/cf/events/index.cfm?Item_id=1160.

UIC Extended Campus

UIC Extended Campus provides learners of all ages with innovative and transformative programs to further their growth as individuals and to assist them in more fully participating in and contributing to society. Credit and noncredit courses are offered, including campus-based and online options. Please visit extendedcampus.uic.edu for further information.

University Library

The University Library is open to all retirees without restriction. Retirees with i-cards can borrow UIC library materials for loan periods the same as when they were employed. Library hours are posted online and may be obtained by calling 312-996-2724. For more information on the UIC library, visit the website at <http://library.uic.edu/>.

FACILITIES AND EVENTS

Admission Fees

Reduced rates for campus programs, events, and services are often available to retirees and their guests. Proper identification must be shown. Please see section one of this document for information on how to obtain a retiree identification card.

Athletic Events

The 10,000-seat UIC Pavilion (located on Harrison at Racine) serves as the home arena for UIC men's and women's intercollegiate basketball games, as well as a variety of concerts, sports and family events. Tickets are available from the box office at 312-413-5740 or Ticketmaster outlets (www.ticketmaster.com). General information about the UIC Pavilion is available at www.uicpavilion.com.

For basketball ticket information, please call 312-413-8421. Tickets for faculty, staff, and retirees are available at the general public rate. Discounts are available for season ticket holders and groups. More information can be found on the website at www.uicflames.com.

Volleyball, soccer, gymnastics, swimming & diving, baseball and softball along with other varsity athletic events are held on the UIC South Campus at the Physical Education Building (901 W. Roosevelt Road) and the Flames Athletic Center (839 W. Roosevelt Road).

More information about UIC Athletics can be found at www.uicflames.com.

UIC Student Centers

UIC has two student centers on campus—Student Center West and Student Center East. Both facilities offer several dining options, art galleries, lounges, bookstores, recreational facilities, and many other activities. For more information on the student centers visit <http://www.uic.edu/depts/studentcenters/> or contact:

UIC Student Center East
750 South Halsted Street
312-413-5100

Student Center West
828 South Wolcott Avenue
312-413-5200

Parking

Visitor parking is available in various locations around campus. Retirees who continue employment at the University may purchase parking at the faculty/staff rate. For current parking rates or maps visit their website at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/avcad/parking/> or call the Parking Office at 312-413-5800.

Recreational Facilities

UIC Campus Recreation offers state-of-the-art facilities, fun and exciting programs, and provides educationally sound and healthy services. There are two facilities which offer swimming, weight rooms, cardio equipment, exercise classes and much more. Campus Recreation also offers personal training and fitness assessments at their Human Performance Lab.

Faculty and Staff retirees may use Campus Recreation facilities in the same manner as current Faculty/Staff by presenting their University Retiree I-Card. A retirees' membership fee will be equal to the fee paid by a Faculty/Staff member. A retiree may also access facilities by paying a daily fee. Only retiree members may sponsor guests for admittance.

Student Recreation Facility
737 S. Halsted
(Across from Student Center East)

Sports and Fitness Center
828 S. Wolcott
(Adjacent to Student Center West)

For more information, contact Campus Recreation at 312-413-5150 or visit the website at www.rec.uic.edu.

Faculty/Staff and Retiree membership information can be found at <http://recreation.uic.edu/memberships/facultystaff-memberships/>.

HEALTH-RELATED BENEFITS AND SERVICES

University Payroll and Benefits - Benefits Center

Counselors are available for insurance and other benefits-related inquiries at the Benefits Center. Questions regarding insurance premium deductions from monthly annuity checks, plan enrollment records, and beneficiary changes should be directed to SURS (see page 1). The Benefits Center also provides assistance with withdrawals for those who contributed to the 403(b) supplemental plan before retirement.

Benefits Center at UIC

809 S. Marshfield Ave 4th Floor MC 547

Chicago, IL 60612-7205

Phone: 312-996-7200

Fax: 312-996-5733

Email: benefits@uillinois.edu

Website: <https://nessie.uhr.uillinois.edu/cf/benefits/index.cfm>

University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System

The UI Hospital & Health Sciences System offers a variety of services and clinics designed to meet all health needs of retirees as well as community members. Clinics include family medicine, occupational and physical therapy, dentistry, otolaryngology, and the Eye and Ear Infirmary. For more information on the services available from the UI Hospital & Health Sciences System, please visit the website at <http://hospital.uillinois.edu/> or call 312-996-3900.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Credit Union 1

Retirees and their families are eligible for membership at Credit Union 1, the credit union for UIC employees and students. Credit Union 1 is a full service financial institution offering a complete line of financial products and services including: Savings Accounts, Checking Accounts, VISA® Debit Cards, Money Market Accounts, Share Certificates, and VISA® Platinum Credit Cards. Personal Loans, new and used Auto Loans, Home Loans and Home Equity Loans, and student loans are also available.

Becoming a Credit Union 1 Member is easy. There is a \$5 one-time Membership Fee and a \$5 initial deposit to join. With a Credit Union 1 membership, retirees will have access to all products and services. There are many easy ways to access your account: 3 branches located on UIC's campus, Direct Deposit, Online Account Access with Online Bill Pay and eStatements, Mobile Banking (check with your mobile carrier for message and data rates), & the CO-OP Shared Branch & Surcharge Free ATM Network.

For additional information and a complete listing of Credit Union 1 branch locations visit www.creditunion1.org.

Accounts are insured up to \$250,000 by ASI, American Share Insurance. By members' choice, this institution is not federally insured. Rates, terms and conditions are subject to change and may vary based on creditworthiness, qualifications and collateral conditions. All loans are subject to approval. Credit Union 1 provides equal housing opportunities.

Credit Union 1
Student Center East
750 S. Halsted, 220C
(312) 355-0593

Credit Union 1
University Hall
601 S. Morgan, Lower Level
(312) 413-3607

Credit Union 1
Admin. Office Building
1737 W. Polk, Lower Level
(312) 413-2431

GENERAL SERVICES

Staff Directory

Retirees may continue their personal listing in the staff directory by making arrangements with their home department. Staff directories may be purchased at the UIC Bookstore for a small fee. Emeritus/Emerita faculty wishing to maintain their computer accounts must be in the UIC phonebook.

UIC Website

The UIC website can be found at www.uic.edu. The website provides information about activities occurring on campus, such as sporting events, plays, lectures, and more. Information about faculty appointments, budgetary action, research grants, and other UIC news is also available. Retirees are encouraged to check the website frequently to keep in touch with current events on campus.