



Whether you need to get across campus for class, to town for shopping, or back home for the weekend, it's easy to get around without a car!

Champaign-Urbana's extensive local bus system, growing bicycle and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, and nearby business districts with shopping, restaurants, and activities mean you can use active transportation modes to get where you need to go.

This guide will help you explore alternatives to bringing a car to campus, saving time, money, and resources.



GET AWAY

Train

Amtrak

Amtrak provides national rail service from the Illinois Terminal to Chicago, Memphis, and New Orleans, with many Midwest connections.
800-USA-RAIL (800-872-7245)
<https://amtrak.com/>

Shuttles

Let someone else do the long-distance driving. Bus and shuttle services give you a comfortable, worry-free ride to the Chicago area and other regional locations.

UI Ride

The university's intercampus shuttle service connects Urbana-Champaign and Chicago. Routes run multiple times each day, Monday through Friday. Each passenger may bring one personal item and one carry-on piece of luggage. Bigger luggage is not allowed.
217-333-7433
<https://uillinois.edu/uiride/>

Burlington Trailways

800-992-4618
<https://burlingtontrailways.com/>

Greyhound

800-231-2222
<https://greyhound.com/>

Peoria Charter

800-448-0572
<https://peoriacharter.com/>

Airports

Willard Airport

Savoy, IL
<https://iflycu.com/>

Central Illinois Regional Airport

Bloomington, IL
<https://cira.com/>

Indianapolis International Airport

<https://ind.com/>

Chicago Midway International Airport

<https://flychicago.com/midway/>

Chicago O'Hare International Airport

<https://flychicago.com/ohare/>

NEAR AND FAR WITHOUT A CAR



Facilities & Services



BUS

Save money and avoid the parking crunch! Students, faculty, and staff may use their university ID as a pass to ride all campus or community Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD) routes! MTD offers special “Hopper” and Illini routes to get you around campus quickly and easily. All MTD buses are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible and equipped with a wheelchair lift and a bike rack.

MTD buses can get you to nearly every part of Urbana, Champaign, and Savoy. Schedules, routes, and the latest MTD news are available at <https://mtd.org/> and on app stores (iOS and Android).

Disability Resources and Educational Services (DRES)

Individuals who have temporary or permanent disabilities can qualify for transportation services through DRES. <https://dres.illinois.edu/support-services/transportation/>.



BIKE AT ILLINOIS

This campus is recognized as a Bicycle Friendly University and both Urbana and Champaign are Bicycle Friendly Communities! Flat topography and short commutes make bicycling an excellent option for getting around town. Free, local area bike maps are available in limited numbers.

Registration for your bike is required and fast. Go to <https://bike.illinois.edu/register-your-bike/> to register.

Repair Stations are located throughout campus, and they are complete with tools and air pumps to help you maintain your bike.

Campus Bike Center staff can teach you to repair, maintain, and build bicycles. You can also purchase refurbished bicycles. It is located at 51 E. Gregory Dr., Champaign. Visit <https://bike.illinois.edu/get-involved/campus-bike-center/>.

Bike Share Program Veo provides dockless bike sharing service to the cities of Champaign and Urbana and the University of Illinois Campus. Download the Veo app, register, and you can pedal in minutes. Visit <https://veoride.com> to learn more.

RIDE SHARE

Car Pool

Managing more than 5,500 rentals a year, Facilities & Services provides fast and convenient full-service car rental in-person and online for faculty and staff. See vehicle models at <https://fs.illinois.edu/car-pool-and-transportation/>.

Zipcar

Sometimes, you still need the mobility of a car. With a small membership fee, you can use a Zipcar by the hour or day. There is no need to worry about gas, insurance, maintenance, and long-term parking. www.zipcar.com/illinois.

SAFEWALK AND SAFERIDES

Call SafeWalks 217-333-1216 to have a student patrol officer accompany you after dark so you never have to walk alone at night (9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.).

SafeRides offers door-to-door rides between dusk and 6 a.m. Request a trip in the MTD Connect (by Via) app or by phone at 217-384-8188.



ILLINOIS TERMINAL

Just minutes from campus, the Illinois Terminal is the hub for

- Intercity bus services
- Local bus services
- Amtrak
- Taxis

Grab a bite to eat and relax before you travel. Located in the heart of downtown Champaign, the terminal is a short walk from dining and shopping destinations.

45 E. University Ave., Champaign
<https://mtd.org/inside/illinois-terminal/>



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