

# UIC University of Illinois at Chicago

## Retiree's Guide

As a retiree, you have given many years of service to the University of Illinois at Chicago and have been part of the university community. Your continuing contact with UIC is important to us. We want this relationship to be equally important to you. Throughout your retirement, most of the university's academic, cultural, and social opportunities will continue to be available to you. There may also be special services for retirees that you may use.

This **Retiree's Guide** will tell you where and how you can find these activities and services, and will provide more information about them. Unless otherwise noted, all addresses are in Chicago and all telephone numbers are area code 312. Address mail inquiries to:

UIC Office of Human Resources Special Programs (MC 897)  
715 South Wood Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60612

### Identification Cards

Your retiree's identification card verifies your right to enjoy many of the privileges and services offered by the university. To obtain an i-card, you must have proof of retirement from your department, as well as a valid driver's license, passport, or state ID. There is currently no charge for the first ID as long as you turn in your faculty/staff card; however, there is a replacement fee for lost or stolen cards. At the time of retirement, faculty and staff members should contact one of the photo ID offices located in 1790 SSB or 242 UIC Student Center West. Telephone inquiries may be made at 413-5940.

### 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 annuities; automatic annual increases; death benefits; direct deposit of monthly payments; retired staff dental, health, and life insurance, mailing address; reemployment; survivor benefits; tax changes; and the newsletter should be referred to a SURS customer service representative. Write to State Universities Retirement System, 1901 Fox Drive, Champaign, Illinois 61820 or call 1-800-ASK-SURS (800-275-7877). Information may also be obtained from the SURS website at [www.surs.org](http://www.surs.org) or by e-mailing [webmail@surs.org](mailto:webmail@surs.org).

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## ASSOCIATIONS

### Annuitants Association

UIC UNITED, the UIC chapter of the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA), is one of more than 50 chapters across the state and has more than 1,600 members. Its purpose is to promote the individual and collective interests and welfare of its members and of all retirees and potential retirees of UIC. It works 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 SURS. SUAA also works to improve benefits for retirees. The Chapter seeks ways in which retirees can help further the goals of the campus through volunteering, reemployment, financial support, and other activities. Membership is

open to all participants in SURS who have retired or who are eligible for a retirement annuity, their spouses, and their survivors. Any current employee or spouse of an employee may join SUAA. The UIC chapter has an office in Room 146F of the Physical Plant Building, phone 996-5834.

SUAA's political involvement arm, SUAAction, provides members and chapters with a multitude of ways to get involved in the political process. These opportunities include everything from grassroots campaigning to attending fundraisers. Funded by voluntary member contributions, SUAAction is an important affiliate that helps SUAA achieve its goals (see <http://www.suaa.org/action.php>). For more information or to contact current UIC SUAA officers or board members, please contact the Department of Special Programs at 413-0075 or go to the UIC UNITED website at [www.uic.edu/orgs/suaa](http://www.uic.edu/orgs/suaa).

### **Alumni Association**

The University of Illinois Alumni Association encourages retired faculty and staff to stay connected by becoming sustaining members of the University of Illinois Alumni Association. A tax-deductible, annual contribution of \$50 or more supports the programs and services of the University of Illinois Alumni Association which mobilize alumni in support of the University of Illinois. The annual contribution also includes a subscription to the alumni magazine from their choice of campus. For more information, contact the Alumni Association at 800-355-2586 or visit the website at [www.uiiaa.org](http://www.uiiaa.org). The Alumni Association office on the UIC campus is located on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted Street.

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## **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, 996-4350, or by visiting the website at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oar>.

### **Continuing Education**

The Office of Continuing Education works with academic units in the university to serve external audiences through specially created credit and noncredit courses. Fees for courses are based on the number of credit hours. For information, call 996-8025, or visit the website at [www.oce.uic.edu](http://www.oce.uic.edu).

### **University Library**

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

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## **PRIVILEGES AFTER RETIRING**

### **Reemployment of Retired Staff Members**

A retiree may be reemployed, if the needs of the university can be met by reemploying a retired academic or civil service staff member. A minimum break in employment of 60 days must be met to ensure the continuance of the retiree's retirement annuity. Before accepting reemployment with the university, a retiree should be familiar with the State Universities Retirement System's postretirement earnings restrictions. For more information, call 1-800-ASK-SURS or write to State Universities Retirement System, 1901 Fox Drive, Champaign, Illinois 61820. SURS may also be accessed via the Internet at [www.surs.org](http://www.surs.org), or via e-mail at [webmail@surs.org](mailto:webmail@surs.org).

### **Emeritus/Emerita Status**

When members of the faculty and senior administrators 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, the Campus Emeritus Review 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. 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 following website: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oaa/faculty/emeritus.html>

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## **FACILITIES AND EVENTS**

### **Admission Fees**

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

### **Athletic Events**

The 10,000-seat UIC Pavilion (located on Harrison at Racine) is the site of UIC men's and women's intercollegiate basketball games, as well as a variety of concerts and family events. Tickets are available from the box office (413-5740) or Ticketmaster outlets ([www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)). General information about the UIC Pavilion is available at [www.uicpavilion.com](http://www.uicpavilion.com). For basketball ticket information, please call 413-8421. Tickets for faculty, staff, and retirees are available at the general public rate. Discounts are available for season ticket holders. More information can be found on the website, at [www.uicflames.com](http://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) along with the outdoor venues behind those facilities.

### **UIC Student Centers**

UIC has two union buildings on campus—UIC Student Center West and UIC Student Center East. Both facilities offer several dining options, art galleries, lounges, bookstores, recreational facilities, and many other activities. For more information on the unions, contact: UIC Student Center East, 750 South Halsted Street, 413-5100 and/or Student Center West, 828 South Wolcott Avenue, 413-5200.

### **Cultural Events and Activities**

The Campus Programs Department, along with UIC Student Centers, offers a wide variety of events for both students and staff. Events include lectures, coffeehouses, films, art exhibits, fashion shows, workshops, and more. Retirees can usually attend events for the same price as faculty and staff. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/chcc/programs/Campus/Files/>. For those with internet access, the various ACCC Listserve lists and UIC Announce on the UIC website provide information about other campus events, <http://www.uic.edu/htbin/eventcal/eventcal.fcgi?type=all>. For information, call 413-5180.

### **Faculty Lounge and Faculty Dining Room**

The Faculty/Staff Lounge and the Dean's Room, both located on the first floor of the Behavioral Sciences Building, are open to all faculty, staff, and retirees and include table service and a private dining room.

### **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, call the Parking Office at 413-5800 or visit their website at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/avcad/parking/>.

### **Recreational Facilities**

UIC Campus Recreation offers state-of-the-art facilities, fun and exciting programs, and provides educationally sound and healthy services, all focused on providing our university community a complete recreational experience. Campus Recreation has two facilities: **Student Recreation Facility** at 737 S. Halsted (across from SCE) and **the Sports and Fitness Center** at 828 S. Wolcott (adjacent to SCW). Each facility offers 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, by presenting a University Retiree Card, may use Campus Recreation facilities in the same manner as current Faculty/Staff. 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.

For more information, contact Campus Recreation at 413-5150 or visit its website at [www.rec.uic.edu](http://www.rec.uic.edu); Retiree Information, <http://www.uic.edu/depts/recreation/policies/Faculty%20Memberships1.pdf>

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## **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

### **Credit Union**

Retirees and their families are eligible for membership at Credit Union 1, the UIC credit union. Services include free checking, savings, CDs, IRAs, ATM cards, MasterCard and Visa; and direct deposit of the retirement annuity. Personal, car, and student loans are also available. Offices on campus are at the following locations: Lower Level, University Hall, 601 South Morgan Street 413-3607; Lower Level, Administrative Office Building, 1737 West Polk Street 413-2431; Room 220C, UIC Student Center East 750 South Halsted Street, 355-0590 For more information, go to the website at [www.creditunion1.org](http://www.creditunion1.org).

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## **GENERAL BENEFITS AND 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](http://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.

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## **HEALTH-RELATED BENEFITS AND SERVICES**

### **Benefits Center**

Assistance, direction, or advice from counselors is available for insurance and other benefits-related problems or inquiries at the Benefits Center, Room 305, Human Resources Building, 715 South Wood, 996-6471, or at <https://nessie.uihr.uillinois.edu/cf/benefits/index.cfm>. 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.

### **Health Services University of Illinois Medical Center/UIC Hospital**

The UIC Medical Center 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 Medical Center, please visit the website at <http://www.hospital.uic.edu> or call 996-3900. For the College of Dentistry, call 996-7555 or visit the website at <http://dentistry.uic.edu/>. For otolaryngology, call 996-6553 or visit the website at [www.otol.uic.edu/](http://www.otol.uic.edu/). For the UIC Eye Center, call 996-6562. In addition, the Geriatric Department program includes a broad assessment of state of health and of physical and psychological functioning, as well as special programs for older persons with joint and muscle or other organic problems. More information can be obtained by calling 1-866-600-CARE (2273) or Outpatient Services 355-0510.