

## Success Starts Here:

### Resources and Tips for University of Iowa Students Living Off-Campus

#### Helping students feel like part of the UI community

- Get involved with student organizations through the Iowa Memorial Union by checking out the Student Organization page at <http://uiowa.orgsync.com/>.
- Learn more about the cultural diversity that exists at the University of Iowa by visiting some of the cultural centers on campus. These centers include the Afro American Cultural Center; the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center; the Latino Native American Cultural Center; the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center; and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center. Information about all of these centers can be found online at <http://imu.uiowa.edu/diversity-programs>.
- Experience the entertainment put on by different student groups at the university through the Bijou Cinema, which puts on FREE movies for UI students (<http://bijou.uiowa.edu/>), or the Campus Activities Board, which brings in great comedians and bands (<http://imu.uiowa.edu/cab/>).
- Watch Big 10 athletics at its best right here on the University of Iowa campus! With 24 teams, there's something for every sports fan in Iowa City! <http://www.hawkeyesports.com/>.

#### Transportation Services

- There are three great bus systems that serve the University of Iowa and its surrounding communities: Cambus (the campus bus service) and the city buses for Iowa City and Coralville. All three services are connected through Bongo (<http://www.ebongo.org/>), a GPS-system that predicts when each bus will arrive at its next stop.
- The University of Iowa website provides information on many transportation options, including carpooling and bicycle registration (<http://www.uiowa.edu/~parking/index.html>).
- Instead of fighting the traffic on the way to a Hawkeyes home football game, try taking the Hawkeye Express, a train service that goes directly to Kinnick Stadium. <http://www.hawkeyesports.com/sports/m-footbl/spec-rel/081605aai.html>.
- Make sure to check the weather before you leave for campus in the morning through NOAA (<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Iowa+City&state=IA&site=DVN&textField1=41.6583&textField2=-91.5351>). If the weather is severe enough to close parts—or all of—campus, the university will notify students on its webpage (<http://www.uiowa.edu/homepage/severe-weather/>) or via text message and email, if you sign up for Hawk Alert (<http://hawkalert.uiowa.edu/>).
- If you will be driving to campus, it can also be helpful to check out the road conditions (<http://www.iowaroadconditions.org/>) and gas prices (<http://gasprices.mapquest.com/index.jsp>) so you can save time and money on your commute.

## Food Options

- There are tons of great dining options on the University of Iowa campus and throughout downtown Iowa City.
  - The Campus Cafés (<http://imu.uiowa.edu/food>) provide great alternatives to students who are busy and need to grab a quick bite to eat.
  - Off-campus students are also eligible to sign up for University Housing & Dining meal plans that range from 5 meals per week up through 20 meals per week.  
<http://housing.uiowa.edu/departments/residentialdining/menus/mealplanrates.htm>
  - In addition to all of these great on-campus dining options, students can also take advantage of the downtown Iowa City restaurants  
(<http://downtowniowacity.com/pages/dining-nightlife.php?category=52>).
  - If students are looking for a cup of coffee on campus, they might also enjoy Wild Bill's Coffeeshop (<http://www.uiowa.edu/~socialwk/wildbills/index.shtml>).
- If students choose to bring their own lunches to campus, there are plenty of locations with microwaves for public use where they can heat up their food:
  - River Room of the IMU
  - Tippie College of Business (First floor, west wing)
  - Lindquist Center (Jones Commons, N300)
  - Medical Education & Research Facility (near the vending machines on the lower level)
  - Eckstein Medical Research Building (in the atrium)

## Off Campus Housing

- For students who choose to live off campus and need assistance in finding a place to call their own, the university's Off-Campus Housing Services website (<http://offcampushousing.uiowa.edu/>) provides many great housing options for students. The site also provides great resources (<http://offcampushousing.uiowa.edu/resource/iowa>) on topics ranging from managing a budget to landlord concerns.
- If students choose to look for housing through Craigslist.com, they should be aware of possible scams that might exist on the site. Craigslist.com has created a webpage (<http://www.craigslist.org/about/scams>) that contains many helpful tips to help its users notice potential scams before they are taken advantage of.
- Regardless of how the student finds housing for their time at the University of Iowa, they should be aware that Student Legal Services (<http://imu.uiowa.edu/legal-2/>) can answer questions about lease agreements and landlord/tenant issues.

## Academic Success

- There are many great resources on campus to help students succeed academically, including tutoring and writing help.
  - Different academic services on campus include:
    - University College (<http://www.uiowa.edu/~ucoll/swat.shtml>)
    - College of Engineering (<http://www.engineering.uiowa.edu/sdc/tutoring.php>)
    - College of Mathematics (<http://www.math.uiowa.edu/MathTutorialLab>)
    - College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<http://clas.uiowa.edu/students/tutoring>)
    - Tippie College of Business (<http://tippie.uiowa.edu/bizcomm/index.cfm>)
    - Tutor Referral Service at the IMU Campus Information Center (<http://imu.uiowa.edu/tutor-referral-service>)
    - Writing Center (<http://www.uiowa.edu/~writingc/index.shtml>)
    - Academic Advising Center (<http://www.uiowa.edu/web/advisingcenter/>)

## Locker Space

- To help students avoid having to bring all of their school supplies to and from every class while they are on campus, the University of Iowa provides locker space for students in several locations across campus.
  - For all University of Iowa students who need storage space, the main library (<http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/access/lockersandcarrels.html>) and all of the recreational services facilities (<http://recserv.uiowa.edu/Apps/Membership/Lockers.aspx>) have lockers for rent for either a semester or entire academic year.
  - Several colleges provide locker space only for students who are in their particular program, so be sure to check to see if you are eligible for a locker in one of your classroom buildings!

## Computer and Printing Resources

- To provide students with the computers and printing services they need to succeed in their studies, there are 26 Instructional Technology Centers located around campus (<http://its.uiowa.edu/labs>)
- Students may also choose to checkout laptop computers from Main Library, Hardin Library for Health Sciences Information Commons, and the IMU (<http://helpdesk.its.uiowa.edu/survival/2011/laptop-checkout-and-rental.htm>).
- There is also wireless internet available in classrooms, conference rooms, and many common areas across campus.
- There are 3 TILE classrooms (<http://its.uiowa.edu/instruction/tile/tour.shtml>) located around campus:
  - 216 Phillips Hall
  - 350 Van Allen Hall
  - 1022 Main Library

## Common Areas/Lounges/Study Spaces

- Given the long hours that many students spend on campus, they need to know that they have spaces that they can go to between classes to study or to simply unwind for an hour or two. The IMU and the Main Library have lots of space for students to relax or study for a few hours during a break between classes. Other spaces available for students include:
  - Lindquist Center (N300, Jones Commons)
  - Tippie College of Business (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors)
  - Old Capitol Mall
  - Hardin Library for the Health Sciences (Information Commons)
  - Seamans Center (Student Commons)
  - Van Allen Hall (Van Allen Commons)
  - Adler Journalism and Mass Communication Building (1<sup>st</sup> floor)
  - The lawn of the Pentacrest
  - Iowa City Public Library
  - Coralville Public Library
  - Iowa Memorial Union
- It is important to remember that this list is not exhaustive, and many of the on-campus buildings have some sort of lounge space that can function as a common area. As students learn more about campus and explore the buildings in which they attend class, they will discover new places to spend some precious downtime.

## Campus Safety

- The Department of Public Safety (<http://police.uiowa.edu>) offers several services to help maintain the safety of all University of Iowa students. Some of these services include Code Blue Phones and Nite Ride.

## Childcare

- For off-campus students who are also parents, the department of Human Resources at the University of Iowa offers Family Services, which includes childcare options (<http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/famserv/childcare/index.html>). Not only does this site give information about childcare locations near campus, but it also provides information about nanny or au pair services.
- The University of Iowa also has lactation rooms and resources (<http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/famserv/lactation.html>) for those who are breastfeeding.

## Tips for Healthy Living

- University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics (<http://www.uihealthcare.org/>)
- Student Health (<http://studenthealth.uiowa.edu/>)
- University Counseling Service (<http://www.uiowa.edu/ucs/index.shtml>)