

The UNIVERSITY
of ILLINOIS



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The University Belongs to the People

The University of Illinois is truly an institution of the people. It is one of the best and most comprehensive examples of what a state university should be—an agency to develop every intellectual, industrial, commercial, and professional interest of the State, as well as to teach. What it has been able to accomplish is due to the interest of the people of Illinois who through their representatives in the State Government have supplied the resources necessary to carry on this great educational enterprise. They have insisted that everything be done to place and keep it in the front rank of universities and colleges. It belongs to the citizens of Illinois. Its governing body is the Board of Trustees, eleven in number, who are elected directly by the people of the State and who serve without salary.

The Governor and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction are *ex officio* members. The other nine are elected for six years, their terms being so arranged that three expire every two years and are filled at general State elections. The functions of the Board are legislative. It maps out general policies; all appointments to the staff are subject to its approval; salaries, by law, are determined by it; and all assignments of funds are made by the Board for specific purposes. The annual budgets and the biennial appropriation requested of the Legislature for running the institution are subject to its approval. The Board meets monthly and at such other times as are necessary for the transaction of all of this business and its proceedings are published and reported to the Governor and General Assembly of Illinois.

Location and History

The main campus of the University of Illinois is situated in Urbana-Champaign, in Champaign County, about fifty miles northeast of the geographical center of the State and 128 miles south of Chicago. The campus lies partly in the city of Urbana and partly in the city of Champaign. The two municipalities form one community of about thirty-five thousand inhabitants. State highway routes 10, 25, and 39 all enter the Twin Cities. It is also served by four railroad systems.

The College of Medicine, the College of Dentistry, and the College of Pharmacy, are all located in Chicago, near the Cook County Hospital.

James O'Donnell Bennett, writing in the *Chicago Tribune*, said: "The University of Illinois is a vast laboratory of science and citizenship built by and for the people of Illinois. . . . It is known throughout the world for discoveries that have made buildings safer to live in, trains safer to ride in and tracks safer to ride on. . . . Its discoveries are always at the world's service and the whole world seeks its service."

The University of Illinois, established February 28, 1867, was one of the original land grant colleges made possible by the Federal Government in 1862. It opened on March 2, 1868 with the registration of 50 students and three faculty members. This year there were 10,579 resident students enrolled and 2,200 regular University employees in all capacities. A portion of these are on part-time employment, but the full-time equivalent is approximately 1875. The teaching staff numbers 1125 individuals, while approximately 215 other persons devote full time to research and extension work.

Cost of Attending Illinois

Seventy dollars tuition* and "whatever else you want to spend" is what it will cost a high school graduate to attend the University of Illinois for one year. Compared with many other leading institutions the cost of attending the University is extremely low.

Living costs and other expenses have dropped enormously during recent years. A non-working student can attend Illinois for a full year and yet spend only \$422, it has been found. Some spend even less. A more liberal budget for both men and women shows that \$556 will provide a year's education at the University, and even allow one to belong to a fraternity or sorority. The costs depend on the boy or girl. The minimum yearly budget is made up as follows: Room, \$63; Board, \$180; Clothing, \$35; Tuition, \$70; Fees (If laboratory courses are taken), \$5.00; Locker, \$4.00; Hospital Association, \$6.00 (optional); Text Books (used), \$18.00; Supplies, \$4.00; Railroad Fare (Average 125 miles), \$10.00; Laundry (mailed home), \$7.00; Miscellaneous, \$20.00; Total \$422.00.

Located in the progressive but quiet communities of Urbana-Champaign, the University offers a scholastic environment for students not always found in other localities. The general moral tone about the campus is high.

New admission requirements adopted recently by the Board of Trustees give special consideration to students who have shown superior scholarship in high school and provide for the admission of superior graduates of unaccredited four year secondary schools.

*This rate is for residents of Illinois; out of state students pay \$125 per year.

Functions of the University

What does the University of Illinois do besides teach students? It is, primarily, an educational institution but teaching represents only a part of its services. Besides being a center of learning for the teaching of old truths, it is a place for the discovery of new facts through scientific research and scholarly investigations, for the discussion of problems of public importance, and an organization for the solution of these problems. Its functions may be classified into:

1. Teaching undergraduate, professional, and graduate students.
2. Training members of the faculty and research staff. Universities must be training places for their own workers.
3. Scientific research and scholarly investigations for the discovery of new facts with which to improve teaching, to advance the industries, to promote public welfare, and to refine the arts of life. The research divisions of the University are:

- (a) The Graduate School.
- (b) The Agricultural Experiment Station which conducts investigations in the improvement of the production and marketing of crops, meats, dairy goods, and in the processes of animal breeding and nutrition.
- (c) The Engineering Experiment Station which investigates problems of special importance to professional engineers, to the manufacturing and transportation industries, and to other industrial interests of the State and Nation.

4. Furnishing experts in various fields of knowledge for public meetings and conferences for the discussion of public problems on which the University's advice and help are sought.

5. Furnishing extension specialists in agriculture and home economics for demonstrational field work throughout the State.

Size and Worth of University

The inventory value of the land, buildings, and equipment of the University, at original cost, on June 30, 1932, was \$28,803,630.

The University has 2,225 acres of land, aside from 2¼ acres on which are located the professional groups—Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy—in Chicago. There are 125 various buildings. The Urbana-Champaign campus comprises 430 acres, while immediately adjoining are 1127 acres of experimental farm lands. There are also 666 acres of experimental fields and reservations located in various sections of the State.

University Not a Tax Burden

Altho the institution is supported for the most part thru taxation, the total cost of the University to the average taxpayer is so small as to be negligible. Considered by itself the cost may seem large but it is spread over the State so widely that it is actually no burden to any one. Any criticism of the cost of the University as a tax burden is due to a lack of information.

If the University's entire State budget were eliminated, in other words, if the University were closed, it would save the average Illinois taxpayer less than three-fourths of one cent of each dollar of property taxes he pays. A man who pays a hundred dollars in property taxes would thereby have his total tax bill reduced by not more than 75 cents—and then only if the money saved on the University were not appropriated for something else!

If the University's appropriation is divided by the population of Illinois, the cost per person is 58 cents. No comparable state university has a lower per capita cost.

Courses Offered

Instruction is available at the University in most every field of human endeavor. In all, more than 2,000 different courses are offered during the school year in the various curricula. The colleges and schools making up the University are:

In Urbana-Champaign

Graduate School (for advanced work)
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
College of Commerce and Business Administration
College of Engineering, including courses in Ceramics, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Mining, and Railway.
College of Agriculture
College of Education
College of Law
College of Fine and Applied Arts, including courses in Art, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Music
Library School
School of Journalism
School of Physical Education

In Chicago

College of Medicine
College of Dentistry
College of Pharmacy

Research Accomplishments

Of course everyone knows that a college or university teaches. Few people, however, realize the tremendous amount and value of research work many universities carry on.

If the University of Illinois did no teaching at all, it would justify its existence by the results of its research. A dependable estimate during the winter was to the effect that the value of the returns to the State and Nation from results of research that have come from University of Illinois laboratories exceeds \$127,000,000 per year.

Public Opinion and Education

Public opinion demands that educational opportunities for young men and women shall be maintained. The hope of democracy lies in the diffusion of knowledge and wisdom and our educational institutions are the country's best insurance for its future.

The University of Illinois is one of the greatest universities in the United States. Aside from the education it provides for the thousands of young men and women of the State; aside from its scientific achievements, which each year are worth many times the cost of the institution, it performs a public service which cannot be measured in dollars or in numbers of students educated. It is simply that the students who have come under its influence have received cultural stimulation and have developed ideals of public service which are bound to make more useful citizens of them—and these they pass on to others with whom they associate when they leave the University. Thus the University exerts an influence for better citizenship on thousands of people who have never had an opportunity to go to college.

Write for Information

Any one who desires information about the University's affairs should feel free to ask questions. The University has nothing to conceal and inquiries are gladly received and answered. A leaflet such as this can give only a brief outline of the more important aspects of the institution and any one who desires information on any specific point is urged to write to the Director of Public Information, 362 Administration Building, Urbana, Illinois.