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Welcome to the University of Cincinnati

The Exchange Visitor Handbook has been prepared by the UC International Services staff. All of us in UC International Services join the faculty, staff, and students in welcoming you to the University of Cincinnati. We hope that your stay here will be both pleasant and successful.

This handbook has been prepared in an attempt to provide you with the information you will need to begin your program at the University of Cincinnati. Please take the time to read the handbook carefully. Please give special attention to the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) section. It is important that you understand the regulations you must follow.

The University of Cincinnati is a large and exciting international community. During 2012-2013, 2,500 students and 500 scholars from over 120 different countries were part of campus. UC International Services staff members advise international visitors on a wide range of topics which include immigration matters, social and cultural differences, financial matters, and personal concerns.

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Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Important Note

All new exchange visitors must schedule Immigration Check-in with UC International Services by submitting the Employee Visiting Scholar Check-in Request eForm in iStart. At your Check-in, your SEVIS Record will be made active. Bring all your immigration documents with you (passport, DS-2019, and I-94 card). ALL NEW EXCHANGE VISITORS MUST REPORT IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. At the time you check in, you will receive information about obtaining an identification number that you can use until you can obtain a U.S. Social Security number. You will also receive information about a mandatory orientation you must attend.

Again, welcome to the University of Cincinnati, and best wishes for a successful academic and personal experience.

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I. Immigration Issues

Purpose of Exchange Visitor Program

The purpose of the Exchange Visitor Program at the University of Cincinnati is to provide courses of study, lecturing, and research opportunities in our various fields of instruction and research for qualified students, professors, research scholars, short-term scholars, and specialists in order to promote the general interest of international education and cultural exchange. The activities for your particular exchange visitor program, as well as the category most appropriate for those activities, will be indicated on the Form DS-2019. It is your responsibility to make sure you engage in only those activities specified on the Form DS-2019.

Important Immigration Documents

Forms

DS-2019: Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status (J-1 Visa)

1. Facilitates the entry of a new participant of the Exchange Visitor Program.
2. Extends the stay of an exchange visitor.
3. Facilitates program transfers.
4. Facilitates entry of an exchange visitor's spouse or minor unmarried children into the United States separately.
5. Facilitates re-entry of an exchange visitor who is traveling outside the United States during the program.
6. Facilitates a change of category when permitted by the Department of State (DOS).
7. Updates significant changes in information about the exchange visitor program

I-94 Entry Permit (Arrival/Departure Record Admission Number)

The I-94 is the small white card in your passport on which the visa classification and the expiration date of your authorized stay are written when you enter the U.S. All Exchange Visitors should have J-1 written as the visa classification. "D/S"(Duration of Status) refers to the period during which you pursue your stated program. Upon completion of your program, you have 30 days in which to depart the country. If you lose your I-94 card, you must file an application form I-102 to replace the card with USCIS. The I-102 can be obtained from UC International Services or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). A fee of \$330.00 must be submitted with the application. After the details of your entry are verified, a new I-94 will be mailed to you.

Passport

A passport is your country's identification of you as a citizen. Your passport must remain valid at all times. **It is not allowed to expire.** You may renew it by contacting your Embassy/Consulate within the U.S.

Visa: Stamped Page in Passport

A visa normally is a stamp placed in your passport by an official of the United States (or the country you are entering). **IT IS NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXPIRED VISA ONLY IF YOU ARE GOING TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES AND RETURN AFTER IT HAS EXPIRED.** Keep in mind, a visa only admits you to the United States. Having a valid visa does not mean you are in proper immigration status.



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Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS)

As a J-1 exchange visitor, you will become part of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). SEVIS is a national tracking/monitoring system that will allow the U.S. government to monitor and track various events during your program of study. The University of Cincinnati will be required to provide the following information through SEVIS:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| 1. Your name | 6. Date of commencement of program |
| 2. Date and place of birth | 7. Field of study |
| 3. Country of citizenship | 8. Program extensions |
| 4. Address | 9. Termination date and reason |
| 5. Status (arrived or not) | 10. Documents related to your admission |

You will learn more about SEVIS at orientation upon arrival at UC. However, before you enter the U.S., you need to understand that once you have arrived, you must be committed to following all the rules related to your status. Any violations of status will be reported to the U.S. government. Individuals who do what is required of their status will not be greatly affected by SEVIS.

SEVIS Fee

Before applying for a J-1 visa, you will be required to pay a fee of \$180, called the “SEVIS fee”, to the **U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**. Individuals who are not required to obtain a visa (Canadian researchers) will be required to pay this fee before entering the United States. The fee can be paid by mail, by credit card through the internet, or by Western Union (made payable to the Department of Homeland Security). If your visa has been denied, you do not need to pay the fee again if you re-apply for the visa within 12 months of the denial.

Who must Pay the Fee

You will be required to pay this fee if:

- You are seeking a J-1 visa from a U.S. Embassy or Consulate for initial attendance at a university or initial participation in an exchange program. **The fee must be paid before applying for the visa.**
- You will enter the U.S. in J-1 status, but are not required to have a visa. **The fee must be paid before you apply for admission to the U.S.**
- You are applying for a change of status to J-1. **The fee must be paid before you submit your change of status application.**

The fee is **NOT** required:

- For J-2 dependents.
- For J-1 participants in an exchange program sponsored by the U.S. federal government.
- If your immigration status is J-1 and you are transferring from another school, program, or program category.
- If you are requesting an extension of your program or course of study.
- If you paid the fee but your application for a J-1 visa was denied and you are re-applying for the same status within 12 months of the denial.

Fee Payment Process

Option #1: Payment by Credit Card

Go to <http://www.fmjfee.com>. Exchange visitors from the following countries are not eligible to use the credit card option and must use option #2 or option #3 : Cameroon; Ghana; Kenya; Nigeria.

Option #2: Payment by Western Union

This option allows Western Union to collect the SEVIS fee in local currency. This option is only available in countries where Western Union offers its “Quick Pay” service. Instructions for paying using this payment option can be found on the SEVIS website at http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/wu_instr.htm. To find the nearest Western Union agent location go to <http://www.payment-solutions.com/agent.asp>

Option #3: Payment by Check or Money Order

When paying by check or money order there are two options:

- A. Internet-generated coupon. Go to the fee payment website (<http://www.fmjfee.com>), enter basic information, print out a coupon, and then mail a check or money order with the coupon to a lock-box address in Missouri. Once the information and fee are processed, SEVIS will then be updated

with the fee payment information.

- B. Paper option. You can download or otherwise obtain Form I-901, fill it in, and mail it, with a check or money order, to the specified address in Missouri. Once the information and fee are processed, SEVIS will be updated with the fee payment information.

In both cases, a receipt notice will be issued when the fee is processed. The mailing addresses for paying by check or money order using the coupon or the paper Form I-901 are:

P.O. Box Address:
I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee
P.O. Box 970020
St. Louis, MO 63197-0020

Street Address for Courier/Express Delivery:
I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee
1005 Convention Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63101

Check Specifics:

All checks and money orders must be:

- Payable to the "I-901 Student/Exchange Visitor Processing Fee".
- The check or money order must be made in U.S. dollars and drawn on a bank located in the U.S.

Only checks and money orders may be used when paying by mail. Payment of the SEVIS fee is not limited to the exchange visitor. DHS will accept fee payment from a third party individual or institution, either in the United States or abroad, using any of the options above.

The fee must be paid at least three business days prior to the scheduled date of your visa interview in order for the payment information to show up on the SEVIS system. **You should bring your I-901 receipt with you to your visa interview.** The paper receipt can be used as verification in place of the internet verification.

Completing Form I-901:

- A. You must have a Form DS-2019 in order to complete the I-901.
- B. You must have the University of Cincinnati's Exchange Visitor Program number. UC's program number is P-1-00733.

Exchange Visitors from Canada or Bermuda:

Exchange visitors from Canada and Bermuda are exempt from having to apply for a visa. You will have to provide SEVIS fee payment verification, along with your DS-2019 Form, to an immigration inspector at the port of entry when applying for entry into the United States as a J-1 exchange visitor.

If your Visa is Denied:

If your visa is denied, you may reapply for the visa within a 12-month period, without having to pay the SEVIS fee again.

Dependents:

If you have obtained a DS-2019 for a spouse or children, they do not have to pay a SEVIS fee in order to apply for a J-2 visa.

Visa Application and Initial Admission to the United States

Most foreign nationals are required to have a valid passport and visa to enter the United States. Upon receipt of your Certificate of Eligibility (DS-2019), you will need to make an appointment with the American Consulate or Embassy having jurisdiction over your place of permanent residence. In theory, you may

apply for a visa at any consular post in the world. In practice, the administrative officer at the post may or may not accept applications from individuals residing outside the jurisdiction of that post.

■ **Security Checks**

Many visa applicants will be checked against databases maintained by the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation). This new security procedure will delay visa issuance by 20 days or more. If you are from Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan, or Syria, you will be subject to a security check. If you are studying/working in one of the following fields, listed online, you will likely be subject to a security check.

■ **The Visa Application Process**

Before you apply for the visa, you should understand the process and the rules governing visas. Many visa applications fail. In some countries, most applications fail. Often it is because the exchange visitor did not know the rules or was not prepared. We do not want this to happen to you. Please read what follows very carefully.

The most important rule may seem strange to you. The consular officer who makes the decision on your visa application is required to think of you as someone who plans to come to the U.S. permanently, so you must prove that you intend to return to your country after completing your project. U.S. law very clearly states that J visas may be given only to persons who intend to remain in the U.S. temporarily. This rule is the number one reason that J-1 visa applications are denied.

You must document ties to your home country. If you are employed and going on sabbatical, bring a letter from your employer. If you own a business, take letters from a bank, describing the business, to the visa interview. If you own property, take the deeds. Do not emphasize any ties you may have to the United States, such as family members in the United States.

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Other important rules are: (1) You must have a definite professional objective. You must know what you are going to study or research and where it will lead; (2) You must be qualified for the program; (3) You must be adequately financed and have documents to prove it; (4) You must have proficient English skills to carry out your program.

U.S. government officials are convinced more easily by documents than by spoken statements. When possible, have papers to show your connections to your home country. The consular officer will take a very legalistic view. In the U.S., it is considered important to be impersonal when administering laws. This is considered rude or improper in many countries, but not in the U.S., where the ideal is to apply laws equally to all regardless of status or sex. Do not try to negotiate or discuss personal matters.

A valid passport and a properly executed Form DS-2019, completed and signed, must be presented to the consular officer.

You also will be required to present other documents that may be requested by the consular officer to establish that you are a bona fide non-immigrant exchange visitor, have adequate financial support, and meet all of the other requirements for exchange visitor status, including having a residence abroad that you have no intention of abandoning.

If the consular officer approves the visa application, he or she will stamp the visa in your passport and note the period of validity of the visa and the number of entries for which the visa is valid. The consular officer also will note in the space on the lower left corner of Form DS-2019 whether, in his or her judgment, you are subject to the two-year home country physical presence requirement. The notation is a preliminary finding. The Department of State (DOS) will make the final determination.

Upon arrival at the U.S. port of entry, present your passport, visa, and Form DS-2019 to an immigration officer. If you are found to be admissible to the United States, the immigration officer will return the Form DS-2019 to you. The officer will annotate the Form I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record), with the date and place of your admission to the United States, the immigration classification (J-1 for exchange visitor and J-2 for dependents), and the abbreviation "D/S" which stands for "duration of status". The immigration officer will return the I-94 form to you.

You will not be permitted to enter the U.S. more than 30 days prior to the scheduled start date of your program as indicated on your DS-2019. **You will also not be allowed to enter more than 30 days after the scheduled start date on your DS-2019. You must report to UC International Services within this 60-day period.**

Exchange Visitors Not Subject to Visa Requirements

Certain exchange visitors are not required to have a valid visa stamp for entry to the United States. The most common examples are Canadian citizens and citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Such individuals should be instructed to apply directly to an immigration officer at a U.S. port of entry for admission as a J-1 exchange visitor, bypassing the procedure of applying for a visa. The procedure at entry is the same as that described previously, except that you are not required to present a passport with a visa stamp. Landed immigrants of Canada must apply for a visa stamp at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Temporary Admission with Form I-515A

If you have lost or misplaced your Form DS-2019, or for other reasons are unable to produce that form at the port of entry, you should ask to be admitted on a Form I-515A. In such a case, the immigration officer will determine if you have a valid J-1 visa and are qualified in all other respects for admission as an exchange visitor. The officer may admit you to the United States in exchange visitor status for a period of

30 days and issue the Form I-515A. That form instructs you to submit Form DS-2019 and I-94 by mail to the DHS office in Washington D.C. Upon receipt of these forms, the DHS will convert the date on Form I-94 to "duration of status" by striking out the date and writing "D/S". The valid DS-2019 and original I-94 should be submitted so that the DS-2019 can be marked "D/S".

If the immigration officer at the port of entry is not able to determine that you are eligible for admission as an exchange visitor, the officer may parole you into the United States for "deferred inspection", which requires that you report in person to a USCIS office.

■ ***Visa Expiration/Renewal***

This procedure is only necessary when you intend to travel outside the U.S. and the visa stamped in your passport is expired. To get your visa renewed, you will need a valid passport, a properly executed DS-2019, proof of financial support and/or letter of certification, and evidence of ties to your home country. You must visit the American Consulate/Embassy office in the country you are visiting in order to get the new visa issued. Your J-1 visa cannot be renewed in the U.S.

U.S. - Visit Entry/Exit System

U.S.-VISIT is a U.S. Department of Homeland Security program that enhances the country's entry and exit system. It enables the United States to effectively verify the identity of incoming visitors and confirm compliance with visa and immigration policies.

The goals of U.S.-VISIT are to:

- Enhance the security of citizens and visitors
- Expedite legitimate travel and trade
- Ensure the integrity of the immigration system
- Safeguard the personal privacy of visitors

The initiative involves collecting travel information and "biometric identifiers" (such as fingerprints, using a simple, inkless device) from visitors to assist the border officer in deciding whether to allow the individual to enter the U.S.

■ ***Upon Arrival***

At an airport or seaport, travel documents such as your passport and visa will be reviewed, and a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officer will ask specific questions regarding your stay in the U.S.

As part of the enhanced procedures, you will have two fingerprints scanned by an inkless device and a digital photograph taken. All of the data and information is then used to assist the border inspector in determining whether or not to admit you.

■ ***Upon Departure***

You must return your I-94 card to the airline, ship, or border representative when departing the U.S. For more information on U.S.-VISIT, please consult www.dhs.gov/us-visit.

Maintaining Your Status

It is your responsibility to maintain your immigration status. There are several requirements you must follow to maintain status:

Requirement to Keep Your Passport Valid.

Your passport must be valid at all times. Renewal applications must be made with the Embassy or Consulate of the country issuing the passport. You will need a certification of exchange visitor status from the University of Cincinnati (this can be obtained from UC International Services). Addresses of embassies and consulates are available on the U.S. Department of State website at: <http://www.state.gov/countries>.

Requirement to Report Address Changes to UC International Services.

You are required to report any address change to UC International Services within 10 days of the address change. This includes address changes of any of your dependents as well. To report a change of address go to <https://ioffice.uc.edu/> and submit a "Local U.S. Address Information" eForm.

Requirement to Obtain Prior Authorization from UC International Services to Drop Below a Full Course of Study.

If you are a student, you are required to pursue a full course of study during normal enrollment periods (Fall and Spring Semesters). The Reduced Course Load Certification must be completed prior to dropping below full-time status. Full-time at the University of Cincinnati is 12 credit hours for undergraduate students or 10 credit hours for graduate students not receiving a scholarship. You are allowed to deviate from this full course of study **only with PRIOR authorization from a UC International Services advisor**, and only under very limited circumstances including illness, completing all required course work (graduate students) or being in your last semester of study. To request this, you will need to submit a Reduced Course Load eForm by going to <https://ioffice.uc.edu/>.

Requirement to Report Departure Date and Reason to UC International Services.

For a variety of reasons, exchange visitors leave the University early or unexpectedly. You are required to inform UC International Services if you plan to leave the University, and the reason for doing so. You can do this by submitting a "Departure Certification" eForm at <https://ioffice.uc.edu/>.

Requirement to Abide by Employment Regulations.

An Exchange Visitor is permitted to work for UC on the project for which he/she was brought to campus. Additional campus jobs unrelated to that project are not permitted. Off-Campus employment is not permitted, occasional lectures can be made but only with prior authorization from UC International Services.

Transfer to Another Institution/Sponsor

You are currently authorized to work/study at the University of Cincinnati. If you decide to attend another school in the U.S., you must notify UC International Services of your intent to transfer and the name of the school to which you intend to transfer. This is done by submitting a transfer request eForm "SEVIS Transfer Out Request" e-Form at <https://ioffice.uc.edu/>. UC International Services will then enter a "Release" date in SEVIS. After this date is reached the new school can issue a DS-2019 to you.

Requirement to Apply for an Extension of Program.

You must apply for an extension of your program **prior to** the expiration date on your Form DS-2019 if you cannot complete your program by that date. Requests for extensions should be submitted to UC International Services prior to the expiration date on the Form DS-2019 so the extension process can be completed before the expiration date on the document. Exchange Visitors must have their sponsoring department submit a "Program Extension" eForm request by going to <https://ioffice.uc.edu/>.

Requirement for Receiving Authorization to Travel.

You must notify UC International Services prior to traveling outside the U.S. so that your DS-2019 can be endorsed for travel or a new form can be issued, if required. Your DS-2019 form must be signed within the past 12 months or your re-entry will be denied. Exchange visitors must complete and submit to UC

International Services the "Travel Signature Request for DS-2019" eForm **at least** 5 days prior to the anticipated travel date, although you are strongly encouraged to submit the e-Form even earlier. The eForm can be found at <https://ioffice.uc.edu/>.

Requirement to Provide Documentation of Dependents.

You must notify UC International Services of any accompanying dependents in J-2 status and provide biographical information (e.g., full name, address, country of birth, etc.) and immigration information (e.g., passport information, visa information, etc.) about those dependents using UC International Services "Add a Dependent" eForm. UC International Services is required to report information to the DHS and/or DOS regarding your dependents. The eForm can be found at <https://ioffice.uc.edu/>.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This information is not exhaustive and **is subject to change without notice.** Exchange visitors should contact UC International Services with questions on any of the information presented above.

iStart eForm Services

Everything you do with UC International Services will be facilitated by the use of our iStart eForm services. New exchange visitors who have yet to arrive will use the "limited services" link to complete the required forms. Once you have arrived, all requests for processing of J-1 exchange visitor benefits should be submitted to UC International Services using "full" iStart services. You will use it to do everything from updating biographical information to requesting program extensions. Once you have arrived and attended Check-in, the next time you use iStart, you will click on the "login" button under "Full Client Services for Students and Scholars"

UNIVERSITY OF Cincinnati

iStart online services for international students, scholars & staff

Welcome to the iStart Services Login Page

Technology is key to our proactive approach. Our information services and experienced staff enable efficient management of student and scholar data, and our portal provides individualized, web-based services. The following are the types of online services available for international students, scholars, & staff.

Full Client Services for Students & Scholars	Limited Services for Students & Scholars
Secure services requiring login with your institutional Network ID and password. These services include: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. View and update information on file2. Submit electronic form (e-form) requests for travel signatures, reduced course load authorization, program extensions, etc.3. Access alerts and notes on file that require action in order to maintain legal status <p>LOGIN</p>	Limited services requiring login with your University ID number and date of birth. These services include: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Limited student services like registration for orientation or SEVIS transfer-in.2. Limited initial intake forms for J-1 scholars or H-1B employees. <p>These services will NOT provide all the functionality of the full client services.</p> <p>Limited Services</p>

The following are additional services:
[International Student & Scholar Statistical Reports](#)
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[Administrative Services for University Departments](#)

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Username [Get My Username](#)
(5 + 2)

Password [Change My Password](#)

Forgot your password?
Use [Password Self Service](#)
or call 513-556-HELP

[Login Help](#)

By using this service you agree to adhere to [UC computing policies and guidelines](#)

This will bring you to UC's Central Login Service. Here you will enter your UC 6+2 username and password. Once you enter your 6+2 account information, you will be brought to the iStart home page. Here you will see an overview of your iStart record, including any alerts that may need to be addressed, SEVIS program information, and any notes that have been put on your record by a UC International Services Advisor.

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To submit most eForm requests, you will click on the "J-1 Scholar Services" link and then select the e-form you wish to submit. Some eForms will be found under the Biographical Information, Admissions, Orientation, or other links. Follow the instructions for the specific eForm and scan and upload any required documents in PDF format.

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Visits for Spouse and Children

As an exchange visitor, you must obtain a DS-2019 to send to dependent family member(s) who wish to visit you by submitting the "Add a new dependent" eForm in iStart. The family member(s) will use the DS-2019 to support their application for a J-2 visa at the American Embassy or Consulate in their home country. The embassy or consulate will require evidence that you have adequate resources for their support. As such, you must show proof of financial support to UC International Services in the amount of \$4,000 per year for a spouse, and \$2,000 per year for each child, in addition to the amount needed for your own expenses plus the cost of health insurance.

Employment

You may receive compensation from the University of Cincinnati for employment when such activities are part of your program. You are not allowed to take other paid positions on or off campus. If you engage in unauthorized employment, you shall be in violation of your status and subject to termination as a participant in the exchange visitor program. You can be authorized for an occasional lecture by UC International Services. Employment for an accompanying spouse or minor child of an exchange visitor is governed by USCIS regulations and is discussed in the "Dependents of Exchange Visitors" section of this handbook.

Duration of Status and Extension of Program

When you are admitted to the United States as an exchange visitor, you are issued a Form I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) which will be marked "D/S" (duration of status) for the validity period. Your form DS-2019 is also annotated to reflect "D/S". This means you may remain in the United States as long as you maintain J-1 status, until 30 days after the termination date written on the DS-2019. The D/S notation means that USCIS considers you to be in valid J-1 status as long as your DS-2019 is valid and you engage only in activities permitted by the DS-2019. You may file for an extension of stay if it is necessary to accomplish your program objectives. An extension request will need to be submitted by your sponsoring department through iStart.

Limitations of Stay

The length of time you may remain in the United States on exchange visitor status is determined by the general limitations for the category and the length of time needed to complete the exchange objectives. These limitations apply to the total length of stay as an exchange visitor. Exchange visitors are allowed an additional grace period of 30 days to prepare for departure from the United States. It is important to be aware that the exchange activity and any related employment are permitted only until the end date on the Form DS-2019. During the additional 30 days, your status will be much like that of a tourist in that you may remain and travel in the U.S. If you transfer from one program sponsor to another, you cannot use that transfer to prolong your stay in the United States beyond the limitations of the pertinent category.

Professors and Research Scholars

The Form DS-2019 may be issued for the period of the exchange up to a maximum of five years for professors and research scholars. Extensions beyond five years are not possible.

Short-Term Scholar

A short-term scholar is defined as a professor, research scholar, specialist, or a person with similar education or accomplishments who is coming to the United States on a short-term visit for the purpose of lecturing, observing, consulting, training, or demonstrating special skills at research institutions, museums, libraries, post-secondary accredited educational institutions, or similar types of institutions. Examples include educators, scientists, research fellows, writers, and museum administrators. A short-term scholar is permitted to participate in activities such as conferences, workshops, seminars, and other events if these activities are stated on his or her Form DS-2019. The maximum duration of stay is limited to 6 months.

Students

The duration of status or length of time permitted for participation in a program is different for a student engaged in a degree program and a student engaged in a non-degree program. The ending date on the Form DS-2019 controls the end date of authorized stay. Except for non-degree students, a student's stay in the United States could continue uninterrupted from the first year of a bachelor's degree program through the third year of postdoctoral training. Degree students are authorized to participate in an exchange visitor program as long as they are "studying at the post-secondary accredited educational institution listed on their Form DS-2019", are "pursuing a full course of study", and are "making satisfactory advancement towards the completion of the academic program". Duration of status may continue for non-degree students for a total maximum stay of 24 months as long as they are participating full-time in a prescribed course of study.

Specialists

A specialist is an "individual who is an expert in a field of specialized knowledge or skill coming to the United States for observing, consulting, or demonstrating special skills". The exchange of specialists promotes mutual enrichment and furthers linkages among scientific institutions, government agencies, museums, corporations, libraries, and similar types of institutions. "This category is intended for exchanges with experts in such areas, for example, as mass media communication, environmental science, youth leadership, international educational exchange, museum exhibitions, labor law, public administration, and library science." Maximum duration of stay for a specialist is one year.

Repeat Participation

Professors and Research Scholars present in the U.S. for any amount of time will not be allowed to return to the U.S. as a J-1 research scholar or professor for at least 24 months.

Transfer of Program

It is possible for you to transfer from one program sponsor to another if the purpose of the transfer is to complete the objective for which you were originally admitted in exchange visitor status and if you remain within the same category. The transfer is accomplished through correspondence between the two responsible officers and notification to the Department of State in SEVIS.

When transferring from the University of Cincinnati, UC International Services will provide a release of your records in SEVIS to the new school, but only if it is clear that the transfer is for the purpose of completing the original objective and is consistent with the goals of the exchange visitor program. You must indicate to UC International Services the name and program number of the school you want to transfer to and the date you want to transfer using the "SEVIS Transfer Out" eForm found at <http://ioffice.uc.edu>

The responsible officer of the program to which you are transferring will execute a new Form DS2019 upon securing our release.

Change of Category

When a Form DS-2019 is prepared for you, a particular category of activity is indicated on the form. This designation of a category helps to establish and define your program objective. For example, the student category indicates a formal program of study leading to a degree, certificate or other similar educational objective, while the research scholar category indicates the objective of academic research. In general, a change of category represents a change of objective and is not permitted. However, you may request an exception to this policy. A request for change of category along with supporting justification must be submitted to the DOS by UC International Services. Upon DOS approval, UC International Services shall issue you a duly executed Form DS-2019 reflecting such change of category and provide a notification copy of such form to the DOS. There is a \$246 fee that must be paid when submitting a request of this nature to the DOS.

Requests for a change of category from a research scholar to student will be evaluated recognizing the fact that, in some cases, research skills can be substantially enhanced by doctoral study. You are considered to be maintaining lawful status while the application is pending. If you apply for a change of category are denied, you will have lawful status for an additional period of 30 days after the expirations of your Form D2019, whichever is latest.

In preparing a request for change of category, UC International Services will provide sufficient documentation of the reasons for the change to permit DOS to reach an informed decision. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, supporting letters from faculty advisors, funding agencies, or the home government supporting the change; an explanation of how the current and intended activities complement each other; and a statement from you explaining your objectives and confirming your intention to return home at the end of the exchange visitor program

Termination of Program

Exchange visitors who fail to meet the requirements of the program, or who engage in unauthorized employment, are subject to termination from the program. If terminated, you will be out of status and deportable and therefore must depart the United States. A person who is out of status is ineligible for change of status, extension of stay, or other benefits.

According to regulations, the University of Cincinnati must notify the U.S. Department of State (DOS) if you withdraw from or complete your program 30 or more days prior to the end date on your Form DS-2019, or if you have been terminated from your program. As such, if your program ends more than 30 days before the expiration date on your DS-2019, **you must notify UC International Services** so we can notify the Department of State.

If for any reason you decide to terminate your program and leave the U.S., you must immediately inform UC International Services by using the "Departure Certification" eForm at <https://ioffice.uc.edu>.

Travel Abroad and Re-entry

■ *Entering Another Country*

If you wish to travel to your country of citizenship or permanent residence, a valid passport or travel document will ensure entry. For travel to another country, it may be necessary to secure a visa or entry permit. Those wishing to visit other countries should contact the consulate or embassy of the country to be visited to determine what documents are necessary for entry

■ *Re-entering the United States*

If you are making a temporary visit outside the United States, you must have the following documents in order to reenter the United States in exchange visitor status: A valid passport and a valid visa (unless exempt from passport and visa requirement); and a current Form DS-2019 signed by UC International Services to affirm that you are in status. By signing the revalidation section, the University is confirming that you are in status

If your visa is no longer valid, or if the number of authorized entries have already been used, you must apply to a U.S. consulate or embassy outside the United States for a new visa. You do not need a new U.S. visa if traveling to Canada, Mexico, or other contiguous territories for less than 30 days. permit. Those wishing to visit other countries should contact the consulate or embassy of the country to be visited to determine what documents are necessary for entry

Two-Year Home Country Physical Presence Requirement

The Two-Year Home Country Physical Presence requirement is one of the most important special characteristics of exchange visitor status and should be thoroughly understood by you as a participant. As an exchange visitor, you may not be eligible to obtain Permanent Resident, H-1B specialty occupation or trainee, or L intra-company transferee status in the United States until you have resided and been physically present in your country of nationality, or last legal permanent residence, for a total of at least two years following departure from the United States. If you are subject to the two-year home residency requirement, you are also **not** permitted to change to any another non-immigrant status in the United States.

These restrictions apply when:

- Your participation in the program for which you came to the United States was financed in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by an agency of the U.S. government or by the government of your home country;
- At the time of admission or acquisition of exchange visitor status, you were a national or resident of a country which the U.S. Department of State designated as clearly requiring the services of persons engaged in the field of specialized knowledge or skill in which you are engaged;
- You came to the United States or acquired exchange visitor status in order to receive graduate medical education or training.

Government Financing

“Financed directly” means financed in whole or in part by the United States government or your home government with funds contributed directly to you in connection with an exchange visitor program. “Financed indirectly” means 1) financed by an international organization with funds contributed by either the United States or your home government for use in financing international educational and cultural exchange, or 2) financed by an organization or institution with funds made available by either the United States or your home government for the purpose of furthering international educational and cultural exchange.

Exchange Visitor Skills List

The determination as to whether or not you are subject to the two-year home country physical presence requirement, depending on the need for your specialized knowledge or skills in the home country, is made by reference to the Exchange Visitor Skills List. This is an official list of fields of specialized knowledge and skills needed in each country as determined by each country’s corresponding government. You are subject to the two-year home country physical presence requirement only if participation in an exchange program began after your field of study appeared on the skills list. You can view the skills list at http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_4514.html.

Waiver of the Two-Year Home Country Requirement

Exchange visitors may be subject to the two-year home residence requirement of Section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, for one or more of the following reasons:

- a) They received funding from the United States Government, their own government, or an international organization in connection with their participation in the Exchange Visitor Program.
- b) The education, training, or skill they are pursuing in this country appears on the Exchange Visitor Skills List (1997 Amendment) for their country.
- c) They acquired J-1 status on or after January 10, 1977, for the purpose of receiving graduate medical education or training.

Exchange visitors who are subject to, but do not wish to comply with the two-year home country residence requirement, may apply for a waiver of that requirement under any one of the five applicable grounds provided by the United States immigration law.

Applicable Grounds for a J-1 Visa Waiver

1. "No Objection" statement from the home government

The law precludes use of this option by medical doctors listed in "c" above. The exchange visitor’s government must state that it has no objection to the exchange visitor not returning to the home country to satisfy the two-year foreign residence requirement of Section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, and remaining in the U.S. if he or she chooses to do so.

2. Request by an Interested (U.S.) Government Agency, or IGA

If an exchange visitor is working on a project for, or of interest to, a U.S. Federal Government Agency, and that agency has determined that the visitor’s continued stay in the United States is vital to one of its

programs, a waiver may be granted if the exchange visitor's continued stay in the United States is in the public interest. For applications on behalf of foreign physicians, who agree to serve in medically underserved areas, please refer to Federal Register Volume 62, No. 102 of May 28, 1997.

3. Persecution

If the exchange visitor believes that he or she will be persecuted upon return to the home country due to race, religion, or political opinion, he or she can apply for a waiver.

4. Exceptional hardship to a U.S. citizen (or Permanent Resident) spouse or child of an exchange visitor

If the exchange visitor can demonstrate that his or her departure from the United States would cause extreme hardship to his or her United States citizen or lawful permanent resident spouse or child, he or she may apply for a waiver. (Please note that mere separation from family is not considered to be sufficient to establish exceptional hardship.)

5. Request by a designated State Department of Health or its equivalent

The law permits only medical doctors to apply for a waiver on this basis. Pursuant to the requirements of Public Law 103-416, of October 25, 1994 and Public Law 107-273, of November 2, 2002, foreign medical graduates who have an offer of full-time employment at a health care facility in a designated health care professional shortage area, and agree to begin employment at the facility within 90 days of receiving such waiver, and who sign a contract to continue to work at the health care facility for a total of 40 hours per week and not less than three years, may apply for a waiver. Each state is allowed thirty waivers per federal fiscal year. Five of the thirty requests may be specialists who can practice medicine outside of Health and Human Services designated health shortage areas.

Procedures for Waiver Applications

To apply for a recommendation for a waiver of the two-year home residence requirement under any of these bases, applicants must complete the following steps:

Step 1

The Online J Visa Waiver Recommendation Application, Form DS-3035 must be used. No other version of the DS-3035 will be accepted. Upon completing the Form DS-3035 online, your information will be downloaded into a barcode, and you will be issued immediately a waiver case file number and further instructions. Once you have completed this online form, you must print and mail in your DS-3035 Application with barcode, and payment as explained below. Please note that the barcode must be printed in black and white only.

Two self-addressed stamped legal-size envelopes (S.A.S.E.) and a cashier's check or money order for US \$215, made payable to the U.S. Department of State to:

Postal Service	Courier Service
U.S. Department of State	U.S. Department of State
Waiver Review Division	Waiver Review Division
P.O. Box 952137	(Box 952137)
St. Louis, MO 63195-2137	1005 Convention Plaza
	St. Louis, MO 63101-1200

Please Note:

ONLY APPLICATIONS USING THE ONLINE FORM DS-3035 WILL BE ACCEPTED. Applications

with other versions of Form DS-3035 will be returned to the sender without processing fee. THE \$215 PROCESSING FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

Please write the applicant's full name, date of birth and Social Security Number, if any, on the cashier's check or money order. Please do not send cash.

Remittances must be drawn on a bank or other institution located in the U.S. and made payable in U.S. currency to the U.S. Department of State.

If the applicant resides outside the U.S. at the time of application, remittance may be made by bank international money order or foreign draft drawn on an institution in the U.S. and made payable to the U.S. Department of State in U.S. currency.

Your application must be sent to the lock-box address at the Waiver Review Division. If you fax or mail your application to the Waiver Review Division, it will NOT be processed.

Step 2

It is your responsibility to submit all requested documents and ensure that required documents are sent on your behalf by third parties. The Waiver Review Division will not follow up on documents that have not been received. Rather, it will be your responsibility to ensure that your file is complete. Once you have your waiver case number, you should check on the status of your application by visiting the J Visa Waiver Status Check website. If you notice an error regarding your waiver case, you should contact Public Inquiries at (202) 663-1225.

Some documents, such as "No Objection" statement from EV's home government, an IGA request from an Interested Federal Government Agency, a Conrad request letter from a state public health department, or CIS' finding of exceptional hardship or persecution (on Form I-613) will be submitted directly to the Waiver Review Division by the responsible third party. However, you, the waiver applicant, must initiate the process by requesting such documents directly from the responsible third party or by applying directly with these other agencies. And, if the third party agrees, your other required documents, such as your DS-2019 (formally called IAP-66), may be forwarded to the Waiver Review Division through the third party.

Step 3

At the conclusion of the review process, the Waiver Review Division will forward its recommendation directly to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in the Department of Homeland Security. You will receive a copy of that recommendation at the address you listed on your Form DS-3035, or the most current address we have for you if you reported a change of address.

USCIS has the responsibility for making the final determination on your waiver request. USCIS will notify you directly, whether your waiver application is denied or approved.

ANY TIME THERE HAS BEEN AN ADDRESS CHANGE PLEASE NOTIFY THE WAIVER REVIEW DIVISION OF THE CHANGE. IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR MOST CURRENT ADDRESS, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTACT YOU IN CASE WE NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM YOU TO PROCEED WITH YOUR CASE, OR YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF THE WAIVER REQUEST.

Please do not fax or contact the Waiver Review Division directly regarding your waiver case. The Division does not have the manpower to respond to such inquiries. You should contact the Public Inquiries Division, which was created to respond to inquiries from the public, regarding your waiver case, (202) 663-1225.

Effects of Waivers on Extensions

No exchange visitor who has received a favorable recommendation from the DOS for a waiver of the "Two-Year Home Country Residency Requirement" will receive a program extension beyond the date of

the current DS-2019 form, even though the exchange visitor may not have completed the maximum time in their category. Once the waiver has been granted, the exchange visitor cannot transfer to another institution. The DOS considers an exchange visitor's filing of a waiver application as evidence of his or her intent to abandon his or her exchange visitor program participant status. Accordingly, the DOS no longer considers the exchange visitor to be a bona fide J-1 participant.

Change of Exchange Visitor Status to Another Status

Your eligibility to change to another non-immigrant status may be limited. If you did not come to the United States to receive graduate medical education or training, are not subject to the two-year home country residence requirement, or have had that requirement waived, you may apply for a change to any other non-immigrant status for which you are qualified. If you are subject to the two-year home country physical presence requirement, you are eligible to change only to A (diplomatic or government official) or G (international organization) status, provided that you are accredited by the foreign government or international organization to the Department of State.

An alien outside the United States who previously had been in the United States as an exchange visitor may apply for a different non-immigrant visa at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Authority to grant such a visa lies within the discretionary power of the consular officer. No minimum time abroad is required to obtain a different visa unless you are subject to the two-year home country physical presence requirement. In that case, you must satisfy that requirement or have it waived before being eligible for an immigrant, H or L visa. Returning to the United States in another status does not absolve you from a previously incurred two-year home country physical presence requirement.

If you are eligible to apply for a change of status, you may do so by submitting to USCIS the Form I-539, a copy of the Form I-94, the required fee, and any other documentation needed to demonstrate eligibility for the new status. USCIS and the DOS generally do not look favorably on a request by a J-1 exchange visitor to change to J-2 dependent status, since the J-1 exchange visitor is expected to return home immediately upon completion of the exchange visitor program in the United States. Such requests usually are either denied or referred to the DOS. An alien who wishes to request such a change of status should submit the following documents to the USCIS: his or her Form I-94, the Form DS-2019 and a copy of Form I-94 of the principal J-1 alien whose dependent he or she will be, Form I-539 with appropriate fee, information about passport validity, and a letter explaining the reasons for the requested change and justifying the extended period of stay in the United States.

Dependents of Exchange Visitors

Your spouse and unmarried children under the age of 21 who accompany or follow you to the United States are usually admitted in J-2 classification, but are not exchange visitors. You are not permitted to bring dependents to the United States in J-2 classification if adequate funding for their support and health insurance coverage is not available.

Eligibility Requirements

Only your spouse and unmarried minor children under 21 years of age are eligible for J-2 status. Other family members, such as parents, brothers, and sisters are not eligible. Further, J-2 documentation for family members can only be issued if you can show funding for their support and health care. If your dependents are to accompany you or join you in the United States, they may obtain their visas and admission to the United States along with you on the basis of the Form DS-2019 issued in their names.

Obtaining a J-2 Visa and Entering the United States

Dependents who come to the United States must obtain their J-2 visas using the Form DS-2019 in their name. The J-2 applicant then presents the Form DS-2019 to the immigration officer at the port of entry to the United States. Upon entry to the United States, each dependent is issued a Form I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record), indicating the date of entry, classification, and an admission for D/S.

Employment of J-2 Dependents

J-2 dependents may apply to the regional USCIS office having jurisdiction over their place of temporary residence for permission to accept employment, provided the income from such employment will be used to support your family's customary recreational and cultural activities and related travel, among other things. Employment will not be authorized if this income is needed to support the J-1 principal alien. Application for employment authorization is made on Form I-765, which is filed with the USCIS and accompanied by the appropriate fee. In addition to the Form I-765, one should submit a letter stating why the employment is desired, indicating the source and amount of support for the principal participant, and specifically stating that the income derived from employment will not be used for the support of the J-1 exchange visitor. Financial need is not a criterion for employment authorization of a J-2 dependent. However, USCIS sometimes requires a budget or statement of estimated expenses to determine that you have adequate income. UC International Services will provide J-2 dependents with complete application instructions and will meet with such dependents to ensure that the materials are in order.

If permission for employment is granted, an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) is issued and is valid for any kind of full-time or part-time employment. If an extension of stay is required in conjunction with extension of work authorization, the extension of stay notification must be filed prior to the extension of employment authorization. It is important to file the Form I-765 for continuation of employment authorization in a timely manner in order to preserve the J-2's right to work.

Travel Abroad and Re-entry

If a J-2 dependent wishes to travel outside the United States for a temporary visit and to re-enter the country, he or she follows basically the same procedures as a J-1 exchange visitor. To reenter the United States, the dependent must have a valid passport and visa (unless exempt from passport and visa requirements) and a current Form DS-2019 issued in his or her own name. The DS-2019 must be endorsed by the Responsible Officer (UC International Services). The same regulations and procedures for automatic revalidation of visas for the J-1 principal participant apply to the J-2 dependent. The dependent may travel outside the United States and return either with the J-1 Exchange visitor or separately.

Study

Current regulations allow J-2 dependents to study full-time or part-time at any level without having to change status to a student visa.

Change of Status

As in the case of the J-1 exchange visitor, the J-2 dependent may change from J-2 status to another non-immigrant classification if not subject to the two-year home country physical presence requirement, or if the requirement has been waived.

A J-2 dependent can change to J-1 status only if he/she has been in the U.S. as a J-2 dependent for less than six months prior to the change of status and only if not subject to the two year home residency

requirement. To accomplish this change, the J-2 dependent should submit to USCIS a Form DS-2019 made out in his or her own name, a copy of his or her Form I-94, Form I-539, and the appropriate fee. If it appears to USCIS that the change from J-2 to J-1 will cause the applicant's stay to extend beyond that of the original J-1 principal, USCIS will also require a letter from the applicant stating 1) that he or she understands that the original J-1 principal probably will not be allowed to change to J-2 status and thereby extend his or her stay beyond its original duration to remain in the United States with the person who has changed from J-2 to J-1 and 2) that he or she wants the change from J-2 to J-1 despite that understanding. The applicant can save much time by including such a letter with the application for change from J-2 to J-1 status.

Departure or Termination of Program

The J-2 dependent's status terminates in the United States when that of the J-1 participant terminates. The dependent reports his or her departure from the United States in the same way as the J-1 participant, by surrendering Form I-94 at the time of departure and notifying UC International Services using the "Departure Certification" e-Form.

II. Packing and Travel

What to Bring to the U.S.

Clothing

The climate in Cincinnati changes with the seasons. In the spring, temperatures are moderate, although it can still be quite cool, particularly in March and April. Temperatures in the summer can get rather high. Summer is hot and humid. Temperatures of 90°F (33°C) and above are not unusual. You are advised to bring some light clothing for this season. Fall (beginning of the school year) is pleasant with its bright colors and moderate temperatures. Winter can get very cold and snowy (10°F/-12°C). It is recommended that you bring warm clothing with you, such as a hat, scarf, gloves, snow or rain boots, sweaters, and a warm winter coat. However, winter clothing is available in Cincinnati at reasonable prices.

Finances

Before beginning your travel to the University of Cincinnati, please remember that your initial expenses here will be considerably higher than those you will incur later. Therefore, **it is necessary for you to bring at least \$2,000 in United States currency or travelers' checks to cover these expenses.** Even if you are going to receive financial support from the University, your first check will not be available upon your arrival. The University issues paychecks on the first of the month for work performed in the previous month. For example, if arriving in September, it will be at least October 1st, and probably November 1st, before you receive your first stipend check! Before you can expect any money from the University, you may need to pay for health insurance, make a security deposit on your apartment, pay the first month's rent, and buy food and other necessities! **You must figure your finances carefully and plan on these expenses without help from the University.**

To prepare to meet your financial needs for the entire year, you should make the necessary arrangements with your government, your sponsor, and any banks in your country to ensure that these funds will be available to you. **Remember that checks drawn on foreign banks will require several weeks to clear and therefore you will not have access to those funds right away!** In order to have money available to you upon arrival, the necessary funds should be transferred to a local bank in Cincinnati **at least one month prior to your arrival!**

Linens, Bedding and Room Furnishings

Blankets, towels, and room furnishings are things you might bring with you if you have space for them in your luggage. However, remember that you can buy anything you need in the U.S., and that University housing offers furnished apartments and rooms. **You should not attempt to bring food, plants, or anything that can be interpreted as being drug paraphernalia, such as pipes or tobacco rolling papers. These will most likely be confiscated from you at the port of entry.**

Tips on Travel

1. Travel with your passport, visa, and original DS-2019 in your carry-on luggage. Your documentation will be inspected at the port of entry before you claim your checked baggage.
2. Arrange for a family member, friend, or colleague to meet you at the airport, or plan to take a taxi from the airport to your destination.
3. Take some of the things that are important to you such as prescription eyeglasses, a bilingual dictionary, and medication etc., and keep them in your carry-on luggage.
4. To avoid unnecessary delays, make sure your ticket is confirmed at least one month before the day you are required to arrive.
5. Government-sponsored students, and those sponsored by private organizations, should work together with their sponsors every step of the way.
6. Shop around for airfare and check for baggage regulations before deciding which airline to take to the U.S.
7. Arrive at the airport about three hours before the intended flight.
8. Make sure your schedule allows sufficient time for connecting flights.
9. Carry sufficient money for unexpected expenses or events, such as missing your flight. You may also want to carry an extra change of clothing in your carry-on luggage in case of unexpected delays.

Housing

On-Campus housing is not available for exchange visitors unless you are enrolled in classes.

Off-Campus Housing

The Off-Campus Graduate and Family Housing Office has a comprehensive list of off-campus apartment buildings and homes in the neighborhoods surrounding campus. This office is located on the second floor of Scioto Hall. More information and resources can be found at:

http://www.uc.edu/uchousing/graduate_housing.html

Lease Agreements

When you rent a room or an apartment you will be required to sign a lease. A lease is a written contract between you and the landlord (the owner of the rental property). When you sign a lease, you agree to pay a certain amount of money each month and to follow certain rules in exchange for the right to occupy the rental property for a set period of time. Most lease agreements require that you pay a security deposit which is usually equal to one month's rent. This security deposit will be returned to you if you fulfill all the terms of the lease. Read the lease carefully and be sure you understand it before signing it.

Here are some key questions to ask any landlord when considering an apartment:

- How many minutes does it take to get to UC walking? And driving?
- Is there a bus line close by?
- What type of apartment is it? A house? An apartment complex?
- How many bedrooms does it have?
- How much is the rent per month?
- Is a security deposit required?
- What type of lease is offered (monthly, 6 month, 9 month, year)?
- Are children allowed?
- Are pets allowed? Is an extra security deposit required for pets?
- What kind of heat is used (gas, electric, oil, etc.)?
- Who pays for utilities (heat, electric, water, etc.)?
- Is the apartment furnished or unfurnished?
- What type of flooring is there (carpet, hardwood, tile)?
- Is there a stove? Is there a refrigerator?
- Is there air conditioning? Are there laundry facilities?
- What type of parking is available (garage, off-street parking, on-street parking)?
- How soon will the apartment be available?

Once you have moved in, your main responsibilities are to pay rent on time (use checks only; **do not pay with cash**) and keep the property in a clean and safe condition. While you have responsibilities to pay rent and keep the property in good condition, your landlord has responsibilities, too. If you believe the landlord is treating you differently than he would treat an American, or if the landlord is not keeping the property in working condition, be assertive. Do not accept negligence from your landlord. Demand that the apartment is in a safe, clean, livable condition. Otherwise, you are inviting the landlord to take advantage of you.

If you have problems with your landlord, it is a good idea to photograph the contested areas of the apartment which are in disrepair. In addition, put all of your complaints in writing, send your landlord a copy, and keep a copy of your complaints for your own files. If the problems are not resolved, consider taking legal action. UC International Services maintains a list of legal counsel.

Money and Banking

Managing your finances is one of the most important and challenging aspects of an enjoyable academic experience. This section introduces you to a few of the basic banking options available. When selecting a bank, you should compare services, service charges and bank locations before making your decision. There are several banks near the campus.

Banks

When you open an account with a bank, most banks require two pieces of identification, such as your passport and UC ID.

Major banks located in the University area include:

Cinco Family Financial Center Credit Union
Auburn and William Howard Taft Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45219
(513) 281-9988
<http://www.cinco.org>

PNC University Branch-Tangeman University Center
2766 UC MainStreet #301
Cincinnati, OH 45221
(513) 475-6204
<http://www.pnc.com/>

PNC Bank
3030 Vernon Place
Cincinnati, OH 45219
(513) 861-3400
<http://www.pnc.com>

US Bank
425 Ludlow Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45220
(513) 475-6060
<http://www.usbank.com>

Fifth Third Bank on Corry
30 E. Corry Street
Cincinnati, OH 45219
(513) 861-5100
<http://www.53.com>

Fifth Third Bank on Calhoun
132 Calhoun Street
Cincinnati, OH 45219
(513) 221-2335
<http://www.53.com>

Types of Accounts

Bank Cards: Many banks issue cards that enable you to deposit and withdraw money 24 hours a day by use of an Automated Teller Machine (ATM). These machines, which are frequently located outside the bank, are very convenient. By using a bank card, customers avoid waiting in line at the bank and have access to cash after the bank closes. Banks that are members of a national ATM network allow you to access your funds with your bank card at selected ATM's throughout the country. There are many ATM's located on campus. In some instances, there may be small fees associated with ATM use.

Cashing checks: To cash a check, you will need to endorse it by signing your name on the back. In addition, you will be asked for personal identification in the form of a driver's license, a State of Ohio ID card, or a UC ID card.

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Branch in Clifton 49 William Howard Taft Road

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Checking Accounts: Banks offer different types of checking accounts designed to fit individual needs. The cost of checking varies from bank to bank. Some banks charge per transaction, some have a basic monthly fee, and others offer free services if you maintain a certain minimum balance in your account at all times. A list of all the account activity for the preceding month, and in some cases your cancelled checks will be mailed to you in a monthly statement, or will be available to you online. Be careful to keep an accurate record of every check you write in order to avoid having checks returned due to insufficient funds and incurring additional charges. “Bouncing” a check (writing a check for more money than you actually have in the account) is illegal and can cost you time and money. Through some banks, you can apply for a line of credit attached to your checking account that provides overdraft protection.

Credit Cards: Credit cards may be convenient, especially if you unexpectedly have major expenses. You can pay expenses such as University and medical fees, airplane tickets and car repairs with any major credit card. You must understand that you can easily accumulate large bills with credit cards, and before you know it, you may be in debt. Before you accept a credit card, you must be sure to understand all your obligations. Most banks charge an annual fee. If you are unable to pay your full balance each month, you will be charged high interest rates (usually 18% or higher) on the remaining balance and any additional charges you make. Make sure you stay within your budget when making credit card purchases.

Debit Card: A debit card, also known as a check card, allows you to withdraw or deposit money to your bank account using an automatic teller machine (ATM) and to make purchases at stores that accept the card. Some debit cards carry a credit-card logo (such as Mastercard or Visa), and can be used in place of a check or credit card. Debit cards are not credit cards, however, and they can be used only to the extent that you have funds in the account to which they are linked.

Savings Accounts: A savings account enables you to save money and accumulate interest on your savings. Interest is paid either monthly or quarterly. The difference between a savings and a checking account is that you cannot write checks from a savings account.

Foreign Currency

If you deposit a check drawn on a foreign bank in your U.S. checking account, it may have to go through a collection process. This means that the money is not available to you until the U.S. bank has collected it from the foreign bank. It may take several weeks before the money is credited to your account.

In countries with restrictions on foreign exchange, you may need to provide your sponsor or your family with certification of enrollment in order to receive money from your home country. The certification letter eForm is available in iStart. Please allow five working days for processing.

III. Arriving in Cincinnati

How to get to UC

From the Airport

Upon arrival in Cincinnati, if desired, you can take a taxi from the Greater Cincinnati /Northern Kentucky Airport to temporary accommodations. You need to make sure you arrive in Cincinnati in time to take advantage of the temporary housing accommodations so that you have time to locate permanent housing if you do not have permanent housing arrangements already.

IV. Taxation Issues

All J-1 Exchange Visitors (and accompanying dependents) are required to complete an income tax return annually. For most exchange visitors, this will mean completing the form 1040NR or 1040NR-EZ (U.S. Nonresident Alien Income Tax Return) and a form 8843. You are required to file an income tax return even if you have no income from U.S. sources, or if your income is exempt from U.S. taxes due to treaties between the U.S. and your home country. You must file a return even if you don't earn income during a tax year.

Important Dates, Documents and Forms

April 15: The last day on which residents and non-residents who have earned wages from U.S. sources may file their U.S. federal income-tax returns.

June 15: The last day on which non-resident students and their dependents who have no wage income from U.S. sources may file their income tax returns.

Form 519: U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens, an IRS publication. This publication is essential for individuals from nations having tax treaties with the United States.

Form 8843: Statement for Exempt Individuals and Individuals with a Medical condition. This one-page document must be completed and returned with the 1040NR and 1040NR-EZ. It verifies nonresident alien tax status. **Students who have not earned wages from U.S. sources will file this form only.**

Form 1040NR: U.S. Non-resident Alien Income Tax Return. The longer version of the return completed by many non-residents. This form is distinct from the 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ filed by residents for tax purposes. It is not interchangeable with those forms. The IRS publishes an instruction booklet to accompany the form.

Form 1040NR-EZ: U.S. Income Tax Return for Certain Non-resident Aliens with No Dependents. A simplified version of the 1040NR. Most F-1 and J-1 students may file the 1040NR-EZ. The IRS publishes an instruction booklet for this form.

Form W-2: Wage and Tax Statement. A form issued annually by employers (normally during the month of January). Copies of the W-2 must be filed with federal, state, and local tax returns.

Form W-4: Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate. A form completed by employees at the time of hire to indicate how much tax is to be withheld from the paycheck.

Form 1042S: Foreign Persons U.S. Source Income Subject to Withholding is a form used to report total scholarship/fellowship payments income tax withheld and other information relating to grant payments.

Form W-8BEN: Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding is a form used to certify an individual's foreign status for tax purposes. Students who receive service-free scholarships or fellowships must file Form W-8BEN.

Form 8233: Students who are employed in the U.S. (including teaching and research assistants) and are partially or fully exempt by treaty from U.S. taxation must file Form 8233 and the appropriate attachment with the employer to claim exemption from withholding each year.

Each spring UC International Services will sponsor income tax assistance which will answer your questions, and help you complete your tax return. Please subscribe to UC International Blackboard page. It will tell you the times, dates, and locations of the assistance.

For further information about taxes, please go to www.uc.edu/international/services/taxes.html

V. For Assistance

Conflict Resolution

If you are having a university related conflict:

Office of University Ombuds: 607 Swift Hall, (513) 556-5956. Call to set up an appointment with the UC Ombuds to discuss your problem. The Ombuds is available to all members of the University community for CONFIDENTIAL discussion of your problem. This is not legal advice, but you will be presented with University policies and your options. The Ombuds may serve as an informal mediator and will also refer you to other services, if needed. You can also visit their website at <http://www.uc.edu/ombuds/>

Tenant-landlord Issues

If you are having trouble with your landlord:

Tenant Information Project (TIP) at the University of Cincinnati Law School: (513) 556-0053. Call this number to discuss, by telephone, the Ohio Landlord and Tenant Law with UC law students. They will research particular points in the legal codes for you and give you reference points if you decide to pursue further legal assistance. <http://www.law.uc.edu/>

If you are having trouble with your landlord due to ethnicity, nationality, religious belief, etc:

Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME): (513) 721-4663. Call this number when there is reason to believe that landlord problems may be due to your ethnicity, nationality, religious beliefs, etc. HOME provides legal aid for those dealing with potential fair housing issues. <http://www.cincyfairhousing.com/>

General Legal Counseling

If you are having trouble with anything on or off-campus and need general legal counseling.

Legal Aid: (513) 241-9400. Call this number for any legal concerns you may have. This service is provided free of charge to low-income individuals in Cincinnati. If Legal Aid is unable to help you, they will advise you and refer you to other services.

Personal Counseling and Other Issues

Getting used to a new culture can be challenging. The Counseling Center provides assistance with a wide range of issues, including cultural adjustment, to all students. No concern is too small or too large for The Counseling Center to help you. If they cannot be of service, they will help you find the right place for the information or assistance you need. **All consultations are strictly confidential.**

Counseling Center
301 Clifton Court
1216 Crosley Tower
(513) 556-0648

<http://www.uc.edu/counseling.html>

Campus Security

Security at the University of Cincinnati is provided by the Department of Public Safety, which includes the Clifton Campus Division and the Academic Health Center Complex. Each division employs full-time, trained, state-commissioned officers who carry full arrest powers. Their jurisdiction extends to all state-owned University property, which includes all University facilities and parking areas. They work with the city police to provide service to the University and surrounding communities.

On the Clifton campus, reports of all emergencies and crimes should be phoned in to the dispatcher at (513) 556-1111 (non-emergency) or 911 (emergency only). Officers will be dispatched immediately to assist.

In the Academic Health Center complex, which consists of University Hospital, Medical Sciences Building, Barrett Center, Medical Arts Building and all Outpatient Clinics, Holmes Hospital, College of Pharmacy, College of Nursing, Healthcare Professionals and Kettering Laboratory, the Academic Health Center Police Divisions should be contacted. The dispatcher should be called at (513) 558-1111 or (513) 558-4900 (non-emergency) or 911 (emergency only).

Reports and inquiries regarding lost property in the Academic Health Center may be phoned to the Police Headquarters at (513) 558-1111 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays. Clifton campus police headquarters can be reached at (513) 556-1111.

In an effort to make the students' environment as safe as possible, the police need all the assistance that students can provide. Therefore, reporting crimes and unusual activities immediately to the dispatcher is essential to ensure a safe campus.

The Department of Public Safety also provides a Crime Prevention Information Center. This center disseminates information on methods of resisting threats of crime in the home and on the street. For information on Crime Prevention Programs offered by the Center, call (513) 558-4900 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays. For additional information on campus security go to <http://www.uc.edu/pubsafety/>

Nightride

In addition to the above services, Student Activities and Leadership Development (SALD) also provide a free nighttime shuttle service to the UC Community. It is similar to a cab company and will take you within a one mile radius of campus. Call 558-RIDE (7433) for assistance.

Health Care and Insurance Requirements

University Health Services

Exchange visitors not enrolled for classes will not be able to use University Health Services.

Enrolled students with a health question or problem should go to University Health Services (UHS). The doctors at University Health Services are the same faculty who teach and train doctors at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. From sore throats to sprained ankles, University physicians are there for you.

You can receive personalized attention at University Health Services. Services provided include primary care services, women's health, dermatology, mental health services, preventative health care, health education, and wellness promotion. Additional special services include a pharmacy, x-ray, and laboratory services.

University Health Services is open daily during the week for your convenience. Appointments are required.

There is also a doctor “on call” 24 hours a day to advise you, should you have an emergency when the Campus Health Center is closed. <http://www.uc.edu/uhs.html>

Exchange Visitor Health Insurance

All exchange visitors must have insurance that covers themselves and any accompanying dependents. Levels of coverage and special conditions are as follows:

- Medical benefits of \$50,000 per accident or illness;
- \$7,500 for repatriation of remains;
- \$10,000 for expenses associated with medical evacuation to home country;
- Must include a deductible not in excess of \$500.00 per accident or illness and shall not exclude coverage for perils inherent to the activities of the program;
- The insurance policy must be underwritten by an American insurance corporation with an A.M. Best rating of 'A-' or above, an Insurance Solvency International. Ltd. (ISI) rating of 'A-1' or above, a Standard & Poor's Claims paying Ability rating of 'A-' or above, or a Weiss Research, Inc. rating of 'B-' or above. Insurance coverage backed by the full faith and credit of the government of the exchange visitor's home country shall be deemed to meet this requirement.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REGULATION COULD RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF YOUR EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM.

You are required to have such insurance from Day 1 in the U.S. If your position is covered by University of Cincinnati benefits, you are in compliance with the insurance regulation. If your appointment is not covered by UC medical benefits, you are required to provide UC International Services your proof of insurance by submitting the "Proof of Insurance" eForm in iStart. Links to insurance companies with qualifying policies can be found on our website at www.uc.edu/international/services/scholars/maintaining_status/health_insurance.html

VI. Living in the U.S.

UC is a diverse campus, with students, faculty, and staff from many parts of the world. For people of any age and background, being in a new country combines a sense of excitement and anticipation with some fears, loneliness, and doubts. Culture is a pattern of beliefs, values, and behaviors shared by groups of people. Cultural differences among groups can be sources of interest, pleasure, and growth. Learning about new and different languages, music, foods, and social customs will enhance your experience. Differences, however, can also lead to confusion about how to behave in different situations and the meaning of others' behavior. Understanding some common cultural patterns in the United States can ease the transition and help students (and family members here with them) feel more at ease and a part of things. Understanding another culture does not mean, however, that a person must abandon his or her own ways. Getting acquainted with social and cultural differences is a very important process because it will help you to build successful relationships with Americans. The following are some common American customs you will probably encounter.

Cultural Issues

Social Invitations

While you are here, we hope that you will meet and spend time with Americans and their families. These

suggestions may help you feel more comfortable when you are invited out. The invitation is usually for you only, unless your hosts specifically invite your family or friends. Bringing guests of your own without asking your host's permission is considered impolite. The written invitation will include the date, time, place, and description of the occasion. You should always answer a written invitation, especially if it says R.S.V.P. (Répondez s'il vous plaît; French for "please respond"). You may respond by telephone or by email; prompt notice is appreciated.

Never accept an invitation unless you really plan to go. If you must decline an invitation, it is enough to say, "Thank you for the invitation, but I am unable to attend". If an unavoidable problem makes it necessary for you to change plans, be certain to tell the host as soon as possible before the time when you are expected. Make sure you get directions to the place where the event will be held.

When accepting an invitation for a meal, be sure to explain to your host if there is anything you are not supposed to eat. This courtesy will help the host to plan for food and beverages that everyone can enjoy. If you must refuse something after it has been prepared, refuse politely. Never hesitate to ask for any food on the table: "Would you please pass the rolls?", since asking for more food is considered to be a compliment to the host. Being on time is very important in American culture.

Hygiene

Americans put a great deal of emphasis on personal cleanliness. The standard of personal cleanliness that an individual maintains will determine (to a large extent) how he or she is accepted in society. Most Americans are very sensitive to the smells and odors of the human body-sometimes their own, but especially someone else's. For this reason, most Americans bathe once a day, and sometimes more during hot weather or after strenuous exercise. They use deodorants and antiperspirants, and they wash their clothes frequently. Most Americans are also very concerned about having clean hair and fresh breath.

Individualism and Privacy

The most important thing to understand about Americans is their devotion to individualism. From childhood, they have been trained to consider themselves as separate individuals who are responsible for their own situations in life and their own destinies. They have not been trained to see themselves as members of a close-knit, tightly interdependent family, religious group, tribe, nation, or other collectivity.

Closely associated with the value they place on individualism is the importance Americans assign to privacy. Americans assume that people need some time to themselves or some time alone to think about things or recover their spent psychological energy.

Directness and Assertiveness

Americans generally consider themselves to be frank, open, and direct in their dealings with other people. Americans will often speak openly and directly to others about things they dislike. They will try to do so in a manner they call "constructive", that is, a manner which the other person will not find offensive or unacceptable. If they do not speak openly about what is on their minds, they will often convey their reactions in nonverbal ways (without words), but through facial expressions, body positions, and gestures. Americans are not taught that they should mask their emotional responses. Their words, the tone of their voices, or their facial expressions will usually reveal when they are feeling angry, unhappy, confused, or happy and content. They do not think it improper to display these feelings, at least within limits. They are much less concerned with avoiding embarrassment to themselves or others than most cultures. To Americans, being honest is usually more important than preserving harmony in interpersonal relationships.

Friendship and Dating

While many Americans are fairly open and warm people who are quick to make new acquaintances, their mobility and sense of individualism mean that their relationships are often casual and informal. This is not to say that Americans take friendship lightly. It just means that while Americans know a lot of people, their lasting friendships are often few.

Comparatively, women in the United States are generally less inhibited than women from other countries. They are not usually shy with Americans or international visitors. Their relaxed and more independent attitude may be misunderstood by people whose native culture is more restrictive of women's activities. It is not unusual, for example, for unmarried women to live by themselves, to share living space with other single women, or to go to public places unescorted.

American Holidays

Which American Holidays Are Important?

Generally, throughout the United States, both the federal and state governments, and much of the public, consider the following dates holidays:

New Year's Day - January 1: Federal holiday for schools, offices and banks. Stores are open. New Year's Eve, December 31, is more important to Americans than New Year's Day itself. Everyone gathers with family and friends to "ring out the old and ring in the new", an expression that reflects the old custom of ringing church bells to greet the new year.

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday - January 16 (Observed on 3rd Monday in January): Federal holiday that began in 1986. Martin Luther King, Jr. organized and led the civil-rights movement in America during the 1960s.

Valentine's Day - February 14: Not a federal holiday. Lover's holiday celebrated by sending cards and giving candy or flowers.

Saint Patrick's Day - March 17: Not a federal holiday. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, and this holiday was brought to America by Irish immigrants. People celebrate this holiday by wearing something green and getting together with friends to party and sing Irish folk songs.

April Fool's Day - April 1: Not a federal holiday. As in many other countries, this day is marked by the custom of playing practical jokes on friends and colleagues.

Easter - April 8: Not a federal holiday. A religious holiday for Christians who believe that on this day Christ rose from the dead. Many folk traditions are now connected with Easter, including the decoration of brightly colored eggs and giving gifts to children.

Mother's Day - May 13: Not a federal holiday. On this day Americans honor their mothers by sending flowers and buying small gifts.

Memorial Day - May 28: Federal holiday. Memorial Day is the day on which Americans remember those who died in military service to their country. Many families visit graves and decorate them with flowers. The day is also marked with patriotic parades. This day is considered the beginning of the summer season.

Father's Day - June 17: Not a federal holiday. Fathers are honored on this day. Children give them cards and gifts.

Independence Day - July 4: Federal holiday. Independence Day commemorates the day the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776. The holiday is celebrated all over the country

with picnics, political speeches, and community get-togethers that culminate in fireworks displays.

Labor Day - September 3: Federal holiday. This holiday was established in recognition of the labor movement's contribution to the productivity of the country. This day is the last holiday of the summer season and is celebrated with picnics and other outings.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur - September 4-6 & 13-14: Not a federal holiday. Rosh Hashanah, which commemorates the beginning of the Jewish New Year, is the first of the Ten Days of Penitence, which end with Yom Kippur, the most solemn of Jewish holidays. For Rosh Hashanah, families gather for a feast in which an apple is dipped in honey to express hope for a sweet year ahead. In Judaism, Yom Kippur is the day of atonement; on the eve of Yom Kippur, Jews ask forgiveness from those they may have wronged. The keynotes of the holiday are fasting and a collective confession, repeated several times throughout the day.

Halloween - October 31: Not a federal holiday. This was originally a religious holiday, but its religious character has been lost in the United States, and it is now celebrated mostly as a children's holiday. Traditions include carving out pumpkins with funny faces, as well as dressing up in costumes and going around the neighborhood to receive treats of candy, fruit, and cookies. When people come to the door, children say "trick or treat", meaning "if you don't give me a treat, I will trick you."

Thanksgiving Day - November 28: Federal holiday. The first Thanksgiving Day was celebrated by the Pilgrims at Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts in 1621 to give thanks for the bountiful harvest and their triumph of survival over the wilderness. Now it is a time when Americans give thanks for the good life they enjoy. They celebrate by getting together with family and friends to enjoy turkey, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie.

Hanukkah- November 27-December 5, 2013 Not a federal holiday. One of the less solemn of the Jewish holidays, but one widely observed even by nonreligious Jews. The only Jewish holiday connected with war, Hanukkah celebrates the victory of Jewish Maccabees over their Syrian rulers in 167 B.C. Hanukkah is marked with parties, games, gifts for children, and the lighting of the eight candles of the menorah.

Christmas - December 25: Federal holiday. Many people regard Christmas as the most important holiday of the year, with the holiday season extending from a few days before Christmas to New Year's Day. Although its origins are religious in nature, it is a holiday celebrated by almost everyone in the country. Family members travel great distances to be together on this day on which gifts are exchanged, and a traditional dinner is shared. Even families who do not have strong religious convictions decorate a Christmas tree and join in the festivities of the Christmas season.

VII. Campus and Community

Campus Events and Programs

Worldfest Week Celebration

The University of Cincinnati holds a special week of international events called "Worldfest Week: A Cultural and a UC Just Initiative". Worldfest typically takes place in April and has many events, including the International Festival for which international students decorate booths, give performances, and prepare food from their native countries.

International students play a major role in Worldfest and we hope that you will be involved while you are attending UC. It's a week of fun for all!

International Friendship Program

The University of Cincinnati has a program for incoming international students called the **UC International Friendship Program**. As a participant in the program, you will be paired with a University faculty/staff member or community representative with whom you may visit, enjoy an occasional meal, celebrate holidays, participate in community sports and cultural events, or just relax in conversation. This will be an opportunity for you to experience American life in a non-university setting and learn first-hand about our culture.

If you are interested in participating in the UC International Friendship Program, applications will be distributed during the check-in process or you can pick up an application at UC International Services.

International Education Week

Each November, the U.S. celebrates its international connections with International Education Week. As a large international community UC celebrates this week with lectures, film festivals, and many other events that highlight our international connections. We hope that you will become involved in this week as well.

International Student/Scholar Organizations

The University of Cincinnati has many International Student Organizations whose purposes are to promote education and understanding among cultures, as well as to create a network of friendship between students from all over the world. To make these organizations a success, we need your participation.

To find out more about these groups, go to www.uc.edu/sald/.

Campus Services and Attractions

On-Campus Dining

Students may choose from a number of quick and full-service dining facilities housed on campus. Visitors are also welcome in the Siddall and Center Court residence dining rooms.

Tangeman University Center (TUC): TUC has a food court which includes Chick-fil-A, Kuma Neko, Papa Johns Pizza, Taco Bell, and Burger King. Mick and Mack's is a full service restaurant located in Tangeman University Center. Quick Mick's has food items which can be purchased quickly.

Student Life Center: Adjacent to Tangeman University Center, the Student Life Center houses Starbuck's Coffee and Subway Sandwiches.

Starbucks: Located in Emery Hall. Offers Java City Coffee, bagels, soups and sandwiches.

Campus View Café: Located in University Hall; this café offers a variety of food options.

Center Court and Siddall Hall Dining Centers: One price - all you care to eat: Home-style entrées, grill, Bene's Pizza, Pan Geos (fresh and made to order), salad and deli bar. Menus include American favorites, ethnically inspired cuisine, and vegetarian selections.

Stadium View Café: Offers a variety of food options including deli-styled sandwiches, chicken strips and chicken wings. Located between Nippert Stadium and the Campus Recreation Center, above Center Court.

On-Campus Attractions

MainStreet Cinema: Located in the TUC. Showing recently released films as well as classic movies. Tickets cost \$2 dollars with your Bearcat Campus Card.

Catskeller Game Room & Sports Lounge: Located on the first floor of TUC with entrances from both the Food Court and the Bearcat Plaza patio facing the press box at Nippert Stadium, the Catskeller features Golden Tee, pool tables, ping pong, Air Hockey, darts, Dance Revolution and more.

Flex \$\$ Money or Bearcat Cards

At each of the locations above, students will be able to use their flex dollars or Bearcat cards instead of cash. Payment options for the card are flexible, and students have many menu alternatives on campus, making mealtime convenient. You can choose from many different meal plans, from three meals a day to seven meals a week plus additional cash on the Flex\$\$.

Emergency Assistance

If you need assistance for any reason, pick up any of the Help Phones located throughout campus marked by a blue light and a sign. No need to dial; you'll be connected immediately with the UC Public Safety Office.

Parking

Parking for a fee is available in the following locations: Clifton Court Garage, Calhoun Garage, Campus Green Garage, CCM Garage, Corry Garage, Goodman Street Garage, Woodside Garage, Medical Sciences Garage, B lot and C lot (limited availability). You may park for a fee in most other campus lots between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. For more information visit <http://www.uc.edu/parking/>

Shuttle Bus Service

UC provides campus shuttle buses Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. There is also shuttle service now available to Newport on the Levee. Schedules and routes are posted on thier website at http://www.uc.edu/af/facilities/services/shuttle_

Stores

Bookstore: Located on West Campus in the south wing of the Tangeman University Center, the bookstore can serve many of your needs in addition to supplying your textbooks. It now carries a vast array of school supplies, clothing, food, office and art supplies, computer software, greeting cards, etc. There is also a bookstore for medical students on east campus, located on the 1st floor of the Medical Science Building. You can purchase textbooks, lab gowns, white coats, various instruments, school supplies, etc. Phone: (513) 556-1700.

Business on Main: Provides students, staff and faculty with copying, printing, and shipping services. Located in the Steger Student Life Center.

Market on Main: A campus grocery with fresh produce, everyday items, frozen meals and beverages. Located at the Campus Recreation Center, Market on Main is open from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Mail

The nearest U.S. Post Office is located on Vine Street. Its hours of operation are weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The telephone number is (513) 751-4384.

The U.S. Postal Service will ship packages both within the U.S. and overseas. However, there are private companies which can ship packages; some will provide overnight guarantees. United Parcel Service (UPS) and Federal Express (FedEx) are two examples.

Recreation/Exercise

The University of Cincinnati Campus Recreation Center (CRC) is a state-of-the-art fitness and recreation facility. With over 200,000 square feet of recreation space, the Center offers University students, employees, and friends of the University a wide range of exercise and fitness opportunities, including: three pools (50-meter x 25-yard lap pool, Leisure pool, Whirlpool, and 2 one-meter & 1 three-meter diving boards). The center also includes 3 multipurpose fitness rooms, 8 racquet courts, 6-court gymnasium, 40-foot climbing wall, 10-foot bouldering wall, suspended running/walking track and over 200 pieces of specialized equipment. All University facilities are available to students. Non-students can use the facilities by paying a quarterly fee. Visit <http://www.uc.edu/reccenter/> to learn more.

About Cincinnati

The City

Cincinnati is the home of many multi-national corporations, including Procter & Gamble. Its metropolitan area is home to more than two million people. The small-town aspects of the city include beautiful parks, easy commuting, and an accessible downtown. Our international airport makes Cincinnati an easy commute from your home country. We have professional sports teams like the Cincinnati Reds baseball team and the Cincinnati Bengals (American football team), world-class museums and art galleries and a vigorous, diverse economy with opportunities for co-op employment, internships and careers after graduation. Our downtown is easy to navigate on foot, and its charming neighborhoods date back to the 19th century. Because of all that we have to offer, Cincinnati has been rated one of the most livable metro areas in America. Cincinnati's riverfront has parks with places for strolling and sunbathing, watching a ballgame or dining in a riverfront café. Downtown contains architectural gems like the art-deco Carew Tower and majestic Music Hall. Cincinnati's art deco train station has been converted into a stunning museum center with an Omnimax theater and the fascinating Cincinnati History Museum. The Cincinnati Zoo is internationally known for its collection of endangered species. And, if you're in need of a mid-February visit to the tropics, the rain forest and floral exhibits at the nearby Krohn Conservatory are sure to chase the winter blahs. The climate in Cincinnati changes with the seasons.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Ave. Max Temp Celsius	2.9	5.3	11.9	18.2	23.7	28.2	30.0	29.6	25.9	19.7	11.9	5.4
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Winter Weather Health Tips

Coping with the extreme winter weather conditions can be challenging. Here are some tips that will help make the weather conditions more tolerable.

Wear layers of clothing. You will be much warmer if you wear several layers of clothing rather than one heavy shirt and a coat. Benefits to wearing layers are that you can remove some of them if you get too warm indoors, or you can add more if you are still too cold.

Wear a hat! Between 35-50 percent of body heat is eliminated through the head. If you want to use that heat to stay warm, cover your head!

If you are displeased with the way a hat can mess up your hair, you can use a long winter scarf instead. Just lay it over your head and wrap the long ends around your neck. It won't mess your hair up as much. You can also use the hood of your winter jacket (if it has one). In extreme cold, some people use both a hat and the hood.

Keep your socks dry. If you have had your socks on all day, your feet will have perspired some. If you've walked a lot, they will have perspired more. Even a little perspiration will cause your socks to be damp. If your feet are even a little damp, they will be cold, and if your feet are cold, you will be cold. Walking through snow or walking in the rain will obviously contribute to the problem. It's a good idea to change into a clean, dry pair of socks before you go back outside-especially if you have to be out for very long.

Transportation

The transportation system in the United States is quite different from that in most other countries. Most Americans own cars, which are the most common form of transportation. Our rail and bus systems are not as extensive as those of many other countries.

The Metro: Greater Cincinnati's public transportation system, the Metro, offers bus service in Hamilton County and portions of Butler County and Clermont County every day of the year. For complete route, schedule and fare information, check <http://www.sorta.com> or <http://www.go-metro.com>, or call Metro at 513-632-7528 (TDD Ohio RelayService 1-800-750-0750), weekdays 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or visit Metro Center's information office at 120 East Fourth Street, open weekdays, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Taxicabs. There are many taxicab companies in Cincinnati. The Yellow Cab Company (241-2100) is reliable and experienced, but there are many other taxicab companies to choose from. You must call to be picked up; taxis do not cruise around town like in many other big cities.

Out-of-Town Bus Service. The Greyhound bus station is located at 1005 Gilbert Avenue, downtown Cincinnati. Call 1-800-231-2222 (out of town) or 352-6012 (local) for schedule and fare information. Bus fares are reasonable and riding the bus is a great way to see the United States and its people.
<http://www.greyhound.com>

Train Services. The Amtrak train station is located at 1301 Western Avenue, Queensgate. Routes may be limited. For more information call 1-800-872-7245, 651-3337 (local), or a travel agent.
<http://www.amtrak.com>

Air Travel. the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport is the city's international airport. Flight and other travel information is available on their website www.cvgairport.com.

How to Obtain an Ohio Driver's License

If you have a valid International Driver's License or a valid driver's license from another U.S. state, you may drive a car in Ohio for up to one year from the date of your arrival in the U.S. Your DS-2019 must have been issued for a duration of time that exceeds one year in order to obtain an Ohio Driver's license. However, if you purchase a car and register it in your name, or if you do not have a valid driver's license from Ohio, the procedure for obtaining an Ohio Driver's license is as follows:

1. Get a copy of the Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws from any Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
2. Visit the nearest Deputy Registrar Office to get a temporary permit application packet. A fee will be charged, and you will need to bring identification with you.
3. Go to the nearest Bureau of Motor Vehicles license exam station to take a vision test and a written test on Ohio motor vehicle regulations and traffic signs. After you pass the written test, you will be issued a temporary instruction permit which authorizes you to practice for your road test only when there is a licensed driver seated in the front seat.
4. When you have developed your driving skills well enough, contact the nearest exam station to schedule a road test.
5. In order to be issued a license, a foreign national must present:
 - a. Valid passport;
 - b. U.S. visa;
 - c. I-94 card;
 - d. One of the following: An I-20, or a DS-2019, along with an original letter from UC International Services stating that you are affiliated with UC.
 - e. The foreign national must show he or she will reside or has resided in Ohio for 12 months, which can normally be proved using the above documentation; and
 - f. Each applicant must state whether a permanent Social Security number has been assigned. However, a permanent Social Security number is not required to be issued a driver's license.

As stated above, foreign nationals who will not reside in Ohio for more than 12 months can drive on an international driver's license. More detailed information about getting an Ohio driver's license and license plates can be found in the Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws. You can also find information in the Digest for new Ohio residents who hold a valid driver's license from another state and want to get an Ohio driver's license. Please make sure you purchase auto insurance. It's against the law to drive without it!

Driver's License Exam Stations and Deputy Registrar's Offices:

10940 Hamilton Avenue, Seven Hills, OH (513) 674-7830 and
 11177 Reading Road, Sharonville, OH (513) 769-3047

Additional information is available at <http://www.dmv.org/oh-ohio/departments-motor-vehicles.php>.

Auto Insurance

In order to obtain license plates for a car, you will be required to show proof that you have auto insurance. It is illegal to drive without car insurance. Many companies offer a variety of auto insurance policies, so you should "shop around". When you have selected a policy, read it carefully before signing any documents. The following companies offer auto insurance.

Company	Web Site	Phone
Allstate Insurance	http://www.allstate.com	1-800-255-7828
American Family Insurance	http://www.amfam.com	1-800-692-6320
Geico Direct	http://www.geico.com	1-800-861-8380
Liberty Mutual	http://www.libertymutual.com	1-800-837-5254
Nationwide Insurance	http://www.nationwide.com	1-800-882-2822
Progressive Insurance	http://www.progressive.com	1-800-669-6877
State Farm Insurance	http://www.statefarm.com	1-513-531-7063

Dining, Entertainment & Shopping

Cincinnati is full of places to purchase all amenities to meet your living needs as well as places and activities to keep you entertained during your free time. Visit www.bearcash.com or www.urbanspoon.com to find local restaurants and reviews.

Amusement Parks

Coney Island Sunlite Pool: Located at 6201 Kellogg Avenue, Coney Island has the world's largest recirculating pool complete with a rowboat lifeguard patrol. The pool features the Zoom Flume, the Zip, two thrilling water slides plus miniature golf, paddle boats, tennis courts and a picnic area. Open daily Memorial Day through Labor Day (513) 232-8230.

Kings Island: Located North on I-71 exit 24 (6300 Kings Island Drive), Kings Island is the largest and best theme park in the Midwest. Features include thrilling roller coasters such as The Beast, Vortex and King Cobra, Whitewater Rapids, Flight Commander and a 16 slide wet and wild water park. Open daily Memorial Day through Labor Day, and weekends only from mid April to Memorial Day and Labor Day to the end of October. Special events are scheduled for Halloween and sometimes during the Christmas holiday season. (513) 754-5700

Dance

Cincinnati Ballet Company at Music Hall: The season runs September through April. The annual performance of "The Nutcracker" in late December has become a Cincinnati tradition. Student rates are available. The Cincinnati Ballet participates in Enjoy the Arts (see Fine Arts section below for further details). Phone: (513) 621-5282.

Corbett Theater: UC Main Campus. The College-Conservatory of Music offers a full slate dance performances yearly. Phone: (513) 556-6638.

Festivals in Cincinnati

Festival of Lights: A beautiful display of Christmas lights and fireworks at the Cincinnati Zoo, nightly in November and December. Phone: (513) 281-4700. <http://cincinnati-zoo.org/events/>

May Festival: Featuring the May Festival Chorus and the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the Festival presents marvelously concentrated choral repertoire rarely found in the usual concert season. Many choral festivals are largely repetitions of the standard repertoire from the subscription season. Nothing about the Cincinnati May Festival is routine - musically, socially or personally. <http://www.mayfestival.com/>

Oktoberfest: Held within a six-block area surrounding Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati in September. <http://www.oktoberfest-zinzinnati.com/>.

Panegyri Greek Festival: Greek food, beverages, music, dancing, grocery and boutique. Held in June at the Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 7000 Winton Road, Finneytown. <http://www.holytrinity.oh.goarch.org>

Cincy City Blues Fest: Held in Cincinnati at Sawyer Point Park, by the Ohio River in the downtown area. Over 30 national, regional, and local acts. Everything from electric blues to acoustic blues to boogie woogie piano to gospel. <http://www.cincyblues.org>.

Riverfest: Live bands and a fantastic 45 minute fireworks display on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. www.webn.com

Summerfair: 300 artists from the US and Canada, 5 stages of local entertainers, strolling performers, youth arts festival, kids' hands-on crafts and delicious food court. <http://www.summerfair.org>.

Taste of Cincinnati: A gastronomic feast held in late May, downtown on Central Parkway. Taste portions of many restaurant specialties for \$2.00 or less! www.tasteofcincinnati.com

■ **Fine Arts**

The best way to get up-to-date information on concerts, exhibits, plays, lectures, and other cultural events is to consult the listings of events in the Cincinnati Enquirer at: <http://www.cincinnati.com>.

Local Sports

UC Bearcats: football, basketball, baseball, soccer, tennis and other sports are free with student I.D.

Cincinnati Reds Baseball: Great American Ballpark. Tickets are \$5.00 and up.

Cincinnati Bengals Football: Paul Brown Stadium. Tickets are \$40.00 and up.

Cincinnati Cyclones ice hockey: US Bank Arena. Tickets are \$13.00 and up.

The US Bank Arena, located in downtown Cincinnati, at 100 Broadway, hosts various events including concerts, rodeos, motorcross and monster truck races, and figure skating. Phone: (513) 421-4111.

■ **Movies**

First Run Theaters

Esquire: 320 Ludlow Avenue in Clifton. Foreign films, art movies, and independent films. Call 281-8750 or 281-2803. <http://www.esquiretheatre.com>.

AMC Theaters: Located in The Newport on the Levee, Kentucky AMC Entertainment is a leader in the theatrical exhibition industry. Call 859-261-8100 to get AMC show times and reserve tickets with a major credit card. <http://www.amctheatres.com/>

Rave Motion Pictures

Showcase Cinemas/National Amusements: <http://www.showcasecinemas.com>

Florence: Florence Mall, KY
Phone: (859) 282-6619

Springdale: 12064 Springfield Road
Phone: (800) 315-4000

Kenwood: 7815 Kenwood Rd.
Phone: (513) 984-4488

Western Hills: 5870 Harrison Avenue
Phone: (513) 574-2048

Second Run Theaters (Super Saver Cinemas)

Cincinnati Mills: Forest Park-1st run shows \$4.50 before 6:00, \$7.00 after 6:00; all 2nd run shows are \$2.60 at all times. Phone: (513) 671-0537.

Danbarry Dollar Saver: 5190 Glen Crossing - \$2.50 at all times. Phone: (513) 451-2300

■ **Museums and Other Attractions**

Art Academy of Cincinnati: 1212 Jackson St. (513) 562-6262, located next to the Art Museum. Aside from a variety of temporary and student exhibits, the Art Academy also offers non-credit workshops and

art classes for the public. For more information, call the Community Art Education Department at (513) 562-8748. <http://www.artacademy.edu>.

Carew Tower and Fountain Square: Located on the corner of 5th Street and Vine Street (downtown). On a sunny day, there is a great view of the entire city from the top of our tallest building. Afterwards, stop and enjoy ice cream on Fountain Square. However, watch out for the pigeons because they are always hungry!

Cincinnati Art Museum: 953 Eden Park Drive (513) 639-2995. Open year round, free admission on Saturday, and closed Mondays. 118 galleries and many temporary special exhibits. <http://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org>.

Cincinnati Museum Center: Located on 1301 Western Avenue (513) 287-7000. An art deco train station turned into a world-class museum. It's the world's largest half-dome structure with a magnificent series of mosaics depicting the history of transportation. There's also a children's discovery center, a pre-school playhouse, and a garden area. The center includes the Cincinnati History Museum, Cinergy's Children Museum and the Museum of Natural History and Science, which includes a planetarium and all new exhibits. Union Terminal is also the proud host to the Omnimax Theater which plays special feature films with great acoustics and almost 180 degrees of screen surrounding the audience. This is a wonderful thing to do while in Cincinnati! Admission is charged. <http://www.cincymuseum.org>.

Cincinnati Zoo: 3400 Vine St. (Two blocks North of the Medical Center on the corner of Erkenbrecher and Vine) (513)281-4701, the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden is consistently ranked as one of the top zoos in the country. Opened in 1875, it is the nation's second oldest zoo and a national historic landmark. The Zoo's 75 acres house more than 500 animal species and 3,000 plant varieties. This not-for-profit entity is internationally known for its success in the protection and propagation of endangered animals and plants, and engages in research and conservation projects around the world. Visit <http://www.cincinnatiatizoo.org> for information on special events, current hours, admission, membership and more.

Contemporary Arts Center: Located at 44 East 6th St. (513) 345-8400, the Contemporary Arts Center has all the latest in weird and wonderful art! Admission is free on Mondays from 5pm-9pm. <http://www.contemporaryartscenter.org>.

Krohn Conservatory: 1501 Eden Park Drive, (513) 421-4086, open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. In Eden Park, the Krohn Conservatory contains specimens of tropical plants and has beautiful seasonal floral displays. During the winter holidays, there is a giant Christmas tree and live manger scene. Admission is free, except for special exhibits such as the butterfly show every spring.

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center: 50 East Freedom Way (513) 333-7739. The Freedom Center is located on the banks of the Ohio River in Cincinnati, Ohio. The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center stands as the nation's newest monument to freedom. It brings to life the importance - and relevance - of struggles for freedom around the world and throughout history, including today. Made up of three buildings that symbolize the cornerstones of freedom - courage, cooperation, and perseverance - the Freedom Center's curving architecture reflects the winding river and the often-changing path to freedom.

Newport Aquarium: Located on One Aquarium Way, Newport Ky. 41071-1679. It offers unexpected delights of undersea creatures and many adventures in an exciting fishbowl. Price: Adults \$22; children (ages 2-12) \$15. Phone: (859) 261-7444. <http://www.newportaquarium.com>.

Taft Museum: Located at 316 Pike St. downtown (513) 241-0343. Built in 1820, the Taft family residence includes collections of Rembrandt, Croga, and Chinese and French objects d'art. Admission is free on Wednesdays. <http://www.taftmuseum.org>.

Discounts

Enjoy the Arts: Entertainment discounts can be received for many activities by obtaining a membership (full-time students: \$25.00 a year, individuals age 30 and under: \$40.00) in Enjoy the Arts. Membership benefits can be found on the website: <http://enjoythearts.org>

Entertainment Coupon Booklet: Approximately \$40.00. "Two for one" discounts for many recreational activities, including several fine arts performances. This coupon booklet contains discounts for various restaurants from gourmet to fast food and discounts for major movie theater chains. Call (888) 231-7283 for information.

VIII. Useful Websites

Bookstores

DuBois Bookstore: Located at 321 Calhoun Street, the DuBois Bookstore offers an alternative to the UC Bookstore. They also carry textbooks, school supplies, clothes, posters, etc., and have late hours. Phone: (513) 281-4120.

UC Bookstore: Located in Tangeman University Center (TUC), the UC Bookstore is your on-campus connection for UC memorabilia, clothes, supplies, textbooks, and more. (513) 556-1700

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College of Allied Health Sciences:	http://www.caahs.uc.edu	School of Social Work:	http://www.uc.edu/socialwork
College of Engineering and Applied Sciences:	http://www.ceas.uc.edu	Undergraduate Admissions:	http://www.admissions.uc.edu 1-513-556-1100
McMicken College of Arts & Sciences:	http://www.artsci.uc.edu	Graduate School:	http://www.grad.uc.edu
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College of Nursing:	http://www.nursing.uc.edu (513) 558-5500	Orientation:	http://www.uc.edu/orientation

College of Pharmacy:	http://www.pharmacy.uc.edu	Student Activities & Leadership Development:	http://www.uc.edu/sald
Raymond Walters College:	http://www.rwc.uc.edu	Student Financial Aid:	http://www.financialaid.uc.edu

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<i>Regional Tourism Network</i>	http://www.cincinnatiusa.com/
<i>Best of the Web - Cincinnati</i>	http://local.botw.org/Ohio/Cincinnati/
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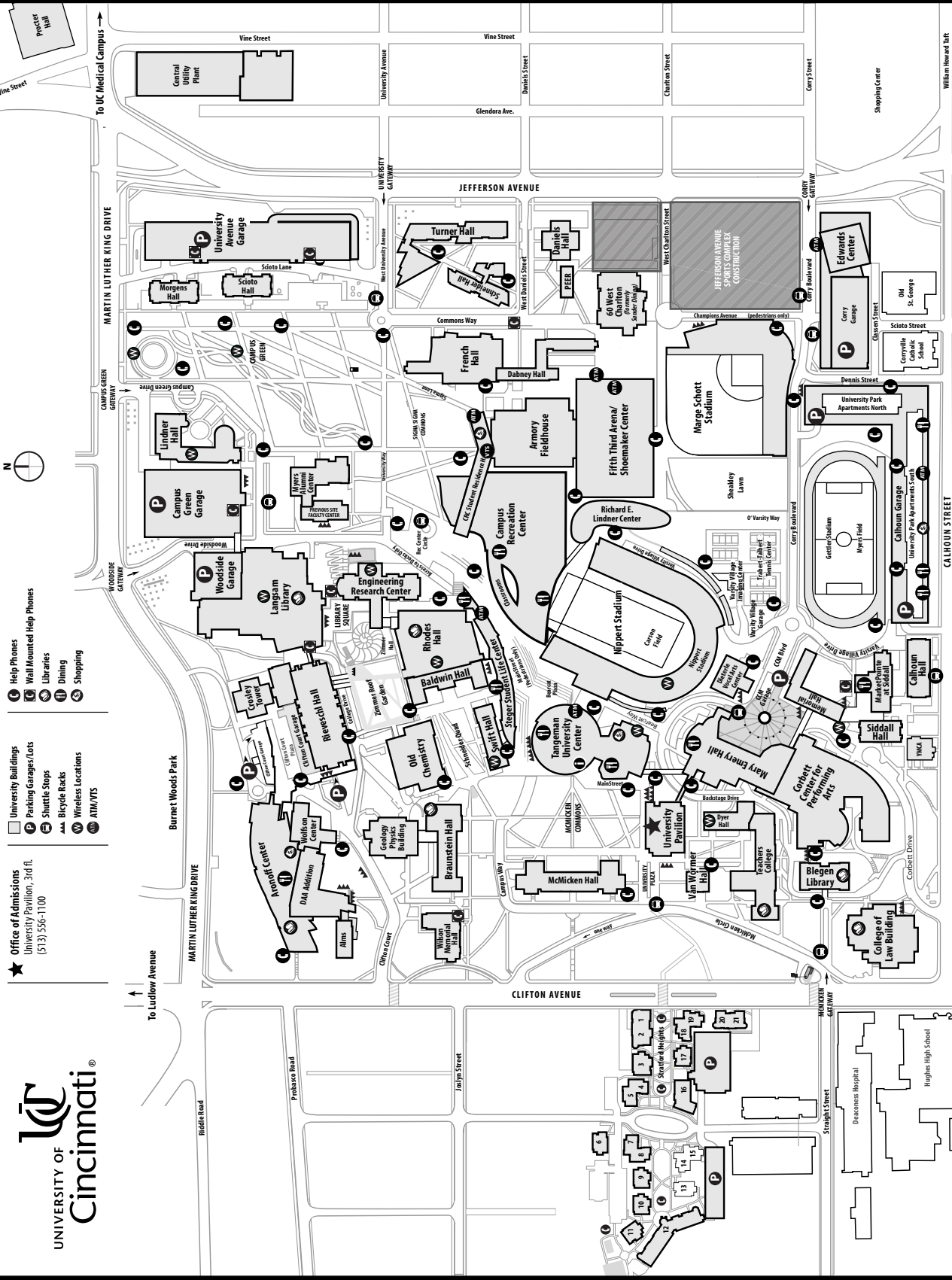
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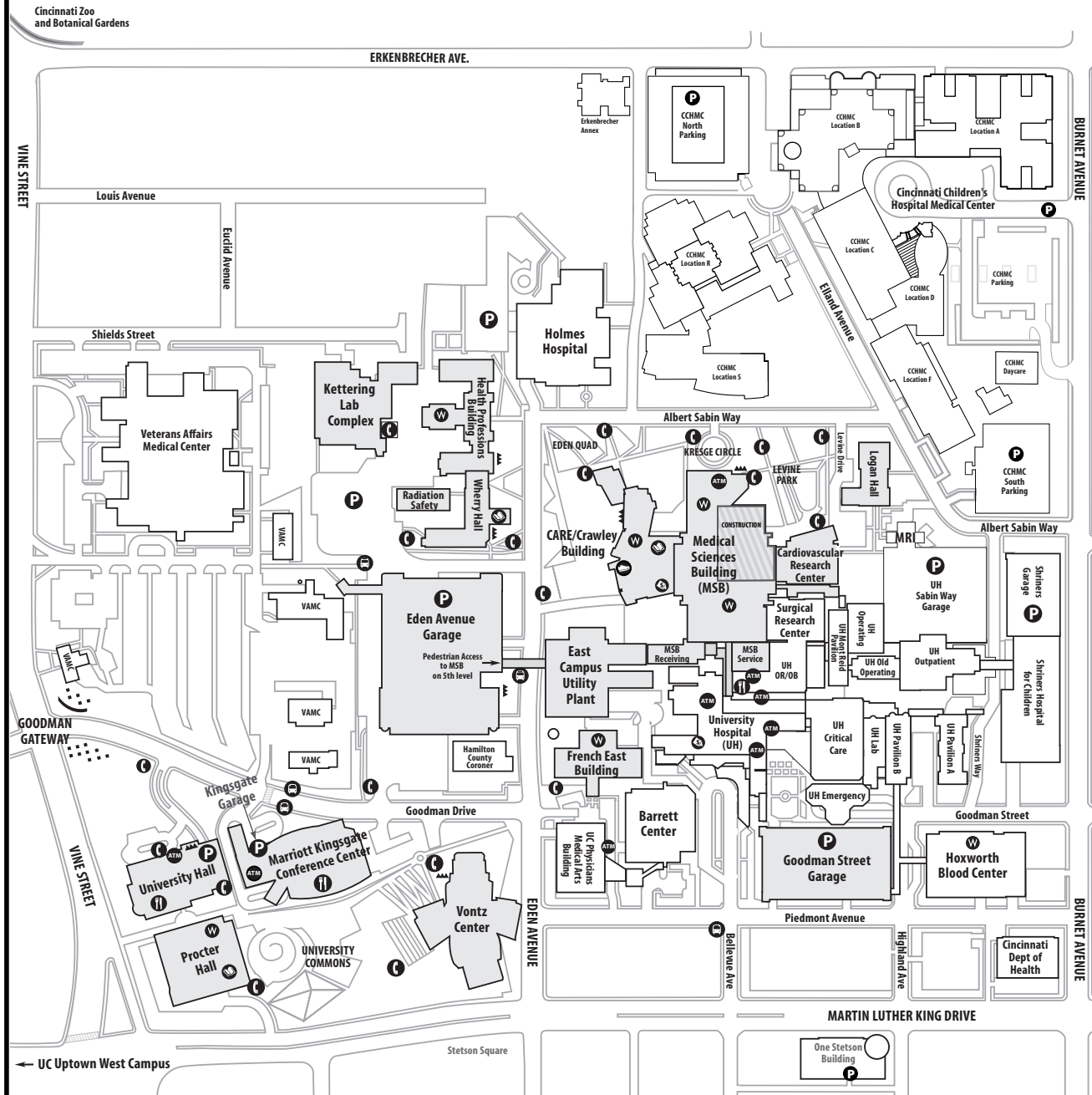
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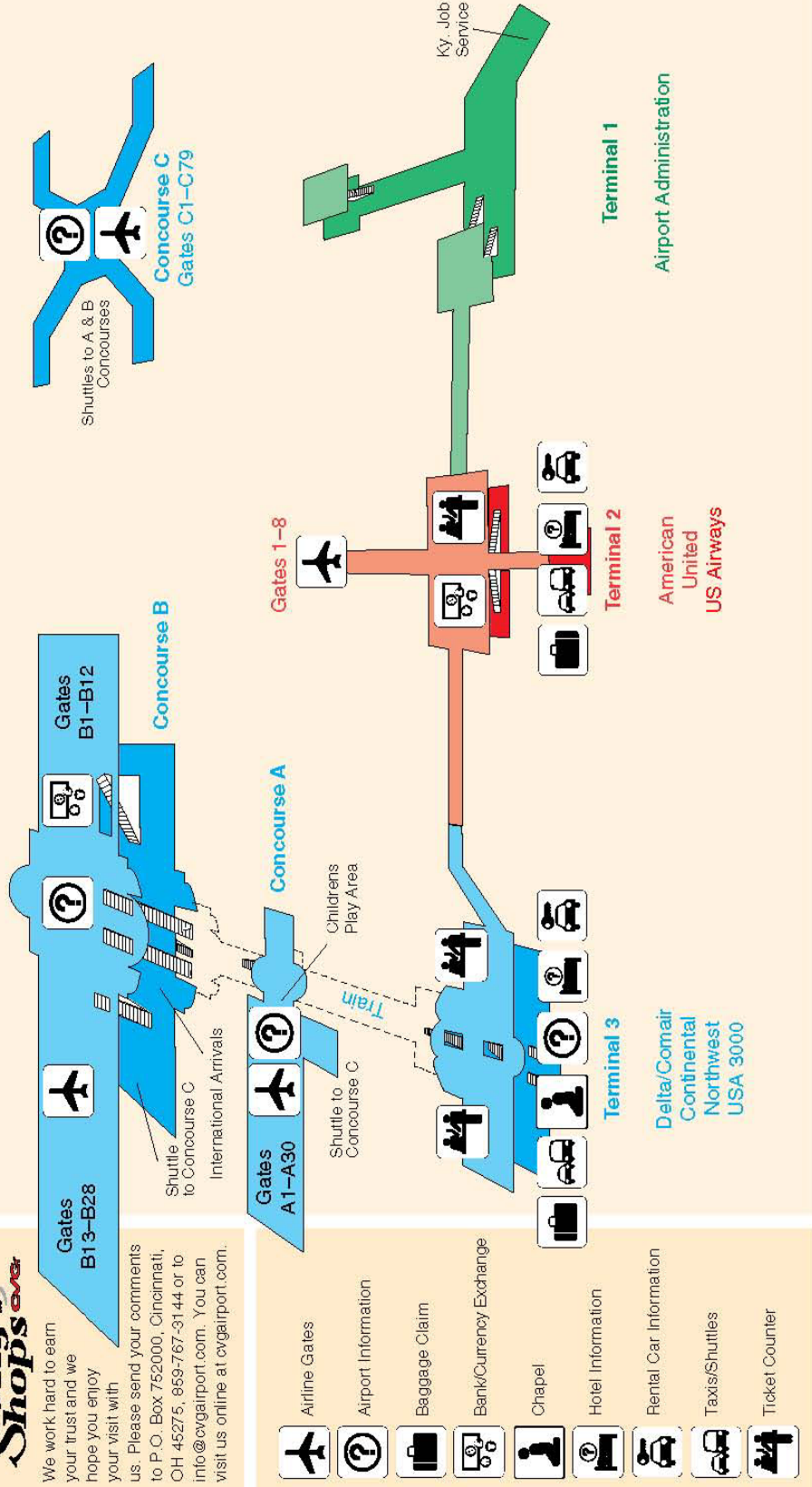
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