

CTA Ventra U-PASS is available to all full-time UIC students. All eligible students will be assessed the nonrefundable CTA Transportation Fee for Fall, Spring and Summer Session which includes Faculty/Staff taking a full-time course load. Students are responsible for paying the fee even if they choose not to pick up their U-PASS. The U-PASS is not available to part-time students.

The UIC U-PASS is always valid 5 days prior to the first day of classes listed on the academic calendar, and expires 5 days after the last day of finals listed on the academic calendar. It is valid for unlimited travel aboard all CTA buses and trains during this time.

One of the conveniences of Ventra is that students can continue to use their same U-Pass card during the Summer and semester breaks. In order to do so, they will need to add funds to their account and will be charged regular, full fares instead of receiving their U-Pass unlimited riding privileges on days school is not in session. This practice replaces the need for students to use a separate fare card during school breaks.

Students can load transit value or CTA passes to their cards online at www.VentraChicago.com, at Ventra Vending Machines located at CTA rail stations and at participating retail locations – visit VentraChicago.com to find a location.

If while using the U-Pass between semesters and students find themselves in a circumstance where their account is not in good standing, such as a negative balance, U-Pass privileges will not work when the semester begins because the account will be suspended.

The Ventra U-Pass unlimited riding privilege automatically resumes for the next semester 5 days before the first day of school.

Please visit our website for distribution dates and times.
www.uic.edu/depts/idcenter/upass.shtml

U-PASS Distribution Policies

- Your valid i-card is required to pick up your U-PASS.
- You may not pick up another student's U-PASS.
- You must currently be registered as a full-time student.
- Depending on when you registered, you may be asked to login to the Student Self Service system to provide proof of status.

To pick up your U-PASS with no waiting, attend one of the listed distribution dates/times. After this time, U-PASSes that were not pre-printed will need to be ordered. This can take up to 7-days. The ID Center cannot be responsible for lost service time for students who choose not to visit during the distribution.

PARATRANSIT SERVICE

The U-Pass program now includes paratransit services for eligible students. Students who are unable to use fixed route public transportation due to a disability, may be eligible for Paratransit Service, a shared ride program offered by the Regional Transit Authority (RTA). Students must be certified by the RTA in order to use the service. For additional details, please visit our website, <http://www.uic.edu/depts/idcenter/upass.shtml>, or contact the ID Center (312-413-5940) or the Disability Resource Center (312-413-2183).

REPLACEMENT U-PASSES

For information on replacing a lost or stolen U-PASS, as well as information regarding damaged or captured U-PASSES, visit our U-PASS Replacement FAQ.

www.uic.edu/depts/idcenter/upass_faq.shtml#replace

The Board of Trustees approved the U-PASS program and nonrefundable CTA transportation fee for undergraduate students after a recommendation from the campus, based upon significant student input, including two referenda. The Board of Trustees approved the addition of graduate students from the Graduate College, College of Pharmacy and School of Public Health beginning Fall 2002 after recommendations from the campus based on a student referendum held in April 2002. The Board of Trustees approved the renewal of the CTA U-PASS contract beginning fall 2005 as well as the addition of College of Dentistry students and M1 and M2 students from the College of Medicine to the program. By vote of the College of Medicine, all College of Medicine students became eligible beginning summer 2007.

Students who are ineligible to participate in the U-PASS program will face disciplinary procedures for fraudulently obtaining, attempting to obtain or selling a U-PASS. Additionally, the CTA may pursue criminal charges for fraudulent behavior related to U-PASSES.