



We've compiled a list of our favorite restaurants and coffee shops around town. There is also the Starbucks in the Union and restaurants at the bottom floor of the Union for those in a hurry.

Please reach out to us if you need anything!

Restaurants

Bangkok Thai, 410 E Green St, Champaign (Thai; 6 min walk from Union): "Nice walk from astronomy building." - Kedar Phadke

Manolo's Pizza, 1115 W Oregon St, Urbana (Pizza/late night; 8 min walk from Union): "Best New York style pizza in town. Empanadas are also good." - Kedar Phadke

Maize, 60 E Green St, Champaign or 100 N Chestnut St, Champaign (Mexican; 8 min walk from Union): "Green St location is the best option for Mexican cuisine close to campus. Good 20 minute walk for lunch." - Kedar Phadke

Dubai Grill, 701 S Gregory St, Urbana (Middle Eastern; 9 min walk from Union): "One of my favorite places in town, amazing vegetarian options" -Micha Awad

The Bread Company, 706 S Goodwin Ave, Urbana (Bakery, Swiss & European Cuisine; 8 min walk from Union): "A standard for colloquium lunches due to the broad selection of tasty sandwiches, and the only place with an upscale fondue dinner menu." -Alex Gagliano

Timpone's, 710 S Goodwin Ave, Urbana (Italian; 8 min walk from Union): "Pretty good Italian place for lunch" -Gautham Narayan

Golden Wheat, 611 E Green St, Champaign (Chinese Noodles; 3 min walk from Union):

Mid Summer Lounge, 623 E Green St, Champaign (Chinese; 3 min walk from Union):

"Phenomenal soups! Highly recommend the pork belly noodles and the house made dumplings." -Amanda Wasserman

"The rivalry between fans of these two is like Chilean vs Peruvian pisco. You

can't go wrong with either, but you'll still be judged" - Gautham Narayan

Golden Harbor, 505 S Neil St, Champaign (Chinese/Taiwanese; 1.0 mile from Union): "The best Chinese/Taiwanese restaurant in town." - Tony Chen

Siam Terrace, 212 W Main St Urbana (Thai; 1.1 miles from Union): "This is my favorite restaurant in town. Very vegetarian friendly." -Alex Gagliano

Watson's Shack & Rail, 211 N Neil St, Champaign (Southern; 1.3 miles from Union): "A classic for fried chicken! Or so I've been told." -Alex Gagliano, vegetarian

Hamilton Walker's, 201 N Neil St, Champaign (American Steakhouse; 1.3 miles from Union): "Fancy. Tasty. Good wine selection. We tend to bring faculty candidates we want to recruit here." - Gautham Narayan

Papa Del's Pizza, 1201 S Neil St, Champaign (Pizza; 1.3 miles from Union): "Famous for the Chicago style deep dish pizza." - Kedar Phadke

Pizzeria Antica, 10 E Chester St, Champaign (Pizza; 1.3 miles from Union): "The only pizza place in town that I will risk taking the official Boom! pizza connoisseur, Federica Bianco, to." - Gautham Narayan
"They also have gelato!" -Amanda Wasserman

Himalayan Chimney, 134 W Church St, Champaign (Indian; 1.4 miles from Union): "This place never fails to impress and makes you want to come back frequently." - Miguel Holgado

Seven Saints, 32 E Chester St, Champaign (American; 1.5 miles from Union, outdoor patio): "The food is pretty good, but the trick is to go straight for the desserts and drinks and err on the side of sinning rather than being saintly." - Gautham Narayan

Silvercreek, 402 N Race St, Urbana (American, 1.4 miles from Union): "Once upon a time, my husband attempted to steal some of my creme brulee here. I injured him. Worth it." -Abbi Padfield Narayan (Gautham's better half)

Black Dog Smoke and Ale House, 320 N. Chestnut St, Champaign (BBW, 1.5 miles from Union): "mmmmm brisket - probably not the place to go if you're vegetarian" -Gautham Narayan

Nando Milano, 204 N Neil St, Champaign (Italian; 1.5 miles from Union): "Better Italian than above but downtown. Definitely take the cannoli." -Gautham Narayan

Big Grove Tavern, 1 E Main St, Champaign (American; 1.6 miles from Union): "This is where the meeting dinner on Thursday is, though they have a good bar so you might find yourself here earlier." - Gautham Narayan

Huaraches Moroleon, 805 Philo Rd Urbana (Mexican; 2 miles from Union): "The hot sauces are beyond compare." -Cail Daley

Coffee

Latea Bubble Tea Lounge, South 6th Street #105, Champaign (Boba, Tea; 5 min walk from Union): "The best boba in CU." - Patrick Aleo

BrewLab Coffee, 630 S 5th St Champaign (Coffee; 6 min walk from Union): "A charming cafe with seasonal offerings of summer spritzers, loose leaf tea, coffee by the bag, and even plants for sale." - Melanie Archipley

Espresso Royale, 1117 W Oregon St, Urbana (Coffee, Sandwiches, 8 min walk from the Union): "Focuses on fair-trade and organic coffee and tea, has good gluten-free options too" - Gautham Narayan

Caffe Paradiso, 801 S Lincoln Ave, Urbana (Coffee/Hangout; 13 min walk from Union): "Good coffee close to the department. Nice area to hangout/work. Good option for food items as well." - Kedar Phadke

Flying Machine Avionics, 202 1st St. Champaign (Coffee; 19 min walk from Union): "Actually two businesses and they're both fantastic. Flying Machine coffee is roasted in-house. Avionics is the food side and everything is homemade (including the pastries). Both are locally owned by very cool people." - Cassie Reuter

After-Hours

This is a college town, so there's no shortage of pubs, but these are a few that are less obvious stand outs.

Riggs Beer Company, 1901 S High Cross Rd, Urbana (Drinks; 4.7 miles from Union): "Great brews, and great outdoor space that'll convince you beyond all doubt that you're in central Illinois." -Alex Gagliano

Punch! Bar & Lounge, Located in the Hyatt Place, 217 N Neil St, Champaign (Drinks; 1.3 miles from Union): "Inventive cocktails, extensive scotch menu, reasonable prices, my favorite Champaign-area bar" -Gautham Narayan

Triptych Brewing, 1703 Woodfield Dr, Savoy (Drinks; 4.5 miles from Union): "A bit out of the way and right off of a busy street in the middle of the suburbs. It's not the easiest to get to but they've got a nice patio spot and they're constantly brewing new kinds of beer that are some of the best in town." - Chris Tandoi

The Blind Pig Brewery, 120 N Neil St, Champaign (Drinks; 1.5 miles from Union): "The local grad student and postdoc haunt. Buy a \$5 Mug and bring it on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for \$2-\$3 off most drinks!" -Alex Gagliano