

ACCESSIBILITY, UNIVERSAL DESIGN

Accessibility Code: All remodeling and new construction on the Urbana campus shall comply with the *Illinois Accessibility Code, [Title 71: Public Buildings, Facilities and Real Property; Chapter I: Capital Development Board; Subchapter b: Accessibility Standards; Part 400 Illinois Accessibility Code.] and Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities; Final Guidelines (36 CFR Part 1191) Federal Register, Part II, Rules and Regulations, Friday July 26, 1991, 56(144). (ADAAG)]* or updated versions thereof as they become mandated by statute.

Universal Design: The standards given in the *Illinois Accessibility Code* and *ADAAG* are to be recognized as being minimal standards required by law for designing facilities that are readily usable by persons with disabilities. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign strives to provide facilities that are universally usable by persons with diverse physiologic and sensory abilities. The design of campus facilities shall provide for full and independent use of the facility by persons with disabilities. Following are examples of universal design standards adopted by the U of I that exceed minimum code requirements:

1. A power-operated entry door having both arm-height (42 in. high) and foot-plate-height (6 in. high) push plate type actuator switches (see *Section 08 42 29 – Automatic Entrances* and *Drawing 08 42 29-1*) or a continuous vertical pushplate shall be provided at no less than one entrance, preferably the main entrance, at each new or remodeled building.
2. A standard 5' x 5' accessible toilet stall is required to accommodate side transferring. Alternative stalls (Dims) described in the codes are not acceptable. End of row accessible stall configurations are preferred.
3. All elements within a facility should be planned to minimize architectural barriers to physically challenged individuals.

4. Large facilities with public spaces such as classrooms shall be constructed with multiple elevators to ensure continuity of accessibility when elevators are out of service due to repairs.
5. When technically feasible, Areas of Rescue Assistance (ARA) shall be provided in structures undergoing major remodeling. See the document entitled *Remodeling, Special Considerations* within these *Standards*.