Guide To Life

1. Acknowledgments

2. Academics and the Department
   1. What types of classes are offered?
   2. How do I choose classes?
   3. What are the requirements for my program (MCS, MS, Ph.D.)?
   4. How do I register for classes?
   5. How many credits must I take to maintain full-time status?
   6. What happens if the class I want is full?
   7. What if I want to add or drop a class?
   8. What classes should I take my first year?
   9. Now what about grades?
   10. Does it matter to whom I talk to about academic advising?
   11. How do I start the path to my degree?
   12. What can you tell me about the department?
   13. What about the academic office?
   14. Can you tell me more about the business office?
   15. What on earth is the CSGSO?
   16. What are FEIs?
   17. Is there a picnic for CS graduate students?
   18. Can you tell me more about peer advising?
   19. What classes should I take my first year?
   20. Now what about grades?
   21. Does it matter to whom I talk to about academic advising?

3. Administrative Business
   1. What do I do if I don’t have a job?
   2. What do I do about tuition payments?
   3. What insurance is available to me?
   4. What extra things do I need to know if I’m not from the USA?
   5. What safety services are available to me?
   6. Is there a student health center?
   7. Where can I get some help?
   8. How do I get into the building?
   9. Where can I study or have group meetings?
   10. How do I meet other students?
   11. What random expenses should I expect?
   12. What can you tell me about the thesis office?
   13. I have a special circumstance and I have to do something that is normally disallowed. Where can I go?
   14. Is there a minority affairs office on campus?
   15. How are graduate students represented?
   16. What if I have international student issues?
   17. Whom do I see about financial aid?
   18. I need to do one of the following: Check Cashing, Traveler's Checks, Student Accounts Receivable, Student Loan Deferral. Where do I go?
   19. How do I start looking for jobs or internships?
   20. Whom can I talk to if I have a problem I cannot resolve?
   21. What support is available for women in the department and the university?

4. Home and City Life
   1. What is the cost of living in Champaign?
   2. What’s up with the buses?
   3. Where can I buy food?
   4. Where can I go to get my hair cut?
   5. How do I get on the internet?
   6. How do I get an apartment?
   7. What can you tell me about staying safe in Champaign?
   8. I really like the YMCA, is there one close to campus?
   9. What newspapers are available?
   10. What radio stations are there in Champaign?
   11. What about local TV?
   12. How about cable?
   13. Can you tell me about the public libraries?
   14. How about other community resources?
   15. Are there good parks in the area?
   16. What places are there to visit close by?

5. Campus Life
   1. Where do I go to work out?
   2. Where can I park on campus?
   3. Where is the library?
   4. What fun stuff is there to do on campus?
   5. Where can my guests stay when they come to visit?
   6. Uh oh, I need legal advice. Where can I go?
   7. Where can I buy concert tickets?
   8. What’s up with all these passwords?
   9. What can you tell me more about computing resources?
10. What computer tools do I need to know?
11. Where/how do I have wireless internet access on campus?
12. If I have other questions, where do I go?

6. **Food and Shopping Guide**
   1. Food
   2. Coffee/Tea Houses
   3. Bars
   4. Shopping

7. **Words of Wisdom**
   1. ...by Jake Biehl
   2. ...by Kiran Lakkaraju
   3. ...by Adam Lee