

State Universities in Illinois — At a

Admission to the State Universities of Illinois

Admission requirements for the state universities in Illinois are outlined below. Any questions or concerns about the admissions process should be directed to the appropriate university office.

Admission as a Freshman

Admission as a freshman to a state university in Illinois is based primarily on a combination of class rank, ACT or SAT score, and high school subject pattern requirements. Pending graduation from high school, a student can be admitted as a freshman by presenting the following **minimum** credentials:

University	HSPR	ACT Composite	SAT Total Score	University	HSPR	ACT Composite	SAT Total Score
CSU	any HSPR AND 2.0 cumulative GPA (A=4.0)	17	830	SIUC*	50-99 any HSPR	18 20	850 930
EIU	75-99 50-74 25-49	18 19 22	860 910 1020	SIUE	High School GPA of 2.5 on a 4, and ACT Score of 21 (or SAT equivalent) ACT (national percentile) and HSPR equal to 100 or more		
GSU	Upper-Division University: Admission limited to juniors and seniors <i>only</i> .			UIC*	50-99 40-49 30-39	22 24 25	
ISU*	Best qualified students admitted as space permits. Consult the Office of Admissions for further information.			UIS	Best qualified students admitted as space permits. Consult the Office of Admissions for further information.		
NEIU	50-99 or	19	890	UIUC	Best qualified students admitted as space permits. Consult the Office of Admissions for further information.		
NIU**	50-99 34-49	19 23	870 1030	WIU	60-99 any rank	18 22	850 1010
					And a 2.20 cumulative GPA (A=4.0)		

* Some programs have more selective criteria for admission. (UIC--Architecture, Art, Business, Engineering, and Performing Arts.)

+ The schedule on which applications will be reviewed provides for competitive admission on a space available basis. These are the minimum requirements for consideration.

When to Apply for Freshman Admission

Applications should be filed as early as possible in fall of the senior year. An official transcript including senior courses in progress, class size and rank and the student's social security number should be submitted with the application for admission to facilitate the consideration of each applicant. This allows the university adequate time to process the application and give maximum consideration to credentials.

The state universities of Illinois will continue to consider applications as long as space exists. Applications with all required credentials should be received during the following application periods:

	Application Period Begins	Application Period Ends
CSU	After completion of junior year	Consult university
EIU	After completion of junior year	Consult university
ISU	After Sept. 1 of senior year	Consult university
NEIU	After completion of junior year	July 1
NIU	After July 15 prior to start of senior year	August 1; students applying after February 1 will be considered on a space available basis
SIUC	After completion of junior year	Consult university
SIUE	After completion of junior year	May 31**
UIC	After September 15 of senior year	Consult university (February 28 priority filing date)
UIS	After Sept. 1 of senior year	Consult university
UIUC	Fall: After October 1 of senior year Spring: After September 25	January 1 of senior year (November 15 priority filing date)* November 1 (November 1-January 1 space available basis)
WIU	After completion of junior year	Consult University

*Applications completed by this date may have an advantage when space is limited, and applications with equal qualifications are being reviewed.

**Applications received after the deadline will be considered on space availability.

Financial Aid

	Form(s) Required	Deadline*
CSU	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	April 1 Priority deadline
EIU	EIU Aid Application. Free Application for Federal Student Aid. (FAFSA)	April 15 Priority deadline
GSU	GSU Aid Application. (FAFSA) required	May 1 Priority deadline
ISU	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	March 1 Priority filing date
NEIU	NEIU Aid Application <i>and</i> Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	On a first-come, first-serve basis until funds are depleted
NIU	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <i>and</i> NIU Aid Application with copies of parents' and students' IRS forms.	March 1 Priority
UIS	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	March 1 Priority deadline
SIUC	(FAFSA)	April 1 Priority deadline
SIUE	(FAFSA)	March 1 Priority deadline
UIC	(FAFSA)	March 1 Priority deadline*
UIUC	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	March 15 Priority deadline
WIU	(FAFSA)	February 15 Priority

* Students who apply after this date will be served on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.

Room and Board

CSU	\$5,732 for Fall and Spring Includes meal plans (double occupancy)	SIUC	\$4,610/year (multiple occupancy; includes 19 meals/week)
EIU	\$4,700-\$4,900 range/year (double occupancy) Housing is a separate application procedure from Admissions.	SIUE	\$4,714/year-with meal plan (double occupancy)
GSU	No university housing provided; commuter institution	UIC	\$6,400 (average)/year (includes 14 meals/week)
ISU	\$5,062/year (multiple occupancy); includes enhanced meal plan.	UIS	\$6,250/year Freshman (Capital Scholar) \$4,738/year Undergraduate transfer student
NEIU	No university housing provided; commuter institution	UIUC	\$5,650 (average)/year (includes 14 meals/week)
NIU	\$4,390/year (basic meal - others available)	WIU	\$5,062/year (double room and basic meal plan) \$6,070/year (single occupancy and basic meal plan)

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Admission as a Transfer

Admission as a transfer student to one of the state universities in Illinois is based primarily on grade point average for all previous college work, as listed below. The minimum number of credit hours needed to be considered a transfer student for admission purposes is also listed below. Applicants who have completed fewer than the required minimum credit hours must also meet beginning freshman requirements except GSU.

Transfer Student Requirements

	Minimum Semester Hours (semester hours x 1.5 = qh)	Minimum Cumulative GPA (A = 4.00)
CSU	30	2.0 ^{1,2}
EIU	30	2.0 ^{1,3}
GSU	60 (or AA/AS/AAS from regionally accredited institution)	2.0 ^{1,2,3}
ISU	30	2.0 ^{1,2,3}
NEIU	30	2.0 ^{3,7}
NIU	24 ⁵	2.0 ^{1,2,3}
UIS	45	2.0 ^{1,2,7}
SIUC	26	2.0 ^{1,2,3}
SIUE	16	2.0 ¹
UIC	24 (more hours and higher GPA for many programs)	2.25
UIUC	30 (priority given to applicants with 60 or more hours)	2.25 ²
WIU	24	2.0 ^{1,3,9}

1. AA/AS degrees based on baccalaureate-oriented sequences from a community college in Illinois generally are considered to have junior status and have met lower-division general education requirements.
2. The admission of transfer students is on a competitive basis. Several programs require specific prerequisite coursework and/or a higher GPA. Consult admission information (application packet) for current application guidelines.
3. Good standing at last college attended is also required.
4. AAS degrees are acceptable, but if the 39 hours of general education requirements have not been met prior to graduation, the degree program may be extended.
5. The schedule on which applications will be reviewed provides for competitive admission on a space available basis.
6. Students who earn AA/AS degrees from Illinois Community Colleges which meet the I.C.C.B. model are considered to have junior status and have met lower-division general education requirements.
7. Credits must include English Composition
8. Demonstrated competency in English and Mathematics.
9. Students with the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) verified on their transcript from any participating college or university in Illinois will have met the University general education requirement.

Tuition and Fees

CSU	In-state: \$3,706/year Out-of-state: \$9,034/year	NEIU	In-state: \$3,000/year Out-of-state: \$8,016/year	UIUC	In-state: \$5,726/year Out-of-state: \$13,546/year
EIU	In-state: \$4,624/year (30 Hrs.) Out-of-state: \$10,924/year (30 Hrs.)	NIU	In-state: \$4,810/year Out-of-state: \$8,391/year	WIU	In-state: \$4,198/year Out-of-state: \$7,363/year
GSU	Junior/senior: In-state: \$2,540/year Out-of-state: \$7,294/year	SIUC	In-state: \$4,864.80/year Out-of-state: \$8,524.80/year		
ISU	In-state: \$4,930/year Out-of-state: \$8,994/year	SIUE	In-state: \$3,708.60/year Out-of-state: \$6,678.60/year		
		UIC	In-state: \$5,470/year Out-of-state: \$12,130/year		
		UIS	In-state: \$3,898.00/year Out-of-state: \$9,868/year		

Total budgets for each campus may vary. Consult specific university catalogs for total annual costs.

When to Apply for Transfer Admission

Applications should be filed as early as possible. This allows the university adequate time to process the application and give maximum consideration to credentials. The state universities of Illinois will continue to consider applications as long as space exists. Applications with all required credentials should be received during the following application periods:

	Application Period Begins	Application Period Ends
CSU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult University
EIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
GSU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Three weeks prior to beginning of term applied for
ISU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
NEIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	July 1
NIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Fall: August 1; Spring: December 1; space limitations and/or budgetary constraints may necessitate an earlier deadline
UIS	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
SIUC	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
SIUE	One year in advance of desired entry date	Three weeks prior to beginning of term applied for
UIC	Fall: October 1 Spring: July 1	Fall: February 28 priority deadline Spring: October 18
UIUC	Fall: February 1 Spring: September 25	Fall: March 15* Spring: November 1**
WIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult University

* After March 15, on a space available basis.

** After November 1, on a space available basis.

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Summary of Minimum High School Course Requirements for Admission of Freshman to Illinois Public Universities —Effective 2003—

	Total	English	Social Studies	Mathematics	Science	Electives and Other Requirements
Chicago State +	15	4 ¹	3 ⁸	3 ¹⁰	3 ²⁰	2 years of foreign language, music, vocational education or art
Eastern Illinois	15	4 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁷	2 years of academic or vocational electives. Flexible units are allowed
Northeastern Illinois	15	4 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁷	2 years of foreign language, fine arts, or one vocational education.
Western Illinois +	15	4 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ¹⁰	3	2 years of foreign language, music, vocational education, art, theater, film, religion, philosophy, speech or journalism 3 years, lab science which includes biology, chemistry, physics, earth science, or other college preparatory science.
Illinois State	15	4 ¹	2 ⁵	3 ¹⁰	2 ¹⁷	2 years of one foreign language or fine arts; and 2 years of electives, including course work in any two of the four categories (mathematics, social studies, science, foreign language or fine arts) and courses in vocational education or computer programming.
Northern Illinois	15	4 ²	3	3	3	2 units of foreign language, art, or music; 3 units of the required 15 units may be distributed by deducting no more than one unit from the categories of social science, mathematics, sciences, and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5 categories of coursework.
Southern Illinois University						
Carbondale	15 or 15.5	4 ¹	3 ⁸	3 or 3.5 ¹²	3 ²⁰	2 years of electives in foreign language, art, fine arts, music or vocational education; if a foreign language is taken, it must include two semesters of the same language.
Edwardsville	15	4 ³	3 ⁷	3 ¹³	3 ¹⁹	1 year chosen from foreign language, music, the visual arts, theater, dance and/or vocational education. (2 years of one foreign language and 1 year of music, the visual arts, theater, and/or dance are recommended.)
University of Illinois						
Urbana-Champaign	15 or 15.5	4 ⁴	2 ⁸	3 or 3.5 ¹⁴	2 ²⁰	2 years of one foreign language are required; and 2 years (flexible academic units) from any of the five subject categories. Approved art, music, or vocational education courses may be counted in the flexible academic units category.
Springfield	15	4 ⁴	3	3	3	2 years of one foreign language are required.
Chicago						
Pattern 1*	16	4	2 ⁹	2 ¹⁵	2 ²¹	2 years of electives in foreign language, music, vocational education and/or art; and 3 years (flexible academic units) of additional English, math, laboratory science, social studies, foreign language, music and/or art; and 1 additional year of other high school coursework.
Pattern 2**	16	4	2 ⁹	3.5 ¹⁶	2 ²¹	2 years of electives in foreign language, music, vocational education and/or art; and 1.5 years (flexible academic units) of additional English, math, laboratory science, social studies, foreign language, music and/or art; and 1 additional year of other high school coursework.

NOTES:

- + Suggested Electives - includes other academic courses.
1. Emphasizing written and oral communication and literature.
2. Three units of English must be from NIU recognized courses emphasizing written and oral communication and literature.
3. Emphasizing grammar, composition, written and oral communication, and literature; may include not more than 1 year of creative writing or journalism.
4. Studies in language, composition, and literature requiring practice in expository writing in all such work. Coursework should emphasize reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
5. Emphasize history and government.
6. Two units of social studies must be from NIU-recognized courses one of which must be U.S. history or a combination of U.S. history and government.
7. At least 2 years of history and/or government; other acceptable subjects are anthropology, economics, geography, psychology, and sociology.
8. History and government are preferred. Additional acceptable social studies include anthropology, economics, geography, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.
9. One unit must be American History plus 1 unit of history, government, psychology, economics or geography.
10. Introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or fundamentals of computer programming (Computer programming not applicable at ISU).
11. Two years of mathematics must be NIU-recognized courses in college preparatory mathematics, including 1 year of introductory algebra and a second year of plane geometry or advanced algebra. A third year of college preparatory mathematics is strongly recommended.
12. Algebra through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or computer science. 3.5 units of mathematics are required for engineering programs.
13. One year of introductory algebra, 1 year of geometry, 1/2 year of algebra beyond the introductory year, and 1/2 year of more advanced mathematics or fundamentals of computer programming.
14. Algebra, geometry, advanced algebra, trigonometry. Typically, such courses as career/occupational mathematics, consumer mathematics, applied business mathematics, pre-algebra, and computer courses are not acceptable. 3.5 years of mathematics including trigonometry are required in the following curricula: Agriculture-agricultural engineering; Commerce-all curricula; Engineering-all curricula; Fine and Applied Arts-architectural studies; Liberal Arts and Sciences-specialized curricula in biochemistry, chemical engineering, chemistry, geology, and physics.
15. Pattern 1: 1 year algebra and 1 year geometry.
16. Pattern 2: 2 years of algebra, 1 year geometry, and 0.5 year of trigonometry.
17. Laboratory sciences, primarily biology, chemistry and physics.
18. Two years of science must be from NIU-recognized courses in the physical or biological sciences. One unit must be a laboratory science.
19. One year of biology, 1 year of chemistry, and 1 additional year of earth science, physics, biology, or chemistry. (All must be laboratory sciences.)
20. Laboratory courses in biology, chemistry, or physics are preferred. Laboratory courses in astronomy and geology are also acceptable. General science will not be acceptable.
21. Not including general science.
 - * UIC Pattern 1: Art and Design; Art History; Kinesiology; Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Performing Arts.
 - ** UIC Pattern 2: Architecture, Business Administration, Engineering Exercise Physiology and Nursing.



Preprofessional Programs, continued	CSU	EIU	GSU	ISU	NEIU	NIU	SIUC	UIUC	UIS	UIUC	WIU
Veterinary Medicine											
Social Sciences											
Administration of Justice/Criminal Justice											
African American Studies											
Aging Studies/Gerontology											
American Civilization Studies											
Anthropology											
Asian Area Studies											
Black American Studies											
Classical Studies											
Corrections											
Ethnic & Cultural Studies											
Geography											
Governmental/Political Science											
History											
Human Services											
Labor Relations											
Latin American Studies											
Law Enforcement											
Legal & Paralegal Studies											



Social Sciences, continued	CSU	EIU	GSU	ISU	NEIU	NIU	SIUC	UIUC	UIS	UIUC	WIU
Library Science											
Medieval Civilization											
Mental Health											
Military Science											
Museum Studies											
Philosophy											
Psychology											
Public Administration											
Religious Studies											
Renaissance Studies											
Russian Area Studies											
Social Welfare											
Social Work											
Sociology											
Urban Studies											
Women's Studies											
Theater											
Acting											
Theater: Technology & Design											

Major/Concentration

Minor

Two Year Program

Pre-Professional

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)

9501 South King Dr.
Chicago 60628-1598
Office of Admissions:
(773) 995-2513
Office of Financial Aid:
(773) 995-2304
Undergraduate: 5,140
Graduate: 1,939
Total Campus: 7,079

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (EIU)

Charleston 61920
Office of Admissions:
(217) 581-2223
Toll Free: (800) 252-5711
Office of Financial Aid:
(217) 581-3713
Housing Office:
(217) 581-3923
Undergraduate: 9,115
Graduate: 1,416
Total Campus: 10,531

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY (GSU)

University Park 60466
Office of Admissions:
(708) 534-4490
Office of Financial Aid:
(708) 534-4480
Undergraduate: 2,980
Graduate: 2,880
Total Campus: 5,860

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY (ISU)

Normal 61790-2200
Office of Admissions:
(309) 438-2181
Toll Free: (800) 366-2478
Office of Financial Aid:
(309) 438-2231
Housing Office: (309) 438-8611
Toll Free: (800) 366-4675
Undergraduate: 18,472
Graduate and Professional: 2,563
Total Campus: 21,035
<http://www.IllinoisState.edu>

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (NEIU)

5500 North St. Louis Avenue
Chicago 60625
Office of Admissions:
(773) 442-4000
Office of School and College Relations: (773) 442-4050
Office of Financial Aid:
(773) 442-5000
Undergraduate: 8,382
Graduate: 2,617
Total Campus: 10,999

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (NIU)

DeKalb 60115-2857
Office of Admissions:
(815) 753-0446
Office of Financial Aid:
(815) 753-1395
Housing Office: (815) 753-1525
Toll Free: (800) 892-3050
Undergraduate: 17,468
Graduate and Professional:
6,315
Total Campus: 23,783

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT CARBONDALE (SIUC)

Carbondale 62901-4701
Office of Admissions:
(618) 536-4405
Office of Financial Aid:
(618) 453-4334
Housing Office: (618) 453-2301
Undergraduate: 16,802
Graduate and Professional:
4,796
Total Campus: 21,598

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE (SIUE)

Edwardsville 62026
Admission:
(618) 650-3705
Office of Financial Aid:
(618) 650-3380
Housing Office: (618) 650-3931
Admission Counselors Toll Free: (800) 447-SIUE
Undergraduate: 9,799
Graduate: 2,643
Total Campus: 12,442

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO (UIC)

Office of Admissions and Records (M/C 018)
Box 5220
Chicago, IL 60680
Undergraduate Admissions:
(312) 996-4350
Office of Student Financial Aid: (312) 996-3126
Campus Housing:
(312) 355-6300
Undergraduate: 15,887
Graduate and Professional:
8,643
Total Campus: 25,512

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD (UIS)

P.O. Box 19243
Springfield 62794-9243
Office of Admissions:
(217) 206-6626
Toll Free: (800) 252-8533
Office of Financial Aid:
(217) 206-6724
Housing Office:
(217) 206-6190
Undergraduate: 2,118
Graduate: 1,824
Total Campus: 3,942

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN (UIUC)

901 West Illinois Street
Urbana 61801
Office of Admissions:
(217) 333-0302
Campus Visitor Center:
(217) 333-0824
Chicago Office:
(312) 575-7810
Office of Financial Aid:
(217) 333-0100
Housing Office: please write
Undergraduate: 28,123
Graduate and Professional:
9,594
Total Campus: 37,767

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (WIU)

Macomb 61455-1390
Office of Admissions:
(309) 298-3157
Toll Free (877) PICKWIU
Office of Financial Aid:
(309) 298-2446
Housing Office: (309) 298-2461
FAX: (309) 298-3111
TT: (309) 298-1856
Undergraduate: 10,755
Graduate: 2,451
Total Campus: 13,206

* Students should refer to individual college catalogs for a complete listing of secondary education programs. Fields of study are subject to change.