

# 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 considered as a freshman by presenting the following **minimum** credentials:

University	HSPR	ACT Composite	SAT Total Score	University	HSPR	ACT Composite	SAT Total Score
<b>CSU</b>	any HSPR AND 2.5 cumulative GPA (A=4.0)	18	870	<b>SIUC*</b>	75-99 50-74 25-49	18 21 22	860 980 1020
<b>EIU</b>	Best qualified students admitted as space permits. Consult the Office of Admissions for further information.			<b>SIUE</b>	Best qualified students admitted as space permits. Consult the office of Admissions for further information.		
<b>GSU</b>	Upper-Division University: Admission limited to juniors and seniors only.			<b>UIC*</b>	Best qualified students admitted as space permits. Consult the Office of Admissions for further information.		
<b>ISU*</b>	Best qualified students admitted as space permits. Consult the Office of Admissions for further information.			<b>UIS</b>	Best qualified students admitted as space permits. Consult the Office of Admissions for further information.		
<b>NEIU</b>	50-99 or	19	890	<b>UIUC</b>	Best qualified students admitted as space permits. Consult the Office of Admissions for further information.		
<b>NIU**</b>	50-99 (or 2.75 gpa on a 4.0 scale with 19 ACT/870 SAT (CR+M) 34-49 (or 2.5 gpa on a 4.0 scale with 23 ACT/1030 SAT (CR+M))	19	870 (CR+M) 1030 (CR+M)	<b>WIU</b>	20	920	And a 2.5 cumulative GPA (A=4.0) No Class Rank Required.

\* 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
<b>CSU</b>	After completion of junior year	Consult university
<b>EIU</b>	After Aug. 1 prior to beginning of senior year	Consult university
<b>ISU</b>	Priority filing period: September 1 - November 15	Fall: March 1 • Spring: November 1
<b>NEIU</b>	After completion of junior year	July 1
<b>NIU</b>	After Sept. 1 of senior year	August 1; November 15 priority filing date;
	Students applying after February 1 will be considered on a space available basis	
<b>SIUC</b>	After Aug. 1 of senior year	May 1**
<b>SIUE</b>	After completion of junior year	May 1 — December 1 Priority filing date
<b>UIC</b>	After completion of junior year	January 15 of senior year
<b>UIS</b>	After Sept. 1 of senior year	Consult university
<b>UIUC</b>	Fall: After September 1 of senior year	January 2 of senior year
<b>WIU</b>	After completion of junior year	May 15 (Fall**), Dec. 1 (Spr.**)

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

## Financial Aid

	Form(s) Required	Deadline*
<b>CSU</b>	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	February 1 Priority deadline
<b>EIU</b>	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	March 1 Priority filing date
<b>GSU</b>	GSU Aid Application. (FAFSA) required	May 1 Priority deadline
<b>ISU</b>	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	March 1 Priority filing date
<b>NEIU</b>	NEIU Aid Application <i>and</i> Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	February 28 Priority deadline
<b>NIU</b>	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	March 1 Priority
<b>SIUC</b>	(FAFSA)	April 1 Priority deadline
<b>SIUE</b>	(FAFSA)	March 1 Priority deadline
<b>UIC</b>	(FAFSA)	March 1 Priority deadline*
<b>UIS</b>	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	March 1 Priority deadline
<b>UIUC</b>	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	March 15 Priority deadline
<b>WIU</b>	(FAFSA)	February 1 Priority

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

## Room and Board

<b>CSU</b> \$6,752 for Fall and Spring Includes meal plans (double occupancy)	<b>SIUC</b> \$6,660.00/year (multiple occupancy; includes 19 meals/week)
<b>EIU</b> \$6,322-\$7,124 range/year (double occupancy) Housing is a separate application procedure from Admission.	<b>SIUE</b> \$6,780 year-with meal plan (double occupancy)*
<b>GSU</b> No university housing provided; commuter institution	<b>UIC</b> \$7,200 (average)/year (basic meal - others available)
<b>ISU</b> \$6,848/year (multiple occupancy); includes Silver meal plan.	<b>UIS</b> \$7,746/year Freshman(includes meal plan)
<b>NEIU</b> No university housing provided; commuter institution	<b>UIUC</b> \$8,196 (average)/year (most popular meal plan)
<b>NIU</b> \$6,754/year (basic meal - others available) (double occupancy)	<b>WIU</b> \$6,446/year (double room and basic meal plan) \$7,728/year (single occupancy and basic meal plan)

\*Subject to change

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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)
<b>CSU</b>	24	2.0 <sup>1,2</sup>
<b>EIU</b>	30/24	2.0 <sup>10</sup> / 2.5
<b>GSU</b>	60 (or AA/AS/AAS from regionally accredited institution)	2.0 <sup>1,2,3</sup>
<b>ISU</b>	24	2.0 <sup>2,3,9,10</sup>
<b>NEIU</b>	30	2.0 <sup>1,3,9</sup>
<b>NIU</b>	24 <sup>5</sup>	2.0 <sup>1,2,3</sup>
<b>SIUC</b>	26	2.0 <sup>1,2,3</sup>
<b>SIUE</b>	30	2.0 <sup>1</sup>
<b>UIC</b>	24 (more hours and higher GPA for many programs)	2.5 <sup>2</sup>
<b>UIS</b>	30	2.0 <sup>1,2,4,6,9,10,11</sup>
<b>UIUC</b>	30 (priority given to applicants with 60 or more hours)	2.5 <sup>2</sup>
<b>WIU</b>	24	2.0 <sup>3,6,9</sup>

- 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.
- 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.
- Good standing at last college attended is also required.
- 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.
- The schedule on which applications will be reviewed provides for competitive admission on a space available basis.
- 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.
- Credits must include English Composition
- Demonstrated competency in English and Mathematics.
- 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.
- AA/AS/ASA degrees based on baccalaureate-oriented sequences from a regionally accredited post secondary institution generally are considered to have junior status and have met lower-division general education requirements.
- Students with 30 hours of college credit must meet the 2.0 GPA. Students who transfer between 12 and 29 hours of college credit must meet freshman admission standards.

## Tuition and Fees\*

<b>CSU</b>	In-state: \$7,730/year (30 Hrs.) Out-of-state: \$13,850/year (30 Hrs.)	<b>NEIU</b>	In-state: \$7,044/year Out-of-state: \$12,894/year	<b>UIUC</b>	In-state: \$11,234/year Out-of-state: \$25,320/year
<b>EIU</b>	In-state: \$7,990/year (30 Hrs.) Out-of-state: \$19,654/year (30 Hrs.) Fees include textbooks	<b>NIU</b>	In-state: \$7,800/year Out-of-state: \$13,859/year	<b>WIU</b>	In-state: \$7,523.10/year Out-of-state: \$10,470/year
<b>GSU</b>	Junior/senior: In-state: \$5,540/30 hours Out-of-state: \$15,620/30 hours	<b>SIUC</b>	In-state: \$8,898.90/year Out-of-state: \$18,420.90/year		
<b>ISU</b>	In-state: \$9,020/year Out-of-state: \$16,340/year	<b>SIUE</b>	In-state: \$7,032.50/year Out-of-state: \$14,874.50/year		
		<b>UIC</b>	In-state: \$10,546/year Out-of-state: \$22,936/year		
		<b>UIS</b>	In-state: \$8,172/year Out-of-state: \$17,322/year		

\*Estimated and subject to change without notice.

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

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<b>GSU</b>	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
<b>ISU</b>	Fall: September 1 Spring: April 1	Fall: March 1; Spring: Nov 1; Summer: March 1
<b>NEIU</b>	One year in advance of desired entry date	Fall: July 1; Spring: Nov 1; Summer: April 1
<b>NIU</b>	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
<b>SIUC</b>	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
<b>SIUE</b>	One year in advance of desired entry date	Four weeks prior to beginning of term applied for
<b>UIC</b>	Fall: September 1 Spring: July 1	Fall: March 1 Spring: October 1
<b>UIS</b>	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
<b>UIUC</b>	Fall: January 15	Fall: March 1*
<b>WIU</b>	One year in advance of desired entry date	Fall Aug 1*, Spr. Dec 1*

\* After 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 2008—

	Total	English	Social Studies	Mathematics	Science	Electives and Other Requirements
Chicago State +	15	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>8</sup>	3 <sup>10</sup>	3 <sup>19</sup>	2 years of foreign language, music, vocational education or art
Eastern Illinois	15	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>5</sup>	3 <sup>10</sup>	3 <sup>16</sup>	2 years of academic or vocational electives.
Northeastern Illinois	15	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>5</sup>	3 <sup>10</sup>	3 <sup>16</sup>	2 years of foreign language (FL), or 2 years of fine arts (FA) or a combination of 1 year FA/FL and 1 year of vocational education.
Western Illinois +	15	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>5</sup>	3 <sup>10</sup>	3 <sup>16</sup>	2 years of foreign language, music, vocational education, art, theatre, film, religion, philosophy, speech or journalism
Illinois State	15	4 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>5</sup>	3 <sup>10</sup>	2 <sup>16</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>6</sup>	3 <sup>11</sup>	3 <sup>17</sup>	2 units (one must be 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 studies, sciences, and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5 categories of coursework.
<b>Southern Illinois University</b>						
Carbondale	15 or 16	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>8</sup>	3 or 4 <sup>12</sup>	3 <sup>19</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>5</sup>	3 <sup>10</sup>	3 <sup>16</sup>	2 years chosen from foreign language, music, the visual arts, theatre, dance and/or vocational education.
<b>University of Illinois</b>						
Chicago	16	4 <sup>4</sup>	3	3	3 <sup>19</sup>	2 years of foreign language; 1 year of an elective.
Springfield	15	4 <sup>4</sup>	3 <sup>7</sup>	3 <sup>15</sup>	3 <sup>19</sup>	2 years of one foreign language or 2 years of fine arts, selected from art, music, dance and theatre are required.
Urbana-Champaign	15 or 15.5	4 <sup>4</sup>	2 <sup>8</sup>	3 or 3.5 <sup>14</sup>	2 <sup>19</sup>	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.

### NOTES:

- + Suggested Electives - includes other academic courses.
1. Emphasizing written and oral communication and literature.
  2. Three units of English must be 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. One unit 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. Three to four units of college preparatory mathematics, including one year of geometry and one year of advanced algebra and/or trigonometry.
  12. Effective Summer 2006, the high school course requirement for admission will be Algebra I & II, and a proof-based geometry course. A fourth unit is highly recommended: trigonometry and pre-calculus, or statistics, depending on the student's area of interest.
  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: Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences – agricultural engineering; Business – 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. Algebra, geometry, advanced algebra, trigonometry.
  16. Laboratory sciences.
  17. Two units must be courses in the physical or biological sciences. One unit must be a laboratory science.
  18. One year of biology, 1 year of chemistry, and 1 additional year of earth science, physics, biology, or chemistry. (All must be laboratory sciences.)
  19. Laboratory courses in biology, chemistry, or physics are preferred. Laboratory courses in astronomy and geology are also acceptable. General science will not be acceptable.







# State University Foreign Language Requirements for Admission and Graduation

University	Foreign Language Requirement for Admission	Foreign Language Requirement for Graduation
<b>Chicago State University</b>	Not required	<b>All Majors</b> - 6 hours of college language (can be met by assessment /proficiency test or college level courses only)
<b>Eastern Illinois University</b>	Not required	<b>All Bachelor Degrees</b> - 2 semesters of college language (can be met by 2 years of single foreign language in high school with "C" or better average)
<b>Governors State University</b>	Not required	Not required
<b>Illinois State University</b>	2 years of one foreign language OR 2 years of fine arts	<b>College of Arts and Sciences</b> - 2 semesters of college language (can be met by successful completion of 3 years of same foreign language in high school) <b>Bachelor of Arts</b> - 3 semesters of college language (can be met by proficiency test or college level courses only)
<b>Northeastern Illinois University</b>	Not required	Not required
<b>Northern Illinois University</b>	Humanities: 2 years of foreign language or combination of language, art, music, theatre	<b>Bachelor of Arts</b> - 2 years of one foreign language at the college level (can be met by 4 years of one foreign language in high school with "C" or greater in each course)
<b>Southern Illinois University Carbondale</b>	Not required; used toward fulfillment of 2 year elective requirement. Must include two semesters of the same language.	<b>College of Liberal Arts</b> - one year (2 courses) of college language (met by college coursework or exam only) <b>Bachelor of Fine Arts</b> (in College of Liberal Arts) - exempt from language requirement
<b>Southern Illinois University Edwardsville</b>	Not required - 2 years recommended	<b>Bachelor of Arts</b> - college language required (met by college level coursework only)
<b>University of Illinois Chicago</b>	2 years of one language	<b>College of Business</b> - 2 semesters at college level (can be met by 2 years of language in high school) <b>College of Architecture and the Arts</b> - 2 semesters at college level (can be met by 2 years of language in high school) <b>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</b> - 4 semesters at college level (met by language placement test or college level language courses only)
<b>University of Illinois Springfield</b>	2 years of one language or 2 years of fine arts. Honors students must have 2 years of one language.	<b>Freshman Honors Students</b> - must demonstrate foreign language speaking proficiency at the second year/sophomore level (can be met by assessment test or college courses only)
<b>University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</b>	2 years of one language	<b>Colleges of Business and Liberal Arts and Sciences</b> - up to the 4th collegiate level of foreign language (can be met by 4 years of one high school foreign language) <b>All other colleges</b> - up to the 3rd collegiate level (can be met by 3 years of one high school foreign language)
<b>Western Illinois University</b>	2 years of foreign language or 2 years of an elective that may include: foreign language, music, art, theatre, film, religion, philosophy, speech, or journalism	<b>Selected majors</b> - bi-cultural-bi-lingual education, foreign language, and biology (can be met by 2 years of high school foreign language)