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STATE UNIVERSITIES IN ILLINOIS

AT-A-GLANCE

The following At-A-Glance charts present comparative admission, cost, curricula and other relevant information about the state universities.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD
 ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
 THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO ^{UTC}
 Northern Illinois University
 SIU CARBONDALE
 WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
 ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN
 CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY
Governors State UNIVERSITY
 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE
 ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

KEY
 ● Major ◐ Minor ◑ Pre-Professional

	CSU	EU	GSSU	ISU	NEIU	NIU	SIUC	SUUE	UIC	UIS	UIUC	WIU
Operations Research												
Statistics/Quantitative Methods												
Multidisciplinary Programs												
Civil Engagement and Responsibility												
Communications and Cultural Diversity												
Emerging Design Technologies												
Foreign Language & International Trade												
Gender & Women's Studies												
General / University Studies												
Global / International Studies												
LGBTQ Studies												
Native American Studies												
Nonprofit Administration												
Peace and Conflict Studies												
Youth Development												
Music												
Music History												
Music Therapy												
Music: Band and Orchestra												
Music: Business												
Music: Instrumental/Keyboard												
Music: Jazz Studies Performance												
Music: Theatre												
Music: Theory & Composition												
Music: Voice												
Physical Sciences												
Astronomy												
Atmospheric Sciences												
Chemistry												
Chemistry - Business												
Chemistry - Environmental												
Chemistry - Forensic												
Chemistry - Industrial												
Chemistry - Pharmacy												
Computer Physics												
Earth Science												
Earth Systems, Environment & Society												
Environmental Studies												
Forensic Science												
Geology												
Meteorology												
Physics												
Paleontology												
Physical Education/Recreation												
Athletic Training												
Coaching												
Event Planning and Management												
Exercise Science & Physical Fitness												
Fisheries												
Kinesiology/Kinesiotherapy												
Outdoor Rec./ Park Admin./Tourism												
Recreation Management												
Scuba Diving												
Sports Management												
Therapeutic Recreation/Fitness Instruction												
Tourism Management												
Preprofessional Programs												
Chiropractic												

	CSU	EU	GSSU	ISU	NEIU	NIU	SIUC	SUUE	UIC	UIS	UIUC	WIU
Dentistry												
Engineering												
Forestry												
Law												
Medicine												
Occupational Therapy												
Optometry												
Osteopathy												
Pharmacology												
Pharmacy												
Physical Therapy												
Physician Assistant												
Podiatry												
Veterinary Medicine												
Social Sciences												
African American Studies												
African Studies												
Aging Studies/Gerontology												
American Civilization Studies												
American Government												
Anthropology												
Asian American Studies												
Asian Studies												
Black American Studies												
Classical Studies												
Criminal Justice/Criminalistics												
Ethnic & Cultural Studies												
Fire Science / Administration												
Forensic Psychology												
Geographic Information Systems												
Geography												
Homeland Security												
History												
Human Services												
International Relations/Comparative Politics												
Labor Relations												
Latino and Latin American Studies												
Law and Society												
Law Enforcement												
Legal & Paralegal Studies												
Library Science												
Medieval Civilization												
Mexican/Caribbean Studies												
Middle Eastern Studies												
Military Science/History												
Museum & Exhibition Studies												
Philosophy												
Political Science												
Psychology												
Public Administration												
Public Policy												
Religious Studies												
Renaissance Studies												
Rural Studies												
Russian Area Studies												
Security Administration												
Social Work												
Sociology												
South Asian Studies												
Urban/Inner City Studies												

Information is subject to change. Please see the individual university websites for the most up-to-date information.

Comparative Freshman Course Requirements

	Total	English	Social Studies	Mathematics	Laboratory Sciences	Electives/Other
Chicago State University	15	4 ¹	3 ⁷	3 ⁸	3 ¹²	2 foreign language, music, vocational education, or art *
Eastern Illinois University	15	4 ¹	3 ⁴	3 ⁸	3	2 years of academic or vocational electives
Governors State University	15	4 ¹	2	3 ¹⁰	2	2 years of one foreign language or fine arts; and 2 years of electives
Illinois State University	15	4	2	3 ¹⁰	2	2 years of one foreign language or fine arts; and 2 years of electives.
Northeastern Illinois University	15	4 ¹	3 ⁴	3 ⁸	3	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.
Northern Illinois University	15	4 ²	3 ⁵	3 ⁸	3 ¹³	2 units (one must be foreign language, art, or music); Up to three units of the required fifteen units may be distributed throughout any of the five categories of course work. Vocational education may satisfy up to three of the units.
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	15 or 16	4 ¹	3 ⁷	3 or 4 ¹⁰	3 ¹²	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.
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville	15	4 ¹	3 ⁴	3 ¹⁰	3	2 years chosen from foreign language, music, the visual arts, theatre, dance and/or vocational education.
University of Illinois at Chicago	16	4	3	3	3	2 years of foreign language (recommended); 1 year of electives.
University of Illinois at Springfield	15	4 ³	3 ⁵	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹²	2 years of one foreign language or 2 years of fine arts, selected from art, music, dance and theatre are required.
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	15/15.5	4 ³	2 ⁷	3 or 3.5 ¹¹	2 ¹²	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.
Western Illinois University	15	4 ¹	3 ⁴	3 ⁸	3	2 years of foreign language, music, vocational education, art, theatre, film, religion, philosophy, speech or journalism+

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) Studies in language, composition, and literature requiring practice in expository writing in all such work. Coursework should emphasize reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

4) Emphasize history and government.

5) One unit must be U.S. history or a combination of U.S. history and government.

6) At least 2 years of history and/or government, other acceptable subjects are anthropology, economics, geography, psychology, and sociology.

7) History and government are preferred. Additional acceptable social studies include anthropology, economics, geography, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.

8) Introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or fundamentals of computer programming.

9) College preparatory mathematics, including one year of geometry and one year of advanced algebra and/or trigonometry.

10) 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.

11) 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.

12) Laboratory courses in biology, chemistry, or physics are preferred. Laboratory courses in astronomy and geology are also acceptable. General science will not be acceptable.

13) Two units must be courses in the physical or biological sciences. One unit must be a laboratory science.

Foreign Language Requirements for Admission and Graduation

	Foreign Language Requirement for Admission	Foreign Language Requirement for Graduation
Chicago State University	Not required	All programs – 6 hours of college language (can be met by assessment/proficiency test or college level courses only)
Eastern Illinois University	Not required, 2 years recommended	2 semesters of college language (can be met by 2 years of single foreign language in high school with “C” or better average)
Governors State University	2 years of one foreign language or 2 years of fine arts	Not required
Illinois State University	2 years of one foreign language or 2 years of fine arts	College of Arts and Sciences - 2 semesters of college language (can be met by successful completion of 3 years of same foreign language in high school). American Sign Language may be used to fulfill this requirement by transfer credit or by proficiency. Bachelor of Arts – 3 semesters of college language (may be met by proficiency test or college level courses only)
Northeastern Illinois University	Not required	Not required
Northern Illinois University	Humanities: 2 years of foreign language or combination of language, art, music, theatre	Bachelor of Arts - 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)
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	Not required; used toward fulfillment of 2 year elective requirement. Must include two semesters of the same language.	College of Liberal Arts - one year (2 courses) of college language (met by college coursework or exam only) some degrees in College of Liberal Arts are exempt
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville	Not required – 2 years recommended	Bachelor of Arts – college language required (met by college level coursework only)
University of Illinois at Chicago	Not required – 2 years recommended	College of Business Administration: 2 semesters at collegiate level; can be waived with 2 years at the high school level or if students native language is not English All programs in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urban Planning and Public Affairs, as well as the Public Health, and Art History: 4 semesters at the collegiate level
University of Illinois at Springfield	2 years of one foreign language OR 2 years of fine arts	Honors students must have 2 years of one language
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2 years of one language required. 4 years recommended	Colleges of Business and Liberal Arts and Sciences: up to the 4th collegiate level of foreign language (can be met by 4 years of one high school foreign language) All other colleges - up to the 3rd collegiate level (can be met by 3 years of one high school foreign language)
Western Illinois University	Not required	Selected majors - bi-cultural, bi-lingual education, foreign language, and biology (can be met by 2 years of high school foreign language)

Comparative Undergraduate Admission Information

Admission as a Freshman

The standardized test score, GPA and class rank middle 50% ranges of the entering freshman class of 2017 show that admission standards vary across the twelve universities. Note that since a holistic approach** is used in the admission review process, having standardized test scores, GPA, and class rank within the entering freshman profile does not guarantee admission.

	ACT middle 50%	SAT middle 50% (M+CR only)	GPA	HSPR		ACT middle 50%	SAT middle 50% (M+CR only)	GPA	HSPR
CSU	19	*	3.1	71.5	SIUC	19-25	*	2.62-3.60	38-80%
EIU	18-24	*	2.69-3.43	*	SIUE	20-26	1020-1260	*	47-85%
GSU	19	*	2.88	*	UIC	21-27	1090-1300	3.1-3.7	73-92%
ISU	21-26	1060-1270	3.08-3.80	*	UIS	19-25	980-1230	2.91-3.80	49-85%
NEIU**	16-36	860-1600	**	N/A	UIUC	27-33	1360-1480	3.37-3.89 UW	No longer calculated
NIU	19-25	*	2.86-3.71	46-80%	WIU	18-23	940-1130	2.54-3.35	Top 40%

Middle 50% for ACT Composite Scores, GPA and Class Rank for Entering Freshman Class of 2017

*No middle 50% is collected.

** School uses an admissions formula to determine eligibility for admission. See school for details.

Priority Filing Dates and Deadlines For 2018 Freshmen

Students are encouraged to file their application as early as possible in fall of the senior year. Submit an official transcript including senior courses in progress, class size and rank with the application. 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:

	Term	Application Available	Priority Filing / Early Action Date	Final Application Deadline	Decision Notification	Application Fee
Chicago State University	Spring Summer I Summer II Fall	May 1 June 1	November 16 May 1 June 1 July 15	As space permits	Rolling	\$25
Eastern Illinois University	Spring Summer Fall	January 15 June 1 June 1	N/A October 15 October 15	As space permits	Rolling	\$30* *Application fee is waived June 1 - October 15 for summer and fall applications
Governors State University	Fall	September 1	November 1	April 1	Rolling	\$25
Illinois State University	Spring Summer Fall	April 1 September 1 September 1	August 1 November 15 November 15	November 1 April 1 April 1	Rolling; If applied by November 15, decision no later than December 31	\$50
Northeastern Illinois University	Spring Summer I Summer II Fall		N/A	November 1 April 1 May 1 July 15	Rolling	\$30
Northern Illinois University	Spring Summer Fall	May 1 July 1 July 1	November 1 December 1 December 1	December 1 May 15 August 1	Rolling	\$40
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	Spring Summer Fall	February 1 June 1 June 1	November 1 December 1 December 1	December 1 May 1 May 1	Rolling	\$40
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville	Spring Summer Fall	One year prior to term One year prior to term June 1(prior to senior year)	N/A N/A December 1	December 8 April 27 May 1	Rolling	\$40
University of Illinois at Chicago	Fall	August 1	November 1 (Early Action)	January 15	EA: December 1 Regular: Rolling	\$60 (domestic) \$70 (International)
University of Illinois at Springfield	Fall Spring	August 1 January 1	May 1 N/A	As space permits	Rolling	\$50 (domestic) \$60 (International)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Fall	August 30	November 1 (Early Action)	December 1	EA: December 15 Final: February 2	\$50 (domestic) \$75 (International)
Western Illinois University	Fall Spring	August 1 (2017)	December 1 N/A	August 1 (2018)	Rolling	\$30

Admission as a Transfer

Admission as a transfer student to one of the state universities of Illinois is based primarily on grade point average for all previous college work and meeting the minimum number of credit hours.

Students with the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) verified on their transcript from any Illinois Public Universities will have met the University general education requirement.

	Minimum Semester Hours (semester hours x 1.5 = qh)	Minimum Cumulative GPA (A = 4.00)
CSU	24	2.0
EIU	24	2.0
GSU	24	2.0
ISU	24 ⁴	2.0 ³
NEIU	24 ¹	2.0
SIUC	26	2.0
SIUE	30	2.0
UIC	24 ²	2.5 ^{3,4}
UIS	30	2.0
UIUC ^{3,5}	12	2.5
WIU	24	2.0 ^{1,3,4}

1) AA 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) Prerequisite coursework is reviewed as a factor for admission.

3) Transfer admission is competitive. Some programs require a higher GPA than the stated minimum.

4) The schedule on which applications will be reviewed provides for competitive admission on a space available basis.

5) Students with fewer credit hours than the posted minimum may need to submit additional materials for review, such as ACT or SAT scores and/or high school transcripts.

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.

Illinois Public Universities 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	Consult university	Consult university
EIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
GSU	Consult university	Consult university
ISU	Summer/Fall: September 1 Spring: April 1	Summer/Fall: May 1, or as space exists Spring: November 1, or as space exists
NEIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Fall: July 15; Spring: Nov 1; Summer: April 1
NIU	Spring 2018: May 1, 2017 Fall 2018: July 1, 2017	Spring 2018: December 1, Fall 2018: August 1, 2018
SIUC	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
SIUE	One year prior to term of entry	4 weeks prior to the start of the term
UIC	Fall: August 1 Spring: May 15	Fall: April 2 Spring: October 16
UIS	A year in advance of entry term	Prefer 1 month prior to start of entry term
UIUC	Spring: August 30 Fall: December 15	Spring: October 15, Fall: March 1
WIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Fall: August 1 Spring: December 1

Comparative Undergraduate Financial Information

Room and Board

Estimated rates for room and board are based on standard academic year, double occupancy, and with a basic meal plan, unless otherwise noted.

	Rates*	On campus housing required or optional for freshmen
CSU	\$8,723	
EIU	\$9,360	Required ²
GSU	\$5,558	
ISU	\$9,850	First two years ¹
NEIU	\$11,424	Optional
NIU	\$10,880	Required ²
SIUC	\$10,622	Required ²
SIUE	\$9,481	Optional
UIC	\$11,342	Optional
UIS	\$9,700	First two years ²
UIUC	\$11,308	Required
WIU	\$9,630	First two years

1) If applying directly out of high school or first time-freshmen

2) Age, distance, and credit hour exemptions may apply

Estimated based on published rates for 2016-2017. Subject to change.

Tuition & Fees

	Annual In-State	Annual Out of State
CSU ¹	\$12,016	\$20,716
EIU ²	\$11,677	\$13,867
GSU ¹	\$10,516	\$18,676
ISU	\$14,062 ⁵	\$25,170 ^{2,3}
NEIU	\$22,161 ¹	\$29,535*
NIU	\$12,273.20	\$16,059.44 ⁴ \$21,738.80
SIUC	\$13,936	\$13,936 ⁵
SIUE	\$11,493	\$11,493
UIC ^{2,3}	\$14,856	\$20,148 ⁴ \$27,712
UIS ¹	\$12,663	\$22,188
UIUC ¹	\$15,698-\$20,872	\$31,988-\$36,992
WIU	\$11,266.50	\$11,266.50

1) By credit hour. Based on 30 credit hours for fall and spring semesters.

2) By tuition range. Based on full-time status (12 or more hours per semester, fall and spring)

3) Base rate, program differentials may apply.

4) Applicants from select states and/or who meet certain academic credentials qualify for a reduced tuition, check university site for details

5) Applicants from select states qualify for in-state tuition

6) Fees include textbooks

7) By credit hour. Based on 24 credit hours for fall and spring semesters.

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

Financial Aid

The state universities of Illinois recommend filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form as soon as possible after October 1.

	Forms Required	Priority Deadline*
CSU	FAFSA	February 1
EIU	FAFSA	December 15
GSU	FAFSA	February 1
ISU	FAFSA	November 15
NEIU	FAFSA	February 15
NIU	FAFSA	N/A
SIUC	FAFSA	December 1
SIUE	FAFSA	N/A
UIC	FAFSA	December 1
UIS	FAFSA	February 15
UIUC	FAFSA	March 1
WIU	FAFSA	February 1

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



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