

State Universities in Illinois — At a Glance

Summary of Minimum High School Course Requirements for Admission of Freshman to Illinois Public Universities — Effective 2016 —

	Total	English	Social Studies	Mathematics	Science	Electives and Other Requirements
Chicago State +	15	4 ¹	3 ⁸	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁸	2 years of foreign language, music, vocational education or art
Eastern Illinois	15	4 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁵	2 years of academic or vocational electives.
Governors State	15	4 ¹	2	3 ¹²	2 ¹⁵	2 years of one foreign language or fine arts; and 2 years of electives.
Northeastern Illinois	15	4 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁵	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 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁵	2 years of foreign language, music, vocational education, art, theatre, film, religion, philosophy, speech or journalism
Illinois State	15	4	2	3 ¹²	2 ¹⁵	2 years of one foreign language or fine arts; and 2 years of electives.
Northern Illinois	15	4 ²	3 ⁶	3 ¹¹	3 ¹⁶	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 ⁸	3 or 4 ¹²	3 ¹⁸	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 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ¹²	3 ¹⁵	2 years chosen from foreign language, music, the visual arts, theatre, dance and/or vocational education.
University of Illinois						
Chicago	16	4 ⁴	3	3	3 ¹⁸	2 years of foreign language (recommended); 1 year of electives.
Springfield	15	4 ⁴	3 ⁷	3 ¹²	3 ¹⁸	2 years of one foreign language <u>or</u> 2 years of fine arts, selected from art, music, dance and theatre are required.
Urbana-Champaign	15 or 15.5	4 ⁴	2 ⁸	3 or 3.5 ¹⁴	2 ¹⁸	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.
- 11. Three to four units of college preparatory mathematics, including one year of geometry and one year of advanced algebra and/or trigonometry.
- 12. 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. Laboratory sciences.
- 16. Two units must be courses in the physical or biological sciences. One unit must be a laboratory science.
- 17. One year of biology, 1 year of chemistry, and 1 additional year of earth science, physics, biology, or chemistry. (All must be laboratory sciences.)
- 18. 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 Application Priority Filing Dates and Deadlines For 2017 Freshmen

University	Term	Priority Filing	Application Deadline	Application Fee
Chicago State University	Spring 2016 Summer I 2016 Summer II 2016 Fall 2016	November 16 May 1 June 1 July 15	Not applicable - applications considered as space permits.	\$25
Eastern Illinois University	Spring 2017 Summer 2017 Fall 2017	Not applicable - to guarantee consideration apply by November 15 Not applicable - although students are encouraged to apply early	Not applicable - students are admitted on a rolling basis as space permits	\$30
Governors State University <small>Freshman Fall Admission Only</small>	Fall 2017	November 1	April 1, 2016 preferred *Reviewed case by case basis if space available.	\$25
Illinois State University	Spring 2017 Summer 2017 Fall 2017	April 1 - August 1 (accepted as space permits) September 1 - November 15 September 1 - November 15	November 1, 2016 April 1, 2017 April 1, 2017	\$50
Northeastern Illinois University	Spring 2017 Summer I 2017 Summer II 2017 Fall 2017	Not applicable - although students are encouraged to apply early	November 1, 2016 April 1, 2017 May 1, 2017 July 15, 2017	\$30
Northern Illinois University	Spring 2017 Summer 2017 Fall 2017	May 1 - Nov. 1 July 1 - Dec. 1 July 1 - Dec. 1	December 1, 2016 May 15, 2017 August 1, 2017	\$40
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	Spring 2017 Summer 2017 Fall 2017	February 1 - November 1 June 1 - December 1 June 1 - December 1	December 1, 2016 May 1, 2017 May 1, 2017	\$40
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Spring 2017 Summer 2017 Fall 2017	Not applicable Not applicable June 1 - Dec. 1, 2016	December 9, 2016 April 28, 2017 May 1, 2017	\$40
University of Illinois Chicago	Fall 2017	November 1, 2016	January 16, 2017	\$50 (Domestic) \$50 (International)
Springfield	Spring 2017 Fall 2017	Not applicable May 1, 2017	Not applicable - applications considered as space permits	\$50 (Domestic) \$60 (International)
Urbana/Champaign	Fall 2017	Early Action: Aug. 24 - Nov. 1 Final Deadline: Aug. 24 - Dec. 1	Early Action decisions: Dec. 16 Final Deadline decision: Feb. 3	\$50 (Domestic) \$75 (International)
Western Illinois University	Spring 2017 Fall 2017	Not applicable December 1	Not applicable August 1	\$30

State University Foreign Language Requirements for Admission and Graduation

University	Foreign Language Requirement for Admission	Foreign Language Requirement for Graduation
Chicago State University	Not required	All Majors - 6 hours of college language (can be met by assessment /proficiency test or college level courses only)
Eastern Illinois University	Not required	All Bachelor Degrees - 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, 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, as well as the Public Health, Art History, and Urban Studies programs require proficiency to the 4th 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.	Not required
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)

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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

The ACT, GPA and class rank mid-ranges of the entering freshman class of 2015 show that admission standards vary across the twelve universities. Note that since a holistic approach is used in the admission review process, having an ACT, GPA, and class rank within the entering freshman profile does not guarantee admission.

Middle 50% for ACT Composite Scores, GPA and Class Rank for Entering Freshman Class of 2015

University	ACT	SAT (M&CR only)	GPA	HSPR
CSU	19		3.1	71.5
EIU	19-24		2.7-3.4	N/A
GSU	19		2.88	N/A
ISU	21-26	(1060-1270)	3.08-3.80	N/A
NEIU	a*		N/A	Top 50%
NIU	19-25		2.85-3.70	48-82%
SIUC	19-25		2.62-3.60	38-80%
SIUE	20-25	(1020-1230)	N/A	48-84%
UIC	22-26		3.03-3.60	67-89%
UIS	19-24		2.87-3.79	46-85%
UIUC	27-32		N/A	84-97%
WIU	18-23		2.57-3.48	Top 40%

a*(ACT Composite)(10)+(high school)(200)=Admission Decision Score 649 (or higher) full admission

* 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 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 Aug. 1, prior to beginning of senior year	Consult university
GSU	After September 1 of senior year	July 1; November 1 (Priority filing date)
ISU	Preferred filing period: September 1 - November 15	Fall: April 1 • Spring: November 1
NEIU	After completion of junior year	July 15
NIU	July 1, prior to beginning of senior year	July 1; December 1 (Priority filing date)
SIUC	After June 1, prior to beginning of senior year	May 1; December 1 (Priority filing date)**
SIUE	After completion of junior year	May 1; December 1 (Priority filing date)
UIC	After August 1st	January 16 of senior year
UIS	After August 1 of senior year	Consult university
UIUC	Early Action: August 24 - Nov. 1	Final Deadline: August 24 - Dec. 1
WIU	After completion of junior year	August 1

**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)	February 1 Priority deadline
EIU	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	February 15 Priority filing date
GSU	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	February 1 Priority filing date
ISU	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	November 15 Priority filing date
NEIU	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	February 15 Priority deadline
NIU	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	Apply as soon as possible after October 1st
SIUC	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	Apply beginning October 1
SIUE	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (recommended)	Apply as soon as possible beginning October 1st
UIC	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	December 1 Priority deadline*
UIS	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	February 15 Priority deadline
UIUC	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	March 1 Priority deadline
WIU	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (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*

<p>CSU \$8,723 for Fall and Spring Includes meal plans (double occupancy)</p>	<p>SIUC \$10,186/year (double occupancy; includes unlimited dining)</p>
<p>EIU \$9,176/year with meal plan (double occupancy) Housing is a separate application procedure from Admission.</p>	<p>SIUE \$9,211/year-with meal plan (double occupancy)</p>
<p>GSU \$5,558/academic year (semi-suite/double occupancy) Other housing options and 12-month contract available. Housing is a separate application procedure from Admission. Meal plan available but not included.</p>	<p>UIC \$10,500 (average)/year (basic meal plan - others available)</p>
<p>ISU \$9,850/year (multiple occupancy, 7 day unlimited meal plan)</p>	<p>UIS \$9,700/year Freshman (includes basic meal plan)</p>
<p>NEIU \$8,100 for Fall and Spring (shared room & board)</p>	<p>UIUC \$11,308 (based on double occupancy room and an average meal plan)</p>
<p>NIU \$10,776/year (median housing and food plan) (other options available)</p>	<p>WIU \$9,580/year (double room and basic meal plan)</p>

*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)
CSU	24	2.0 ^{1,2,10}
EIU	30/24	2.0 ¹⁰ / 2.5
GSU	24 (or AA/AS/AAS from regionally accredited institution)	2.0 ^{1,2,3}
ISU	24	2.0 ^{2,3,9}
NEIU	24	2.0 ^{1,3,9}
NIU	24 ⁵	2.0 ^{1,2,3}
SIUC	26 ^{1,2,3,9,10}	2.0 ^{1,2,3}
SIUE	30	2.0 ¹
UIC	24 ¹³	2.5 ²
UIS	30	2.0 ^{2,4,9,10,11}
UIUC	12 ¹²	2.5 ²
WIU	24	2.0 ^{3,6,9}

- 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 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.
- Students who do not have 30 graded transferable semester hours at the time of application will need to submit official ACT or SAT scores.
- Students with less than 24 semester hours should submit high school transcript, standardization test scores, and college transcripts.

Tuition and Fees*

CSU	In-state: \$12,016/year (30 Hrs.) Out-of-state: \$20,716/year (30 Hrs.)	NIU	In-state: \$12,223.76/year *Midwest: \$16,010.00/year Out-of-state: \$21,689.36/year *Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin	UIC	In-state: \$15,600/year Out-of-state: \$28,000/year
EIU	In-state: \$11,312/year (30 Hrs.) Out-of-state: \$13,442/year (30 Hrs.) Fees include textbooks. Students from IN, IA, KY, MI, MO and WI will pay in-state rate.	SIUC	In-state: \$13,481/year Out-of-state: \$27,130/year *New freshmen and transfer students who are residents of AR, IA, IN, KY, MO, TN and WI will qualify for the Border State tuition rate which is equal to the in-state tuition rate.	UIS	In-state: \$12,617/year (30 Hrs.) Out-of-state: \$22,142/year (30 Hrs.)
GSU	In-state: \$10,516/yr (30 Hrs.) Out-of-state: \$18,676/yr (30 Hrs.)	SIUE	In-state: \$11,007.70/year* Out-of-state: \$23,535.70/year Fees include textbooks *Newly entering freshmen and transfer students from AR, IA, IN, KY, MO, TN and WI will pay the same in-state tuition rate as students from Illinois.	UIUC	Base rate in-state: \$15,698. Base rate out-of-state: \$31,320.
ISU	In-state: \$14,062/year Out-of-state: \$25,170/year			WIU	In-state: \$11,245.00/year (30 Hrs.) Out-of-state: \$15,515.00/year (30 Hrs.)
NEIU	In-state: \$18,123.00/year Out-of-state: \$26,523.00/year				*Estimated and subject to change without notice.

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	Consult university
ISU	Summer/Fall: September 1 Spring: April 1	Summer/Fall: May 1; Spring: Nov 1
NEIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Fall: July 15; Spring: Nov 1; Summer: April 1
NIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Fall: July 1; Spring: December 1; space limitations and/or budgetary constraints may necessitate an earlier deadline
SIUC	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
SIUE	One year in advance of desired entry date	Four weeks prior to beginning of term applied for
UIC	Fall: August 1 Spring: June 1	Fall: March 31 Spring: October 15
UIS	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
UIUC	Fall: August 24 - October 1 Spring: August 24 - March 1	Fall: August 24 - October 1 Spring: August 24 - March 1
WIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Fall Aug 1*, Spr. Dec 1*

*After on a space available basis.