

State Universities in Illinois — At a Glance

Summary of Minimum High School Course Requirements for Admission of Freshman to Illinois Public Universities — Effective 2013 —

	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.
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; 1 year of an elective.
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.



Grid of program offerings for the left column of institutions. Rows include Biophysics, Chemistry, Computer Physics, Earth Science, Environmental Studies, Geology, Meteorology, Physics, Physical Education/Recreation, Preprofessional Programs, Social Sciences, and Corrections.

Grid of program offerings for the right column of institutions. Rows include Criminal Justice, Criminology, Ethics, Ethnic & Cultural Studies, Fire Science, Geographic Information Systems, Geography, Gerontology, Global Studies, Governmental/Political Science, History, Homeland Security, Human Services, Interdisciplinary English Studies, Labor Relations, Latino and Latin American Studies, Law Enforcement, Legal & Paralegal Studies, Library Science, Medieval Civilization, Mental Health, Mexican/Caribbean Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Military Science, Museum Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Religious Studies, Renaissance Studies, Russian Area Studies, Social Work, Sociology, South Asian Studies, Tourism Studies, Urban Studies, Theatre, Acting, Cinema Studies, Theatre: Design/Production, Theatre: Performance, Theatre: Technology & Design, and Theatre Studies.

Legend for grid symbols: Major/Concentration (solid black), Minor (black with diagonal line), Two Year Program (white with diagonal line), Pre-Professional (white with diagonal line).

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)
9501 South King Dr.
Chicago 60628-1598
Office of Admissions: (773) 995-2513
Office of Financial Aid: (773) 995-2304
Housing Office: 773-995-3676
Undergraduate: 4,618
Graduate and Professional: 1,397
Total Campus: 6,015
www.csu.edu

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY (ISU)
Campus Box 2200
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
Undergraduate: 18,207
Graduate and Professional: 2,295
Total Campus: 20,502
IllinoisState.edu

NIU (Cont.)
Toll Free: (800) 892-3050
Undergraduate: 17,886
Graduate and Professional: 5,964
Total Campus: 23,850
www.niu.edu

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE (SIUC)
425 Clocktower Dr.
Carbondale 62901
Office of Admissions: (618) 536-4405
Office of Financial Aid: (618) 453-4334
Housing Office: (618) 453-2301
Undergraduate: 14,130
Graduate and Professional: 4,717
Total Campus: 18,847
www.siu.edu

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO (UIC)
Office of Admissions
(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: 16,671
Graduate and Professional: 10,841
Total Campus: 27,512

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN (UIUC)
901 West Illinois Street, Suite 103
Urbana 61801
Office of Admissions: (217) 333-0302
Visit Scheduling: (217) 333-0824
Chicago Office: (217) 333-0313
Office of Financial Aid: (217) 333-0100
Housing Office: (217) 333-7111
Undergraduate: 32,281
Graduate and Professional: 12,239
Total Campus: 44,520

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

State University Application Priority Filing Dates and Deadlines For 2014 Freshmen

University	Term	Priority Filing	Application Deadline	Application Fee
Chicago State University	Spring 2014 Summer I 2014 Summer II 2014 Fall 2014	November 15 May 1 June 1 July 15	Not applicable - applications considered as space permits.	\$25
Eastern Illinois University	Spring 2014 Summer 2014 Fall 2014	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>GSU is an upper-division and graduate University. Students need to complete an Associates Degree or 60 hours prior to admission.</small>	Fall 2013 Spring 2014 Summer 2014	Not applicable - but students are encouraged to apply at least 2-4 months in advance	Not applicable - students are admitted on a rolling basis as space permits, select program deadlines apply	\$25
Illinois State University	Spring 2014 Summer 2014 Fall 2014	April 1 - Sept. 1 (accepted as space permits) September 1 - November 15 September 1 - November 15	November 1, 2013 April 1, 2014 April 1, 2014	\$40
Northeastern Illinois University	Spring 2014 Summer I 2014 Summer II 2014 Fall 2014	Not applicable - although students are encouraged to apply early	November 1, 2013 April 1, 2014 May 2014 July 1, 2014	\$30
Northern Illinois University	Spring 2014 Summer 2014 Fall 2014	May 1 - Nov. 1 Aug. 1 - Dec. 1 Aug. 1 - Dec. 1	December 1, 2013 May 1, 2014 May 1, 2014	\$40
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	Spring 2014 Summer 2014 Fall 2014	February 1 - November 1 June 1 - December 1 September 1 - December 1	December 1, 2013 May 1, 2014 May 1, 2014	\$40
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Spring 2014 Summer 2014 Fall 2014	Not applicable Not applicable June 1 - Dec. 1, 2013	December 13, 2014 April 25, 2014 May 1, 2014	\$30
University of Illinois Chicago	Fall 2014	Not applicable	January 15, 2014	\$50 (Domestic) \$50 (International)
Springfield	Spring 2014 Fall 2014	Not applicable May 1, 2014	Not applicable - applications considered as space permits	\$50 (Domestic) \$60 (International)
Urbana/Champaign	Fall 2014	September 1 - Nov.1 (postmark)	January 2, 2014	\$50 (Domestic) \$75 (International)
Western Illinois University	Spring 2014 Fall 2014	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	Not required	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) Bachelor of Fine Arts (in College of Liberal Arts) - exempt from language requirement
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Not required – 2 years recommended	Bachelor of Arts – college language required (met by college level coursework only)
University of Illinois Chicago	2 years of one language	College of Business - 2 semesters at college level (can be met by 2 years of language in high school) Department of Art History - 2 semesters at college level College of Liberal Arts and Sciences - 4 semesters at college level (met by language placement test or college level language courses only)
University of Illinois Springfield	2 years of one language or 2 years of fine arts. Honors students must have 2 years of one language.	Not required
University of Illinois 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 2012 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 2012

University	ACT	GPA	HSPR
CSU	19	3.1	71.5
EIU	21	3.05	Top 40%
GSU	N/A	N/A	N/A
ISU	22-26	3.13-3.8	N/A
NEIU	19 or Higher	N/A	Top 50%
NIU	19-25	2.72-3.52	46-80%
SIUC	21-24	2.81-3.22	60-78%
SIUE	20-25	N/A	47-84%
UIC	21-26	2.98-3.55	67-89%
UIS	19-25	3.0-3.8	56-88%
UIUC	27-32	N/A	83-96%
WIU	18-23	2.64-3.39	Top 40%

* 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
ISU	Preferred filing period: September 1 - November 15	Fall: April 1 • Spring: November 1
NEIU	After completion of junior year	July 1
NIU	After July 15, prior to beginning of senior year	August 1; December 1 (Priority filing date)
SIUC	After Sept. 1 of senior year	May1 ; December 1 (Priority filing date)
SIUE	After completion of junior year	May1 ; December 1 (Priority filing date)
UIC	After completion of junior year	January 15 of senior year
UIS	After Sept. 1 of senior year	Consult university
UIUC	After September 1 of senior year	January 2 of senior year
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)	March 1 Priority filing date
GSU	GSU Aid Application. (FAFSA) required	April 1 Priority deadline
ISU	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	March 1 Priority filing date
NEIU	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	February 15 Priority deadline
NIU	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	March 1 Priority
SIUC	(FAFSA)	February 15 Priority deadline
SIUE	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	March 1 Priority filing date
UIC	(FAFSA)	March 1 Priority deadline*
UIS	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	March 1 Priority deadline
UIUC	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	March 1 Priority deadline
WIU	(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*

CSU	\$8,470 for Fall and Spring Includes meal plans (double occupancy)	SIUC	\$9,527/year (double occupancy; includes 19 meals/week)
EIU	\$8,996/year with meal plan (double occupancy) Housing is a separate application procedure from Admission.	SIUE	\$8,531/year-with meal plan (double occupancy)
GSU	No university housing provided; commuter institution	UIC	\$10,260 (average)/year (basic meal plan - others available)
ISU	\$9,624/year (multiple occupancy, 7 day unlimited meal plan)	UIS	\$9,300/year Freshman(includes meal plan)
NEIU	No university housing provided; commuter institution	UIUC	\$10,636 (average)/year (most popular meal plan)
NIU	\$8,998/year (basic double room with basic meal plan) (other options available)	WIU	\$9,190/year (double room and basic meal plan) \$11,340/year (single occupancy and basic meal plan)

*Subject to change

Glance - Comparative Undergraduate Admission Information, 2013

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 GSI.

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
GSI	60 (or AA/AS/AAS from regionally accredited institution)	2.0 ^{1,2,3}
ISU	24	2.0 ^{2,3,9,10}
NEIU	24	2.0 ^{1,3,9}
NIU	24 ⁵	2.0 ^{1,2,3}
SIUC	26	2.0 ^{1,2,3}
SIUE	30	2.0 ¹
UIC	24 (more hours and higher GPA for many programs)	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.

Tuition and Fees*

CSU	In-state: \$11,126/year (30 Hrs.) Out-of-state: \$19,586/year (30 Hrs.)	NEIU	In-state: \$10,338.00/year Out-of-state: \$18,948.00/year	Proposed; not approved by NEIU Board of Trustees	UIUC	In-state: \$15,258/year (est.) Out-of-state: \$29,640/year (est.)
EIU	In-state: \$11,144/year (30 Hrs.) Out-of-state: \$28,124/year (30 Hrs.) Fees include textbooks	NIU	In-state: \$11,756.66/year Out-of-state: \$20,828.36/year		WIU	In-state: \$10,941.00/year (30 Hrs.) Out-of-state: \$15,143.00/year (30 Hrs.)
GSI	Junior/senior: In-state: \$9,386/30 hours Out-of-state: \$17,036/30 hours	SIUC	In-state: \$11,942/year Out-of-state: \$24,565/year			
ISU	In-state: \$13,009/year Out-of-state: \$20,450/year	SIUE	In-state: \$9,666.40/year Out-of-state: \$20,610.40/year			
		UIC	In-state: \$15,200/year Out-of-state: \$27,600/year			
		UIS	In-state: \$11,136/year Out-of-state: \$20,286/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
GSI	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 1; Spring: Nov 1; Summer: April 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
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: September 1 Spring: July 1	Fall: March 31 Spring: October 15
UIS	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
UIUC	Fall/Spring: September 1	Spring: October 15* Fall: March 1
WIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Fall Aug 1*, Spr. Dec 1*

* After on a space available basis.