

# State Universities in Illinois — At a Glance

## Summary of Minimum High School Course Requirements for Admission of Freshman to Illinois Public Universities —Effective 2006—

	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, fine arts, or one 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, theater, 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 15.5	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>8</sup>	3 or 3.5 <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, theater, 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	3	3 <sup>19</sup>	2 years of one foreign language 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, primarily biology, chemistry and physics.
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.







	CSU	EIU	GSU	ISU	NEIU	NIU	SIUC	SIUE	UIC	UIS	UIUC	WIU
Preprofessional Programs continued												
Optometry												
Pharmacy												
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												
Geographic Information Systems												
Geography												
Governmental/Political Science												
History												
Human Services												
Labor Relations												
Latin American Studies												

Major/Concentration

Minor

Two Year Program

Pre-Professional



	CSU	EIU	GSU	ISU	NEIU	NIU	SIUC	SIUE	UIC	UIS	UIUC	WIU
Law Enforcement												
Legal & Paralegal Studies												
Library Science												
Medieval Civilization												
Mental Health												
Mexican/Caribbean Studies												
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												

**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: 4,867  
Graduate: 1,968  
Total Campus: 6,886  
www.csu.edu

**EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (EIU)**

Charleston 61920-3099  
Office of Admissions:  
(217) 581-2223  
Toll Free: (800) 252-5711  
Office of Financial Aid:  
(217) 581-3713  
Housing Office:  
(217) 581-3923  
Undergraduate: 9,928  
Graduate: 1,723  
Total Campus FTE: 11,651

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY (GSU)**

University Park 60466  
Office of Admissions:  
(708) 534-4490  
Office of Financial Aid:  
(708) 534-4480  
Undergraduate: 2,752  
Graduate: 2,900  
Total Campus: 5,652

**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  
Undergraduate: 17,866  
Graduate and Professional: 2,553  
Total Campus: 20,419  
www.IllinoisState.edu

**NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (NEIU)**

5500 North St. Louis Avenue  
Chicago 60625  
Office of Admissions:  
(773) 442-4000  
Office of Admissions  
Counseling & Recruitment:  
(773) 442-4050  
Office of Financial Aid:  
(773) 442-5000  
Undergraduate: 9,305  
Graduate: 2,859  
Total Campus: 12,164

**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: 18,031  
Graduate and Professional:  
6,789  
Total Campus: 24,820

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT CARBONDALE (SIUC)**

Carbondale 62901  
Office of Admissions:  
(618) 536-4405  
Office of Financial Aid:  
(618) 453-4334  
Housing Office: (618) 453-2301  
Undergraduate: 16,366  
Graduate and Professional:  
5,021  
Total Campus: 21,387

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE (SIUE)**

Campus Box 1600  
Edwardsville 62026  
Admission:  
(618) 650-3705  
Office of Financial Aid:  
(618) 650-3380  
Housing Office: (618) 650-3931  
Admission Counseling Toll  
Free: (800) 447-SIUE  
Undergraduate: 10,811  
Graduate: 2,682  
Total Campus: 13,493  
www.siue.edu

**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: 15,448  
Graduate and Professional:  
9,939  
Total Campus: 25,387

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD (UIS)**

Office of Admissions  
University Hall  
One University Plaza  
Springfield 62703-5407  
Office of Admissions:  
(217) 206-4UIS  
Toll Free: (888) 977-4UIS  
Office of Financial Aid:  
(217) 206-6724  
Housing Office:  
(217) 206-6190  
Undergraduate: 2,507  
Graduate: 1,889  
Total Campus: 4,396  
www.uis.edu

**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: 217-333-7111  
Undergraduate: 29,294  
Graduate and Professional:  
11,066  
Total Campus: 40,360

**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: 11,310  
Graduate: 2,248  
Total Campus: 13,558

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

# 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 23	860 980 1060
<b>EIU Admission Requirements</b>	The University will consider admission applications, dependent upon availability of facilities and resources, from freshmen candidates who satisfy one of the categories below:						
Class Rank	or GPA	and ACT	or SAT				
Upper 1/4	or 3.0/4.0	and 18	or 860				
Upper 1/2	or 2.5/4.0	and 19	or 910				
Upper 3/4	or 2.25/4.0	and 22	or 1020				
<b>GSU</b>	Upper-Division University: Admission limited to juniors and seniors <i>only</i> .						
<b>ISU*</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>SIUE</b>	High School GPA of 2.5 on a 4, and ACT score of 21 (or SAT equivalent) or top 25% of high school class. Applicants who do not meet the admission criteria may be considered for admission but are subject to additional review.		
<b>NIU**</b>	50-99 (or 2.75 gpa on a 4.0 scale with 19 ACT/870 SAT (CR+M))	19	870 (CR+M)	<b>UIC*</b>	Best qualified students admitted as space permits. Consult the Office of Admissions for further information.		
	34-49 (or 2.5 gpa on a 4.0 scale with 23 ACT/1030 SAT (CR+M))	23	1030 (CR+M)	<b>UIS</b>	Best qualified students admitted as space permits. Consult the Office of Admissions for further information.		
				<b>UIUC</b>	Best qualified students admitted as space permits. Consult the Office of Admissions for further information.		
				<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 July 15 prior to beginning of senior year	Consult university
<b>ISU</b>	After Sept. 1 of senior year	Consult university
<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 15 of senior year Spring: After September 15	January 1 of senior year November 1 (November 1-January 1 space available basis)
<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)	March 1 Priority deadline
<b>EIU</b>	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	March 1 Priority
<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)	On a first-come, first-serve basis until funds are depleted
<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 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

<b>CSU</b>	\$6,212 for Fall and Spring Includes meal plans (double occupancy)	<b>SIUC</b>	\$5,446.00/year (multiple occupancy; includes 19 meals/week)
<b>EIU</b>	\$5,400-\$6,200 range/year (double occupancy) Housing is a separate application procedure from Admission.	<b>SIUE</b>	\$5,819 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>	\$5,762/year (multiple occupancy); includes Silver meal plan.	<b>UIS</b>	\$6,408/year Freshman (Capital Scholars)
<b>NEIU</b>	No university housing provided; commuter institution	<b>UIUC</b>	\$7,176 (average)/year (most popular meal plan)
<b>NIU</b>	\$5,544/year (basic meal - others available) (double occupancy)	<b>WIU</b>	\$6,143/year (double room and basic meal plan) \$7,366/year (single occupancy and basic meal plan)

# Glance - Comparative Undergraduate Admission Information, 2005

## 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	2.0 <sup>10</sup>
<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>1,2,3</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>	36 (more hours and higher GPA for many programs)	2.5 <sup>2</sup>
<b>UIS</b>	30	2.0 <sup>1,2,7</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 community college in Illinois generally are considered to have junior status and have met lower-division general education requirements.

## Tuition and Fees\*

<b>CSU</b>	In-state: \$6,625/year (30 Hrs.) Out-of-state: \$11,815/year (30 Hrs.)	<b>NEIU</b>	In-state: \$3,596.40/year Out-of-state: \$6,572.40/year	<b>UIUC</b>	In-state: \$8,688/year Out-of-state: \$22,774/year
<b>EIU</b>	In-state: \$6,366/year (30 Hrs.) Out-of-state: \$15,624/year (30 Hrs.) Fees include textbooks	<b>NIU</b>	In-state: \$7,098/year Out-of-state: \$12,608/year	<b>WIU</b>	In-state: \$5,695.20/year Out-of-state: \$10,232.70/year
<b>GSU</b>	Junior/senior: In-state: \$3,908/year Out-of-state: \$10,724/year	<b>SIUC</b>	In-state: \$6,797.50/year Out-of-state: \$14,762.00/year		
<b>ISU</b>	In-state: \$7,091/year Out-of-state: \$12,971/year	<b>SIUE</b>	In-state: \$5,209/year Out-of-state: \$11,734/year		
		<b>UIC</b>	In-state: \$8,302/year Out-of-state: \$20,692/year		
		<b>UIS</b>	In-state: \$4,610.00/year Out-of-state: \$11,510/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
<b>CSU</b>	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
<b>EIU</b>	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
<b>GSU</b>	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
<b>ISU</b>	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
<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 Spring: September 1	Fall: March 1* Spring: November 1*
<b>WIU</b>	One year in advance of desired entry date	Fall Aug 1*, Spr. Dec 1*

\* After on a space available basis.