

Spring 2010



ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
Illinois' first public university

Community College

Counselor update

Application deadlines

Term	Preferred filing period	Application deadline	Required document deadline
Summer/fall 2010	September 1–January 1	April 1	June 1
Spring 2011	April 1–August 1	November 1	November 1

Students are encouraged to apply early in the application filing period in order to have the best chance of being admitted to competitive majors. Students applying and submitting all necessary transcripts and required documents in the preferred filing period will be able to participate in advanced course registration. Students applying or submitting required documents after the preferred filing period will be admitted as space permits.

Welcome2ISU

Welcome2ISU is a personalized Web portal for prospective and accepted students to use before registration. Students can utilize Welcome2ISU to check their admission status, learn more about financial aid, submit their on-campus housing contract and meal plan, and find reminders for important dates and deadlines.

Transfer/Readmit Major Admission Guide and list of closed majors

Prospective transfer students should refer to the *Transfer/Readmit Major Admission Guide* to determine the courses required for admission into a particular major. View the guide and listing of closed majors online at www.Admissions.ilstu.edu/transfer/requirements.

Transfer students should also complete the equivalent of English 101, Communication 110, and a general education math course prior to transferring. Completion of these courses provides a smooth transition to the University and an easier progression toward graduation.

Find Your Major Web site

The University has developed a “Find Your Major” Web site to assist students with selecting a major. This Web site provides several options and tools to assist career exploration. Access the site at www.FindYourMajor.ilstu.edu.

Transfer Student Seminar

This one-credit-hour, online course is offered as a pilot program to all new transfer students. It is designed to ease the transition of new transfer students by using online technology for their learning environment. Students learn about the University, meet other transfer students, get involved, and learn about important campus policies.

Transfer Day Program

The Transition and Orientation Services Office offers an orientation/registration program for incoming transfer students. Students will receive an orientation on academic policies and procedures, meet with an academic advisor, advance register for classes, and attend an informational fair.

Semester of enrollment:	Transfer Days:
Fall 2010	Wednesday, March 17, 2010
	Tuesday, March 23, 2010
	Friday, March 26, 2010
	Friday, April 2, 2010
	Friday, April 9, 2010

Semester of enrollment:	Transfer Days:
Spring 2011	Friday, October 15, 2010
	Friday, October 22, 2010
	Friday, October 29, 2010

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Housing

Phone: (309) 438-8611
Web site: www.Housing.ilstu.edu

Transfer guides and two-year suggested programs

www.Registrar.ilstu.edu/students/transfer/course_articulation

Counselor resources

www.Admissions.ilstu.edu/counselors/college

Open houses and campus visits

Illinois State will host four open houses this spring and summer:

Monday, March 1, 2010
Spring open house

Monday, March 29, 2010
Spring open house

Friday, July 9, 2010
Summer open house

Friday, July 16, 2010
Summer open house

Families will have the opportunity to tour the campus, tour a residence hall, meet with campus representatives from academic and student service areas, and listen to sessions on financial aid. There is also a special session about enrollment at Illinois State designed specifically for transfer students.

Transfer Student Information Sessions

We have created a new transfer student information session available at 2 p.m. on select Fridays. This group session includes a presentation by an admissions counselor, and a student-led walking tour of campus. Students can make a reservation for any of these options at IllinoisState.edu/visit.

Spanish-speaking services

Spanish-speaking students or parents who wish to learn more about the University can contact Admissions counselors, Dave Marcial or Allegra Menken. Both Marcial and Menken are bilingual and available to help translate information. Marcial can be contacted at (309) 438-7066. Menken can be contacted at (309) 438-2921.

Foreign language requirement

We encourage transfer students to complete foreign language graduation requirements prior to attending Illinois State University.

College of Arts and Sciences

All graduates pursuing a bachelor of science in the College of Arts and Sciences must satisfy a foreign language requirement that may be met by:

- Three years of one language in high school.
- Completion of the second semester or higher of a college-level foreign language with a grade of C or better.
- American Sign Language may be used to fulfill this requirement by transfer credit.

Bachelor of arts

All students pursuing a bachelor of arts in any program will require knowledge of a foreign language as demonstrated by successful completion of LAN 115 (three semesters), or a course proficiency test. Completion of three years in high school has no bearing on this requirement.

Constitution requirement

As a requirement to graduate from Illinois State, students must pass an examination on the United States Constitution, the Illinois Constitution, and proper use of the American flag. A student may meet this requirement by completing one of the following:

- Passing both Constitution exams
- Completing Politics and Government 105 or any course in the Middle Core: Individuals and Civic Life of the General Education Program at Illinois State University;
- Transferring a course equivalent to Politics and Government 105 from an accredited college or university in Illinois

Please refer to our degree requirements section in the catalog on pages 64-65.

Academic updates

College of Applied Science and Technology

Health Information Management (HIM) Program—The program will now offer two sequences for students to obtain an undergraduate degree: the traditional HIM on-campus sequence and the new Registered Health Information Technician-Health Information Management (RHIT-HIM) online sequence beginning fall 2010.

Admission into the new RHIT-HIM online sequence is designed specifically for students who are graduates from an associate degree program in Health Information Technology (HIT) and have a current Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) certification. The sequence is completed online. Students may complete general education requirements by the Illinois State general education curriculum or Illinois Articulation Initiative curriculum.

Students will be granted 33 hours of proficiency credit for HIT course work after completing three specific Illinois State sequence courses. The program consists of an additional 31 hours of sequence coursework, which can be completed in two years, including summer session. Students enroll in one course each semester with each course valued at five- or six credit hours. A three-credit-hour professional practice is required prior to graduation.

Department of Technology—The Department of Technology offers six areas of study: construction management, industrial computer systems, engineering technology, graphic communication, renewable energy, and technology education. For the 2008–2010 catalog, students interested in graphic communication will have the option to study either print media management or Web media management. For more information and plans of study, visit www.tec.ilstu.edu or contact Cathy McKay, advisor for the Department of Technology, at (309) 438-2665.

Pre-veterinary medicine sequence—The pre-veterinary medicine sequence is designed to prepare students for entry into schools/colleges of veterinary medicine. Students take a combination of courses, including animal science, biology, chemistry, math, and physics. In addition, a variety of hands-on opportunities are available through the Department of Agriculture so students can obtain practical experience.

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Physics—The Department of Physics is a recognized leader in undergraduate physics education, having received separate national awards in recent years for its students, faculty, and curriculum. Our students choose from four degree sequences: physics, computer physics, physics teacher education, and engineering physics (a five-year, dual-degree program with cooperating engineering schools). Smooth transition from community college is enhanced if the student's associate degree courses include a full slate of calculus-based physics, as well as mathematics (calculus through linear algebra, with differential equations is recommended). A two-course sequence in general chemistry and a computer programming course are also recommended. Visit www.phy.ilstu.edu for more information.

School of Biological Sciences—The School of Biological Sciences has expanded their biochemistry/molecular biology major into three sequences. The new sequences are effective summer 2009 and include general biology, biochemistry, and molecular biology.

School of Communication—The School of Communication is introducing a new sequence in the mass media major titled media management, promotion, and sales. This program emphasizes the business aspects of mass media. Students in this sequence are introduced to audio and visual production, but will also study the economic, competitive, and industry forces weighed in decision making by media managers.

All prospective transfer students interested in studying in the School of Communication are encouraged to complete an appropriate associate's degree program prior to entering the University.

Department of English—All students pursuing an English major must complete the foreign language requirement for the bachelor of arts. Transfer students are encouraged to complete the foreign language requirement prior to transferring to Illinois State. To be successful in the English education program, students should have a transfer GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Most students transferring to the English education program with their associate of arts or science degree will take two and a half to three years to complete their degree.

College of Business

The College of Business offers incredible opportunities in academics, professional growth, and a high-tech learning environment. The college is committed to an individualized educational experience, evident in small class sizes and accessibility of faculty. College of Business students can select from 10 majors and diversify their academic experience by adding one of five minors in the college.

All prospective College of Business transfer students are strongly encouraged to complete an associate's degree in arts or science in conjunction with the required business tool courses prior to entering Illinois State University.

Finance, Insurance and Law Department—The Finance, Insurance and Law Department added a financial planning minor. The minor is available to all majors on campus and will focus on retirement planning, wealth transfer and protection, and college savings and investment options.

Accounting Department—The Accounting Department continues to achieve national recognition for pass rates on the CPA exam. Two Illinois State students were again recognized as Excel award winners, which represents the top 15 scores on the CPA exam in the state.

Marketing Department—The Marketing Department continues to offer three sequences in marketing: professional sales, integrated marketing communication, and a general sequence. Students can choose to specialize in one area or create their own area by selecting 15 hours of electives in the general sequence.

Management and Quantitative Methods Department—The Management and Quantitative Methods Department is home to the only major in international business at a state school in Illinois. Students are encouraged to take advantage of an ever-expanding study abroad program, featuring opportunities in countries that include England, Germany, and Spain. International internship opportunities are also growing through the Export Project which gives students the opportunity to consult with an area company on their upcoming global expansion during the spring semester and implement the plans abroad over the summer break.

Scholarships for transfer students

The Community College Transfer Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship valued at \$3,000 (\$750 per semester for two years). One award is reserved for a member of Phi Theta Kappa. In order to be considered for this scholarship, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Earn a cumulative admission GPA of 3.5/4.0.
- Complete the A.A. or A.S. degree by the time they enroll at Illinois State. The A.A.S. degree is not eligible for this scholarship.
- Be a first-time community college transfer student at Illinois State for the spring, summer, or fall 2010 terms. Part-time students are not eligible.

Students need to be admitted by March 1, 2010, to be eligible. Invitations are automatically mailed to qualified, admitted students in early March. Candidates are required to submit the scholarship application materials and a 500-word essay online. For more information about the Community College Transfer Scholarship, contact the Office of Admissions at (800) 366-2478.

New student estimated expenses

2010–2011 academic year

Tuition and fees

Illinois residents	\$11,182
Room and meal plan (multiple occupancy, five-day unlimited meal plan)	\$8,473
Total	\$19,655

Estimated costs

Books and supplies	\$1,132
Miscellaneous	\$3,580
Average yearly budget	\$24,367

Important Illinois State University Web sites

Admissions

IllinoisState.edu/admissions

Office of Disability Concerns

www.DisabilityConcerns.ilstu.edu

Financial aid and scholarships

IllinoisState.edu/financialaid

Registrar

www.Registrar.ilstu.edu

University Housing Services

www.Housing.ilstu.edu

Off-Campus and Nontraditional Student Services

www.DeanOfStudents.ilstu.edu/offcampus

Adult Learner Services

www.emas.ilstu.edu

Passages Welcome Weekend

www.Passages.ilstu.edu

College of Education

Illinois State University ranks as one of the top 10 teacher preparation institutions in the nation among American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education institutions. Nearly one in eight Illinois public school teachers has a degree from Illinois State University. The College of Education provides leadership in teacher education at the undergraduate level through the Curriculum and Instruction and Special Education programs.

The Curriculum and Instruction Department—The Curriculum and Instruction Department offers four areas of teacher preparation: early childhood, elementary education, middle level education, and bilingual/bicultural education.

The Special Education Department—The Special Education Department offers three areas of teacher preparation: specialist in learning and behavior, deaf and hard of hearing, and low vision and blindness.

College of Fine Arts

All transfer students must audition for entrance into the School of Music at least one semester prior to their first semester on-campus. Auditions for spring 2011 consideration will be September 18, 2010. Repertoire requirements for audition and audition applications are available at www.cfa.ilstu.edu/music/admissions.

Any student interested in voice at Illinois State University School of Music is invited to attend *High Notes*. *High Notes* allows students to take master classes with voice faculty, sit in on choral ensemble rehearsals, and meet current Illinois State University Vocal Arts students. *High Notes* will be held Friday, April 2, 2010. All students are invited to attend. For more information contact Sarah Graham at sgraham@ilstu.edu or (309) 438-8855.

Mennonite College of Nursing

The Mennonite College of Nursing has been increasing student enrollment for the traditional prelicensure B.S.N. sequence by adding a second point of entry to the sequence. The admission cycle will remain the same, but prospective students will be offered fall or spring starting points in the program. The college will balance these starting points in order to increase the total number of accepted students each academic year, while managing available resources and maintaining program quality.