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### Transfer guides and two-year suggested programs

www.Registrar.ilstu.edu/students/  
transfer/course.shtml

### Counselor resources

Admissions.IllinoisState.edu/  
counselors/college

### Save the date

Community College Counselor Day 2012:  
Thursday, September 27, 2012

### Application deadlines

Term	Preferred filing period	Application deadline	Required document deadline
Summer/fall 2012	September 1—January 1	April 1	June 1
Spring 2013	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.

### Merit-based scholarships expanded for 2012 transfer students

We are excited to announce additional funding for the Community College Transfer Scholarship. This scholarship is a merit-based scholarship valued between \$2,000 and \$4,000. Students who are admitted by March 1 will be notified by mid-March if they qualify for the scholarship. In order to be considered for this scholarship candidates must do the following:

- Earn a cumulative admission GPA of 3.5/4.0.
- Complete an A.A. or A.S. degree at the time of enrollment. The A.A.S. degree is not eligible for this scholarship.
- Be a first-time community college transfer student who will be enrolled full-time at Illinois State beginning in the spring, summer, or fall 2012 terms.
- Submit the scholarship application materials and a 500 word essay online.

### New website: Transfer Program Requirements

Advisors and prospective transfer students should refer to the Transfer Program Requirements site to determine courses required for admission into a particular major. View the requirements and listing of closed majors online at [Admissions.IllinoisState.edu/academics/undergraduate](http://Admissions.IllinoisState.edu/academics/undergraduate).

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.

### Transfer Day Program

The Orientation and Transition Services Office offers an orientation/registration program for incoming transfer students. Students will attend sessions on academic policies and procedures, meet with an academic advisor, advance register for classes, and attend an informational fair. A \$40 non-refundable fee will be charged to the student's account to cover costs associated with the Transfer Day Program.

For more information visit: [uCollege.IllinoisState.edu/TransferDay](http://uCollege.IllinoisState.edu/TransferDay)

**Semester of enrollment:**  
Fall 2012

**Transfer Days:**  
Friday, March 23, 2012  
Tuesday, March 27, 2012  
Friday, March 30, 2012  
Friday, April 6, 2012  
Friday, April 13, 2012  
Friday April 27, 2012  
Monday, June 4, 2012

**Semester of enrollment:**  
Spring 2013

**Transfer Days:**  
Friday, October 12, 2012  
Friday, October 19, 2012  
Friday, October 26, 2012

### Transfer Thursdays

This free workshop series is designed for new transfer students. During this series, transfer students will get their questions answered, meet other students, learn about campus involvement opportunities, and find out how to become successful students at Illinois State University.

### Passages Welcome Weekend

For students entering Illinois State in the fall semester, Passages occurs during move-in weekend. For students entering Illinois State in the spring semester, there is a one-day Passages program on the Saturday prior to the start of classes. During Passages, students enjoy a number of programs and activities that will answer questions about academics, campus resources, and getting involved at the University.

### Housing updates

As you may know, on-campus housing will be limited for junior-standing transfer students starting this fall. While we are only able to guarantee housing for those who are required to live on campus (students who have been out of high school less than two years), a limited amount of spaces are available for students who are not required to live on campus. Students may submit an Exception to Live On Campus form to University Housing Services to be considered for one of these spaces. Although we cannot guarantee availability, we will respond to every application within 10 business days of receiving it.

For students who have been out of high school at least two years and wish to live off campus, Off-Campus Services, part of the Dean of Students Office, provides services and support. Many students find their Off-Campus Housing Database especially helpful as they search for apartments and roommates. In addition, the office staff is available to assist you with their search. To learn more, visit [DeanOfStudents.IllinoisState.edu/offcampus](http://DeanOfStudents.IllinoisState.edu/offcampus) or call (309) 438-5951.

### Academic updates

#### College of Applied Science and Technology

**Agriculture**—The department is proud to maintain small class sizes as well as a variety of student organizations with faculty advisors, which allows for high levels of student/faculty interaction. They offer a wide variety of programs, including agribusiness, agricultural communication and leadership, agriculture education, agronomy management, animal industry management, animal science, crop and soil science, food industry management, horticulture and landscape management, and pre-veterinary medicine. Visit the Department of Agriculture at [Agriculture.IllinoisState.edu](http://Agriculture.IllinoisState.edu) to learn more.

**Criminal Justice Sciences**—Prior to enrolling, criminal justice sciences majors are encouraged to take the equivalent to ENG 101, COM 110, and Introduction to Criminal Justice Sciences (CJS 101). This introduction course is a prerequisite for most major coursework, and early completion will help transfer students make timely progress towards graduation. Majors have the opportunity to study criminal justice abroad in Croatia, India, Russia, and Scotland.

**Health Sciences**—The department offers majors in community health education, environmental health, health information management, medical laboratory science, school health education, and safety.

Students interested in majoring in safety or environmental health are encouraged to complete General Chemistry I and II and Finite Math prior to transferring to Illinois State. These courses are required for most major coursework and early completion will help transfer students make timely progress toward graduation.

**Kinesiology and Recreation**—Students interested in exercise science are strongly encouraged to complete the equivalent of BSC 181/KNR 181, Human Anatomy and Physiology I and BSC 182/KNR 182, Human Anatomy and Physiology II, prior to their transfer. These courses are prerequisites for most major coursework and early completion will help transfer students make timely progress toward graduation.



### Open houses

- Monday, March 19, 2012
- Monday April 2, 2012
- Friday, July 13, 2012
- Friday, July 20, 2012
- Saturday, September 22, 2012
- Monday, October 8, 2012
- Monday, November 12, 2012

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 offer transfer student information sessions on select days. 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](http://IllinoisState.edu/visit).



**Technology**—The department offers six areas of study: construction management, industrial computer systems, engineering technology, graphic communication, renewable energy, and technology education. For the 2010–2012 catalog, students interested in graphic communication will have the option to study print media management or Web media management. For more information and plans of study, visit [tec.IllinoisState.edu](http://tec.IllinoisState.edu).

### College of Arts and Sciences

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

**Chemistry**—The Chemistry department offers the following majors: chemistry, chemistry teacher education, biochemistry, forensic chemistry, and chemical/pharmaceutical sales. For the A.S. transfer student, completion of one year of general and organic chemistry, calculus, and physics with Cs or better should be emphasized, if students wish to graduate in four years with ACS certification.

The chemistry teacher education students earn both ACS certification and State of Illinois science teacher certification by completion of the chemistry, professional education, and science literacy courses with Cs or better. For more information, visit [Chemistry.IllinoisState.edu](http://Chemistry.IllinoisState.edu).

**Communication**—The School of Communication offers the following majors: communication education, communication studies, journalism, mass media, and public relations. Students are encouraged to participate in field experiences (internships) which provide them the opportunity to refine their skills in professional settings. The school also partners with institutions abroad to offer students courses in their majors. For more information visit [Communication.IllinoisState.edu](http://Communication.IllinoisState.edu).

**Communication Sciences and Disorders**—The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders offers majors in speech language pathology and audiology. Transfer students are encouraged to complete courses in General Psychology, Developmental Psychology OR Child Growth and Development, and Exceptional Learner. Transfer students are encouraged to complete the foreign language requirement, which is the equivalent of LAN 112 or first year part 2, prior to transferring to Illinois State.

**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, which is the equivalent of LAN 115 or second year part 1, 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.

**Physics**—The Physics Department offers four degree sequences: physics, computer physics, engineering physics, and physics teacher education. Completion of the engineering physics degree results in a dual bachelor's degree by completing three years of physics at Illinois State and 2 years of engineering at another university, such as the University of Illinois. We are actively working to increase our enrollment of women in physics. For more information, visit [www.phy.ilstu.edu](http://www.phy.ilstu.edu).

**Psychology**—The school recommends transfer students complete a philosophy course that transfers as a direct equivalent to the University, 2 semesters of foreign language (if not completed 3 years in high school), and two lab science courses prior to their transfer. For students who enroll with more than 30 hours completed, they must have their math prerequisite (MAT 120, 121, 144, 145) completed. Our PSY 138 isn't articulated from a community college as an equivalent so we recommend students to take the course when they begin here.

Students at community colleges can take equivalent courses to PSY 213, 233, 223, but our curriculum requires specific senior level electives so major electives should be limited. For more information, visit [Psychology.IllinoisState.edu/prospective/transfer.shtml](http://Psychology.IllinoisState.edu/prospective/transfer.shtml).

**School of Social Work**—Transfer students are encouraged to arrange a time to speak with the director of recruitment and admissions for the School of Social Work, Tuwana Wingfield, to ensure all prerequisite coursework is complete before entering the major. In addition to the generalist degree, students may choose to focus in one of three areas: child welfare, gerontology, and women and gender studies. For more information about the admissions process and your school's specific social work prerequisite course articulation contact Tuwana at [SocialWorkAdmissions@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:SocialWorkAdmissions@IllinoisState.edu) or by phone at (309) 438-5005. For detailed information about transferring, visit [SocialWork.IllinoisState.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer.shtml](http://SocialWork.IllinoisState.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer.shtml).

### College of Business

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**—The Finance, Insurance and Law Department offers majors in finance and insurance as well as minors in insurance and financial planning. Finance majors who choose to pursue careers in investment management may be selected to participate in the Educational Investment Fund (EIF)—a four hour course where students manage an investment portfolio valued at more than \$300,000. The insurance major is the largest undergraduate program in the country and is supported both financially and professionally by the Katie School of Insurance and Financial Services.

**Accounting Department**—The Accounting Department offers majors in both accounting and business information systems. Students interested in a career in accounting can pursue a traditional major leading to a bachelor's degree, or they can apply for a five year, integrated bachelor's and master's degree in professional accounting. The accounting curriculum is particularly challenging and geared to students who want to work in public, nonprofit, or governmental accounting.

The business information systems major is intended for those students who wish to move from entry-level jobs to top-level positions where the student would use a combination of business and technical knowledge to lead the design and development of leading-edge enterprise solutions, and maintaining business solutions at the enterprise level.

**Marketing Department**—The Marketing Department offers majors in marketing and business teacher education. Students interested in marketing can choose one of three sequences: professional sales, integrated marketing communication, or general marketing sequence.

The business teacher education major at Illinois State University is the only program in Illinois approved by the Illinois State Board of Education and accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) to offer a degree program that qualifies graduates for certification in business for grades K-12.

**Management and Quantitative Methods Department**—The Management and Quantitative Methods Department offers majors in business administration, human resource management, organizational leadership, entrepreneurship and small business management, and international business. The financial and professional support provided by these business centers allows students to build their professional and leadership skills through participation in programs like the Caterpillar Leadership Fellows Program, the Export Project, the Business Plan and Creative Idea Competition, or studying abroad at one of thirteen partner schools.



### New student estimated expenses

2012–2013 academic year

#### Tuition and fees

Illinois residents \$13,080

Room and meal plan \$9,726

(multiple occupancy, seven-day unlimited meal plan)

**Total \$22,806**

#### Estimated costs

Books and supplies \$1,150

Other expenses \$3,017

**Average yearly budget \$26,973**



### Portfolio Review/Audition dates for the College of Fine Arts

#### Art

Fall 2012 consideration: February 27, and March 19

Late portfolios will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### Theatre

Fall 2012 consideration: April 6



### College of Education

With nearly one in eight Illinois teachers holding a degree from Illinois State, the University is recognized as one of the 10 largest producers of teachers among American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education institutions.

The College of Education is one of only 85 universities in the nation that maintains laboratory schools. Thomas Metcalf and University High Schools serve as clinical experience and practice sites for preservice teachers and experimental teaching activities. The schools provide a “living laboratory” for research and applied practices to improve teaching and other educational practice.

### College of Fine Arts

**Arts Technology**—All students must also undergo a portfolio review with the arts technology admissions committee and have an overall GPA of 2.5 or better before being admitted to the program. Because our students come from varied backgrounds, we accept a wide variety of materials as part of the portfolio.

Transfer students should complete the Fine Arts core requirements and have at least six to nine hours completed in their chosen emphasis to ensure a smooth transfer into the arts technology program.

Students with a background in music who wish to continue study of an instrument must also contact the School of Music for an audition.

**School of Art**—All students seeking to major in art must submit a portfolio for review directly to the School of Art. The portfolio will be considered in relation to all other admission materials, including prior college-level coursework and grade point average.

In order to ensure a smooth transfer to the School of Art, students should complete the appropriate foundation courses (equivalents of ART 103, 104, and 109). If a student’s transcripts reflect completion of one the studio fundamentals taken elsewhere, credit for the course may be granted during the portfolio review if the portfolio exhibits sufficient mastery of course content. For more information visit [FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Art/Advising](http://FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Art/Advising).

**School of Music**—All prospective music majors and minors must perform a classical music audition for entrance consideration. Auditions occur six to nine months in advance of the anticipated start term. Students should have significant classical training on a primary instrument or voice prior to auditioning.

Transfer credit for music theory, aural training, and piano is based on placement examinations. An optional piano placement exam is available to all students who have had previous piano lessons. The placement determines at which level the student will begin piano instruction at the University. All students who major in music must complete varying levels of piano proficiency. The piano placement exam requires sight reading and playing scales. The placement is not used in admission decisions.

Transfer students who have completed college music theory and/or aural skills coursework must complete the music theory placement exam one week prior to first semester at Illinois State. Advanced placement credit is awarded to students who receive subscores of 4 or 5 on the Written and Aural Music Theory Advanced Placement Exam. Applied music courses are articulated to Illinois State University courses that are numbered in the 131–138 range.

**School of Theatre**—Students must audition for acceptance into the acting program. To be accepted into the design/production program, students must interview and have a portfolio review. The theatre education and theatre studies programs require no audition or interview. The theatre studies program has two new concentrations: dramaturgy/history and integrated performance. The integrated performance gives students the option of taking four acting classes (Acting 1 and 2 and Voice or Movement 1 and 2) without having to audition for acceptance into the acting major. For more information visit [FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Theatre/Advising](http://FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Theatre/Advising).

### Mennonite College of Nursing

Students interested in applying to the major from a transfer institution will now be instructed to apply at the completion of their freshman year in college, with a sophomore spring or summer entry point into the major. These modified entry points allow for transfer students to enter the major earlier than the previous model. Completion of the A.S. or A.A. degree will still be encouraged prior to admission or while being concurrently enrolled in first semester nursing coursework. Transfer students will not be admitted into the major in the fall semester.

The previous admission model involves students completing all of the Illinois Articulation Initiative prior to enrollment in nursing coursework. Although this format is still encouraged, the new model, which will take effect for April 2013 applicants (i.e. spring 2014 or summer 2014 admits) allows for students to enter the University with only a portion of the Illinois Articulation Initiative complete.

Core courses required to begin the nursing major have not changed and they include 8 credit hours of anatomy and physiology, microbiology, chemistry, nutrition, medical terminology, general psychology, developmental psychology, and statistics.

For detailed questions contact the assistant dean for Student and Faculty Services, Janeen Mollenhauer at [jrmolle@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:jrmolle@IllinoisState.edu) or at (309) 438-7400.



## Who are we?

Total enrollment: 21,080

For the transfer class of 2011:

- 5,013 students applied
- 1,900 students enrolled
- The average transfer GPA for admitted students was 3.1 on a 4.0 scale.
- 36 percent of Illinois State University students transfer from other colleges and universities.





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