APPLICATION INFORMATION

• Students are encouraged to apply online at Welcome2ISU.IllinoisState.edu.
• For best consideration for scholarships, students should apply for admission and submit required documents during the preferred filing period—September 1 through November 15.
• Students who apply and submit all required documents during our preferred filing period will receive an admission decision by December 31. Students applying and/or submitting required documents after the preferred filing period will receive a decision by April 1.
• Students requiring a fee waiver may apply using the online application.
• When applying, students are encouraged to print the counselor certification page and submit it to their counselor. If they fail to do this, feel free to print a copy online at Admissions.IllinoisState.edu/Counselors/HS. This form may also be used to verify fee waivers. Please note that the counselor certification form is very helpful to us, but is not a required document that will delay the processing of a student’s application.
• Electronic transcripts are accepted from the following: Docufide, Credentials Inc., eScript-Safe, National Student Clearinghouse, and XAP.
• All admitted students have until May 1 to submit a $150 nonrefundable enrollment deposit to confirm their space in the freshman class. This fee is reduced for students receiving an application fee waiver.
FRESHMAN ADMISSION REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

Factors considered:

1. HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS
   Grade trends and rigor of courses completed:
   - 4 years—English
   - 3 years—Math (Algebra I, II, and Geometry), 4th year recommended
   - 2 years—Science with lab
   - 2 years—Social Science
   - 2 years—Electives
   - 2 years—Same Foreign Language (American Sign Language accepted) or 2 years—Fine Arts

2. GRADE POINT AVERAGE on a 4.0 scale
   Weighted or unweighted—in most cases whichever is best for the student

3. ACT/SAT SCORES
   ACT Writing Exam is not required for admission, but is recommended for students pursuing teacher education. Unofficial scores can be used for processing.

4. OPTIONAL ACADEMIC PERSONAL STATEMENT
   Students should address the following in approximately 500 words:
   - State why you feel Illinois State University is a good fit for your educational goals.
   - Identify and explain your academic strengths and weaknesses.
   - Explain any circumstances that affected your academic performance, if applicable.

TRANSFER ADMISSION REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

Factors considered:

1. CUMULATIVE COLLEGE GRADE POINT AVERAGE
2. PREREQUISITE COLLEGE COURSEWORK for some academic programs
3. GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING at the last institution attended
4. PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION OR GED
5. OPTIONAL ACADEMIC PERSONAL STATEMENT (see description above)

Additional criteria will be considered for students with fewer than 24 completed semester hours at the time of application:

6. HIGH SCHOOL COURSES AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE
7. ACT/SAT SCORES

Visit IllinoisState.edu/TransferProgramRequirements to view recommended and required coursework and GPA standards for admission to major programs.
These estimates are calculated based on a student who takes 15 credit hours each semester, lives on campus with a roommate, and selects the seven-day unlimited meal plan. Books, supplies, transportation, clothing, recreation, and other expenses are not paid directly to the University, but should be considered while budgeting.

For most students, tuition rates remain the same for four years. Tuition and fees for out-of-state students are $20,450. However, students from neighboring states (Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Wisconsin) and some academically talented students (as determined by the University) are eligible for a rate of tuition comparable to students who live in Illinois, a savings of $8,000 per year.

EXPENSES FOR 2013–2014

$13,009 Tuition and fees
$9,624 Room and board
$22,633 Total

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 20,502
• 18,207 undergraduates
• 2,295 graduate students
• 44% male | 56% female
• 17% from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in higher education

More than 82% of students receive some type of financial aid.
SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Merit-based scholarship opportunities for new beginning freshmen

Qualified students who apply for admission and submit all required documentation during the preferred filing period, September 1–November 15, will be contacted no later than mid-December with further information.

The scholarship application deadline is January 6, 2014.

Other scholarship opportunities

For information on departmental scholarships, as well as private scholarship opportunities, students are strongly encouraged to contact the Scholarship Resource Office at (309) 438-2740 or IllinoisState.edu/Scholarships.

Illinois State University Access Grant

The Illinois State University Access Grant will award $10 million in institutional funds to students to supplement the federal Pell and Illinois MAP programs.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Freshman admission requirement

Two years of one foreign language or two years of fine arts

Graduation requirement

All graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences must satisfy a foreign language requirement that may be met by: three years of one foreign language in high school or completion of the second semester or higher of college-level foreign language with a grade of C or better or equivalent proficiency as determined by examination. American Sign Language may be used to fulfill this requirement by transfer credit or by proficiency.

Refer to the Undergraduate Catalog or the College of Arts and Sciences at IllinoisState.edu/ArtsAndSciences for graduation requirements and a complete listing of majors within the college.

UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

Application process

Undocumented students may apply online.

Scholarship eligibility

If an undocumented student meets the criteria for either the University Scholarship, Presidential Scholarship, Redbird Academic Scholarship, or the Community College Transfer Scholarship we will consider them for the scholarship opportunity to the extent that appropriate funding is available.
Encourage students to visit campus. It is the best way to determine why Illinois State is the right fit for them. Students should make a reservation for any campus visit at IllinoisState.edu/Visit. Our campus visit opportunities are as follows:

**Open Houses**
- Saturday, September 28, 2013
- Monday, October 14, 2013 (Columbus Day)
- Monday, November 11, 2013 (Veterans Day)
- Monday, February 17, 2014
- Monday, March 24, 2014
- Friday, July 11, 2014
- Friday, July 18, 2014

**Campus Information Sessions**
This group session includes a presentation by an admissions counselor, a student-led walking tour of campus, and typically a residence hall tour.

**Admissions counselor appointments**
Students are not required to meet with an admissions counselor to be admitted to Illinois State. However, if students have special circumstances they would like to discuss or need additional guidance in the admission process, please have them call to arrange an appointment.

**IMPORTANT WEBSITES**
- Explore academic majors IllinoisState.edu/Majors
- Disability Concerns Office DisabilityConcerns.IllinoisState.edu
- Dual credit/Advanced placement/International baccalaureate www.Registrar.ilstu.edu/Registration/Exams
- Online high school and community college counselor resources Admissions.IllinoisState.edu/Counselors

82% of all classes have 49 or fewer students.

300+ student organizations

90% of all classes taught by faculty—not graduate assistants.
### Majors and Minors
