



High School

Counselor update

2011–2012



Stats and Targets

2011-2012	Applications	Admits	Enrolled
Freshmen	13,298	9,335	3,300
Transfer	5,013	3,253	1,900

Academic profile of fall 2011 admitted freshmen

- The middle 50 percent of students admitted earned ACT scores of 22 to 26.
- The average grade point average (GPA) was 3.44 on a 4.0 scale, middle 50 percent 3.10–3.77.

Application information

- Students are encouraged to apply online at IllinoisState.edu/welcome2isu
- Preferred filing period (application and required documents):
September 1 through November 15
- 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/high_school. 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: Docufile, Credentials Inc., eScript-Safe, National Student Clearinghouse, and XAP.

Freshman admission review and selection process —factors considered:

- 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 (Sign Language accepted) or 2 years Fine Arts
- Grade point average on a 4.0 scale (weighted or unweighted—in most cases whichever is best for the student)
- ACT/SAT scores (ACT Writing Exam is not required for admission). Unofficial scores can be used for processing.
- 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 high school academic performance, if applicable.

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. All admitted students have until May 1st to submit a \$150 non-refundable enrollment deposit to confirm their space in the freshman class. This fee is reduced for students receiving an application fee waiver.

Fast Facts

- Fall 2011 Preliminary enrollment: 20,900 (undergraduate 18,400, graduate 2,500)
- 13 percent of all students are from traditionally underrepresented groups.
- The student-faculty ratio is 19 to 1.
- 90 percent of undergraduate credit hours are taught by faculty members; the balance is taught by graduate students.
- 89 percent of all classes have 49 or fewer students.
- At least 78 percent of Illinois State students receive some form of financial assistance.
- More than 300 student organizations are available to Illinois State students.
- Illinois State is a NCAA Division I school, football competes in the Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).

Points of Pride

- Approximately 85 percent of new freshmen will return to the University for a second year.
- Illinois State University has received the highest award for its leadership in developing politically engaged students as the only recipient of the 2011 New York Times Political Engagement Project Program of Excellence Award.
- For the seventh straight year, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine lists Illinois State as one of the best values in public colleges and universities in the nation.
- The Illinois State University Access Grant dedicated 8 million institutional dollars to supplement the federal Pell and state MAP programs.
- *U.S. News and World Report* notes increases in Illinois State's academic reputation, freshman retention rate, six-year graduation rate, and percentage of classes with fewer than 20 students.
- Success 101 and First Year LinC are special transition courses designed to help freshmen succeed at the University.

School codes

ACT School Code	1042
SAT School Code	1319
Title IV Code (FAFSA)	001692

Fall 2011–2012 expenses

Illinois residents

Tuition and fees	\$12,230
Room and meal plan	\$9,090
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$21,320</i>

Estimated costs

Books and supplies	\$1,074
Miscellaneous	\$2,820

Average yearly budget **\$25,214**

**Out-of-state average
yearly budget** **\$32,505**

Highly selective and popular majors

Students wanting to declare any of these majors should apply and complete the application process early in the preferred filing period. Students not admitted into their major, but who are admitted to the University, will be accepted as undeclared students and can pursue a major change once enrolled.

- Athletic training
- Criminal justice
- Early childhood education
- Elementary education
- Exercise science
- Food, nutrition and dietetics
- Graphic communications
- History-social sciences teacher education
- Mathematics teacher education
- Middle-level teacher education
- Nursing—Students will be admitted to nursing or as undeclared students. Students admitted as undeclared who want to pursue nursing may want to consider their higher education options as major changes into this program at a later date will be very limited and competitive.
- Physical education teacher education
- Renewable energy
- Special education—Learning and behavioral specialist
- Speech pathology and audiology

Academic profile of fall 2011 admitted transfers:

The average GPA was 3.13 on a 4.0 scale.

Transfer admission review and selection process —factors considered:

- Cumulative college grade point average
- Prerequisite college coursework for some academic programs
- Good academic standing at the last institution attended
- Proof of high school graduation or passing score on GED exam

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

- High school courses and grade point average
- ACT/SAT scores

Visit Admissions.IllinoisState.edu/transfer/requirements to view the Transfer and Readmit Major Admission Guide, which includes recommended and required coursework and GPA standards for admission.

Foreign language admission and graduation requirement

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.

Alternate admissions programs

At this time, Illinois State does not offer alternate or probationary admission programs.

Dual credit/Advanced Placement credit/International Baccalaureate credit

- Dual credit is given to high school applicants who successfully complete transferable courses at a community college. An official college transcript is required.
- Students can be awarded proficiency credit by presenting appropriate AP and IB scores.

Undocumented students

- Undocumented students may apply online.
- If an undocumented student meets the criteria for either the University, Presidential, or Redbird Academic Scholarship, we will consider them for the scholarship opportunity to the extent that appropriate funding is available.

FirstView

IllinoisState.edu/firstview

FirstView is a personalized, electronic resource for students to explore our majors and learn more about academic and social opportunities at Illinois State.

Campus renovations

- The new \$50 million Student Fitness Center is open. This state-of-the-art facility includes basketball courts, an indoor track, a pool, aerobic spaces, weights and nautilus, and a climbing wall.
- Residence Hall renovations are near completion. Watterson Towers is the final building renovation which will be completed in phases.

Disability Concerns Office

Illinois State provides a welcoming atmosphere for individuals with disabilities by assisting each in functioning independently within the University community and providing equal access and opportunity in accomplishing educational, professional, and personal goals. Visit

DisabilityConcerns.IllinoisState.edu or contact Disability Concerns by phone at (309) 438-5853 (voice) or (309) 438-8620 (TTY).

High School and Community Counselor website

Our website contains resources just for you. At **Admissions.IllinoisState.edu/counselors** you can find a link to our online undergraduate catalog, download a counselor certification and fee waiver page, view updates regarding our admission status, ask us a question, join our ListServ for important updates, and request information on applicants from your school.



Scholarships

Merit-based scholarship opportunities for new beginning freshmen

Presidential Scholarship

- \$32,000 award (\$8,000 per year renewable for up to four years)
- Recent Presidential Scholars had an ACT of 32 and a GPA of 4.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.

University Scholarship

- \$20,000 award (\$5,000 per year renewable for up to four years)
- Talented students from traditionally underrepresented groups or first-generation college students who have overcome hardships reaching their academic goals are eligible to apply.
- Recent University Scholars had an average ACT of nearly 27 and average GPA of 3.9 on a 4.0 scale.

Redbird Academic Scholarship

- \$4,000 award (\$1,000 per year renewable for up to four years)
- Recent Redbird Academic Scholarship recipients had an average ACT score of 26 and average GPA of 3.8 on a 4.0 scale

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, 2012.

Other scholarship opportunities

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

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Campus Visit Opportunities

Encourage students to visit campus. It is the best way to determine if 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 17.....Open House
 Monday, October 10Columbus Day Open House
 Friday, November 11Veteran's Day Open House
 Monday, March 19.....Open House
 Monday, April 2.....Open House

Campus information sessions/tours

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

Admission 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.

You Can Do ISU—Friday, October 28

This program brings students from traditionally underrepresented groups and first generation students to the campus to learn about making college an affordable reality. It also introduces students to our campus, encourages the application for admission, and provides families with the necessary tools to negotiate the admission and financial aid processes.

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