

Community College
ADVISOR UPDATE

2016-2017



**ILLINOIS STATE
UNIVERSITY**
Illinois' first public university

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2016 AVERAGE ADMITTED STUDENT PROFILE

TRANSFER GPA: 2.70–3.51
on a 4.0 scale



WHO SHOULD SUBMIT AN ACADEMIC PERSONAL STATEMENT?

Applicants are not required to submit an academic personal statement; however, we are recommending personal statements for students whose applications may require additional review. It may be in a student's best interest to submit a personal statement if his or her GPA falls below or in the lower end of the range. The GPA range for the middle 50 percent of transfer students who were admitted for 2016 is listed above.



APPLICATION DEADLINES

TERM	PREFERRED FILING PERIOD	APPLICATION DEADLINE	REQUIRED DOCUMENT DEADLINE
Summer/fall	September 1–January 15	May 1	June 1
Spring	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.

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** if requested
- 5. OPTIONAL ACADEMIC PERSONAL STATEMENT**

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.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Explore academic majors
IllinoisState.edu/Majors

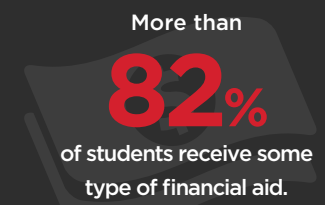
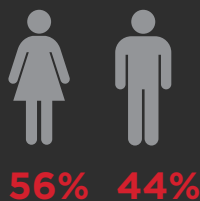
Career Center
CareerCenter.IllinoisState.edu

Transfer guides
IllinoisState.edu/Articulation

Community college advisor resources
Admissions.IllinoisState.edu/Advisors

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 20,807

- 18,427 undergraduates
- 2,380 graduate students
- 22% from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in higher education



CAMPUS VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

Encourage students to visit campus. Students should make a reservation for any campus visit at Admissions.IllinoisState.edu/Visit. Our campus visit opportunities are as follows:

Open Houses

Monday, October 10, 2016

Friday, November 11, 2016

Monday, March 20, 2017

Monday, March 27, 2017

Friday, July 14, 2017

Friday, July 21, 2017

Transfer student visit

We offer transfer student visit opportunities 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 Admissions.IllinoisState.edu/Visit.

ON THE SPOT ADMISSION DECISION

If students have earned at least 24 transferable college credit hours, we encourage them to visit campus for an immediate admission decision.

Students can prepare for the appointment by:

1. Visiting IllinoisState.edu/OnTheSpot to schedule an appointment.
2. Submitting their application for admission and application fee online at IllinoisState.edu/Apply.
3. Sending or bringing official, sealed transcripts from all institutions attended.

TRANSFER DAY PROGRAM

The Orientation and Transition Services Office offers an orientation/registration program for admitted transfer students. Students will attend sessions on academic policies and procedures, meet with an academic advisor, register in advance 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 IllinoisState.edu/TransferDays.

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 admissions process, please have them call to arrange an appointment at (309) 438-2181.

TRANSFER DAY PROGRAM DATES

SEMESTER OF ENROLLMENT: SPRING 2017

Friday, October 14, 2016
Friday, October 21, 2016
Friday, November 4, 2016

SEMESTER OF ENROLLMENT: FALL 2017

Friday, March 24, 2017
Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Friday, March 31, 2017
Friday, April 7, 2017
Friday, April 14, 2017
Friday, April 28, 2017
Monday, June 5, 2017

34% ➔

of Illinois State University students transfer from other colleges and universities.



18:1
student to
faculty ratio



45%
of Illinois State's graduating class each year transferred from other institutions.

MAJORS

Popular or limited admission majors

ACCOUNTANCY (B.S./MPA)

Accountancy and information systems
Professional accountancy

ACCOUNTING

Accounting information systems
Business information systems
Financial accounting

ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

AGRICULTURE

Agribusiness
Agriculture communications and leadership
Agronomy management
Animal industry management
Animal science
Crop and soil science
Food industry management
Horticulture and landscape management
Pre-veterinary medicine

ANTHROPOLOGY

ART

Graphic design

ART HISTORY

ART STUDIO ARTS

ARTS TECHNOLOGY

ATHLETIC TRAINING

BIOCHEMISTRY

BIOLOGY

Conservation biology
Molecular and cellular biology
Physiology, neuroscience, and behavior
Plant biology
Zoology

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS

CHEMISTRY

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Interpersonal
Organizational and leadership communication
Political communication

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Web computing

COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES

DANCE PERFORMANCE

ECONOMICS

Managerial economics

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

ENGLISH

Creative writing studies
Publishing studies

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

EXERCISE SCIENCE

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Fashion design and merchandising

Food, nutrition, and dietetics

Human development and family science

Interior design

FINANCE

FRENCH

GEOGRAPHY

GEOLOGY

GERMAN

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Registered health information technician (HIM)

HISTORY

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Information assurance and security
Integration of enterprise systems
Systems development/analyst
Web application development

INSURANCE

Business information systems

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

JOURNALISM

LEGAL STUDIES

MANAGEMENT

Entrepreneurship and small business management
Human resource management
Organizational leadership

MARKETING

Advanced marketing analytics
Integrated marketing communication
Professional sales

MASS MEDIA

Interactive media
Media management, promotion, and sales
Radio
Television production

MATHEMATICS

Statistics

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

MUSIC

Band and orchestra instruments performance
Classical guitar performance
Composition
Keyboard performance
Liberal arts
Voice performance

MUSIC BUSINESS

MUSIC THERAPY

NETWORK AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT

NURSING (BSN)—ACCELERATED*

NURSING (BSN)—TRADITIONAL*

NURSING (RN—BSN)*

PHILOSOPHY

PHYSICS

Computer physics
Engineering physics

POLITICAL SCIENCE

PSYCHOLOGY

PUBLIC RELATIONS

RECREATION AND PARK

ADMINISTRATION

Recreation management
Therapeutic recreation

RENEWABLE ENERGY

SAFETY

SOCIAL WORK

SOCIOLOGY

SPANISH

TEACHER EDUCATION

Agriculture
Art
Bilingual/bicultural (English-Spanish)
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Community health
Dance
Early childhood
Earth and space science
Elementary
English
Family and consumer sciences
French
Geography
German
History-social sciences
Mathematics
Middle level
Music
Physical education
Physics
School health
Spanish
Special education
Technology and engineering
Theatre

THEATRE

Acting
Design/production

THEATRE AND FILM STUDIES

* Visit [Nursing.IllinoisState.edu](https://nursing.illinoisstate.edu) for detailed information about applying to a nursing program.

** Though not actual majors at Illinois State, specialized advisement is available for students interested in pre-professional programs. Health-related fields including pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, pre-pharmacy, pre-physical therapy, and more are advised by a pre-professional advisor in University College. The Thomas Eimmermann Pre-Law Advisement Center is available for pre-law students.



SAMPLE PLAN OF STUDY (Elementary education)

We offer Two Year Transfer Sample Plans of Study that outline the first four semesters of coursework a transfer student should be completing for each major. IAI and course major requirements are incorporated into the plans. We encourage both advisors and transfer students to utilize these plans, which can be found at [IllinoisState.edu/TransferProgramRequirements](https://www.illinoisstate.edu/TransferProgramRequirements).

First Year

FALL SEMESTER	HRS	SPRING SEMESTER	HRS
IAI C2 900 or C1 900 (COM 110 or ENG 101)	3	IAI C2 900 or C1 900 (COM 110 or ENG 101)	3
MAT 119 College Algebra (or proof of proficiency)	3	MAT 130 Numerical Reasoning	3
IAI P1 900/L, 901/L, 902/L, 903/L (CHE 102 or PHY 102)	3-4	IAI L1 900/L or L1 910/L (BSC 101)	3-4
IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3	IAI S2 900 or S2 901 (HIS 135 or HIS 136)	3
IAI Fine Arts	3	ENG 170 Children's Literature (H3 918)	3
	15-16		15-16

Second Year

FALL SEMESTER	HRS	SPRING SEMESTER	HRS
IAI M1 903 (MAT 152 or Math for El Ed II)	3	IAI S4 900N, 901 or 902N (GEO 135 World Geography)	3
IAI C3 900 (ENG 145)	3	KNR 222 PE for Elem Classroom	2
IAI S3 900, 901, 902 (Economics ECO 101 or ECO 102)	3	SED 101 Exceptional Learner	3
IAI S5 900 or S5 901 (Am Govt POL 101 or POL 106)	3	IAI P1 905 or P1 905L (GEO 211 Weather)	3-4
TCH 210 Child Growth and Development	3	MAT 150 or MQM 100 Statistical Reasoning	3
	15		14-15

ACADEMIC UPDATES

College of Applied Science and Technology

CAST.IllinoisState.edu

Agriculture • *Agriculture.IllinoisState.edu*

- Enrolled a record number of transfer students for fall 2016!

Family and Consumer Sciences • *FCS.IllinoisState.edu*

- The Family and Consumer Sciences' sequences have been elevated to majors in the 2016–2017 Catalog. Under previous catalogs, all FCS students majored in Family and Consumer Sciences. However, all FCS students (including transfers) now have the option to move to the 2016–2017 Catalog, under which students will major in: Family and Consumer Sciences (Teacher Education or General), Fashion Design and Merchandising, Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics, Human Development and Family Science, or Interior Design.

Information Technology • *IT.IllinoisState.edu*

- The Computer Science major has a new Web Computing sequence.
- The School of IT has proposed a new Cybersecurity major. We expect to have the major available for enrollment in fall 2017.
- The School of IT offers several scholarships for incoming transfer students. For more information, visit IT.IllinoisState.edu/Scholarships.

College of Arts and Sciences

CAS.IllinoisState.edu

Communication • *Communication.IllinoisState.edu*

- The communication Studies Teacher Education sequence is no longer offered.

Geography-Geology • *GEO.IllinoisState.edu*

Geography

- Over 75 percent of geography majors are transfer students and can complete the program in two years, including their capstone internship.
- Geography-Geology earned an honorable mention in the inaugural Award for Undergraduate Program Excellence by the American Association of Geographers.

Geology

- The Earth & Space Education program has recently updated the curriculum to better suit the needs of teacher education across Illinois.
- Geology majors complete a summer six-week field camp in South Dakota and Wyoming to gain field-based knowledge and skills for the current job market.

Languages, Literatures, and Cultures • *LAN.IllinoisState.edu*

- LAN majors/minors should complete the first four semesters of their foreign language, if possible, while at their community college.

- LAN Education majors must rate at Advanced Low proficiency on the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) by fall of their senior year.

- LAN majors/minors are encouraged to study abroad.

Mathematics • *Math.IllinoisState.edu/Actuary*

- Our actuarial program is a Society of Actuaries Center of Actuarial Excellence, one of 30 in the world and the first one in Illinois. Our program was the winner of the 2016 University Award of the Casualty Actuarial Society. We have one of the best actuarial programs in the world. Our students enjoy a nearly perfect record of placement and, over the last four semesters, the starting salary of graduates has been approximately \$61,000 per year.

Philosophy • *Philosophy.IllinoisState.edu*

- The Philosophy curriculum has been revised, beginning in fall 2016. The new curriculum can be found in the Undergraduate Catalog. The main changes are:
 - The number of hours has been increased from 30 to 33.
 - There are five required core courses: 112, 201, 232, 254, and 255. PHI 201 is "Epistemology Metaphysics, Mind and Language" (EMML).
 - Students are required to take at least three hours from any two of the three distribution areas.
 - Students are required to take two rather than three 300-level topics courses.
- We have revised our scholarships; transfer students are now able to apply for the Scott Elliott Scholarship for Outstanding Incoming Student. We have also revised the Philosophy Fund to be used to help students in need with the costs of textbooks.
- The department has a full-time undergraduate advisor, Derek O'Connell (drocon1@IllinoisState.edu).
- The department hosts an undergraduate philosophy conference.

Physics • *Physics.IllinoisState.edu*

- New this year, the Physics Department is offering a \$500 merit-based scholarship for transfer students entering Illinois State in fall 2017. Application materials will be posted on our website, and the deadline will be early 2017. The Physics Department ranks in the top 10 nationally for undergraduate-only departments and offers four degree options: Physics, Computer Physics, Engineering Physics, and Physics Teacher Education.

Social Work • *SocialWork.IllinoisState.edu*

- The School of Social Work has partnered with the Department of Children and Family Services to provide course materials/training to help students prepare for tests that will be required to work in child welfare settings/agencies. These two courses are taken during the fall/spring semesters of a student's senior year.

Women's and Gender Studies • WGS.IllinoisState.edu (minor)

- This fall, the Women's and Gender Studies Program is launching a Queer Studies Concentration. It is an option for students wanting to enhance their understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI+) issues or whose undergraduate curriculum or professional goals would be enriched by additional course work in this emerging field.

College of Education

Education.IllinoisState.edu

- Completion of one of the following three is recommended prior to enrollment:
 - Test of Academic Proficiency
 - SAT: Prior to 3/5/2016: minimum composite score of 1030 (Critical Reading + Mathematics = 1030 or higher) and a minimum score of 450 on Writing
After 3/5/2016: minimum composite score of 1110 (Evidence-based Reading and Writing + Mathematics = 1110 or higher) and a minimum score of 26 on Writing and Language Test
 - ACT: Prior to 9/1/2015: minimum composite of 22 with English/Writing minimum of 19
After 9/1/2015: minimum composite of 22 with Writing minimum of 16

Elementary Education

- Elementary majors do not need to complete the A.A. or A.S. degree at their community college to be considered for the major.

Early Childhood Education

- Early Childhood majors graduating after September 1, 2019, will be held to the new licensure requirement in Illinois to teach this population. This will include specific general education coursework similar to elementary.

College of Fine Arts

FineArts.IllinoisState.edu

Art • FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Art

- Portfolio deadlines: 9/19, 10/10, 10/24, 11/14, 2/6, 2/20, and 3/13.

Music • FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Music

- Audition dates: 12/5, 1/21, 2/4, 2/17, 2/18, and 4/1.
- This will be the second year that our musical theatre degree is no longer offered.
- We do not accept the AFA.

Theatre and Dance • FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Theatre-Studies

- We have a new academic advisor: Cristen Monson (cbmonso@IllinoisState.edu).
- Audition and portfolio review dates:
 - Theatre: 10/1, 11/5, 1/21 (Lookingglass Theatre, Chicago), 2/18, and 3/31.
 - Dance: 11/5, 1/21 (Dovetail Studios, Chicago), 2/18, and 3/31.

Mennonite College of Nursing

Nursing.IllinoisState.edu

- The enrollment start date for transfer students in the traditional nursing major is changing from spring/summer to fall. The next application period for fall 2018 enrollment is September 1, 2017–January 15, 2018. Admission decisions will be released by February 15, 2018. A minimum of 55 credit hours (of which 37 must be IAI General Education) and prerequisite courses must be complete prior to fall enrollment. Completion of Human Physiology and Anatomy I (BSC 181) OR Microbiology (BSC 160) with a grade of C or better is required by the end of the Fall 2017 semester to be considered for admission.

The Honors Program

Honors.IllinoisState.edu

- The Honors Program enriches students' learning and supports the development of marketable skills. Honors offers exceptional opportunities and resources to students from all majors, including:
 - Engaging academic experiences
 - Specialized advising
 - Priority registration
 - Optional Honors housing
 - Peer and professional networks
- Without adding time to degree, Honors students can pursue designations that appear on traditional transcripts and diplomas, while also earning digital badges within an electronic portfolio tool to showcase achievements.
- Students must have a minimum of three semesters remaining on campus and a 3.5 transfer GPA to be eligible for the Honors Program. More information and the application can be found at Honors.IllinoisState.edu.



COSTS 2016–2017

Illinois Resident
 Non-Resident Border State*
 Non-Resident High-Achieving** Non-Resident

Tuition and fees	\$14,062	\$25,170
Room and board	\$9,850	\$9,850
Totals	\$23,912	\$35,020

* Border states include Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

** Students with a 3.5+ GPA or University-defined talent qualify as high-achieving students.



With Illinois State's Fixed Tuition Pledge, students will have the same tuition rate for four years, allowing them to plan for the future.

TRANSFER STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND

PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP

UP TO **\$4,000** TOTAL

\$1,000-2,000/YEAR

One-time and renewable available IllinoisState.edu/TSS

Students with 30 or more college credit hours at time of enrollment and a 3.5 cumulative GPA will be invited to apply.



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