Find your place in the World

Illinois State University

IllinoisState.edu/World
Great reasons to study at Illinois State University

1. Nationally recognized and accredited programs in Accounting, Actuarial Science, Business, Information Technology, Physics, Teacher Education, and more.

2. Individualized attention from world-class faculty.

3. International and cultural events and organizations.

4. Excellent internship opportunities to prepare you for your career.

5. Endless possibilities for discovering American culture.

6. Ninety-six percent of professors hold the highest degrees in their field.

7. Multicultural on-campus living experience.

8. Friendly and helpful staff to ease your transition.

9. Located in the heart of the United States, just hours from Chicago and St. Louis.

10. Welcoming community.

Location
Illinois State University is located in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, a metropolitan area of 125,000 people, approximately halfway between the major cities of Chicago and St. Louis. The University is a residential campus with more than 60 buildings on 390 hectares (960 acres) of land.

Academics
- Undergraduate programs: 165 majors
- Graduate programs: 79 master’s; nine doctoral; and more than 25 graduate, post-baccalaureate, and post-master’s certificate programs
- Student to faculty ratio: 19 to 1
- Class size: 71 percent of all classes have fewer than 30 students; 89 percent have fewer than 50 students
- University accreditation: Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools—www.ncahlc.org
- Ranked in the top 100 U.S. public colleges and universities by U.S. News and World Report

Programs/Departments
Programs and departments at Illinois State University are divided by subject into six academic colleges.

Student population by college
- College of Business: 20%
- College of Engineering: 16%
- College of Education: 13%
- College of Fine Arts: 13%
- College of Arts and Sciences: 30%
- Mennonite College of Nursing: 6%

Undergraduates: 17,648
Graduates: 2,276
Total Students: 19,924

Popular fields of study chosen by international students
- Business administration, international business, accounting
- Biological sciences, biochemistry, molecular and cellular biology, chemistry
- Computer science, information systems, technology
- Mathematics, economics, psychology
The friendly staff in the Office of International Studies will help you get settled in and support you throughout your time at Illinois State. Staff will help coordinate your arrival to campus, answer questions about immigration, and ensure a successful transition to the University. You will arrive on campus a week before classes start for an orientation program. You will meet new people; register for classes; and receive important information about housing, food, bills, banking, health care, health insurance, and immigration.

English Language Institute at Illinois State University
ELI.IllinoisState.edu
For students who need to improve their English language skills before starting a degree program, our English Language Institute (ELI) provides an intensive English program that prepares students to use English effectively in the American academic setting. Students take 20 hours of courses each week in small classes of 7–10 students. The classes integrate academic development with training in English reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

Undergraduate students who meet all other admission requirements but do not have high enough TOEFL or IELTS scores may be conditionally admitted to the University if they agree to complete the ELI program.

Health care
Student Health Services
HealthServices.IllinoisState.edu
If you get sick or need a physical examination while you are here, you can see a doctor or nurse on campus through Student Health Services. You must report your health history and provide proof of certain vaccinations when you arrive.

Student Health Insurance
HealthServices.IllinoisState.edu/Insurance
As a full-time student, you will be enrolled in the University’s student health insurance program. Insurance will help pay for health care not provided by Student Health Services, including but not limited to hospital services, emergency care, lab services, and x-ray charges.
Applying to Illinois State

APPLY ONLINE at IllinoisState.edu/Apply

Both undergraduate and graduate students can apply online. There is a $50 USD application fee that can be paid online with a credit card.

SUBMIT DOCUMENTS

1. Official TOEFL or IELTS score (sent directly from the testing agency to Illinois State University, code number 1259)
2. Official academic records, signed and sealed, one in English, one in your native language
3. Declaration of finances showing first-year financial support and plans for future support
4. Copy of your passport

Some graduate programs require more documentation for admission such as official GRE or GMAT test scores, letters of recommendation, and/or essays. Visit IllinoisState.edu/Graduate for additional information about your anticipated program’s requirements and deadlines. If you have any questions, contact that department directly.

Steps to take after you are admitted

Once you are admitted to the University, there are several steps you must take before you can attend Illinois State University.

1. Complete the immigration process. You will receive an I-20 form from the Office of Admissions after you are admitted, which you will need throughout the immigration process. Then, you will need to pay your SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) fee and file the associated form. Finally, you will apply for your student visa, a process that varies from country to country.
2. Learn what to expect when you arrive. Our website for international students, IllinoisState.edu/World, is a good place to get started.
3. Watch your email for instructions from the Office of International Studies and Programs. Staff will provide information about planning your arrival, housing, registering for classes, and more.

Programs of study

Bachelor’s (B) | Master’s (M) | Doctoral (D) | Graduate certificates (Gc)

- Accounting
- Actuarial science
- Agricultural economics
- Agricultural education
- Anthropology
- Apparel, merchandising, and design
- Art
- Art history
- Art teacher education
- Arts technology
- Athletic training
- Audiology
- Biomedical/biological science
- Biochemistry
- Biological sciences teacher education
- Biology
- Biometrics
- Biotechnology
- Business administration
- Business information systems
- Business teacher education
- Chemistry
- Chemistry teacher education
- College student personnel administration
- Communication studies
- Communication studies teacher education
- Community health education
- Computer education
- Computer science
- Computer systems technology
-constuent management
- Criminal justice sciences
- Dance education
- Dance performance
- Dental hygiene
- Early childhood education
- Earth and space science education
- Economics
- Education administration (P–12)
- Elementary education
- Engineering Physics
- Engineering technology

- English
- English teacher education
- Environmental health
- Exercise science
- Family and consumer sciences
- Family and consumer sciences
- Family and consumer sciences
- Finance
- Food, nutrition, and dietetics
- French
- French teacher education
- Geography
- Geography teacher education
- German
- German teacher education
- Geographic communication
- German
- Health information management
- Higher education administration
- History
- History—social sciences teacher education
- Horticulture and landscape management
- Human (child) development and family resource
- Human resource management
- Hydrobiology
- Information assurance and security
- Information systems
- Information systems
- Integrated marketing communication
- Interior and environmental design
- International business
- Jusmatik
- Language, literature, and cultures
- Legal studies
- Management
- Marketing
- Mass media
- Mathematics
- Mathematics teacher education
- Media management, promotion, and sales
- Medical laboratory science
- Middle level teacher education
- Molecular and cellular biology
- Music
- Music business
- Music education
- Music therapy
- Network and telecommunications management
- Nursing
- Organizational leadership
- Philosophy
- Physical education teacher education
- Physical education
- Physics
- Physics teacher education
- Political science
- Pre-veterinary medicine
- Professional sales
- Psychology
- Public relations
- Publishing studies
- Radio
- Reading
- Recreation management
- Renewable energy
- Safety
- School health education
- School psychology
- Social work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Spanish education
- Special education
- Speech pathology
- Statistics
- STEM education and leadership
- Teaching and learning
- Teaching English to speakers of other languages
- Technology
- Technology and engineering education
- Television production
- Theatre
- Theatre teacher education
- Therapeutic recreation

When to apply

Space at the University is limited and programs are competitive, so we recommend you apply early during the application periods listed here.

SUMMER TERM (begins in May)
Graduate students: September 1–April 1
Undergraduate students: September 1–March 1

FALL TERM (begins in August)
Graduate students: September 1–May 1
Undergraduate students: September 1–March 1

SPRING TERM (begins in January)
Graduate students: April 1–October 1
Undergraduate students: April 1–September 1

My advice to international students is to live on the international floor, to make the most out of your experience, and meet people from different countries and cultures. You find friendly people who are easy to relate to and have the potential to be your lifelong friends.”

Thanapat Srisongkol, Thailand

Computer science major

“I moved to a new city. They really accept you and help you get integrated to life in the States. No matter what, they are always there for you.”

Olene Deleplace, France

International business major
## Financing your education

### GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Many graduate students fund their education with a graduate assistantship. An assistantship is a job that provides a full tuition waiver and a small monthly stipend. Typically you will teach low-level, undergraduate courses or help with research projects for about 20 hours each week. To learn more about assistantships and aid, visit Grad.IllinoisState.edu.

### PRIVATE FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Other sources of funding are available to help you pay for your education in the United States. Internet searches are a good way to find these opportunities, but we advise against using scholarship search services that charge a fee. You may want to try these organizations:

- Fulbright programs: fulbrightonline.org
- Funding for U.S. Study: fundingusstudy.org
- Education USA: educationusa.state.gov

Some academic programs at Illinois State may have very limited funds to offer exceptionally talented international students. Check your department or program’s website for further information about scholarships they offer.

### 2014–2015 Estimated expenses*

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*Please note, your declaration of finances will need to show proof of enough financial support to cover these costs, which may increase somewhat before you enroll. For current rates, please visit IllinoisState.edu/World. The actual costs you incur may differ from these estimates and you may even be able to reduce your costs in some areas, such as books, supplies, and personal expenses.