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Illinois State
University



**ILLINOIS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

Illinois' first public university

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Great reasons to study at Illinois State University

1 Nationally recognized and accredited programs in

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.

- ACCOUNTING
- ACTUARIAL SCIENCE
- BUSINESS
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- PHYSICS
- TEACHER EDUCATION
- AND MORE



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.



Bloomington-Normal

Chicago

Distance:
214 km
2.5 hours

St. Louis

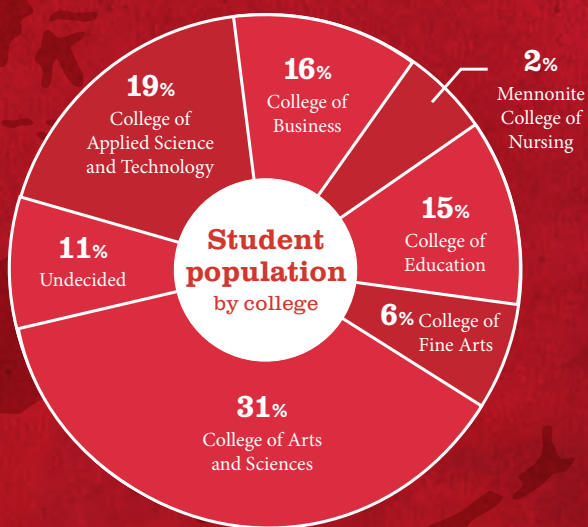
Distance:
270 km
3 hours

Academics

- Undergraduate programs: 165 majors
- Graduate programs: 39 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.ncacihe.org

Programs/departments

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

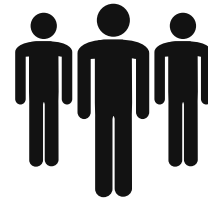


Category	Count
Undergraduates	18,535
Graduates	2,545
Total students	21,080

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





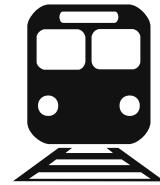
Campus community

Illinois State University provides a total educational experience, including academic and social programs, which help international students develop professional skills and meet other students. University staff members are happy to assist you during the admissions process, when planning your arrival, and while you are studying here.



Housing Housing.IllinoisState.edu

On-campus housing is the best way to experience American student culture at Illinois State. You will likely have a roommate (a small number of single rooms are available at a higher cost) and bathroom facilities are shared with others of your gender who live on the same floor. Your building will have a computer lab, fitness center, dining options, and laundry facilities. You may choose to live in International House, as do many international students and some Americans, a multicultural living and learning community. Graduate students may live in off-campus apartments. If you are admitted to the University, you will be sent more information about housing.



Ways to get around

- Charter bus service is available from the Illinois State campus to Chicago and many other destinations throughout the Midwest.
- Local bus service, free with student ID, gets students around campus and Bloomington-Normal.
- Just blocks from campus, the Amtrak train station provides daily service to Chicago and St. Louis.
- Students find plenty to explore off campus, with a range of entertainment, shopping, and recreation—including a 38-kilometer, hard-surface trail perfect for jogging and biking.

“Life here is much better than what I had expected. In this town, all people are friendly and welcoming. On the campus, the professors are all knowledgeable and ready to help others. In the class, people are keen on discussing the material; while in China, students in class mostly just listen to what the teacher says. I really like the atmosphere here.”

Zijing Zhao, China,
Junior, computer science

"I attended another university for my undergraduate degree and came to ISU for my master's degree. There is no match to ISU's International House. At the other university I had to try to figure things out on my own and look for people to help me. I was blown away by ISU's orientation program. It enables students to hit the ground running."

Thanesh Rajandran, Malaysia
Graduate student, M.B.A.

"There is always something fun to do in I-House or elsewhere on campus. There's never a dull moment."

Megan McGrotty, Scotland
Junior, criminal justice



Office of International Studies and Programs

InternationalStudies.IllinoisState.edu

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

IllinoisState.edu/ELI

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 INSURANCE

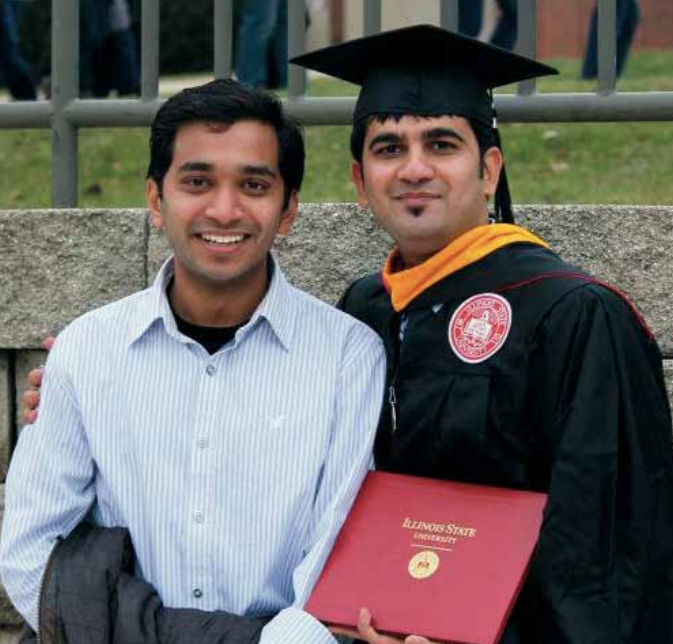
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If you get sick or need a physical examination while you are here, you can see a doctor or nurse on campus through Student Health Services. You must report your health history and provide proof of certain vaccinations when you arrive.

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

SHS.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 1319*)
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 Admissions.IllinoisState.edu/Graduate for additional information about your anticipated program's requirements and deadlines. If you have any questions, contact that department directly.

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.



SEND APPLICATION DOCUMENTS TO:

Illinois State University
International Admissions
Hovey Hall 211
Campus Box 2200
Normal, IL 61790-2200
USA



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

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.

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.

Thanyapat Sirisongkol, Thailand
Senior, computer science

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

Chloe Deleplace, France
Sophomore, international business



Programs of study

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

B, M	Accounting	M, D, Gc	Education administration	B, D	Mathematics teacher education
B, M	Actuarial science	B	Engineering technology	B	Medical laboratory science
B, M	Agriculture	B, M, D	English	B	Middle level teacher education
B, M	Agriculture education	B	English teacher education	B, M	Music
B	Anthropology	B	Environmental health	B	Music education
B	Apparel, merchandising, and design	M	Exercise physiology	B, M	Music therapy
M	Archaeology	B	Exercise science	Gc	Nurse educator
B, M	Art	M	Family and consumer sciences	B, M, D, Gc	Nursing
B, M	Art teacher education	B	Finance	M	Reading
B, M	Arts technology	B, M	Food, nutrition, and dietetics	B	Philosophy
B, M	Athletic training	B	French	B, M	Physical education teacher education K–12
B, M, D	Audiology	B	French teacher education	B	Physics
B	Bilingual/Bicultural education	B	Geography	B	Physics teacher education
B, D	Biochemistry/Molecular biology	B	Geography teacher education	B, M	Political science
Gc	Biological geographic information sciences	B	Geology	M, Gc	Project management
B, M, D	Biological sciences	B	Earth and space science education	B, M	Psychology
B	Biological sciences teacher education	B	German	M	Sports psychology
M	Biomathematics	B	German teacher education	D	Psychology—school
M	Biomechanics	B	Graphic communication	B	Public relations
M	Biotechnology	B	Health education	B, M	Recreation and park administration
B, M	Business administration	B	Health information management	B	Renewable energy
B	Business information systems	B, M	History	B	Safety
B	Business teacher education	B	History—social sciences teacher education	B, M	Social work
B, M	Chemistry	B	Human (child) development and family resources	B, M	Sociology
B, M	Chemistry teacher education	B	Human (child) development and family resources teacher education	B	Spanish
M	College student personnel and administration	B	Hydrogeology	B	Spanish teacher education
B, M	Communication studies	M, Gc	Information systems	B, M, D, Gc	Special education
B	Communication studies—education	B, M	Information technology	B, M	Speech pathology
B	Computer science	Gc	Insurance	M	Sport management
B	Computer systems technology	B	Interior and environmental design	B, M	Statistics
B	Construction management	B	International business	Gc	Teaching English to speakers of other languages
B, M	Criminal justice sciences	B	Journalism	B	Technology education
M, D	Curriculum and instruction	B	Language, literatures, and cultures	B, M, Gc	Telecommunications management
B	Dance education	M	Management	B, M	Theatre
B	Dance performance	B	Marketing	B	Theatre education
B	Early childhood education	B	Mass media	M, Gc	Training and development
B, M	Economics	B	Mathematics	Gc	Women and gender studies
		B, M		M	Writing



OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

Application and admission process, requirements
 Phone: +1 (800) 366-2478
 Fax: +1 (309) 438-8192
InternationalAdmissions@IllinoisState.edu
IllinoisState.edu
IllinoisState.edu/World

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND PROGRAMS

Immigration assistance, orientation, living in the U.S.
 Phone: +1 (309) 438-5276
 Fax: +1 (309) 438-3987
InternationalStudies@IllinoisState.edu
IllinoisState.edu
InternationalStudies.IllinoisState.edu
IllinoisState.edu

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Scholarships and tuition waivers
 Phone: +1 (309) 438-2231
 Fax: +1 (309) 438-3755
FinancialAid@IllinoisState.edu
FinancialAid.IllinoisState.edu

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Assistantships and program information
 Phone: +1 (309) 438-2583
 Fax: +1 (309) 438-7912
Grad.IllinoisState.edu

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Intensive English program/ English as a second language (ESL) instruction
 Phone: +1 (309) 438-2072
 Fax: +1 (309) 438-3031
ELI@IllinoisState.edu
IllinoisState.edu/ELI



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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.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Most international students help fund their studies by working on campus. Depending on your visa status, you may be eligible to work up to 20 hours per week. Immigration rules may prevent you from working off campus. Our International Studies staff will help you in determining your eligibility and finding a job at orientation.

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.

2012–2013 Estimated expenses*

UNDERGRADUATE

Tuition and fees \$20,503
 (based on 15 semester hours for two semesters)

Housing and meal plan \$12,700
 (12 months in double occupancy residence hall room with unlimited meal plan)

Books, supplies, and personal expenses (estimated) \$4,909

Total \$38,112

GRADUATE

Tuition and fees \$13,212
 (based on 9 semester hours for two semesters)

Housing and meal plan \$12,700
 (12 months in double occupancy residence hall room with unlimited meal plan)

Books, supplies, and personal expenses (estimated) \$4,909

Total \$30,821

* 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.

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