

AT-A-GLANCE

Comparative First-Year Course Requirements

	Total	English	Social Studies	Math	Lab Sciences	Electives/Other
Chicago State University	15	4 ¹	3 ⁷	3 ⁸	3 ¹²	2 foreign language, music, vocational education, or art ⁺
Eastern Illinois University	15	4 ¹	3 ⁴	3 ⁸	3	2 years of academic or vocational electives
Governors State University	15	4 ¹	2	3 ¹⁰	2	2 years of one foreign language or fine arts; and 2 years of electives
Illinois State University	15	4	2	3 ¹⁴	2	2 years of electives in foreign language or fine arts
Northeastern Illinois University	15	4 ¹	3 ⁴	3 ⁸	3	2 years of academic or vocational electives
Northern Illinois University	15	4 ²	3 ⁵	3 ⁹	3 ¹³	2 units (one must be foreign language, art, or music); Up to three units of the required fifteen units may be distributed throughout any of the five categories of course work. Vocational education may satisfy up to three of the units.
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	15 or 16	4 ¹	3 ⁷	3 or 4 ¹⁰	3 ¹²	2 years of electives in foreign language, art, fine arts, music or vocational education; if a foreign language is taken, it must include two semesters of the same language.
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville	15	4 ¹	3 ⁴	3 ¹⁰	3	2 years chosen from foreign language, music, the visual arts, theatre, dance and/or vocational education.
University of Illinois Chicago	16	4	3	3	3	2 years of foreign language (recommended); 1 year of electives.
University of Illinois Springfield	15	4 ³	3 ⁵	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹²	2 years of one foreign language or 2 years of fine arts, selected from art, music, dance and theatre are required.
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	15 or 15.5	4 ³	2 ⁷	3 or 3.5 ¹¹	2 ¹²	2 years of one foreign language are required; and 2 years (flexible academic units) from any of the five subject categories. Approved art, music, or vocational education courses may be counted in the flexible academic units category.
Western Illinois University	15	4 ¹	3	3 ¹⁰	3	2 years of foreign language, music, vocational education, art, theater, film, religion, philosophy, speech or journalism.

Foreign Language Requirements for Admission and Graduation

	Foreign Language Requirement for Admission	Foreign Language Requirement for Graduation
Chicago State University	Not required	All programs – 6 hours of college language (can be met by assessment/proficiency test or college level courses only)
Eastern Illinois University	Not required, 2 years recommended	2 semesters of college language (can be met by 2 years of single foreign language in high school with “C” or better average)
Governors State University	2 years of one foreign language or 2 years of fine arts	Not required
Illinois State University	2 years of electives in foreign language or fine arts	Two semesters of college language (can be met by successful completion of 3 years of same foreign language in high school).
Northeastern Illinois University	Not required	Not required
Northern Illinois University	Humanities: 2 years of foreign language or combination of language, art, music, theatre	Bachelor of Arts - 2 years of one foreign language at the college level OR Completing the equivalent of the fourth-year of a foreign language with no term grade lower than C at an accredited high school (may be met by proficiency test).
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	Not required; used toward fulfillment of 2 year elective requirement. Must include two semesters of the same language.	College of Liberal Arts - one year (2 courses) of college language (met by college coursework or exam only). Some degrees in College of Liberal Arts are exempt.
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville	Not required – 2 years recommended	Bachelor of Arts – college language required (met by college-level coursework only)
University of Illinois Chicago	Not required – 2 years recommended	College of Business Administration: 2 semesters at collegiate level All programs in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urban Planning and Public Affairs, and the School of Public Health, as well as the Art History major: 4 semesters at the collegiate level. Can be waived through a placement exam or if a student’s native language is not English.
University of Illinois Springfield	2 years of one foreign language OR 2 years of fine arts	Honors students must have 2 years of one foreign language
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	2 years of one language required. 4 years recommended	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: up to the 4th collegiate level of foreign language (can be met by 4 years of one high school foreign language) All other colleges - up to the 3rd collegiate level (can be met by 3 years of one high school foreign language)
Western Illinois University	Not required	Selected majors - bi-cultural, bi-lingual education, foreign language, and biology (can be met by 3 years of high school foreign language)

FRESHMEN COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOOTNOTES:

- + Suggested electives - includes other academic courses.
- 1) Emphasizing written and oral communication and literature.
- 2) Three units of English must be courses emphasizing written and oral communication and literature.
- 3) Studies in language, composition, and literature requiring practice in expository writing in all such work. Coursework should emphasize reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
- 4) Emphasize history and government.
- 5) One unit must be U.S. history or a combination of U.S. history and government.
- 6) At least 2 years of history and/or government, other acceptable subjects are anthropology, economics, geography, psychology, and sociology.
- 7) History and government are preferred. Additional acceptable social studies include anthropology, economics, geography, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.
- 8) Introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or fundamentals of computer programming.
- 9) College preparatory mathematics, including one year of geometry and one year of advanced algebra and/or trigonometry.
- 10) Algebra I & II, and a proof-based geometry course. A fourth unit is highly recommended: trigonometry and pre-calculus, or statistics, depending on the student’s area of interest.
- 11) Algebra, geometry, advanced algebra, trigonometry. Typically, such courses as career/occupational mathematics, consumer mathematics, applied business mathematics, pre-algebra, and computer courses are not acceptable. 3.5 years of mathematics including trigonometry are required in the following curricula: Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences – agricultural engineering; Business – all curricula; Engineering – all curricula; Fine and Applied Arts – architectural studies; Liberal Arts and Sciences-specialized curricula in biochemistry, chemical engineering, chemistry, geology, and physics.
- 12) Laboratory courses in biology, chemistry, or physics are preferred. Laboratory courses in agriculture, astronomy and geology are also acceptable. General science will not be acceptable.
- 13) Two units must be courses in the physical or biological sciences. One unit must be a laboratory science.
- 14) Highly encourage a college readiness path, including Algebra I and II, as well as Geometry. Four years of Mathematics required for applicants pursuing a degree in Mathematics, which can include Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, or Statistics.

Comparative Undergraduate Admission Information

Admission requirements for the state universities in Illinois are outlined below. Any questions or concerns about the admissions process should be directed to the appropriate university office.

Admission as a First-Year

The standardized test score, GPA, class rank, and middle 50% ranges of the entering first-year class of 2021 show that admission standards vary across the twelve universities. Note that since a holistic approach** is used in the admission review process, having standardized test scores, GPA, and class rank within the entering first-year profile does not guarantee admission.

Middle 50% for SAT/ACT Composite Scores, GPA and Class Rank for Entering First-Year Class of 2021

	ACT middle 50%	SAT middle 50% (M+CR only)	GPA	HSPR		ACT middle 50%	SAT middle 50% (M+CR only)	GPA	HSPR
CSU	19	1010	2.93	53%	SIUC	Test optional; 27	Test optional; 1070	3.32	66%
EIU	20	1040	3.39	*	SIUE	Test score not required for admission		*	52-87%
GSU	19	*	2.88	*	UIC	Test optional; 21-27	Test optional; 1070-1290	3.3-3.9	69-92%
ISU	Test optional; 22-27	Test optional; 1020-1210	3.30-4.02	*	UIS	Test score not required for admission		3.07-3.96	52-88%
NEIU	18	850-1020	2.53-3.0	*	UIUC	28-34	1300-1500	3.50-3.94 UW	No longer calculated
NIU	Test-free admission		3.13-3.98	64%-86%					

*No middle 50% is collected.

Priority Filing Dates and Deadlines For 2023 First-Year Students

Students are encouraged to file their application as early as possible in fall of the senior year. Submit an official transcript including senior courses in progress, class size and rank with the application. The state universities of Illinois will continue to consider applications as long as space exists.

Applications with all required credentials should be received during the following application periods:

	Term	Application Available	Priority Filing / Early Action Date	Final Application Deadline	Decision Notification	Application Fee
Chicago State University	Spring Summer I Summer II Fall	May 1 June 1 June 1 June 1	November 1 May 1 May 1 October 15	As space permits	Rolling	\$25
Eastern Illinois University	Spring Summer Fall	January 15 June 15 June 15	N/A	As space permits	Rolling	\$0
Governors State University	Fall	September 1	November 1	As space permits	Rolling	\$25
Illinois State University	Spring Summer Fall	April 1 August 1 August 1	August 1 November 1 November 1	November 1 April 1 April 1	Rolling	\$55
Northeastern Illinois University	Spring Summer I Summer II Fall	August 1 August 1 August 1 August 1	N/A	November 1 April 1 May 1 July 15	Rolling	\$30
Northern Illinois University	Spring Summer Fall	May 1 August 1 August 1	November 1 December 1 December 1	December 1 May 15 August 1	Rolling	No application fee
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	Spring Summer Fall	February 1 June 1 June 1	November 1 December 1 December 1	As space permits	Rolling	\$40
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Spring Summer Fall	One year prior to term One year prior to term June 1 (prior to senior year)	N/A N/A December 1	December 9 April 28 and/or 2 weeks prior to start of course May 1	Rolling	\$40
University of Illinois Chicago	Fall Spring	August 1	November 1 (Early Action)	February 1 October 15	EA: December 1 Regular: Rolling	\$60 (domestic) \$100 (International)
University of Illinois Springfield	Fall Spring	August 1 January 1	May 1 N/A	As space permits	Rolling	Waived through Spring 23
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	Fall	September 1	November 15 Early Action	January 5	Early Action: January 27 Regular Decision: March 3	\$50 (domestic) \$75 (International)
Western Illinois University	Fall Spring	July 1	N/A N/A	August 1	Rolling	\$30

When to Apply for Transfer Admission

Applications should be filed as early as possible. This allows the university adequate time to process the application and give maximum consideration to credentials.

Illinois Public Universities will continue to consider applications as long as space exists. Applications with all required credentials should be received during the following application periods:

	Application Period Begins	Application Period Ends
CSU	One year in advance of entry date	Consult university
EIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
GSU	Consult university	Consult university
ISU	Summer/Fall: August 1 Spring: April 1	Summer/Fall: May 1, or as space allows Spring: November 1, or as space allows
NEIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Fall: July 15 Spring: Nov 1 Summer: April 1
NIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Spring: December 1 Summer: May 15 Fall: August 1
SIUC	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university
SIUE	One year prior to term of entry	Four weeks prior to the start of the term
UIC	Fall: August 1 Spring: August	Fall: May 16 Spring: October 15
UIS	One year in advance of entry term	One month prior to start of entry term
UIUC	Spring: September 1 Fall: October 15	Spring: December 15 Fall: March 1
WIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Consult university

Admission as a Transfer

Admission as a transfer student to one of the state universities of Illinois is based primarily on grade point average for all previous college work and meeting the minimum number of credit hours.

	Minimum Semester Hours (semester hours x 1.5 =qh)	Minimum Cumulative GPA (A = 4.00)
CSU	24	2.0
EIU	24 ¹	2.0
GSU	24	2.0
ISU	24 ¹	2.0 ²
NEIU	24 ³	2.0
NIU	24	2.0
SIUC ³	12 ¹	2.0
SIUE	30	2.0
UIC	24 ^{1,4}	2.5 ^{2,5}
UIS ¹	30	2.0
UIUC ^{1,2}	12	2.5
WIU	24	2.0 ^{1,2,3}

- 1) Students with fewer credit hours than the posted minimum may need to submit additional materials for review, such as ACT or SAT scores and/or high school transcripts.
- 2) Transfer admission is competitive. Some programs require a higher GPA than the stated minimum.
- 3) AA degrees based on baccalaureate-oriented sequences from a community college in Illinois generally are considered to have junior status and have met lower-division general education requirements.
- 4) Prerequisite coursework is reviewed as a factor for admission.
- 5) The schedule on which applications will be reviewed provides for competitive admission on a space available basis.

Comparative Undergraduate Financial Information

Tuition & Fees

	Annual In-State	Annual Out of State
CSU ¹	\$13,238	\$13,238
EIU ¹	\$13,320 ⁶	\$15,748 ^{4,6}
GSU ¹	\$10,516	\$18,676
ISU	\$15,733	\$27,574 ¹
NEIU	\$12,063.36 ⁸	\$22,153.92 ¹
NIU	\$12,470.76 ³	\$12,470.76 ⁷
SIUC ¹	\$15,426	\$15,426 ⁷
SIUE	\$12,558 ⁶	\$12,558 ^{6,7}
UIC ^{2,3}	\$15,784	\$30,392
UIS ¹	\$12,087	\$21,852 ⁴
UIUC ¹	\$17,138-\$22,234	\$33,558-\$38,744
WIU ¹	\$12,441 Macomb \$11,865 Quad Cities	\$12,441 ⁷

- 1) By credit hour. Based on 30 credit hours for fall and spring semesters.
- 2) By tuition range. Based on full-time status (12 or more hours per semester, fall and spring)
- 3) Base rate, program differentials may apply.
- 4) Applicants from select states and/or who meet certain academic credentials qualify for a reduced tuition, check university site for details
- 5) Applicants from select states qualify for in-state tuition
- 6) Fees include textbooks
- 7) All resident domestic undergraduates pay the in-state tuition rate.
- 8) Based on 24 credit hours for fall and spring semesters (Tuition & Mandatory Fees).

Total budgets for each campus may vary. Consult university catalogs for total annual costs.

Room and Board

Estimated rates for room and board are based on standard academic year, double occupancy, and with a basic meal plan, unless otherwise noted.

	Rates	On campus housing required or optional for freshmen
CSU	\$8,723	Optional
EIU	\$10,394	Required ¹
GSU	\$5,558	Optional
ISU	\$10,602	First two years ¹
NEIU	\$9,742	Optional
NIU	\$11,348	Required ¹
SIUC	\$10,622	Required ¹
SIUE	\$10,271	Required First Year ¹
UIC	\$12,074	Optional
UIS	\$10,410	First two years ¹
UIUC	\$12,720	Required First Year ¹
WIU	\$10,500	First two years ¹

- 1) Age, distance, and credit hour exemptions may apply.

Estimated based on published rates for 2022-2023. Subject to change.

Financial Aid

The state universities of Illinois recommend filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form as soon as possible after October 1.

	Forms Required	Priority Deadline ¹
CSU	FAFSA	February 1
EIU	FAFSA ²	December 15
GSU	FAFSA	February 1
ISU	FAFSA ²	November 15
NEIU	FAFSA ²	February 15
NIU	FAFSA ²	N/A
SIUC	FAFSA ²	December 1
SIUE	FAFSA	N/A
UIC	FAFSA ²	February 1
UIS	FAFSA ²	February 15
UIUC	FAFSA ²	March 1
WIU	FAFSA	February 1

- 1) Students who apply after this date will be served on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.
- 2) Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid is available.