

AT-A-GLANCE

Comparative Freshman 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 ¹⁰	2	2 years of one foreign language or fine arts; and 2 years of electives.
Northeastern Illinois University	15	4 ¹	3 ⁴	3 ⁸	3	2 years of foreign language (FL), or 2 years of fine arts (FA) or a combination of 1 year FA/FL and 1 year of vocational education.
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 at Chicago	16	4	3	3	3	2 years of foreign language (recommended); 1 year of electives.
University of Illinois at 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 at 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, theatre, 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 one foreign language or 2 years of fine arts	Two semesters of college language (can be met by successful completion of 3 years of same foreign language in high school). American Sign Language may be used to fulfill this requirement by transfer credit or by proficiency. Bachelor of Arts – 3 semesters of college language (may be met by proficiency test or college level courses only)
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 (can be met by 4 years of one foreign language in high school with “C” or greater in each course)
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 at Chicago	Not required – 2 years recommended	College of Business Administration: 2 semesters at collegiate level; can be waived with 2 years at the high school level or if students native language is not English All programs in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urban Planning and Public Affairs, as well as the Public Health, and Art History: 4 semesters at the collegiate level
University of Illinois at 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 at Urbana-Champaign	2 years of one language required. 4 years recommended	Colleges of Business and 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 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.

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 Freshman

The standardized test score, GPA and class rank middle 50% ranges of the entering freshman class of 2019 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 freshman profile does not guarantee admission.

Middle 50% for ACT Composite Scores, GPA and Class Rank for Entering Freshman Class of 2019

	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	21-28	1040-1250	3-3.76	55-88%
EIU	18-23	940-1120	3.18	.	SIUE	20-26	1020-1210	*	53-87%
GSU	19	.	2.88	.	UIC	21-28	1090-1300	3.1-3.7	69-92%
ISU	21-26	1030-1200	3.10-3.80	.	UIS	20-27	990-1220	3.07-3.96	52-88%
NEIU**	16-21	850-1020	2.76-3.61	N/A	UIUC	27-33	1280-1490	3.45-3.92 UW	No longer calculated
NIU	19-25	.	2.86-3.71	*	WIU	18-25	950-1150	2.72-3.50	Not utilized for admissions

*No middle 50% is collected.

**School uses an admissions formula to determine eligibility for admissions. See school for details.

Priority Filing Dates and Deadlines For 2020 Freshmen

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 July 1 July 1	N/A October 15 October 15	As space permits	Rolling	\$30* *Application fee is waived when application opens - October 15 for summer and fall applications
Governors State University	Fall	September 1	November 1	As space permits	Rolling	\$25
Illinois State University	Spring Summer Fall	April 1 September 1 September 1	August 1 November 15 November 15	November 1 April 1 April 1	Rolling	\$50
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	December 1 May 1 August 1	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 11 April 30 May 1	Rolling	\$40
University of Illinois at Chicago	Fall	August 1	November 1 (Early Action)	January 15	EA: December 1 Regular: Rolling	\$60 (domestic) \$70 (International)
University of Illinois at Springfield	Fall Spring	August 1 January 1	May 1 N/A	As space permits	Rolling	\$50 (domestic) \$60 (International)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Fall	September 1	November 15 (Early Action)	January 5	Final: Mid-February	\$50 (domestic) \$75 (International)
Western Illinois University	Fall Spring	June 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: September 1 Spring: April 1	Summer/Fall: May 1, or as space exists Spring: November 1, or as space exists
NEIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Fall: July 15 Spring: Nov 1 Summer: April 1
NIU	Spring: August 1 Fall: August 1	Spring: December 1 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: June 1	Fall: April 2 Spring: October 16
UIS	One year in advance of entry term	One month prior to start of entry term
UIUC	Spring: August 30 Fall: December 15	Spring: October 15 Fall: March 1
WIU	One year in advance of desired entry date	Fall: August 1 Spring: December 1

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
SIUC³	26 ¹	2.0
SIUE	30	2.0
UIC	24 ⁴	2.5 ^{2,5}
UIS¹	30	2.0
UIUC^{1,2}	12	2.5
WIU	24	2.0 ^{1,2,3,5}

- 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
CSU¹	\$13,238	\$13,238
EIU¹	\$12,194 ⁶	\$14,433 ^{4,6}
GSU¹	\$10,516	\$18,676
ISU	\$15,319 ⁵	\$26,843
NEIU	\$11,862 ¹¹	\$21,719 [*]
NIU	\$12,163.00	\$12,163.00
SIUC¹	\$14,704	\$14,719 ⁷
SIUE	\$12,219	\$12,219 ⁷
UIC^{2,3}	\$15,292	\$21,130 \$28,984
UIS¹	\$11,651	\$21,536
UIUC¹	\$16,862-\$21,956	\$34,312-\$39,406
WIU¹	\$11,724 Macomb \$10,153 Quad Cities	\$11,724 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	\$9,834	Required ¹
GSU	\$5,558	Optional
ISU	\$9,850	First two years ¹
NEIU	\$8,788	Optional
NIU	\$10,880	Required ²
SIUC	\$10,622	Required ²
SIUE	\$9,881	Optional
UIC	\$12,074	Optional
UIS	\$9,760	First two years ¹
UIUC	\$12,252	Required
WIU	\$9,800	First two years

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

Estimated based on published rates for 2020-2021. 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*
CSU	FAFSA	February 1
EIU	FAFSA	December 15
GSU	FAFSA	February 1
ISU	FAFSA	November 15
NEIU	FAFSA	February 15
NIU	FAFSA	N/A
SIUC	FAFSA	December 1
SIUE	FAFSA	N/A
UIC	FAFSA	February 1
UIS	FAFSA	February 15
UIUC	FAFSA	March 1
WIU	FAFSA	February 1

*Students who apply after this date will be served on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.