

2009-2010



ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
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High School

Counselor update

Academic profile of fall 2009 admitted freshmen

- The middle 50 percent of students admitted earned ACT scores of 23 to 27.
- The average grade point average (GPA) was 3.49 on a 4.0 scale, middle 50 percent 3.17–3.80.

Admission review and selection process—freshmen

Illinois State University will continue its long-standing practice of evaluating students for admission on an individualized basis. Factors considered—but not limited to—in the admission review and selection process include:

- High school transcript (grade trends and rigor of courses completed). Course specific requirements remain the same as in previous years. Students will not be admitted with any deficiencies. English—four years; Math—three years (Algebra I, II, and Geometry); Natural Science with lab—two years; Social Science—two years; Electives—two years; Foreign Language—two years (or two years of Fine Arts).
- Grade point average (weighted or unweighted—whichever is best for the student)
- ACT/SAT scores (ACT Writing Exam is not required for admission). Unofficial scores can be used for processing.
- Academic Personal Statement—statement should be approximately 500 words. Students are asked to address the following:
 - State why you feel Illinois State University is a good fit for your educational goals.
 - Identify and explain your academic strengths and weaknesses.
 - Explain any circumstances that affected your high school academic performance, if applicable.

A modified rolling admission is used to notify students of our admission decision. Students who apply and submit all required documents during our preferred filing period will receive an admission decision by December 31. Students applying and/or submitting required documents after the preferred filing period will receive a decision by April 1. (See Admission Notification terms→).

Application information

- All students are encouraged to apply online. The preferred filing period for the fall 2010 term is September 1 through November 15. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply and submit all required documents during this time to help ensure the smoothest transition to Illinois State.
- Applicants applying after the preferred filing period may be subject to higher academic credentials, space limitations, and waiting lists.
- Although the application deadline for fall is March 1, this deadline is determined by the number of applications received and is subject to change.
- Students requiring a fee waiver may apply using the online application.
- When applying, students are encouraged to print the counselor certification page and submit it to their counselor. If they fail to do this, feel free to print a copy online at www.Admissions.ilstu.edu/counselors/high_school. This form may also be used to verify fee waivers. Please note that the counselor certification form is very helpful to us, but is not a required document that will delay the processing of a student's application.
- Illinois State participates in ISAC's Illinois electronic transcript exchange, and also accepts electronic transcripts from XAP, Connect EDU, Docufide, and eScript-Safe.

Admission notification terms

Admit

Applicants who fall within the average academic profile are admitted on a rolling basis beginning in September. (14,202 freshman applications received; 8,708 total admitted—this includes admits from the categories below).

Under Consideration

Applicants who fall just below the average academic profile, but demonstrate potential for academic success at Illinois State, will remain Under Consideration until mid-February. (623 students were placed Under Consideration; 154 admitted).

Admissions Committee

Students of promise who do not fall within the average academic profile and/or have unique and compelling circumstances will be reviewed by the admissions committee on a case-by-case basis. (235 students reviewed; 74 admitted).

Wait list

Selected applicants who will remain Under Consideration beyond February are provided with an option to be placed on a wait list and notified of their admission status after May 1. (255 students on wait list; 245 admitted).

Deny

Applicants will be denied admission if they do not meet our academic profile, if they have course deficiencies, or if space is no longer available.

Students who are denied admission are encouraged to reapply after completing transfer coursework (See back page for transfer guidelines).

Welcome2isu, is a personalized Web portal for prospective students to apply for admission, check the status of their application, learn more about financial aid, find reminders for important dates and deadlines, pay their enrollment deposit, and much more.



Scholarships

Merit-based scholarship opportunities for new beginning freshmen

Presidential Scholarship Program

- \$8,000 award; annually renewable for up to eight semesters; a total potential value of \$32,000.
- Presidential Scholarship award winners who enroll at Illinois State and are National Merit finalists are eligible for an additional one-time award of \$2,000 if they listed Illinois State as their first choice.
- Recent Presidential Scholars have had an ACT composite score of 32 and an average high school GPA of 4.31/4.0 scale.

University Scholarship Program

- \$5,000 award; annually renewable for up to eight semesters; a total potential value of \$20,000.
- Talented students from traditionally underrepresented groups or first-generation college students who have overcome hardships reaching their academic goals are eligible to apply.
- Recent University Scholars have an average ACT composite score of nearly 26 and an average high school GPA of 3.77/4.0 scale.

The application for admission will be used to determine eligibility for these scholarships. Qualified students will be contacted no later than mid-December with further information. The scholarship application deadline is January 8, 2010.

For information on departmental scholarships, as well as private scholarship opportunities, students are strongly encouraged to contact the Scholarship Resource Office by telephone at (309) 438-2740 or on the Web at www.financialaid.ilstu/scholarships.

Foreign language admission and graduation requirement

Admission consideration

- Illinois State continues to require two years of one foreign language or two years of fine arts.

Illinois State graduation requirement

- All graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences must satisfy a foreign language requirement that may be met by: three years of one foreign language in high school or completion of the second semester or higher of college-level foreign language with a grade of C or better or equivalent proficiency as determined by examination. American Sign Language may be used to fulfill this requirement by transfer credit or by proficiency.

Refer to the Undergraduate Catalog or the College of Arts and Science's Web site at IllinoisState.edu/artsandsciences for graduation requirements and a complete listing of majors within the college.

Highly selective and popular majors

Because of a highly competitive applicant pool and limited space availability in some of our programs, it may not be possible for Illinois State to admit all students into their intended major. Students who are not admitted into their major, but are granted admission to Illinois State, will be accepted as undeclared students. Once enrolled, students can apply internally to a major program generally after one semester. Students wanting to declare any of the majors listed below should be encouraged to apply and complete their application file as early as possible during the preferred filing period.

- Athletic training
- Early childhood education
- English teacher education
- Exercise science
- Food, nutrition and dietetics
- History and history-social sciences teacher education
- Journalism
- Mathematics teacher education
- Middle-level teacher education
- Nursing—Students wanting to major in nursing will apply to nursing (for new freshmen). Students will be admitted into the Mennonite College of Nursing or as undeclared students. Those admitted as undeclared students will go through the internal application process once they complete the 57 hours of general education and nursing prerequisite coursework. Limited space is available and admission is very competitive.
- Renewable energy
- Special education—Learning and behavioral specialist
- Speech pathology and audiology

Alternate admission programs

At this time, Illinois State does not offer any alternate or probationary admission programs.

Dual credit

Illinois State awards dual credit to high school applicants who successfully complete transferable courses at a community college. An official college transcript is required.

Undocumented students

- By November undocumented students will be able to apply online. Until then undocumented students will need to download a paper application from our Web site to submit.
- Although discussions are underway, there are currently no institutional financial aid resources or scholarship dollars available for undocumented students.

Items of interest

Campus renovations

- The construction of the new \$50 million Student Fitness and Kinesiology Recreation Building is in progress. Scheduled to open spring of 2011, this state-of-the-art facility will include basketball courts, an indoor track, a pool, racquetball courts, aerobic spaces, weights and nautilus, and a climbing wall.
- The Manchester Residence Hall renovation is complete. This is the fifth residence hall to be remodeled. The Residence Hall Plan calls for all residence halls to be renovated in the next 10 years.
- The Stevenson Hall and Turner Hall renovations are underway.
- The Watterson Commons Dining Center renovation has begun. This is the second dining center to be remodeled. Renovation will be done in phases to avoid disruption in student food services.
- The Duffy Bass Baseball Stadium addition is complete with new seating for 1,200 fans, a modern press box, restrooms, and concession areas.
- Remodeled and dedicated, the Julia N Visor Academic Center offers one-on-one tutoring, small group tutoring, study skills workshops, and writing skills assessment and assistance.

Disability Concerns Office

Illinois State provides a welcoming atmosphere for individuals with disabilities by assisting each in functioning independently within the University community and providing equal access and opportunity in accomplishing educational, professional, and personal goals. Visit www.DisabilityConcerns.ilstu.edu or contact Disability Concerns by telephone at (309) 438-5853 (voice) or (309) 438-8620 (TTY).

FirstView—IllinoisState.edu/firstview

Students can find a major and learn more about academic and social opportunities at Illinois State! This is a personalized, electronic resource for your students.

Chat and Blogs

Online chats and blogs with current Illinois State students and staff are available for prospective students. For more information, visit the Admissions Web site at IllinoisState.edu/admissions.

Illinois state Web site for counselors

Our Web site contains resources just for you. At www.Admissions.ilstu.edu/counselors you can find a link to our online undergraduate catalog, download a counselor certification and fee waiver page, view updates regarding our admission status, ask us a question, join our ListServ for important updates, and request information on applicants from your school. You can also view this document electronically and share it with your colleagues.

Fast facts

- Approximately 84 percent of new freshmen will return to the University for a second year.
- 11 percent of all students are from traditionally underrepresented groups.
- The student-faculty ratio is 19 to 1.
- 90 percent of undergraduate credit hours are taught by faculty members; the balance is taught by graduate assistants.
- 89 percent of all classes have 49 or fewer students.
- For the fifth straight year, Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine lists Illinois State as one of the best values in public colleges and universities in the nation.
- About 78 percent of Illinois State students receive some form of financial assistance.
- Illinois State dedicated 6.2 million institutional dollars to supplement federal Pell and MAP Grants for this year's class.
- More than 6,000 students live on campus in university-operated residence halls.
- Approximately 10 percent of undergraduate students are a part of Greek life.
- More than 300 student organizations are available to Illinois State students.
- Illinois State is a NCAA Division I school, football competes in the Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).

2009-2010 (preliminary) enrollment statistics

New freshmen	3,050
New transfers	1,950
Total undergraduate	18,346
Total graduate	2,511
Total enrollment	20,857

School codes

ACT School Code	1042
SAT School Code	1319
Title IV Code (FAFSA)	001692

Fall 2010-2011 estimated expenses

Illinois residents

Tuition and fees	\$11,182
Room and meal plan	\$8,473
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$19,655</i>

Estimated costs

Books and supplies	\$1,132
Miscellaneous	\$3,580

Average yearly budget **\$24,367**

Out-of-state average yearly budget **\$32,047**

New academic programs

Major programs

- Agriculture communication and leadership (within agriculture)
- Agronomy management (within agriculture)
- Animal industry management (within agriculture)
- Animal science (within agriculture)
- Crop and soil science (within agriculture)
- Horticulture and landscape management (within agriculture)
- Pre-veterinary medicine (within agriculture)
- Engineering technology (within technology)
- Media management, promotion, and sales (within mass communication)
- Managerial economics (within economics)
- Web application development (within computer science)

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Admission review and selection process—transfers

Of those students admitted for the 2009–2010 academic year, the average GPA was 3.13 on a 4.0 scale. In making admission transfer student decisions, Illinois State takes the following into consideration:

Transfer students with 24 or more completed semester hours at the time of application

- Cumulative college grade point average, and for some academic programs, prerequisite college coursework.
- Good academic standing at the last institution attended.

Transfer students with fewer than 24 completed semester hours at the time of application

- Cumulative college grade point average, and for some academic programs, prerequisite college coursework in addition to the high school transcript (grade trends and rigor of courses completed), high school grade point average, and ACT/SAT scores.
- Good academic standing at the last institution attended.

Visit www.admissions.ilstu.edu/transfer/requirements to view the Transfer and Readmit Major Admission Guide, which includes recommended and required coursework and GPA standards for admission.

Campus visits

Encourage students to visit campus. It is the best way to determine if Illinois State is the right fit for them. Our campus visit opportunities are as follows:

Open Houses

Open Houses include an admissions overview, student panel, financial aid sessions, campus and residence hall tours, and an academic and student services fair that showcases all of our academic majors. Students should make a reservation at IllinoisState.edu/visit

Saturday, September 26.....Fall Open House
Monday, October 12.....Columbus Day Open House
Wednesday, November 11.....Veteran’s Day Open House
Monday, March 1.....Pulaski Day Open House
Monday, March 29.....Spring Open House

Campus information sessions/tours

Information sessions are offered most weekdays Monday through Friday throughout the year and on scheduled Saturdays from September through April. This group session includes a presentation by an admissions counselor, a student-led walking tour of campus, and typically a residence hall tour. Students should make a reservation to attend at IllinoisState.edu/visit.

You Can Do ISU — Friday, October 30

This program brings students from traditionally underrepresented groups and first generation students to the campus to learn about making college an affordable reality. It also introduces students to our campus, encourages the application for admission, and provides families with the necessary tools to negotiate the admission and financial aid processes. Invitations will be sent out in October.

Admission 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 admission process, please have them call (309) 438-2181 or (800) 366-2478 to arrange an appointment.