



*A small-college experience with large-university opportunities.*

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a campus where students come first.**

**This FirstView brochure is meant to help you because we understand just how important a decision you're facing:**

- Where should I go to college?
- Can I afford this?
- Should I choose a school close to home, far away, in-state or out-of-state?
- Is this school going to be the right fit?
- Do they have my major?

# Apply for Admissions at Illinois State University

Illinois State University provides a small-college environment within a large university. We value individualized attention for each and every student, and guarantee that your application will be reviewed carefully by Admissions representatives.

Prospective students are encouraged to apply for admission one year in advance of the term for which they are applying. You can access our 2003-2004 online application or download a paper copy by visiting the Web site at [www.IllinoisState.edu/apply](http://www.IllinoisState.edu/apply). In addition, you can request that an admission application and other university information be sent to you by completing the "Request for Information" form at [www.IllinoisState.edu/admissions](http://www.IllinoisState.edu/admissions).

Of those freshmen admitted for the 2002-2003 academic year, 91% ranked in the top half of their graduating class; 48% ranked in the top quarter; and 17% ranked in the top 10 percent of their class. The average ACT score was nearly 24, and there were significant increases over previous years in the number of admitted students having scores between 24 and 35. Of those transfer students admitted for the 2002-2003 academic years, the average GPA was 2.98.

## Projected Deadlines

You are strongly encouraged to file an application as soon as possible during the priority filing period shown below. Applications postmarked during the priority filing period may have an advantage when space is limited. The University reserves the right to curtail admission, adjust requirements, and limit enrollment due to space limitations; therefore, it may not be possible to offer admission to all qualified applicants. Supporting documents such as ACT/SAT scores and transcripts from other colleges may take up to six weeks to arrive. Allow plenty of time for agencies/schools to process your requests.

	Priority filing period	Application deadline (subject to change)	Supporting document deadline (subject to change)
<b>Freshman</b>			
Spring 2003	April 1 – July 31	November 1	November 1
Summer 2003	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	March 1	April 1
Fall 2003	Sept. 1 – Nov. 15	March 1	April 1
Spring 2004	April 1 – July 31	November 1	November 1
<b>Transfer</b>			
Spring 2003	April 1 – July 31	November 1	November 1
Summer 2003	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	March 1	April 1
Fall 2003	Sept. 1 – Nov. 15	March 1	June 1
Spring 2004	April 1 – July 31	November 1	November 1
<b>Summer Visitor</b>			
Summer 2003	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	First day of classes	First day of classes

## For more information about admission:

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Office of Admissions  
Campus Box 2200  
Normal, IL. 61790-2200

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E-mail: [ugradadm@ilstu.edu](mailto:ugradadm@ilstu.edu)

Web Site:  
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# Illinois State University



## Applied Computer Science

*The University's Department of Applied Computer Science is one of only two nationally accredited computer science programs in the state of Illinois.*

In an age when computer technology is key to daily activities at home and work, the Department of Applied Computer Science prepares students to use computer technology and techniques to solve real-world problems. The department boasts a placement rate of virtually 100 percent for graduates, who work as programmer/analysts, systems analysts, consultants, or network administrators.

Students may focus on information systems, which emphasize computer applications in a business environment. The department's information systems program is the largest in Illinois and one of the largest in the nation.

The computer science sequence is a blend of practical computer design and theoretical foundations of computer science. Students with an interest in information systems find what they're looking for with the telecommunications management program.

Courses range from fundamental programming classes and systems development to business organization, speech communications, technical writing, mathematics, and artificial intelligence. This broad-spectrum guarantees students are well-rounded individuals ready to meet the needs of clients and employers.

Graduates know what to expect before they begin their first job because ACS students gain practical experience by participating in an internship program. An important part of the degree work, internships are offered with leading companies, including Andersen Consulting, Baxter Healthcare, Monsanto, and State Farm Insurance.

## College of Applied Science and Technology

Snapshot . . .

- The college's programs—emphasizing the relationship between theory and practice—focus on problem-solving, skill development, and the use of the latest technology.
- The college offers 17 undergraduate and seven graduate degree programs.
- The college has a 95 percent work placement rate within 60 days of graduation.
- The applied computer science program is one of two in Illinois accredited by a specialized accrediting body.
- The child life graduate program in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences is among a few in the nation training students to be part of a medical team for seriously ill children.

### Majors

Agribusiness  
Agriculture  
Applied Computer Science  
Clinical Laboratory Science  
Criminal Justice Sciences  
Environmental Health  
Family and Consumer Sciences  
Health Education  
Health Information Management  
Technology  
Information  
Physical Education  
Recreation and Park  
Administration  
Safety  
Technology Education  
Telecommunications Management

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College of Applied Science and  
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## Music

*Department of Music graduates include Rex Martin, one of the world's foremost tuba players, and Sean Hayes, who has won an Emmy for his work as Jack McFarland in NBC's comedy Will & Grace. No wonder Illinois State's music program has been called the best-kept secret in education.*

With faculty who are world-class performers, a new \$18 million Center for the Performing Arts set to open in fall 2002, and a range of unique programs, students in the School of Music are destined for success.

Many attend to study music education, as the department produces more music teachers for the state of Illinois than any other state school. The department is one of three in Illinois to offer a degree in music therapy and the only school in Illinois offering a Master's program in music therapy. Graduates work with disabled children, the elderly, and individuals with mental health problems.

Other options include music business and musical theatre, or the study of music performance, theory, and composition. Performance majors are offered in orchestral and band instruments, piano, guitar, and voice.

Performance opportunities for students are plentiful and include instrumental ensembles and vocal groups that are recognized nationally for their excellence. The department typically schedules more than 200 programs annually on campus and overseas.

The Madrigal Dinners remain one of the most popular departmental events. Performed annually for 45 years, the dinners are the second oldest event of their kind in the nation.

## College of Fine Arts

Snapshot . . .

- The college's mission is to educate students for careers in art, music, theatre, and arts technology.
- The college cosponsors the Illinois Shakespeare Festival, which for 25 years has provided opportunities for aspiring actors to join theatre veterans in the presentation of the English playwright William Shakespeare's greatest works.
- A new \$1.5 million open-air theatre to house the Illinois Shakespeare Festival was opened in the summer of 2000 on the grounds of the Illinois State University Foundation's Ewing Manor.
- An \$18 million Center for the Performing Arts is scheduled for dedication in the Fall of 2002.
- Theatre alumnus John Malkovich is a two-time Academy Award nominee for the films *Places in the Heart* and *In the Line of Fire*.
- Suzy Boggus, an art alumna, is an award-winning country-western and folk singer and songwriter.

## Majors

Art  
Arts Technology  
Music  
Music Education  
Music Performance  
Theatre

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[www.IllinoisState.edu/finearts](http://www.IllinoisState.edu/finearts)

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## Physics

*Robert Wagner, a physics major, graduated in 2002 having collaborated on nine articles published in prestigious physics journals. He enrolled not expecting to do any professional-level research.*

The laws of physics describe nature from subatomic particles to celestial objects. Physicists strive to extend these laws of the universe to understand the unknown as they develop products and technologies capable of improving quality of life.

Illinois State's physics program has a record of preparing students for professional challenges that can literally change the world. C. Robert O'Dell, for example, is a 1959 graduate who worked as lead scientist in the development of the Hubble space telescope.

Students today may complete a traditional degree in physics, the physics teacher education program, or computational physics sequence. A five-year affiliated engineering degree offered in conjunction with the University of Illinois is also offered.

Typical courses range from calculus and chemistry to experimental, computational, and theoretical physics. Exceptional computer facilities are key to the department's success, which includes recognition for the creation of innovative classes that engage students in writing computer software to solve science and engineering problems.

Each student enjoys individualized attention because the department has a 10:1 student-faculty ratio and offers only undergraduate degrees. Students consequently make valuable contributions to faculty research and benefit from paid research assistantships during the academic year and in the summer.

## College of Arts and Sciences

### Snapshot . . .

- Liberal arts skills are stressed, including: research and investigation, communications, critical thinking, management and administration, design and planning, and information management.
- The college's 16 departments span the humanities, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics.
- The College of Arts and Sciences boasts a 95 percent work placement rate within 60 days of graduation.
- For two consecutive years, College of Arts and Sciences students have won the prestigious Barry Goldwater Scholarship, which is awarded to the most outstanding science students in the United States.

### Majors

Anthropology  
Biochemistry/Molecular Biology  
Biological Sciences  
Chemistry  
Economics  
English  
French  
Geography  
Geology  
German  
History  
Mass Communication  
Mathematics  
Philosophy  
Physics  
Politics and Government  
Psychology  
Public Relations  
Social Sciences Education  
Social Work  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Speech Communication  
Speech Pathology-Audiology

### For more information, visit us on the Web at

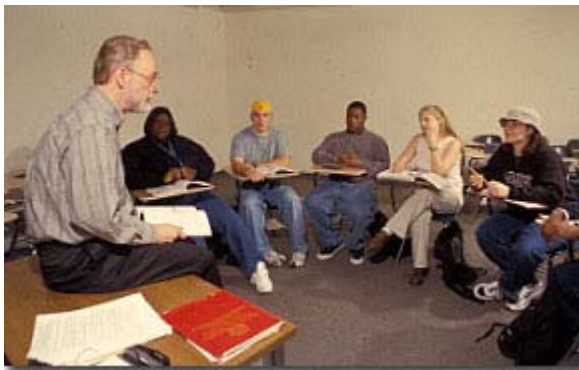
[www.IllinoisState.edu/artsandsciences](http://www.IllinoisState.edu/artsandsciences)

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## Psychology

*Cynthia Good Mojab, a 1996 psychology graduate, is an author and researcher whose Web site, Ammawell, has been listed among Web sites for a better world by Mothering, a national parenting magazine.*

Psychology is the science of the mind and behavior.

The Illinois State psychology department offers 100 courses leading to bachelor's, master's specialist, and doctoral degrees. It has about 480 students majoring in psychology with 560 minors, and 130 graduate students. The department has about 5,000 living alumni.

The undergraduate major in psychology is designed to sharpen the development of communications skills, preparation for asking questions and solving problems, and providing a basis for understanding ourselves and others.

Among typical courses taken by students are General Psychology, Personality, Experimental Psychology I and II, Finite Math, Social Psychology, Statistics I, Child Development, Learning, Motivation, Psychopathology, Computer Applications, and Senior Seminar.

All courses intended for majors are taught by faculty members—not graduate students.

The psychology department's goal is to provide the undergraduate major with a basis for a lifetime of interaction with other people and with flexibility in career choices.

Many Illinois State psychology graduates obtain jobs in the fields of social services, business and industry, and education and children's programs. Graduates also continue their studies at the graduate level to become psychologists or attend law or medical schools.

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Biological Sciences  
Chemistry  
Economics  
English  
French  
Geography  
Geology  
German  
Government and Politics  
History  
Mass Communication  
Mathematics  
Philosophy  
Physics  
Politics and Government  
Psychology  
Public Relations  
Social Sciences Education  
Social Work  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Speech Communication  
Speech Pathology-Audiology

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# Financial Aid at Illinois State

The Financial Aid Office administers funds from federal, state, institutional, and private sources to ensure that eligible students have access to an education at Illinois State.

To be considered for federal, state, and institutional need-based programs you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a federal need-analysis form.

For full consideration, the FAFSA should be submitted to the processor by March 1.

Various sources of aid are combined into packages that may include all or part of the following: grants and scholarships, loans, and employment opportunities.

## Scholarships

- Merit awards are available for freshmen and for transfer students who have earned an associate's degree (A.A. or A.S.).
  - Departmental and program scholarships are available.
  - A free scholarship search is available through the Financial Aid Office.
- In addition, the best way to search for scholarships and fellowships is to use a web-based personalized search tool such as FastWeb, Mach 25, Peterson's College Quest, ExPan or Higher EdNet that compares your background with a database of awards.



## Campus Housing

The University believes residence hall living is an important part of the educational experience; therefore, until students earn at least 60 hours of academic credit, they are required to live in a residence hall. Exceptions to this policy may be made for certain students based on marital status, proximity of home to campus, age, and other pertinent factors.

- Residence hall application-contracts are mailed to admitted students in February for the next academic year and in November for students admitted for the spring semester. Students with a preference for a lifestyle floor, residence hall, or roommate are encouraged to return their application-contracts as soon as possible. Admission to Illinois State is not a guarantee of residence hall space.
- In addition to traditional housing, a variety of lifestyle options are offered. Some of those include quiet, music, political science, substance-free, wellness, and restricted visitation floors; International House, and the Honors House; and transfer and continuing student housing.

### Other features

- Most residence hall rooms accommodate two students; however, a limited number of singles, supersingles, and triples are available.
- Housing is available for students with disabilities.
- Students may eat in any of the five dining centers, residence hall Subway shops, and The Parrot's Echo, a full-service restaurant. Meal plan food dollars also may be used in certain residence hall vending machines and Bone Student Center restaurants.

### For more information

University Housing Services  
Campus Box 2600  
Normal, IL 61790-2600  
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Toll free: (800) 366-4675  
TTD: (309) 438-8177

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[www.uhs.ilstu.edu](http://www.uhs.ilstu.edu)

# Academic Opportunities and Student Services at Illinois State

Illinois State University offers an array of programs and services to enhance the undergraduate experience.

- The Academic Advisement Center provides—among other services—interpretation of university policies, assistance with long- and short-range academic planning, help in understanding major/minor requirements, assistance with course selection, and referral to university resources.
- The Minority Student Academic Center (MSAC), a component of University College, enhances the academic success and retention of minority undergraduates at Illinois State University. MSAC, located in the Campus Religious Center building, works collaboratively with various campus units to provide academic services in a supportive, comfortable environment.
- Connections is a learning community program available to freshmen. It is designed to ease the transition to college by helping students establish friendships with classmates, experience greater coherence in their courses, and develop ties between classroom and extracurricular activities.
- Disability Concerns Office provides a variety of services to students with temporary or continuing disabilities and assists persons with disabilities in becoming full and participating members of the University community. All disability-related information is kept confidential.
- International Studies and Programs offers study-abroad programs in 16 countries and National Student Exchange opportunities in 48 of the 50 states plus Guam, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C.
- The Office of Intercultural Programs and Services attempts to raise University consciousness on issues of diversity through resources, programming, and outreach.
- Student and Alumni Placement Services helps students explore and develop internships and cooperative education positions, and seek employment or graduate/professional school opportunities after graduation.
- Student Support Services enhances participants' chances for academic success and retention to graduation by addressing barriers commonly encountered by first-generation college and low-income students. It provides students with individualized, intensive academic assistance, including realistic educational planning, career advisement, and academic counseling.
- University Center for Learning Assistance provides one-on-one and group tutoring for a variety of academic areas.

## Honors

### Snapshot . . .

Praised as one of only two state university Honors Programs in Illinois that provide students with “an Ivy League education,” and featured in a recent New York Times article, our program enrolls students whose high school records equal those of undergraduates at some of the most selective colleges and universities in the nation. Essentially a small college of approximately 1,300 students embedded within Illinois State, the program offers its students:

- Close personal attention from Honors advisers and professors
- Special courses taught by the University's distinguished scholars/teachers
- Select residential opportunities, including early move-in and quiet lifestyle floors
- Personalized programs of study and Early registration
- Scholarship opportunities for tuition and travel/study abroad
- Research opportunities with professors in all fields of study
- Special graduation recognition with records on transcripts and diplomas
- Assistance with applying for competitive national scholarships
- Unique social act

### For more information about Honors

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Campus Box 6100  
Normal, IL 61790-6100  
Telephone: (309) 438-2559

### Web site:

[www.IllinoisState.edu/honors](http://www.IllinoisState.edu/honors)

# Student Life at Illinois State

Classroom experiences and studying are only a part of life at Illinois State University. There are many opportunities to make friends and become involved in other campus activities.

The University has more than 250 student organizations that provide social, recreational, entertainment, academic, religious, and general interest activities.

## Selected activities, opportunities

- Approximately 11 percent of Illinois State undergraduate students are members of the 18 social (inter)national fraternities and 14 social (inter)national sororities.
- More than two-dozen academic honorary associations enrich student life.
- Gamma Phi Circus, a troupe of 80 student performers, is the oldest student-run circus in the nation.
- Forensics—the oldest organization on campus—won the 1995, 1999, and 2000 national championship titles of the National Forensic Association.
- Student media include *The Daily Vidette* newspaper, nightly *TV-10 News*, and WZND radio.
- Illinois Shakespeare Festival features three plays at the new outdoor Elizabethan-style theatre at Ewing Manor.
- The marching band, dubbed the “Big Red Marching Machine,” performs at home football games. It also performs annually during a televised Chicago Bears football game from Soldier Field in Chicago.

For more information about student life: [www.ilstu.edu/depts/studentlife](http://www.ilstu.edu/depts/studentlife)

## Recreation

Recreation Services provides a host of leisure-time experiences and opportunities through programs in open recreation, outdoor recreation, intramural sports, and sports clubs. Numerous facilities are available to students, including the Bowling & Billiards Center, a newly renovated 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, swimming pools, an outdoor equipment rental and reference center, and the Student Recreation Building that houses aerobics, an indoor track, sports courts, a juice bar, etc.

For more information about Recreation: [www.rec.ilstu.edu](http://www.rec.ilstu.edu)

## Athletics

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, nationally respected and competitive, reflects the high standards of success in student endeavors across campus. Almost 400 student-athletes compete nationally for the Redbirds, but thousands of other students play important sports roles as fans, managers, trainers, reporters, and more. The University is a member of the Missouri Valley and Gateway athletic conferences. The Redbirds compete at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I level in 19 intercollegiate sports— eight sports for men and 11 for women.

### For more information:

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Department of Intercollegiate Athletics  
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Normal, IL 61790-2660

Redbird Arena:  
(309) 438-3639

Horton Field House:  
(309) 438-3633

Volleyball and Women's  
Basketball:  
(309) 438-2567

Men's Basketball:  
(309) 438-8681

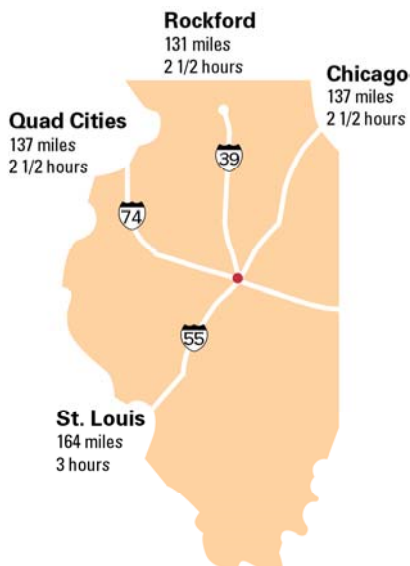
Football:  
(309) 438-8671

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# Visit Illinois State University

## Campus information sessions

The Office of Admissions encourages you and your family to visit campus. Campus information sessions, which include student-led walking tours of campus and residence hall tours, are offered Monday through Friday and on most Saturdays from August through May when classes are in session. In an effort to comfortably accommodate our visitors, please contact the Office of Admissions to make a reservation.



## Additional opportunities

In addition to campus information sessions, you may schedule an appointment with an Admissions representative or attend one of several open houses held throughout the year. The Office of Admissions is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and on most Saturdays from August through May from 9 a.m. until noon.

## Parking

The Office of Admissions is located in Hovey Hall at the corner of North and School Streets. Visitors are urged to park in the Bone Student Center visitor parking lot on Locust Street. Parking validation is available for this lot from the Office of Admissions for students participating in campus information sessions, special programs, or meetings with an Admissions representative. The lot is a five-minute walk from Hovey Hall and is linked to the heart of the campus by a convenient pedestrian crosswalk. For directions to campus and visitor parking, please visit the Admissions Web site or contact the Office of Admissions by telephone.

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[www.IllinoisState.edu/openhouse](http://www.IllinoisState.edu/openhouse)  
[www.ilstu.edu/map](http://www.ilstu.edu/map)

If you need special accommodations

(309) 438-2513 (voice)  
(800) 366-2478 (toll free)  
(309) 438-2006 (TDD)

## The Community

Illinois State University's campus is in the twin-city community of Bloomington-Normal near the geographic center of the state, 137 miles southwest of Chicago and 164 miles northeast of St. Louis. Interstates 74, 55, and 39, U.S. Route 150, and Illinois Route 9 intersect in Bloomington-Normal, creating a transportation hub. An Amtrak passenger station is just two blocks from the University.

## Population

- Bloomington-Normal approximately 106,000
- McLean County approximately 145,000

## Major employers

- State Farm Insurance Companies
- Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing of America, Inc.
- Illinois State University
- Country Insurance and Financial Services
- BroMenn Healthcare
- Normal public schools
- St. Joseph Medical Center
- Verizon

## Transportation

- Central Illinois Regional Airport at Bloomington-Normal
- Amtrak
- Numerous national bus services
- Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System
- Illinois State University Nite Ride
- Several local taxi services
- Entertainment, recreation, and shopping
- More than 200 restaurants
- Eastland and College Hills Malls
- Seven movie theatres and numerous live theatres
- Upper Limits Indoor Rock Climbing
- Miller Park Zoo
- Eight health clubs
- Constitution Trail: more than 14 miles of hard-surface trail for walking, jogging, biking, and roller-blading
- Boating and fishing at Clinton Lake, Dawson Lake, Evergreen Lake, Lake Bloomington, and Miller Park