

State Universities in Illinois —

At a Glance

Summary of Minimum High School Course Requirements for Admission of Freshman to Illinois Public Universities — Effective 2013—

	Total	English	Social Studies	Mathematics	Science	Electives and Other Requirements
Chicago State +	15	4 ¹	3 ⁸	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁸	2 years of foreign language, music, vocational education or art
Eastern Illinois	15	4 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁵	2 years of academic or vocational electives.
Northeastern Illinois	15	4 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁵	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.
Western Illinois +	15	4 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁵	2 years of foreign language, music, vocational education, art, theatre, film, religion, philosophy, speech or journalism
Illinois State	15	4	2	3 ¹²	2 ¹⁵	2 years of one foreign language or fine arts; and 2 years of electives,
Northern Illinois	15	4 ²	3 ⁶	3 ¹¹	3 ¹⁸	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 ⁸	3 or 4 ¹²	3 ¹⁸	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.
Edwardsville	15	4 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ¹²	3 ¹⁵	2 years chosen from foreign language, music, the visual arts, theatre, dance and/or vocational education.
University of Illinois						
Chicago	16	4 ⁴	3	3	3 ¹⁸	2 years of foreign language; 1 year of an elective.
Springfield	15	4 ⁴	3 ⁷	3 ¹²	3 ¹⁸	2 years of one foreign language or 2 years of fine arts, selected from art, music, dance and theatre are required.
Urbana-Champaign	15 or 15.5	4 ⁴	2 ⁸	3 or 3.5 ¹⁴	2 ¹⁸	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.

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Suggested Electives - includes other academic courses.

Emphasizing written and oral communication and literature.

Three units of English must be courses emphasizing written and oral communication and literature.

Emphasizing grammar, composition, written and oral communication, and literature; may include not more than 1 year of creative writing or journalism.

Studies in language, composition, and literature requiring practice in expository writing in all such work. Coursework should emphasize reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

Emphasize history and government.

One unit must be U.S. history or a combination of U.S. history and government.

At least 2 years of history and/or government; other acceptable subjects are anthropology, economics, geography, psychology, and sociology.

History and government are preferred. Additional acceptable social studies include anthropology, economics, geography, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.

One unit must be American History plus 1 unit of history, government, psychology, economics or geography.

Introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or fundamentals of computer programming.

Three to four units of college preparatory mathematics, including one year of geometry and one year of advanced algebra and/or trigonometry.

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.

- One year of introductory algebra, 1 year of geometry, 1/2 year of algebra beyond the introductory year, and 1/2 year of more advanced mathematics or fundamentals of computer programming.
- 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.
- Laboratory sciences.
- Two units must be courses in the physical or biological sciences. One unit must be a laboratory science.
- One year of biology, 1 year of chemistry, and 1 additional year of earth science, physics, biology, or chemistry. (All must be laboratory sciences.)
- Laboratory courses in biology, chemistry, or physics are preferred. Laboratory courses in astronomy and geology are also acceptable. General science will not be acceptable.

INTERNET SITES FOR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

www.streaks.org	Galesburg High School web site; access "Counselor's Corner" through the "What's Happening" link which houses new scholarships, upcoming scholarship deadlines, college visits, special programs.
www.isac.org	Complete college planning resource (planning, finding, applying, and financing college); great information for both students and parents; formerly isac.org.
www.whatsnextillinois.org	Comprehensive, fully integrated, interactive one-stop career and college planning resource and find the tools needed to improve college opportunity and lifelong success.
www.collegeboard.org	Super cite for college search, test preparation, financial aid, applications, etc. Also provides direct link to college/university home pages.
www.careercruising.com	Extremely comprehensive and detailed cite for career choice, college choice, and resume/portfolio building. User name is "Galesburg" and the password is "careers."
www.ilworkinfo.com	Site sponsored by the IL Department of Employment Security; reliable source for info about the state's labor market; look for employment, explore occupations.
www.military.com	Information on all branches of service, benefits, education, training, careers, etc.
www.usnews.com	"America's Best Colleges", college search, college planner, financial aid
www.eCampusTours.com	Virtual tours of hundreds of college campuses, college selection, college funding guide.
www.kaplan.com	Resource for test preparation, admissions, state testing, school and career information.
www.actstudent.org	ACT website for test registration, preparation, etc.
www.salliemae.com	Information on planning for college, applying for student loans, other financial services.
www.princetonreview.com	Exploring schools, raising test scores, online applications, paying for school.
www.petersons.com	College search, test preparation, financial aid, admission essay help.
www.ed.gov	Information on federal postsecondary education policy and administers programs to improve access to quality postsecondary education in the United States.
www.nasfaa.org	Links to other documents and publications regarding financial aid, cash management.
www.finaid.org	Guide to student financial aid.
www.pin.ed.gov	Number is used to apply for federal student aid (FAFSA) and to access your U. S. Department of Education records online; both student and parent must have a PIN number.
www.fafsa.ed.gov	FAFSA on the Web (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
www.fastweb.com	Free scholarship search.
www.ncaa.org	NCAA guide for the college bound student athlete.

STATE UNIVERSITY AND LOCAL COLLEGE WEBSITES

www.wiu.edu	Western Illinois University
www.ilstu.edu	Illinois State University
www.niu.edu	Northern Illinois University
www.uic.edu	University of Illinois—Chicago
www.uiuc.edu	University of Illinois—Urbana/Champaign
www.uis.edu	University of Illinois—Springfield
www.siu.edu	Southern Illinois University—Carbondale
www.siu.edu	Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville
www.eiu.edu	Eastern Illinois University
www.sandburg.edu	Carl Sandburg Junior College
www.knox.edu	Knox College
www.monm.edu	Monmouth College

TOLL FREE HELP LINES

<u>Federal Student Aid Information Center:</u>	1-800-433-3243
<u>Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC):</u>	1-800-899-ISAC (4722)