Chicago State University

Chicago State University (CSU) is Illinois' only public Predominantly Black Institution (PBI) and a comprehensive, student-centered research university offering more than 50 academic programs at the bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and professional levels. Located on Chicago's South Side, CSU is committed to access, equity, and excellence—preparing students to lead and serve in their communities and beyond. With 75% of our faculty identifying as people of color, students learn from experts who reflect the rich diversity of the communities we serve. Small class sizes and a hands-on, supportive learning environment help every student thrive.

At CSU, we remove barriers so students can succeed. Through the RISE Academy, eligible freshmen can earn full coverage for tuition, fees, and books. As a first-year or transfer student, CSU provides the academic support, career preparation, and community connection that helps students graduate with confidence and purpose.

Criteria for **Freshman Admission** through **Direct Admission:**

Students who have an unweighted 2.50 GPA on a 4.00 scale and graduate from secondary school prior to enrollment at CSU will be eligible for **direct admission.**

If you did not receive a Direct Admission offer to Chicago State University and have an unweighted GPA between 2.00 and 2.49 on a 4.0 scale, you may still apply through the general admissions process, where your application will be reviewed holistically.

Criteria for **Transfer Admission** through **Direct Admission:**

> To be eligible for **Direct Admission** to the institution as a transfer student, the student must be currently enrolled at an Illinois Community College and have completed 30 transferable credit-hours of post-secondary coursework with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Note: For applicants who are applying to programs that require a portfolio review, audition, or other limited admissions requirements (which may include a GPA above general admission criteria, an SAT or ACT), they must still meet those requirements for admissions consideration to those programs.

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