



Illinois State University

Illinois State University was founded in 1857 as Illinois' first public university. Originally a teacher's college, ISU is still one of the biggest producers of educators in the country—and today it offers more than 150 majors in seven academic colleges. Illinois State's hometown of Normal, Illinois is annually ranked among the best college towns in the country based on safety, affordability, entertainment, and employment opportunities.

Criteria for Freshman Admission through Direct Admission (starting with the fall 2027 class):

Students who graduate from secondary school prior to enrollment at ISU will be eligible for direct admission if they have a GPA of 4.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. *

If you do not get an offer of direct admission to Illinois State University, you might still be a great candidate for admission. Learn more about [freshman admission requirements](#) and apply to Illinois State.

Criteria for Transfer Admission through Direct Admission (starting with the fall 2027 class):

To be eligible for direct admission to Illinois State as a transfer student, an applicant must have completed between 30 and 74 credit hours of post-secondary coursework at a public community college in Illinois with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. *

If you do not get an offer of direct admission to Illinois State University, you might still be a great candidate for admission. Learn more about [transfer admission requirements](#) and apply to Illinois State.

* Students applying to programs that require a portfolio review, audition, or other limited admission requirements must meet these additional requirements to be considered for admission to these programs.