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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
Illinois State University

Your academic journey starts with UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

We're here to support you as you adjust to university life, whether you need help with study skills, tutoring, or finding a major.

We want students to become successful learners, to eliminate obstacles, and to build the skills they need to thrive in their college careers.

College is a place to grow and explore. At University College, we will help you nurture your passion with enthusiasm and care.

We help students:

- Make a smooth transition to college
- Understand academic policies and requirements
- Prepare for more advanced classes
- Explore majors and other academic opportunities
- Develop skills leading to academic success
- Progress toward graduation

Academic Advisement

Academic advising at Illinois State is an integral part of the educational process. Working in partnership with advisors, students learn about academic policies, procedures, and university resources to develop strategies to pursue their individual educational goals.

Departmental or School Advisement

Undergraduate students with a declared major who have earned 24 or more semester hours

University College Academic Advisement

All undergraduate students who have earned less than 24 semester hours of credit, and all students who are undeclared or unclassified

Honors Program Advisement

Undergraduate students in the Honors Program will meet with their assigned Honors advisor.

Academic Advising, including Athletics and Pre-Health Professions Advising

340 Fell Hall
(309) 438-7604

Developmental Math

118 Schroeder Hall
(309) 438-3360

First-Year Seminars

(Thrive, Success 101, Transfer Student Seminar)
012 Vrooman Center
(309) 438-7100

Julia N. Visor Academic Center

012 Vrooman Center
(309) 438-7100

Preview (Orientation)

346 Fell Hall
(309) 438-8486

Probation, Dismissal, Reinstatement, and Retention Services

324 Fell Hall
(309) 438-3217

Transfer Registration and Orientation Program

346 Fell Hall
(309) 438-3859

TRIO/Student Support Services

329 Fell Hall
(309) 438-2099

University Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies Majors

340 Fell Hall
(309) 438-3217

Welcome

to Illinois State University's Preview

General Education Degree Requirements

Bachelor Degree Options

- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) - Requires an additional science, math, and technology course
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - Requires completion of a college-level, second-year, part-one foreign language (LAN 115)
- Specialty Bachelor Degrees - Additional bachelor degrees may be available as Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S. in Ed) Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.)

Bachelor Degree Requirements

- Earn a minimum of 120 credit hours
- Complete the requirements for a major
- Complete General Education requirements
- 42 senior college credit hours (200+ level) at ISU
- AMALI degree requirement
- Be in good academic standing, with a minimum required GPA of 2.0

University Catalog

The online university catalog helps students to learn about programs of study, determine courses needed for graduation, or complete a course of study. This will be a resource students are expected to use and reference for course planning.

Course Registration

- Be responsible and plan ahead; Meet with your advisor before your registration date to plan courses for the upcoming semester.
- Registration dates and times are assigned every semester based on your earned credit hours
- Important registration dates: [Events.IllinoisState.edu/academic-calendar](https://events.illinoisstate.edu/academic-calendar)

Technology tips

- Check your ISU email daily!
- Check ReggieNet regularly: [Reggienet.IllinoisState.edu](https://reggienet.illinoisstate.edu)
- Learn how to use your clicker: [Ctlt.IllinoisState.edu/technology/clickers/students](https://ctl.illinoisstate.edu/technology/clickers/students)
- Check with Tech Zone for more details about computer requirements: [Techzone.IllinoisState.edu](https://techzone.illinoisstate.edu).
- Understand My.IllinoisState portal.

Tips for New Students

Start your first semester strong by getting the best GPA you can!

- Your first semester GPA is critical! Remember, your major may have higher GPA requirements than the minimum 2.0 university GPA requirement.

Time management is key to be a successful first-year student.

- Utilize the Julia N. Visor Center for all of your academic resources! The Visor Center offers academic coaching, tutoring, workshops and specialized programs to help you succeed.

Be proactive. Ask for help and seek assistance when necessary.

- Contact your academic advisor if you have any questions!

Meet other first-year students!

- Register for IDS 108—Success 101, or IDS 128—Thriving in College, Career & Beyond (THRIVE) course to help you successfully transition to ISU!



Be sure to check your Illinois State University email. Important updates from the University and your advisor will be sent to your Illinois State email account!

Additional Campus Resources

Emergency Alert System

- Students MUST sign up in order to receive emergency alerts via email, phone call, or text message. Security.IllinoisState.edu/emergency_alert

Extended Student Absences

- The Dean of Students Office can provide notification to instructors when students have been/will be absent from class(es) due to sickness and/or event of a death and are unable to notify their instructors.
- The student is responsible for notifying the Dean of Students Office (DoS) prior to their absence.
- **Dean on Duty**—Each weekday from 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., an associate dean of students is available to listen, assist students in gathering information, serve as a referral source, and help students navigate the University. Deanofstudents.illinoisstate.edu/contact/dean
- **Cultural Awareness and Diversity**—Learn to embrace your intersecting identities and to become a champion for anti-racism, equity, and justice. The Multicultural Center is a

place of belonging. A place for support. A space for you. IllinoisState.edu/student-life/multicultural-center

- **Inclusive Community Response Team**—The Inclusive Community Response Team (ICRT) serves students by fostering an open and inclusive campus and responding to instances of hate and bias. StudentAffairs.illinoisstate.edu/who/diversity/icrt
- **Redbird Care Team**—Illinois State University is committed to providing a secure and welcoming campus environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Members of the University community are encouraged to report to the Redbird Care Team (RCT) student behavior or issues that are significantly out of character, cause alarm, are harmful, or are potentially dangerous. StudentAffairs.illinoisstate.edu/who/safety/rct.php
- **Redbird Life Portal**—Get more involved! Learn more about Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) through your Redbird Life Portal. RedbirdLife.illinoisstate.edu

Download these essential apps



Download the official Illinois State University App for free from the App Store or Google Play and search for the Preview Program Guide for schedules, maps, and more.



Download the Campus Maps App for free from the App Store or Google Play and search for Illinois State University. Select your destination from the list of campus buildings and follow the map's navigation.



Download the Microsoft Outlook app to help you work smarter with tools that help you communicate, manage your schedule, and have access to online apps like OneNote, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.



General Education Categories

Group 1

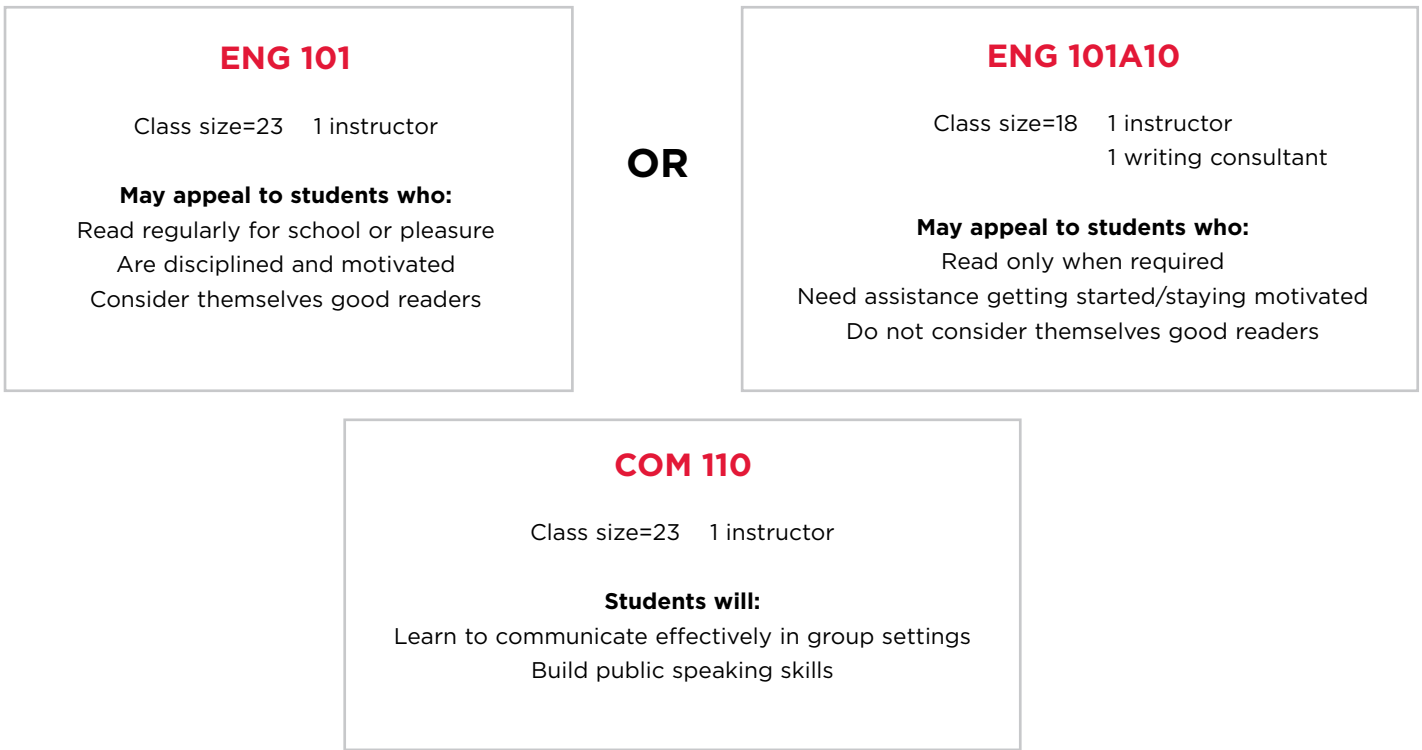
Group 2

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Communication and Composition</p> <p>ENG 101 or 101a10 _____</p> <p>COM 110 _____</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Fine Arts (FA) – 1 course</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Mathematics (MAT) – 1 course</p> <p>_____</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Humanities (H) – 1 course</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Natural Sciences (NS or NSA) – 2 courses</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Language in the Humanities (LH) – 1 course Prerequisites: ENG 101 and COM 110</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">United States Traditions (UST) – 1 course</p> <p>_____</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Quantitative Reasoning (QR) – 1 course Prerequisite: Mathematics</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Individuals and Civic Life (ICL) – 1 course</p> <p>_____</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Science, Math, and Technology (SMT) – 1 course</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Social Sciences (SS) – 1 course</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>_____</p> |

Your Redbird Schedule

| TIME | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| 8-9 A.M. | | | | | |
| 9-10 A.M. | | | | | |
| 10-11 A.M. | | | | | |
| 11 A.M.-Noon | | | | | |
| Noon-1 P.M. | | | | | |
| 1-2 P.M. | | | | | |
| 2-3 P.M. | | | | | |
| 3-4 P.M. | | | | | |
| 4-5 P.M. | | | | | |
| 5-6 P.M. | | | | | |
| 6-7 P.M. | | | | | |
| 7-8 P.M. | | | | | |

Communication and Composition Requirements

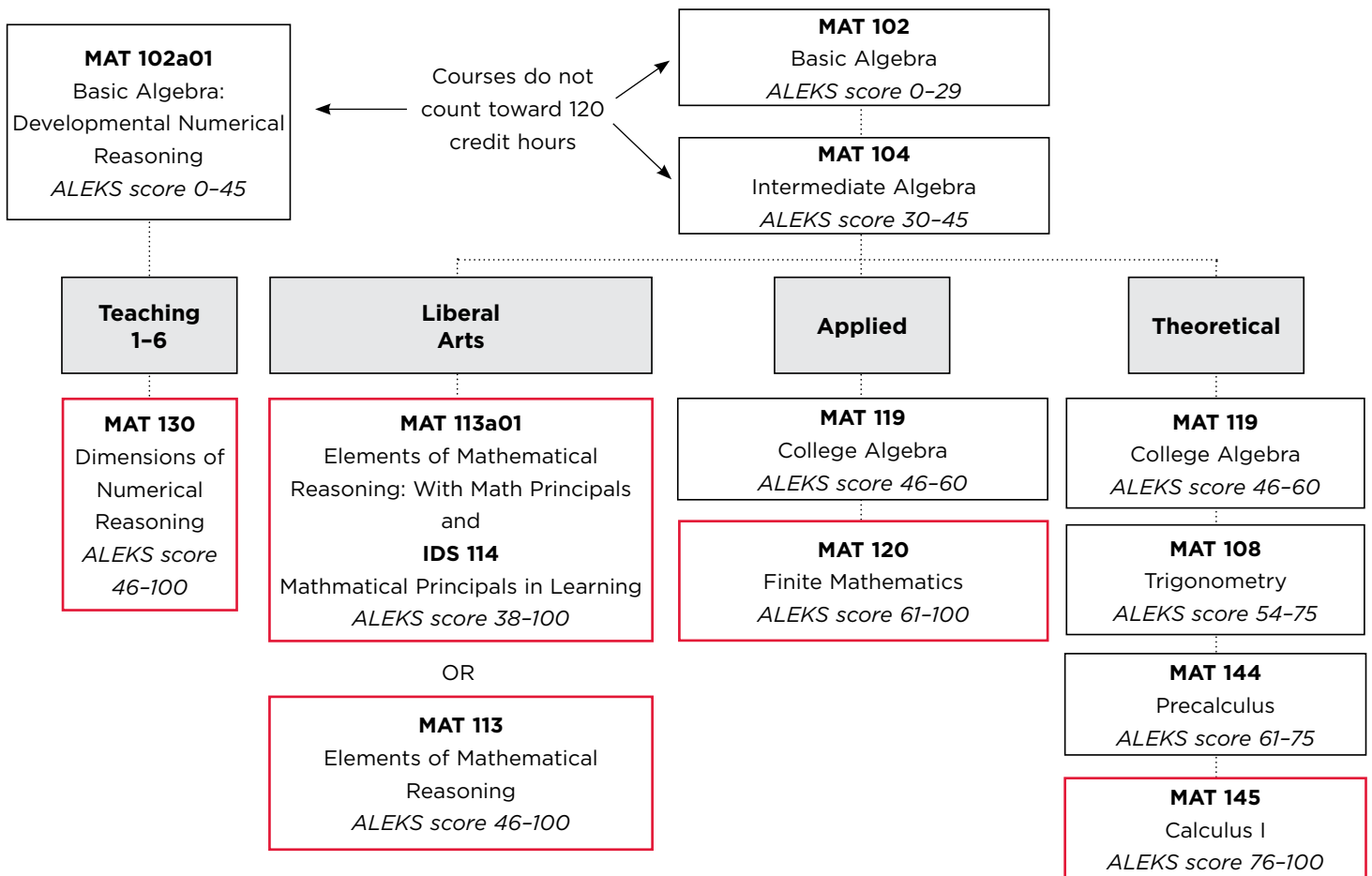


Both courses should be completed by the end of your freshman year:

ENG 101 or 101A10: _____

COM 110: _____

Math Placement and General Education Requirements



Natural Sciences (NS) Natural Science Alternatives (NSA)

BSC 101 Fundamental Concepts in Biology
CHE 102 Chemistry and Society
GEO 102 Principles of Geology
PHY 102 Atoms to Galaxies
GEO/POL/SOC 103 Thirsty Society

BSC 196 Biological Diversity
BSC 197 Molecular and Cellular Basis of Life
CHE 110/112 Fundamentals of Chemistry and Lab
CHE 140 General Chemistry I
PHY 105 Fundamentals of Physics
PHY 108 College Physics I
PHY 110 Physics for Science and Engineering I

Things to remember about the General Education science requirement:

1. Two courses from different disciplines are required.
2. NSAs are math and major dependent.

Rank the General Education sciences.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Language Requirements

LAN 112 (CAS Majors Requirement)

College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Majors

- 3 years of the same language in high school
OR
- Completion of one semester or higher of college-level language with a passing grade (LAN 112)

LAN 115 (B.A. Requirement)

Bachelors of Arts (B.A.) Degree Requirements

- Knowledge of a language as demonstrated by successful completion of LAN 115, or the equivalent.

LAN 116 (LH GEN ED.)

General Education - Language in the Humanities

- Taking a LAN 116 level course will fulfill the General Education Language in the Humanities category.

CAS Departments/Schools

Biology; Chemistry;
Communication Sciences
and Disorders; School of
Communication; Economics;
English; Geography, Geology,
and the Environment; History;
Languages, Literature and
Cultures; Mathematics;
Philosophy; Physics; Politics
and Government; Psychology;
School of Social Work;
Sociology and Anthropology



**Do you speak a language
not offered at ISU?
We have alternative
options for you!**

Placement Tests

- Available for the following languages: Spanish, French, German
Visit lan.illinoisstate.edu for details.

Available Languages

- Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, and Spanish

Credit for Acquired Proficiency (CAP) credit

- Students who begin at the 112 level or higher and earn a C or better are eligible to earn CAP credit for up to 8 hours.

General Education Exemptions

| Major | Sequence | Exemption | Major | Sequence | Exemption |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|---|--|-----------|
| College of Applied Science and Technology (CAST) | | | College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) | | |
| AGR | All programs | QR | ANT | All programs | None |
| CJS | All programs | None | BSC | All programs | SMT |
| FCS | Fashion Design and Merchandising | None | CHE | All programs | SMT |
| | Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics | None | COM | All programs | QR |
| | Human Development and Family Science | SS | CSD | All programs | SMT |
| | Interior Design | SS | ECO | All programs | QR |
| | Teacher Education | None | ENG | All programs | LH |
| HSC | Environmental Health | QR | GEL | Geology | SMT |
| | Health Information Management | SMT | GEO | Geography | SS |
| | Health Promotion and Education | ICL | | Environmental Systems and Science and Sustainability | QR |
| | Medical Lab Science | SMT | HIS | All programs | UST |
| | Safety | SMT | IDS | European Studies | LH |
| IT | All programs | SMT | LAN | French all sequences | H |
| KNR | All programs | SMT | | German all sequences | H |
| TEC | Construction Management | SMT | | Spanish all sequences | H |
| | Engineering Technology | SMT | MAT | All programs | SMT |
| | Graphics Communications | SMT | PHI | All programs | H |
| | Industrial Technology | SMT | PHY | All programs | SMT |
| | Sustainable and Renewable Energy | None | POL | All programs | None |
| | Tech and Engineering Education | SMT | PSY | All programs | SS |
| | | | SOC | All programs | None |
| | | | SWK | (B.S.W.) | None |
| College of Business (COB) | | | Mennonite College of Nursing (MCN) | | |
| COB | All programs | SS | NUR | All programs (1 course only) | NS |
| College of Education (COE) | | | Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts (CFA) | | |
| SED | All programs | None | ART | All programs | FA |
| TCH | Early Childhood Education | SS | ATK | All Programs | FA |
| | Elementary Education | QR | MUS | All programs (Except Teacher Education) | FA |
| | Middle Level Education | SS | | Music Teacher Education | SS |
| | | | THD | All programs | FA |

Exemption codes can be found on page 5 of this booklet.



Keep in mind that if you change majors, your general education exemption can change.

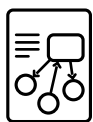
KEYS TO ACADEMIC *and* CAREER SUCCESS

STAGE 1: EXPLORE



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- Always strive for academic success.
- Attend and actively participate in classes, and get to know your professors.
- Meet with your academic advisor and faculty to discuss major requirements and your academic goals.
- Participate in and contribute to department-based introductory classes.
- Explore your academic and career interests online. Contact the Career Center for help.
- Attend available tutoring sessions and workshops as needed.



TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

- Develop your transferable skills, such as writing, communication, or public speaking. Seek a part-time job, internship, or other experiences to build your current skill set.



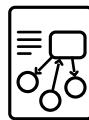
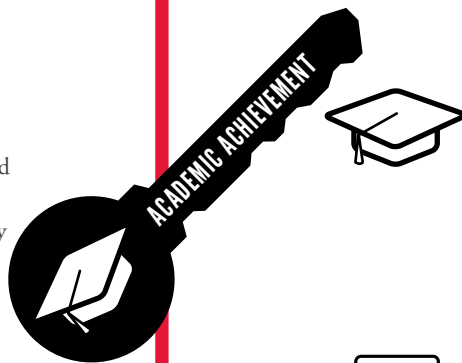
EXPERIENCES AND INVOLVEMENT

- Explore student organizations, volunteer, and seek leadership or civic engagement opportunities.
- Attend academic, career, and campus events.



NETWORKING

- Conduct an informational interview with professionals in your areas of interest.



STAGE 2: EXPAND

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- Create an academic plan with your academic advisor and faculty.
- Meet with your career advisor to identify career opportunities that align with your interests.
- Explore options to study abroad.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

- Refine writing, communication, analytical, and other transferable skills through coursework and involvement opportunities.

EXPERIENCES AND INVOLVEMENT

- Obtain a leadership role in an organization.
- Attend academic, career, and campus events.
- Apply for internships at HireARedbird.Illinois-State.edu.

NETWORKING

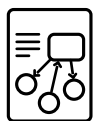
- Get to know faculty.
- Conduct a job shadow with a professional in your area of interest.
- Create LinkedIn and Hire-A-Redbird profiles. Visit the Career Center to learn how.

STAGE 3: EXECUTE



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- Inquire about earning academic credit for an internship or research opportunity in your department.
- Evaluate the status of your academic and career plans.
- Ask faculty to serve as references to help meet your career goals.



TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

- Leverage your acquired writing, communication, analytical, and other transferable skills.



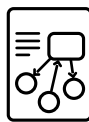
EXPERIENCES AND INVOLVEMENT

- Relate your internship experience to your coursework and career preparation.



NETWORKING

- Meet with a career advisor and faculty to discuss job-search strategies.
- Establish a professional social media presence.
- Continue to build your network at academic, career, and campus events.



STAGE 4: EMBARK

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- Research specific academic and career opportunities (i.e., job search, graduate school, etc.).
- Meet with your career advisor to implement job-search strategies.
- Apply to graduate programs or jobs that align with your goals.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

- Update and finalize your resume and related professional documents to include your transferable skills.

EXPERIENCES AND INVOLVEMENT

- Attend academic, career, and campus events.

NETWORKING

- Network with faculty.
- Maximize your professional networks (i.e., LinkedIn, professional contacts, etc.).

Get Career Ready!

Employers are seeking college graduates who are “career ready,” meaning they want to hire students who possess key transferable skills that will contribute to their success in the workplace. The National Association of Colleges and Employers has identified eight competencies for career readiness.



Critical Thinking/Problem-Solving

Exercise sound reasoning to analyze issues, make decisions, and overcome problems.



Oral/Written Communications

Articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively in written and oral forms to persons inside and outside of the organization.



Teamwork/Collaboration

Build collaborative relationships with colleagues and customers representing diverse cultures, races, ages, genders, religions, lifestyles, and viewpoints.



Digital Technology

Leverage existing digital technologies ethically and efficiently to solve problems, complete tasks, and accomplish goals.



Leadership

Leverage the strengths of others to achieve common goals, and use interpersonal skills to coach and develop others.



Professionalism/Work Ethic

Demonstrate personal accountability and effective work habits, e.g., punctuality, working productively with others, and time workload management; and understand the impact of nonverbal communication on professional work image.



Career Management

Identify and articulate one’s skills, strengths, knowledge, and experiences relevant to the position desired and career goals; and identify areas necessary for professional growth.



Global/Intercultural Fluency

Value, respect, and learn from diverse cultures, races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, and religions.

What does your career readiness look like?

Be sure to spend time in the “Explore ISU” modules to learn more about getting involved on campus, resources and services available to you, and other important information. When you are looking through the modules, apply the competency you can learn with information from given areas. **For Example:** Study Abroad—strengthen my global and intercultural fluency by interacting with and learning from a diverse culture

Session 1: _____

Session 2: _____

Session 3: _____



Post-Preview Checklist

1. High School Transcript

Verify with your high school that your final transcript has been sent to the Office of Admissions by July 15!

2. ACT/SAT Scores

Remember to submit your official ACT or SAT scores to the Office of Admissions by July 15! Use the SAT (code 1319) or ACT (code 1042) websites to send your official scores.

3. Transfer Credit or Dual Credit

If you have any transfer credit and/or dual credit, please contact the community college to send your transcripts to ISU. Please know your high school does not send your dual/transfer credit.

4. Advanced Placement/CLEP/IB Credit

Be sure to submit any Advanced Placement (AP) Exams, CLEP examination scores or International Baccalaureate Organization Credit to Illinois State!

Registrar.IllinoisState.edu/registration/exams

5. ALEKS Placement

If you are planning to improve your ALEKS score, please have your ALEKS score updated BEFORE classes begin in August! Waiting to improve your ALEKS score could impact future academic planning.

Phone: (309) 438-2100

Email: testingservices@IllinoisState.edu

Registrar.IllinoisState.edu/testingservices/aleks

6. Submit Immunization Records

Illinois law requires all students admitted to Illinois State University provide proof of immunity for tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, and meningitis.

Documentation of immunity must be complete and on file within the first 10 calendar days of the entering semester.

Phone: (309) 438-7559

HealthServices.IllinoisState.edu

7. Need accommodations or services for a disability and/or health related need?

Contact Student Access and Accommodation Services for additional help and resources!

Voice: (309) 438-5853

Sorenson: (309) 319-7682

Email: AbleISU@IllinoisState.edu

StudentAccess.IllinoisState.edu

8. Get in the Habit of Checking Your ISU Email

Your Illinois State University official email is the University's preference for contacting students with important time-critical university updates. Students are expected and responsible for checking their university-affiliated email frequently and regularly. Set up your ISU email account on your phone to stay up-to-date with your emails!

9. Prepare for Move-In

Move-in is one of the most exciting times of the year! Moving into your housing area requires planning. All questions related to move-in should be directed to University Housing Services.

Phone: (309) 438-8611

Email: Housing@IllinoisState.edu

Housing.IllinoisState.edu/studentlife/move-in

10. Review Financial Aid Awards

The Financial Aid Office works with students who are receiving some type of financial assistance, whether that may be grants, loans, or employment.

Phone: (309) 438-2231

Email: financialaid@illinoisstate.edu

Financialaid.IllinoisState.edu/contact

11. Student Accounts Office

The Student Accounts Office handles the billing of tuition, mandatory fees, student health insurance, housing, meal plans and other various charges.

Student Accounts Office

605 W. Dry Grove Street

Phone: (309) 438-5643

Email: stuacct@ilstu.edu

Studentaccounts.IllinoisState.edu

12. Redbird Life Involvement Portal

The Redbird Life Involvement Portal is where your involvement at Illinois State starts. Search organizations and their meeting times, find events, and join those organizations you're interested in!

RedbirdLife.IllinoisState.edu

Fall 2022 Calendar

August 19: Fall proficiency exams taken in departments

August 21: Last day to withdraw from the University and receive full adjustment of charges

August 22: First day of classes

August 24: Last day to add, drop, or swap a mathematics course. Contact your academic advisor prior to making changes!

August 26: Last day to add a full-semester class without a department/school override.

Explore services such as tutoring and study skills opportunities at the Julia N. Visor Academic Center.

September 2: Course registration closes; Last day to drop a full-semester course with no grade assigned; Deadline to put a course on pass/no pass (pass/fail), or audit. If you are thinking about dropping a course, contact your academic advisor first!

September 5: Labor Day; No classes

September 16: Last day to receive 25% tuition adjustment for full-semester course

October 10–16: Homecoming

October 11: Midterm grades available online; Talk with your professors about your midterm grades and improvement strategies if necessary.

October 17: Second-half semester begins

November 8: Election Day; No classes

November 11: Last day to drop a full-semester course; Students will receive a withdrawal (WX) grade. Last day to remove pass/no pass (pass/fail) option from full-semester course. Contact your academic advisor about dropping courses!

November 11: Last day to withdraw from the University

November 11: Veterans Day

November 19–27: Holiday Break; No classes

November 28: Classes resume. Review final exam schedules for dates, times, and locations.

December 9: Last day to complete three finals on same day paperwork

December 10–16: Final exams week

December 21: Check final semester grades on My.IllinoisState.edu after 2 p.m.

Spring 2023 Calendar

January 9: Registration opens at 8 a.m.

January 13: Spring proficiency exams taken in departments

January 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday; No classes

January 16: Last day to withdraw from the University and receive full adjustment of charges

January 17: First day of classes

January 19: Last day to add, drop, or swap a mathematics course. Contact your academic advisor prior to making changes!

January 20: Last day to add a full-semester class without a department/school override.

Explore services such as tutoring and study skills opportunities at the Julia N. Visor Academic Center

January 30: Course registration closes; Last day to drop a full-semester course with no grade assigned; If you are thinking about dropping a course, contact your academic advisor first!

February 10: Last day to receive 25% tuition adjustment for full-semester course

March 11–19: Spring Break. No classes; Classes resume March 14.

March 20: Second-half semester begins

April 14: Last day to drop a full-semester course; Students will receive a withdrawal (WX) grade. Contact your academic advisor about dropping courses!

April 14: Last day to withdraw from the University

May 5: Last day to complete three finals on same day paperwork; Review final exam schedules for dates, times, and locations

May 6–12: Final exams week

May 18: Check final semester grades on My.IllinoisState.edu after 2 p.m.



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