

REGGIE GUIDE



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
Illinois State University

Your academic journey starts with
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

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. By the end of their first year in University College Academic Advising, all students will be able to:

1. Navigate the academic advising partnership
2. Identify their academic requirements and their individual plan of study
3. Learn how to utilize the technology systems required to be a successful student
4. Engage in various campus resources and learn how they can enhance their academic and personal experiences
5. Discover involvement opportunities on campus to develop a sense of community and belonging
6. Develop self-advocacy
7. Reflect on why they are in college

Academic Advisement

Departmental or School Advisement

Undergraduate students with a declared major who have earned 24 or more semester hours meet with their departmental or school advisor.

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 meet with their University College academic advisor.

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

Julia N. Visor Academic Center

012 Vrooman Center
(309) 438-7100

Preview (Orientation)

108 Williams Hall
(309) 438-8486

Probation, Dismissal, Reinstatement, and Retention Services

324 Fell Hall
(309) 438-3217

Orientation and Training Services

108 Williams Hall
(309) 438-8486

TRIO/Student Support Services

346 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's Degrees: Additional bachelor's 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
- IDEAS 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

Technology tips

- Check your ISU email daily!
- Check Canvas regularly: Canvas.IllinoisState.edu
- Learn how to use your clicker: CTLT.IllinoisState.edu/technology/clickers/students
- Check with TechZone for more details about computer requirements: 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 128—Thriving in College, Career & Beyond (THRIVE) 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 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 antiracism, equity, and justice. The Multicultural Center is a place of belonging. A place for support. A space for you. **MulticulturalCenter.IllinoisState.edu**

- **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



Safe Redbirds: Download the official safety app of Illinois State University.



Illinois State Redbirds: Download the official mobile app for Illinois State University Athletics.



Redbird Rec: Download the official app for Campus Recreation at Illinois State University.



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



General Education Courses by Category

Communication and Composition (2 courses required)

- ENG 101 (or ENG 101A10)
- COM 110 (or COM 110A01)

Choose one option from this group:

Mathematics (1 course required)

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| • MAT 102 | • MAT 119 |
| • MAT 102A01 | • MAT 120 |
| • MAT 104 | • MAT 130 |
| • MAT 113 | • MAT 144 |
| • MAT 113A01 | • MAT 145 |

Talk to your advisor about what Math course to choose for Mathematics:

Science (2 courses required from two different sciences)

Natural Sciences

- BSC 101
- BSC 101A01
- CHE 102
- GEO 102
- GEO 103
- PHY 102
- POL 103
- SOC 103

Natural Science Alternatives

- BSC 196
- BSC 197
- CHE 110/CHE 112
- CHE 140
- PHY 105
- PHY 108
- PHY 110

Talk to your advisor about which Science grouping you are choosing from (NS or NSA) and rank your top three choices:

United States Traditions (1 course required)

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| • ENG 131 | • LAL 109 (IDEAS) |
| • FCS 112 | • MUS 156 (IDEAS) |
| • GEO 142 | • SED 101 (IDEAS) |
| • HIS 111 | • SOC 109 (IDEAS) |
| • HIS 131 | • SOC 111 |
| • HIS 135 | • SOC 112 |
| • HIS 136 | • TCH 104 |

Rank your top four choices for UST:

Individuals and Civic Life (1 course required)

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| • ANT 176 | • PHI 104 |
| • CJS 102 | • PHI 214 |
| • COM 183 | • POL 101 |
| • ENG 183 | • POL 106 |
| • IDS 231 | • SOC 106 (IDEAS) |
| • IDS 232 | • SOC 241 |
| • KNR 175 | |

Rank your top four choices for ICL:

Fine Arts (1 course required) *

- ART 155
- ART 156
- ART 176
- ART 275 (AMALI)
- ART 282
- DAN 152
- MUS 152
- MUS 153 (AMALI)
- MUS 154 (AMALI)
- MUS 157
- MUS 275 (AMALI)
- MUS 275A01 (AMALI)
- THE 105 (IDEAS)
- THE 152
- THE 176A01
- THE 176A02
- THE 213
- THE 275A01 (AMALI)
- THE 275A02 (AMALI)
- WGS 177 (IDEAS)

Rank your top four choices for FA:

* Talk to your advisor about using Musical Ensemble credits to complete your Fine Arts group.

Humanities (1 course required)

- ENG 110
- ENG 130
- ENG 150
- ENG 160
- ENG 165 (IDEAS)
- ENG 170
- ENG 206 (AMALI)
- ENG 206A01
- ENG 206A02
- ENG 206A03
- ENG 206A04
- ENG 229
- ENG 250
- ENG 251
- ENG 261
- HIS 101
- HIS 102
- HIS 104A01 (AMALI)
- HIS 104A02 (AMALI)
- HIS 104A03 (AMALI)
- HIS 104A04 (AMALI)
- HIS 104A05 (AMALI)
- HIS 104A06 (AMALI)
- HIS 105
- HIS 107
- HIS 285
- IDS 112
- IDS 133A08
- IDS 133A22
- IDS 133A27
- IDS 133A28
- IDS 133A29
- IDS 203 (AMALI)
- IDS 203A05 (AMALI)
- IDS 203A10 (AMALI)
- IDS 203A15 (AMALI)
- IDS 213
- LAN 206 (AMALI)
- LAN 206A01
- LAN 206A02
- LAN 206A03
- LAN 206A04
- PHI 101
- PHI 150
- PHI 202
- PHI 224
- PHI 238
- PHI 251

Rank your top four choices for Humanities:

Language in the Humanities (1 course required)

- COM 128
- ENG 124
- ENG 125
- ENG 128
- FRE 116
- GER 116
- IDS 121
- IDS 212
- IDS 254
- ITA 116
- JPN 116 (AMALI)
- LAN 125
- LAN 125A01 (AMALI)
- LAN 128
- SPA 116
- SPA 120

Rank your top four choices for Language in the Humanities:

Quantitative Reasoning (1 course required)

- BE 141/FIL 141
- ECO 138
- GEO 138
- HSC 204
- MAT 121
- MAT 131
- MAT 146
- MAT 150
- MGT 100
- NUR 138
- PHI 112
- PHY 117
- POL 138
- PSY 138

Rank your top four choices for Quantitative Reasoning:

Science, Mathematics, and Technology (1 course required)

- AGR 203 (B.S.-SMT)
- ANT 102
- ANT 105
- BSC 145 (B.S.-SMT)
- BSC 160 (B.S.-SMT)
- BSC 170 (B.S.-SMT)
- CSD 212
- FCS 208
- GEO 202 (B.S.-SMT)
- GEO 207 (B.S.-SMT)
- GEO 211 (B.S.-SMT)
- HSC 156
- HSC 206 (AMALI)
- HSC 208
- HSC 209 (IDEAS)
- IDS 265
- IT 140
- IT 214
- KNR 208
- PHY 205 (B.S.-SMT)
- PHY 207 (B.S.-SMT)
- PHY 208 (B.S.-SMT)
- TEC 170
- TEC 275

Rank your top four choices for Science, Mathematics, and Technology:

Social Sciences (1 course required)

- AGR 201
- ANT 143/ENG 143/LAN 143
- ANT 185 (AMALI)
- ANT 197
- CJS 101
- CSD 115
- ECO 101
- ECO 102
- ECO 103
- FCS 222 (AMALI)
- FCS 224
- GEO 135 (AMALI)
- GEO 235A01 (AMALI)
- GEO 235A02 (AMALI)
- GEO 235A04 (AMALI)
- GEO 235A07 (AMALI)
- HSC 170
- IDS 111
- IDS 113
- IDS 117
- MGT 120
- MGT 120A01
- POL 140 (AMALI)
- PSY 110
- PSY 223/SOC 223
- SOC 108
- SOC 195
- SOC 220 (AMALI)
- WGS 120 (IDEAS)

Rank your top four choices for Social Sciences:

Scan this QR code to go to Course Finder for more information about General Education course options.



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 Leadership	SMT		Environmental Systems and Science and Sustainability	QR
	Health Promotion and Education	ICL	HIS	All programs	UST
	Medical Lab Science	SMT	IDS	European Studies	LH
	Safety	SMT	LLC	French all sequences	H
IT	All programs	SMT		German all sequences	H
KNR	All programs	SMT		Spanish all sequences	H
TEC	Construction Management	SMT	MAT	All programs	SMT
	Engineering Technology	SMT	PHI	All programs	H
	Graphic Communications	SMT	PHY	All programs	SMT
	Computer Systems	SMT	POL	All programs	None
	Sustainable and Renewable Energy	None	PSY	All programs	SS
	Tech and Engineering Education	SMT	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



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

Communication and Composition Requirements

ENG 101

Class size: 23 1 instructor

May appeal to students who:
Read regularly for school or pleasure
Are disciplined and motivated
Consider themselves good readers

OR

ENG 101A10

Class size: 18 1 instructor
1 writing consultant

May appeal to students who:
Read only when required
Need assistance getting started/staying motivated
Do not consider themselves good readers

COM 110

Class size: 23 1 instructor

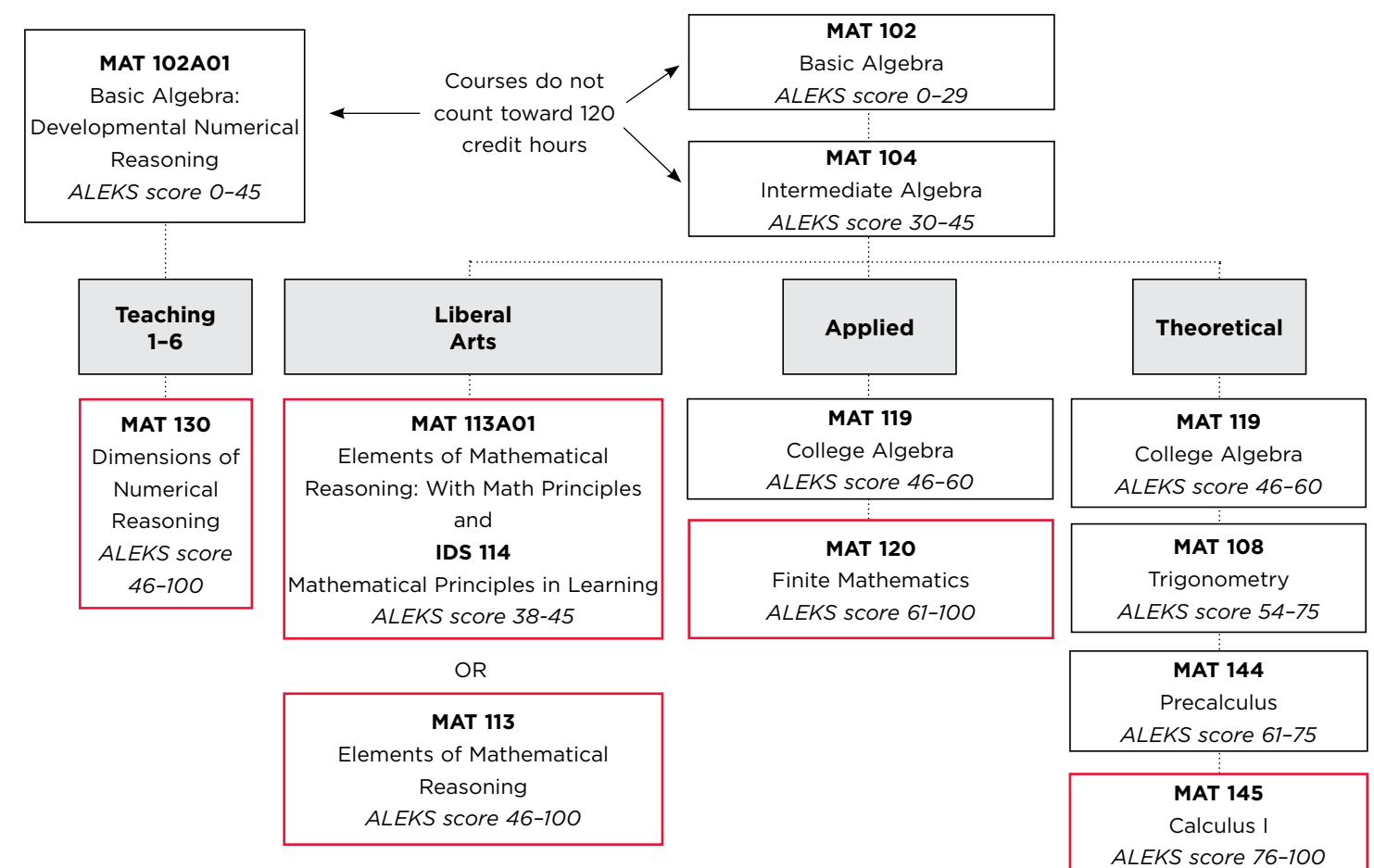
Students will:
Learn to communicate effectively in group settings
Build public speaking skills

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

ENG 101 or 101A10: _____

COM 110: _____

Math Placement and General Education Requirements



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, Literatures, and Cultures; Mathematics; Philosophy; Physics; Politics and Government; Psychology; School of Social Work; Sociology and Anthropology



Do you speak a language not offered at Illinois State? We have alternative options for you!

Placement Tests

- Available for the following languages: Spanish, French, German, Italian
Visit lan.illinoisstate.edu/academics/placement-exams/ for details

Available Languages

- Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, 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.

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.					
8-9 p.m.					

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 Illinois State. 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/transfer

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/testing-services/aleks-math-placement

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 Illinois State 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 Illinois State 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/student-life/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@IllinoisState.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 2024 Calendar

August 16: Fall proficiency exams taken in departments

August 18: Last day to withdraw from the University and receive full adjustment of charges

August 19: First day of classes

August 23: 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.

August 30: 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 2: Labor Day; no classes

September 13: Last day to receive 25% tuition adjustment for full-semester course

September 23-29: Homecoming

October 8: Midterm grades available online; talk with your professors about your midterm grades and improvement strategies if necessary.

October 14: Second-half semester begins

October 14: Advance registration for Spring 2025 opens

November 8: 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 8: Last day to officially withdraw from the University

November 11: Veterans Day

November 23-December 1: Thanksgiving vacation; no classes

December 2: Classes resume; review final exam schedules for dates, times, and locations.

December 6: Last day to complete Final Exam Conflict Form

December 7-13: Final exams week

December 19: Check final semester grades on My.IllinoisState.edu after 2 p.m.

Spring 2025 Calendar

January 10: Spring proficiency exams taken in departments

January 12: Last day to withdraw from the University and receive full adjustment of charges

January 13: First day of classes

January 17: Last day to add a full-semester class without a department/school override.

January 20: Martin Luther King Jr. holiday; no classes

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

January 27: 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 7: Last day to receive 25% tuition adjustment for full-semester course

March 8-16: Spring Break. No classes; classes resume March 17.

March 17: Second-half semester begins

April 11: Last day to drop a full-semester course; students will receive a withdrawal (WX) grade. Contact your academic advisor about dropping courses!

April 11: Last day to withdraw from the University

May 2: Last day to complete the Final Exam Conflict Form; review final exam schedules for dates, times, and locations

May 3-9: Final exams week

May 15: Check final semester grades on My.IllinoisState.edu after 2 p.m.



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