Welcome to Illinois State University’s Preview

General Education Degree Requirements

Bachelor Degree Requirements
- 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. 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

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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.
  DeanofStudents.IllinoisState.edu/contact/dean

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 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)

Mathematics (1 course required)
• MAT 102
• MAT 102A01
• MAT 104
• MAT 113
• MAT 113A01

Science (2 courses required from two different sciences)

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• 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)

Rank your top four choices for FA:

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Quantitative Reasoning (1 course required)

• BE 141/FIL 141
• ECO 138
• GEO 138
• HSC 204
• MAT 121
• MAT 131
• MAT 146

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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
• GEO 202 (B.S.-SMT)
• GEO 207 (B.S.-SMT)
• GEO 211 (B.S.-SMT)
• HSC 206 (AMALI)

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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
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Rank your top four choices for Language in the Humanities:

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Social Sciences (1 course required)

• AGR 201
• ANT 143/ENG 143/LAN 143
• ANT 185 (AMALI)
• CJS 101
• CSD 115
• ECO 101
• ECO 102
• ECO 103
• FCS 222 (AMALI)
• FCS 224
• GEO 235A07 (AMALI)
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• HSC 170
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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)

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| College of Business (COB)                  |          |                 |
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| College of Education (COE)                 |          |                 |
| SED ................................ | All programs | None           |
|TCH ................................ | Early Childhood Education | SS        |
|Elementary Education ........................... | SS       |                 |
|Middle Level Education .......................... | SS       |                 |

| Mennonite College of Nursing (MCN)          |          |                 |
| NUR ................................ | All programs (1 course only) | NS       |

| Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts (CFA)       |          |                 |
|ART ................................ | All programs | FA             |
|ATK ................................ | All programs | FA             |
|MUS ................................ | All programs (Except Teacher Education) | FA |
|Music Teacher Education ........................ | SS       |                 |
|THD ................................ | All programs | FA             |

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### 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

**ENG 101A10**
- Class size: 18
- 1 instructor
- 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:**

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### Math Placement and General Education Requirements

**MAT 102A01**
- Basic Algebra: Developmental Numerical Reasoning
- ALEKS score 0–45

**MAT 102**
- Basic Algebra
- ALEKS score 0–29

**MAT 104**
- Intermediate Algebra
- ALEKS score 30–45

**Teaching**
- MAT 130: Dimensions of Numerical Reasoning
  - ALEKS score 46-100

**Liberal Arts**
- MAT 113A01: Elements of Mathematical Reasoning: With Math Principles and
  - IDS 114: Mathematical Principles in Learning
  - ALEKS score 28–45

**Applied**
- MAT 119: College Algebra
  - ALEKS score 46–60

**Theoretical**
- MAT 120: Finite Mathematics
  - ALEKS score 60–100

**MAT 119**
- College Algebra
- ALEKS score 46–60

**MAT 108**
- Trigonometry
- ALEKS score 54–75

**MAT 144**
- Precalculus
- ALEKS score 61–75

**MAT 145**
- Calculus I
- ALEKS score 76–100

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

- **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)
  - Bachelor 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.

**Placement Tests**
- Available for the following languages: Spanish, French, German, Italian, Chinese, Spanish, 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**

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**Language Requirements**

- **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.

**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! Visit Lan.illinoisstate.edu/academics/placement-exams/ for details.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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
  - 605 W. Dry Grove Street
  - Student Accounts Office
  - Student Accounts Office handles the billing of tuition, mandatory fees, student health insurance, housing, meal plans and other various charges.

- **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.
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**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.