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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) 438-2009

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 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 11, 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](https://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.

- **Cultural Awareness and Diversity**—The future multicultural center will work to foster civility and raise cultural awareness in students, faculty, and staff.

- **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.

- **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.

- **Redbird Life Portal**—Get more involved! Learn more about Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) through your Redbird Life Portal.

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 Course Options

GROUP 1

Communication and Composition

(3 Credit Hours)

COM 110 Communication as Critical Inquiry
ENG 101 Composition as Critical Inquiry

Mathematics [MAT]

(3-4 Credit Hours)

MAT 113 Elements of Mathematical Reason
MAT 120 Finite Mathematics
MAT 130 Dimensions of Numerical Reason
MAT 145 Calculus I

Natural Sciences [NS]

(3 Credit Hours)

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

Natural Science Alternatives [NSA]

(4-5 Credit Hours)

BSC 196 Biological Diversity
BSC 197 Molecular and Cellular Basis of Life
CHE 110/112 Fundamentals 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

United States Traditions [UST]

(3 Credit Hours)

ENG/HIS 131 American Culture
FCS/HIS/SOC 112 American Family
GEO 142 Human Geography
HIS 135 US History to 1865
HIS 136 US History since 1865
HIS/SOC 111 American Diversity
SOC 109 Intro to U.S. Latina/o Studies

Individuals and Civic Life [ICL]

(3 Credit Hours)

ANT 176 Culture, Power, and Civic Life
CJS 102 Individuals, Society, and Justice
EAF 205A01 Social (In)justice and Schooling
ENG 183 Rhetoric as Civic Literacy
PHI 104 The Ideal of Democracy
POL 101 Citizens and Governance
POL 106 U.S. Gov. and Civic Practices
SOC 106 Introduction to Sociology
SOC 241 People in Places

* AMALI—graduation requirement
Student must complete one course in AMALI (that is, cultures and traditions of Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, or indigenous peoples of the world).

GROUP 2

Fine Arts [FA]

(3 Credit Hours)

ART 155 Survey of Art I
ART 156 Survey of Art II
ART 176 Arts and Society: Visual Arts
ART 275 World Arts: Visual Arts (AMALI*)
DAN 152 Experiencing Dance
MUS 152 Experiencing Music
MUS 153 Black Music I (AMALI*)
MUS 157 History of Jazz
THE 152 Experiencing Theatre
THE 176A01 Arts and Society: Theatre
THE 176A02 Arts and Society: Film
THE 275A01 World Arts: Theatre (AMALI*)
THE 275A02 World Arts: Film (AMALI*)
Three ensemble courses, at 1 hour each, can meet the Fine Arts requirement.

Humanities [H]

(3 Credit Hours)

ENG 110 British Literature and Its Contexts
ENG 130 Survey of American Literature
ENG 160 Intro to Studies in Women's Writing
ENG 165 Intro to African-American Literature
ENG 229 Intro to Literary Genres
ENG 250 Literature of the Bible I
HIS 101 Western Civilization to 1500
HIS 102 Modern Western Civilization
HIS 104 History of Asia, Middle East, Africa, Latin America, or Indigenous Peoples (AMALI*)
HIS 105 World History
HIS 107 The Making of Europe
IDS 213 Comics, Graphic Novels and Society
PHI 101 Basic Issues in Philosophy
PHI 150 Science and Human Culture
PHI 224 Meaning and Religious Belief
PHI 238 Rights and Wrongs
PHI 251 Visions of Self: A Study of Minds and Persons

Language in the Humanities [LH]

(3-4 Credit Hours)

COM/ENG/LAN 128 Gender in the Humanities
ENG 124 Film Style and Literature
ENG/LAN 125 Literary Narrative
FRE 116 Second Year French (Part II)
GER 116 Second Year German (Part II)
IDS 121 Texts and Contexts
• (IDS 121A29 is AMALI*)
IDS 212 European Studies: Europe Today
IDS 254 Religions and Cultures
ITA 116 Second Year Italian (Part II)
JPN 116 Second Year Japanese (Part II)
SPA 116 Second Year Spanish (Part II)
SPA 120 Introduction to Academic Spanish for Spanish Speakers

Quantitative Reasoning [QR]

(3-4 Credit Hours)

BE/FIL 141 Personal Finance Literacy
ECO 138 Economic Reasoning Using Stats
MAT 121 Applied Calculus
MAT 131 Geometric Reasoning: Earth Meas.
MAT 146 Calculus II
MAT 150 Fundamentals of Stats
MQM 100 Statistical Reasoning
PHI 112 Language, Logic and Math
POL 138 Quant. Reasoning in Political Sci.
PSY 138 Reasoning in Psych. Using Stats

Science, Math and Technology [SMT]

(3-4 Credit Hours)

AGR 203 Agriculture and the Environment
ANT 102 Introduction to Anthropology
BSC 145 Human Biology
BSC 160 Microbiology and Society
BSC 170 Genetics and Society
FCS/HSC/KNR 208 U.S. Health Issues
GEO 202 Evolution of the Earth
GEO 211 Earth's Dynamic Weather
HSC 156 Environmental Health 21st Century
HSC 206 Global Health (AMALI*)
IT 140 Interacting in a Digital World
IT 214 Issues in Information Technology

Social Sciences [SS]

(3 Credit Hours)

AGR 201 Resources, Food and Society
ANT 185 Cultures of the World (AMALI*)
ANT 197 Lost Continents and Alien Pyramids
CJS 101 Intro to Criminal Justice
CSD 115 Human Communication
ECO 103 Individual and Social Choice
ENG 143 Unity and Diversity in Language
FCS 222 Cultural Diversity in Dress (AMALI*)
FCS 224 Enduring Issues for Couples and Family
GEO 135 World Geography (AMALI*)
GEO 235 Geography of Emerging Areas (AMALI*)
HSC 170 Safety and Society
IDS 111 Peace Studies
IDS 113 The Entrepreneurial Mind
MQM 120 Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion in the Workplace
POL 140 Politics of Africa/Asia/Latin America (AMALI*)
PSY 110 Fundamentals of Psychology
SOC 108 Contemporary Social Problems
SOC 220 Global Social Change
WGS 120 Women, Gender, and Society

First-Year Student Seminar Electives

IDS 108 University Success Skills
(2 Credit Hours)

IDS 128 Thriving in College, Career and Beyond
(3 Credit Hours)

This is not a comprehensive list. For additional course lists and course descriptions, please visit Course Finder at: CourseFinder.IllinoisState.edu



General Education Categories

Group 1

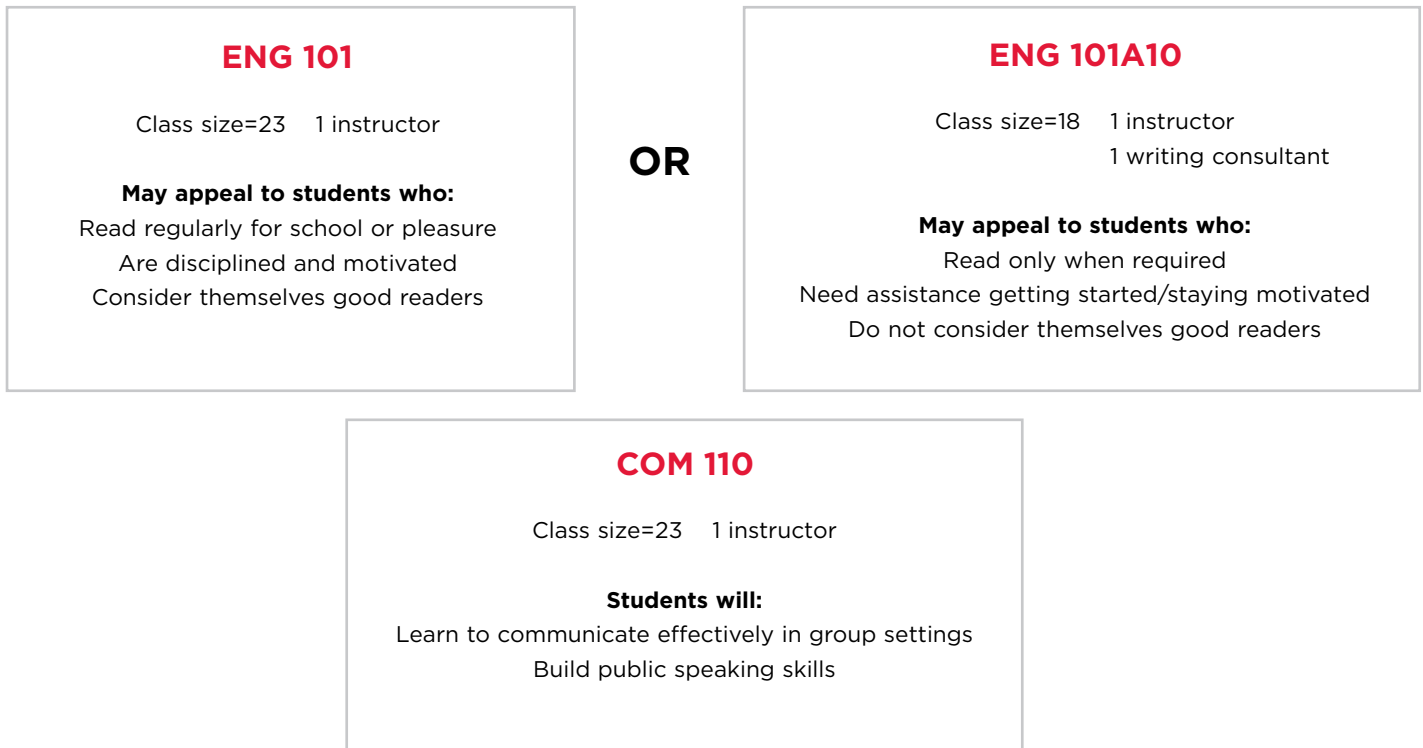
Group 2

<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 style="text-align: center;">Social Sciences (SS) – 1 course</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					
12-1 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

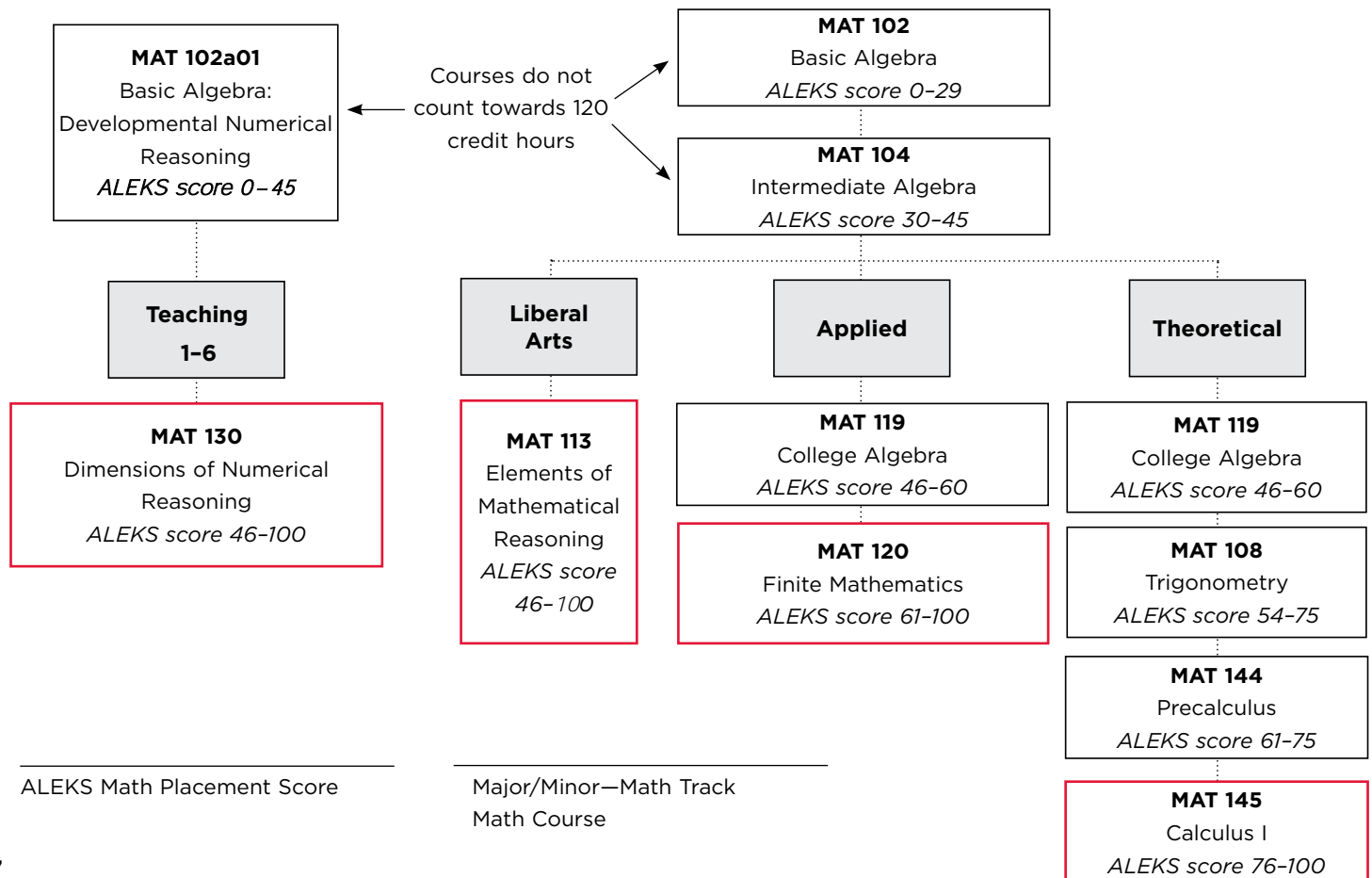


Both courses should be completed by the end of your freshman year:

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 the second 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; Political
Science; Psychology;
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	LAN	.....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
	Graphics Communications	.....SMT	PHY	.....All programs	.....SMT
	Industrial Technology	.....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)			College of Fine Arts (CFA)		
COB	.....All programs	.....SS	ART	.....All programs	.....FA
College of Education (COE)			CTK	.....All Programs	.....FA
SED	.....All programs	.....None	MUS	.....All programs (Except Teacher Education)	.....FA
TCH	.....Early Childhood Education	.....None		Music Teacher Education	.....SS
	Elementary Education	.....QR	THD	.....All programs	.....FA
	Middle Level Education	.....SS	Mennonite College of Nursing (MCN)		
			NUR	.....All programs (1 course only)	.....NS



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

Advanced Placement Program

AP Exam	Required Score	Course Equivalence	Credit Hours	AP Exam	Required Score	Course Equivalence	Credit Hours
AP Capstone				AP Calculus BC			
AP Research	3, 4, or 5	ENG 101	3		3, 4 or 5 2 w/AB subscore of 3+	MAT 145, 146	8
AP Seminar	3, 4, or 5	elective credit	3			MAT 145	4
Arts				AP Chemistry			
AP Art History	3, 4, or 5	ART 155, 156	6		3	CHE 110	4
AP Music Theory	3	MUS 101	1		4	CHE 140	4
	4, or 5	MUS 100, 101, 107	4		5	CHE 140, 141	8
AP Studio Art 2-D Design	3, 4, or 5	ART 103	3	AP Computer Science A			
AP Studio Art 3-D Design	3, 4, or 5	ART 109	3		3, 4, or 5	IT 168	4
AP Studio Art Drawing	3, 4, or 5	ART 104	3	AP Computer Science Principles			
English					3, 4, or 5	IT 140	3
AP English Language and Composition	3, 4, or 5	ENG 101	3	AP Environmental Science			
AP English Literature and Composition	3	elective credit	3		3, 4, or 5	HSC 156	3
	4 or 5	ENG 125	3	AP Macroeconomics			
History and Social Sciences					3, 4, or 5	ECO 102	3
AP Comparative Government and Politics	3, 4, or 5	POL 140	3	AP Microeconomics			
AP European History	3	Humanities Gen Ed elective	3		3, 4, or 5	ECO 101	3
	4 or 5	HIS 101 and 102	6	AP Physics 1			
AP Human Geography	3	elective credit	3		3, 4, or 5	PHY 108	5
	4 or 5	GEO 142	3	AP Physics 2			
AP Psychology	3	Social Science Gen Ed elective	3		3, 4, or 5	PHY 109	5
	4 or 5	PSY 110	3	AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism			
AP United States Government and Politics	3, 4, or 5	POL 106	3		3, 4, or 5	PHY 111	4
AP United States History	3	US Traditions Gen Ed elective	3	AP Physics C: Mechanics			
	4 or 5	HIS 135, 136	6		3, 4, or 5	PHY 110	4
AP World History	3	Humanities Gen Ed elective	3	AP Statistics			
	4 or 5	HIS 101	3		3, 4, or 5	MQM 100	3
STEM				World Languages and Cultures			
AP Biology	3	BSC 101	3	AP Chinese Language and Culture			
	4 or 5	BSC 196, 197	8		3	Chinese 112	4
AP Calculus AB	3, 4, or 5	MAT 145	4		4 or 5	Chinese 112, 115	8
				AP French Language and Culture			
					3	French 112	4
					4	French 112, 115	8
					5	French 115, 116	8
				AP German Language and Culture			
					3	German 112	4
					4	German 112, 115	8
					5	German 115, 116	8
				AP Italian Language and Culture			
					3	Italian 112	4
					4	Italian 112, 115	8
					5	Italian 115, 116	8
				AP Japanese Language and Culture			
					3	Japanese 112	4
					4	Japanese 112, 115	8
					5	Japanese 115, 116	8
				AP Latin			
					3	Latin 112	4
					4 or 5	Latin 112, 115	8
				AP Spanish Language and Culture			
					3	Spanish 112	4
					4	Spanish 112, 111	8
					5	Spanish 115, 116	8

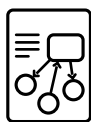
KEYS TO ACADEMIC *and* CAREER SUCCESS

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.



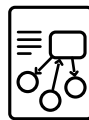
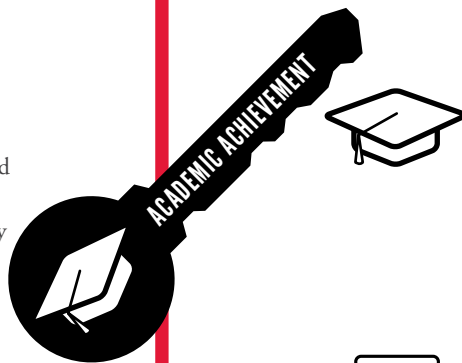
EXPERIENCES AND INVOLVEMENT

- 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

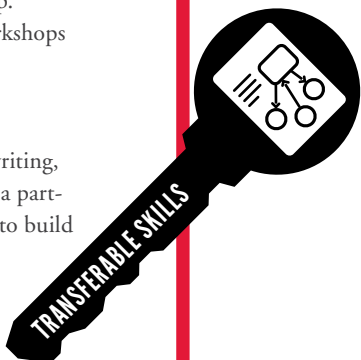
- Refine writing, communication, analytical, and other transferable skills through coursework and involvement opportunities.

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.

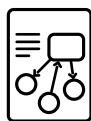


STAGE 3: EXECUTE



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.



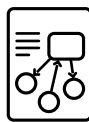
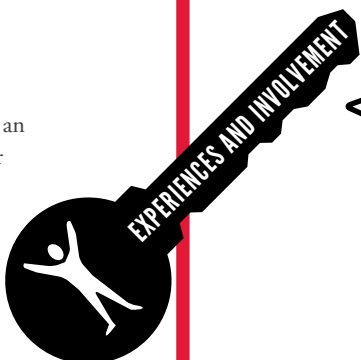
EXPERIENCES AND INVOLVEMENT

- 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?

See the list of conference sessions in your Preview guide. Choose three (3) you are interested in and apply the competency you could learn from the session. **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! Test scores posted on your high school transcript are not considered official. 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 portal

The Redbird Life 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



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346 Fell Hall
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University College Academic Advisement

Athletics and Pre-Health Professions Advising
340 Fell Hall
(309) 438-7604

TRiO/Student Support Services

329 Fell Hall
(309) 438-2099

Julia N. Visor Center

Tutoring and Writing Center
12 Vrooman Center
(309) 438-7100

Additional campus resources

Campus Recreation	(309) 438-7529	CampusRecreation.IllinoisState.edu
Career Center	(309) 438-2200	CareerCenter.IllinoisState.edu
Student Access and Accommodation Services	(309) 438-5853	StudentAccess.IllinoisState.edu
International Studies	(309) 438-5276	InternationalStudies.IllinoisState.edu
Student Counseling Services	(309) 438-3655	Counseling.IllinoisState.edu
Technology Support Center	(309) 438-HELP	ITHelp.IllinoisState.edu
Testing Services	(309) 438-2100	Registrar.IllinoisState.edu/TestingServices

Fall 2020 Calendar

August 14: Fall proficiency exams taken in departments

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

August 17: First day of classes

August 19: Last day to add, drop, or swap a mathematics course

Contact your academic advisor prior to making changes!

August 21: Last day to add a full-semester class without a department/school override

August 27: Festival ISU – Explore campus activities and student organizations

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

August 28: 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 7: Labor Day; No classes

September 11: Last day to receive 25% tuition adjustment for full-semester course

October 5: Midterm grades available online; Talk with your professors about your midterm grades and improvement strategies if necessary.

October 9: 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!

October 12: Second-half semester begins

October 19–25: Homecoming

November 6: Last day to withdraw from the University

November 11: Veterans Day

November 21–29: Holiday Break; No classes

November 30: Classes resume

Review final exam schedules for dates, times, and locations

December 4: Last day to complete three finals on same day paperwork

December 5–11: Final exams week

December 17: Check final semester grades on My.IllinoisState.edu after 2 p.m.

Spring 2021 Calendar

January 4: Registration opens at 8 a.m.

January 8: Spring proficiency exams taken in departments

January 10: Last day to withdraw from the University and receive full adjustment of charges

January 11: First day of classes

Contact your academic advisor prior to making changes!

January 13: Last day to add, drop, or swap a mathematics course

January 15: 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 Center

January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday; No classes

January 25: 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 5: Last day to receive 25% tuition adjustment for full-semester course

March 2: Midterm grades available online; Talk with your professors about your midterm grades and improvement strategies if necessary.

March 5: Last day to drop a full-semester course; Students will receive a withdrawal (WX) grade.

Contact your academic advisor about dropping courses!

March 6–14: Spring Break; No classes

March 16: Classes resume

April 9: Last day to withdraw from the University

April 30: Last day to complete three finals on same day paperwork

Review final exam schedules for dates, times, and locations

May 1–May 7: Final exams week

May 13: Check final semester grades on My.IllinoisState.edu after 2 p.m.