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Admission Criteria: Highest admission priority will be granted to transfer students with the strongest academic records. Students in most majors are encouraged to receive an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree prior to transfer. The average GPA for transfer students admitted for the fall 2021 term was 3.24 (2.93 to 3.67 range) on a 4.0 scale. **Some majors are very competitive, require a higher GPA, or require specific courses. Consult the [Transfer Admission Guide](#).** Students with 75 or more earned credit hours cannot be admitted to the University as undeclared students.

Redbird Promise Guaranteed Admission Program: Qualified Illinois community college students are guaranteed admission to ISU to complete their bachelor’s degree. Students must meet several requirements including a 2.40 GPA in all transferable courses from all college and universities attended, and complete the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree prior to Illinois State enrollment. Redbird Promise **does not** guarantee admission for transfer students to a specific Illinois State degree program or academic college within the University. [Consult full program details](#).

Application Deadlines for Transfer Students: It is important to apply to Illinois State one year in advance of the semester of attendance. Depending on enrollment patterns, it may not be possible to admit all qualified applicants.

Term	Preferred Filing Period	Application Deadline	Required Document Deadline
Summer and Fall	August 1 – Jan. 15	May 1	June 1
Spring	April 1 – Aug. 1	Nov. 1	As space allows

Application Fee: \$50.00. The fee must be received by the supporting document deadline for the term for which the student is applying. [Request a fee waiver](#).

Transfer students must apply using ISU's own application instead of the common application.

Transfer Scholarships: Students who have completed the application for fall admission during the preferred filing period and submitted their FAFSA between October 1 and November 15 will have the best opportunity to receive a scholarship. For students admitted to the spring term, submit the FAFSA a year prior to the term in which the student is planning to enroll. (Example: A student applying for the spring 2022 term is encouraged to submit the FAFSA by the November 15, 2021, preferential filing date). ISU offers an online [ScholarshipFinder](#) search tool.

- Automatic Transfer Scholarship: Minimum \$500 per year, and up to \$3,000 over two years. Students with a 3.5 GPA and 24+ completed college credits at a college other than Illinois State will automatically receive an award.
- Legacy Scholarship: New transfer students who have a parent or grandparent that attended Illinois State will receive a \$500 scholarship each year for up to four years.
- Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship: \$500 per year, renewable for one additional year of your undergraduate career.

- **AA Satisfies Lower Division General Education Requirements.** Students completing the Associate in Arts degree will satisfy ISU's general education requirements.
- **AS does not Satisfy Lower Division General Education Requirements.** Students must complete an additional 3 credits of Social Behavioral Science and an additional 3 credits of Humanities or Fine arts to satisfy ISU's general education requirements. These additional credits can be completed after transfer, or before transfer within the electives area of the AS degree. *Consult a BHC advisor prior to pursuing the AS degree.*
- **AMALI (Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, or Indigenous Peoples of the World):** This ISU graduation requirement (formerly known as Global Studies), can be met by selecting a BHC IAI general education course designated non-western studies.
- **IAI Participant:** Yes
- **Accepts IAI General Education Core Curriculum that Includes non-IAI Approved Courses:** Yes.
- **Calculation of Admission Grade Point Average:** Illinois State generally uses all grades shown on all college transcripts to determine an admission grade point average. However, for repeated courses, only the last grade is included. In addition, remedial course grades will not be used for admission purposes.
- **Catalog Rule:** Transfer students will be placed in the catalog associated with their term of ISU admission. Transfer students are eligible for a previous catalog if it is in the student's best interest. With approval, the student can move to a catalog of up to two years prior to the assigned catalog.
- **Education Majors:** Admission into Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Level, and Special Education programs is highly competitive. Students should apply early in the priority filing period. Not all eligible candidates will be admitted due to space limits.
- **Financial Aid Filing Deadline:** November 15th. For best consideration file as soon as possible after October 1 in the year prior to admission.
- **Foreign Language:** All students in the [College of Arts and Sciences \(CAS\)](#) must satisfy a foreign language graduation requirement that may be met by: three years of the same foreign language in high school or completion of the second semester or higher of college-level foreign language (including American Sign Language) with a passing grade or equivalent proficiency as determined by examination. Bachelor of Arts candidates must complete a foreign language at a level equivalent to three college semesters. These are not requirements for admission, but for graduation.
- **Grades of "D":** Credit will be granted for grades of "D" once a student has been admitted. Admission into some majors requires a higher GPA and/or specific coursework with grades of "C" or above. ENG 101 & ENG 102 must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
- **Housing:** On campus housing is limited for junior standing transfer students; however, the Housing Office staff is available to assist students with their off campus housing search.
- **May Complete IAI GECC after Transfer:** Yes, if the student has earned 30 or more hours of transfer credit.
- **Maximum Community College Hours Accepted in Transfer:** ISU will accept a maximum of 70 credit hours from two-year community colleges.
- **Minimum Credit Hours to Apply as a Transfer Student without High School Transcript and ACT:** Twenty four (24) transferable and graded semester hours.
- **Native ISU Students and IAI:** Native Illinois State students transferring course credit from a community college (e.g. summer session) should not follow the IAI curriculum. Native students include students who began as freshman at Illinois State and will be returning to Illinois State University without the Associate of Arts or Science degree. These students need to follow Illinois State's General Education Core. Native ISU students should determine course selection in consultation with an academic advisor at ISU.
- **Nursing.** Offered in the Mennonite College of Nursing. For both the BSN prelicensure program and the RN to BSN degree, general education courses can be completed by 1) AA degree, or 2) Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Education Core Curriculum.
 - **BSN prelicensure program:** Applications will only be accepted for the fall term. The next application period, which will be for fall 2022 enrollment, is August 1, 2021–January 15, 2022. Admission decisions will be released after March 1, 2022. Admission and pre-requisite details for transfer students can be found on the ISU website at [Nursing \(BSN\) – Traditional](#).

- **RN to BSN program:** Applications from licensed registered nurses will be accepted on a rolling basis for spring or fall starts. 38 spots are held for transfer students. Program is 100% online; students may attend full-time or part-time. Admission and pre-requisite details students can be found on the ISU website at [Nursing \(RN to BSN\)](#).
- **Repeated Courses:** A student who completes a course, or drops a course after the tenth day of classes receiving a grade of WX, may repeat that course once. For students receiving a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F, the course repetition must occur at Illinois State University and may not be taken under the credit/no credit (pass/fail) option.
- **Selective Majors:** Students who qualify for admission into the University, but who do not get admitted into their selected education program, will be given the undeclared student major if they qualify (minimum 2.4 GPA; average admitted 3.1 GPA) and space is available.

This guide is provided as a service to BHC students and information is subject to change. Students should work with a BHC advisor and the transfer school to keep informed of changes. Responsibility for complying with all transfer information rests with the student.

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