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APPLICATION &  
**ADMISSION**

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2020 - 2021



UNIVERSITY OF  
**ILLINOIS**  
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



## DATES & DEADLINES

Our freshman application opens on September 1, with an early action deadline of November 15 and a regular decision deadline of January 5. Students who meet our early action deadline may receive the best chance for being admitted to our most selective programs and special attention for admission to honors programs and for merit awards.

In order to allow students additional time to potentially retest and to provide a thorough holistic review during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are suspending the early action notification for the 2021 application cycle. *All students will be notified with a decision in mid-February.* An email will be sent to applicants with the exact day and time.

September 1  
2020

November 15  
2020

January 5  
2021

Mid-February  
2021

By April 1  
2021

Application  
Opens

Early Action  
Deadline

Regular Decision  
Deadline

Admission  
Notification

Honors & Scholarship  
Notification

## TEST OPTIONAL

We will not require students applying for fall 2021 freshman admission to submit SAT or ACT test results since the COVID-19 pandemic has limited their opportunities to take the exams. We encourage students to report their scores if they feel they accurately represent their ability. Students should carefully consider their decision, as they will not be able to change it later. Test scores are not required to be considered for merit-based scholarships or honors programs. Applicants who don't report ACT or SAT scores and haven't completed at least three full years of secondary education in an English-speaking country are required to submit a TOEFL or IELTS exam to demonstrate English proficiency.

## COUNSELOR PORTAL

In addition to the Student Explanation Form, you now have the ability to submit a School Explanation Form through our counselor portal. Once you submit this form, the information will be available to reviewers for all applicants from your high school. We encourage you to use this form to update us on course delivery methods and grading changes at your school due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

May 1  
2021

May 15  
2021

June  
2021

Deadline to Accept  
Offer of Admission

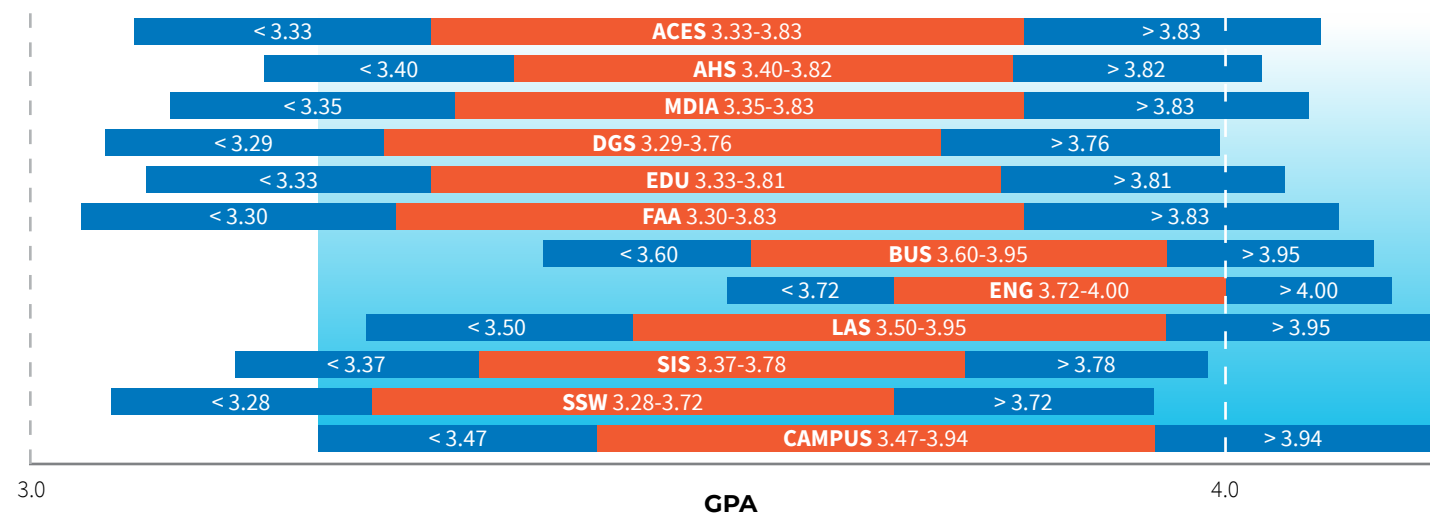
Housing Priority  
Deadline

New Student  
Registration

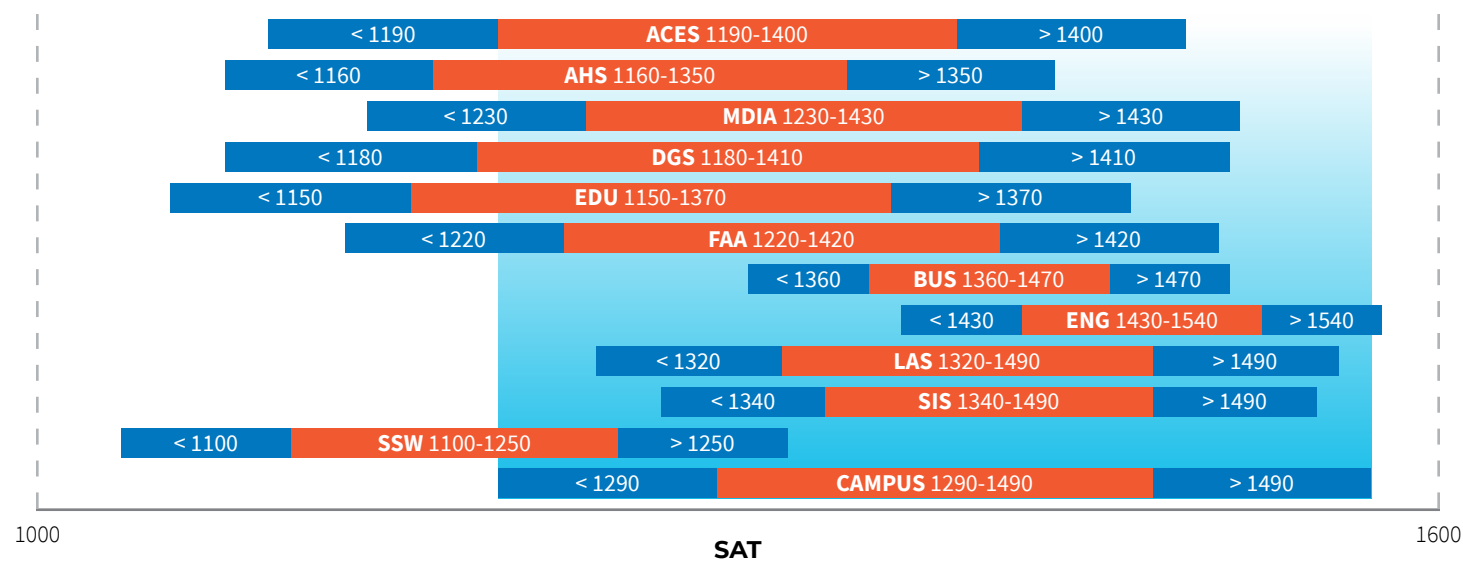
## SELECTIVITY

The following graphs showcase the selectivity of our colleges for fall 2020. GPA is based on academic courses only using an unweighted 4.0 scale.

Middle 50% of Admitted Students



3.0 GPA 4.0



1000 SAT 1600

Middle 50% Lower/Upper 25%

## SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SCIENCES

Did you know that our professional school of library and information studies, **ranked #1 in the country** by *U.S. News & World Report*, offers a Bachelor of Science in Information Sciences? Focused on programming, database concepts, and research methods in combination with broader social issues such as information equity and ethics, this major prepares students to become information science specialists who understand the human perspective, social context, and policy implications of information in society.

## GIES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Offering a robust selection of top-ranked programs, direct access to renowned faculty on the leading edge of the field, and immediate success upon graduation, our Gies College of Business never does anything by halves. It is an institution designed to support the most ambitious and driven learners and leaders.

### How It Compares

#### Gies College of Business

- 3,000 undergraduates
- 18:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- 8 top 20 business programs (*U.S. News & World Report*)
- 99% placement rate

#### Kelley School of Business

- 8,000 undergraduates
- 24:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- 10 top 20 business programs (*U.S. News & World Report*)
- 96% placement rate





# MAJORS

Visit [go.illinois.edu/majors](http://go.illinois.edu/majors) for the most up-to-date list and to learn more about each individual major, including career outcomes.

## College of Agricultural, Consumer, & Environmental Sciences (ACES)

- ACES Undeclared
- Agricultural & Biological Engineering
- Agricultural & Consumer Economics
  - Agri-Accounting
  - Agribusiness, Markets, & Management
  - Consumer Economics & Finance
  - Environmental Economics & Policy
  - Farm Management
  - Finance in Agribusiness
  - Financial Planning
  - Policy, International Trade, & Development
  - Public Policy & Law
- Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications
  - Agricultural Communications - Advertising
  - Agricultural Communications - Journalism
  - Agricultural Education
  - Organizational & Community Leadership

- Animal Sciences
- Computer Science & Animal Sciences**
- Computer Science & Crop Sciences
- Crop Sciences
- Food Science & Human Nutrition
  - Dietetics
  - Food Science
  - Hospitality Management
  - Human Nutrition
- Human Development & Family Studies
- Metropolitan Food & Environmental Systems**

- Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences
- Technical Systems Management

## College of Applied Health Sciences (AHS)

- Community Health
- Health Sciences, Interdisciplinary
- Kinesiology
- Recreation, Sport, & Tourism
- Speech & Hearing Science
- Teacher Education: Kinesiology - Physical Education (K-12)

## College of Education (EDU)

- Early Childhood Education (*Birth-Grade 2*)
- Elementary Education (*Grades 1-6*)
- Learning & Education Studies
- Middle Grades Education (*Grades 5-8*)
- Special Education

## College of Fine & Applied Arts (FAA)

- Architectural Studies
- Art & Art History\*
- Art Education (K-12)\*
- Computer Science & Music\*
- Dance\*
- Graphic Design\*
- Industrial Design\*
- Jazz Performance\*
- Landscape Architecture
- Lyric Theatre\*
- Music\*
- Music Composition\*
- Music Education (K-12)\*
- Music Instrumental Performance\*

- Music Open Studies\*
- Music Voice Performance\*
- Musicology\*
- Photography\*
- Studio Art\*
- Sustainable Design**
- Theatre\*
  - Acting
  - **Arts & Entertainment Technology**
  - Costume Design & Technology
  - Lighting Design & Technology
  - Scenic Design
  - Scenic Technology
  - Sound Design & Technology
  - Stage Management
  - Theatre Studies

## Urban Studies & Planning

## College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (LAS)

- Actuarial Science
- African American Studies
- Anthropology
- Asian American Studies
- Astronomy
- Atmospheric Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Biology
  - Integrative Biology
  - Molecular & Cellular Biology
- Brain & Cognitive Science**
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Classics
- Communication
- Comparative & World Literature
- Computer Science & Anthropology

- Computer Science & Astronomy
- Computer Science & Chemistry
- Computer Science & Economics
- Computer Science & Geography & Geographic Information Science
- Computer Science & Linguistics
- Computer Science & Philosophy
- Creative Writing
- Earth, Society, & Environmental Sustainability
- East Asian Languages & Cultures
- Econometrics & Quantitative Economics
- Economics
- English
- French
- Gender & Women's Studies
- Geography & Geographic Information Science
- Geology
- Germanic Studies
- Global Studies
- History
- History of Art
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Italian
- Latin American Studies
- Latina/Latino Studies
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Mathematics & Computer Science
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Portuguese
- Psychology
- Religion
- Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies
- Secondary Education
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Earth Science
  - English
  - Mathematics
  - Physics
  - Social Studies
- Slavic Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Statistics & Computer Science

## Teacher Education (K-12)

- French
- German
- Spanish

## College of Media (MDIA)

- Advertising
- Computer Science & Advertising
- Journalism
- Media & Cinema Studies

## Division of General Studies (DGS)

Undeclared †

## Gies College of Business (BUS)

- Accountancy
- Finance
- Information Systems
- Management
- Marketing
- Operations Management
- Strategic Business Development & Entrepreneurship
- Supply Chain Management

## Grainger College of Engineering (ENG)

- Aerospace Engineering
- Agricultural & Biological Engineering
- Bioengineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Mechanics
- Industrial Engineering
- Materials Science & Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nuclear, Plasma, & Radiological Engineering
- Physics, Engineering
- Systems Engineering & Design

## School of Information Sciences (SIS)

- Information Sciences

## School of Social Work (SSW)

- Social Work

## Pre-Professional Paths

Pre-professional paths at UIUC are academic tracks for students who plan on going into specific professions. Advising for pre-health options is offered by our Career Center, while pre-law advising is offered through the Campus Center for Advising and Academic Services.

- Pre-Dentistry
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Nursing
- Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Secondary Education
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine

## Notes

\* Students must pass an audition, portfolio review, and/or interview for acceptance into this major.

† If students are undecided about their major or would like to explore various majors on campus, they may apply as Undeclared in the Division of General Studies (DGS). The academic advisors in DGS will help them find a major that meets their academic interests and goals.

## Changes for 2020-2021

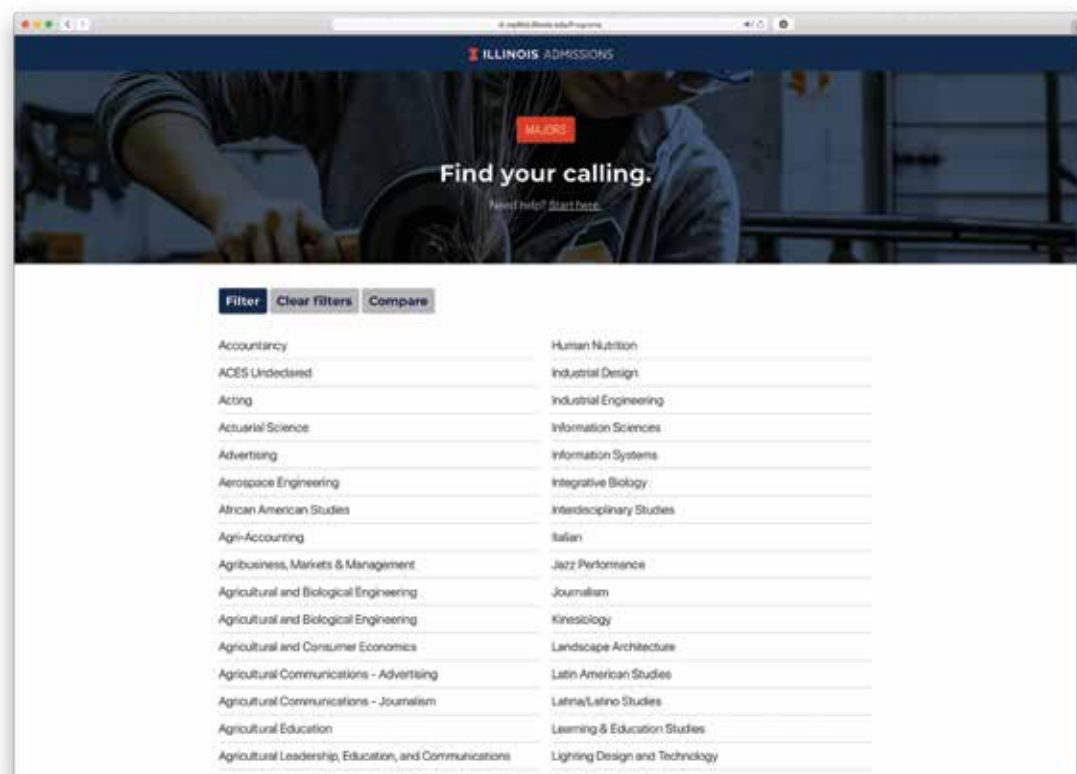
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- Computer Science & Animal Sciences is now being offered as a major. (ACES)
- Metropolitan Food & Environmental Systems is now being offered as a major. (ACES)
- Sustainable Design is now being offered as a major. (FAA)
- Arts & Entertainment Technology is now being offered as a concentration within Theatre; students can apply directly into this program. (FAA)
- Teacher Education (K-12): Latin, Japanese, and Mandarin Chinese are no longer being offered as majors. (LAS)

## PROGRAM EXPLORER

We continue to improve our program explorer to help students better explore our majors.

Students can learn the most up-to-date information for each major we offer, including what the program entails, how much the program costs, and post-graduation stats. In addition, students can filter majors based on college and interest/Holland personality type. If they don't know their Holland type, they can take a quiz to find out.

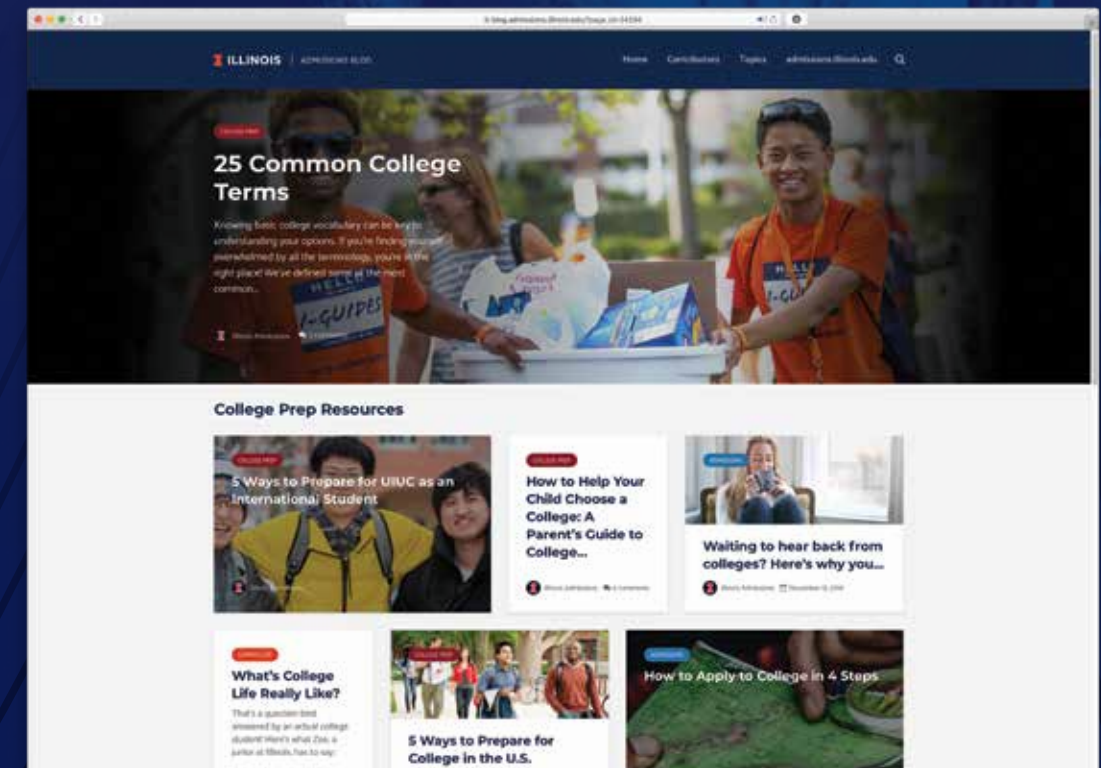
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## COLLEGE SEARCH BLOGS

We're here to guide students throughout their college search process, whether UIUC is on their list of potential colleges or not. To this end, we write blog posts focused on college preparation. We hope they prove to be a helpful resource for your students this school year.

[GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/COLLEGEPREP](https://go.illinois.edu/collegerep)





# ILLINOIS COMMITMENT

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Illinois Commitment covers tuition and campus fees for up to four years for all qualified in-state students.

- Admitted as a new freshman or transfer student
- Residents of the state of Illinois and Illinois high school graduates
- Family income of \$67,100 or less and family assets of \$50,000 or less
  - Under the age of 24

# AIM HIGH

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AIM HIGH provides \$5,000 per year to the top 5% of qualifying new in-state freshmen.

- Top 5% of qualifying new freshmen admitted to each college
- Residents of the state of Illinois and Illinois high school graduates
- Demonstrated financial need, with a household income of no greater than six times the federal poverty level, and a FAFSA filed by January 5

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## APPLICATION WORKSHEET

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This worksheet is designed to help guide you as you apply to UIUC. You can also find it online at [go.illinois.edu/appworksheet](https://go.illinois.edu/appworksheet).

### Timeline

**September 1** – Application opens

**October 15** – Suggested application submission date

**November 15** – Early action deadline

**January 5** – Regular decision deadline

**Mid-February** – Admission notification

*Possible decisions: admit, deny, wait list*

### Application Materials

Before starting the application, have a copy of your high school transcript, any test score results you intend to report, and a credit card if you plan to pay the application fee upon submission. To access your transcript,

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*(Request it from your counselor or Log in to our high school portal)*

### Citizenship/Residency

If you have questions about citizenship and/or Illinois residency when filling out this section of the application, please see your counselor.

### High School Information

#### Grading Scale

Select \_\_\_\_\_  
*(A-F/Letter, Other)*

#### Grading Scale/Conversion

Enter \_\_\_\_\_

#### Class Rank/Class Size

Enter \_\_\_\_\_

#### GPA

Select \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Unweighted, Weighted, or N/A)*

#### Graduation Date

Enter \_\_\_\_\_

### Courses Years 9-11

You don't need to send transcripts to UIUC during the application process. Instead, you'll self-report your grades. This section can take 30 to 45 minutes to complete. Enter all information exactly as it appears on your transcript.

#### Term

Report all courses in \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Semesters, Trimesters, Quarters, or All Year)*

## Courses Years 9-11 (continued)

### Subject

English—*English, Drama, Speech,*

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Social Science—*History, Government, Economics, Psychology, Geography, Sociology,*

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Technical—*CAD, Computer Science, PLTW,*

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Other—*All electives, including Health,*

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## Test Scores (if provided)

### ACT/SAT & TOEFL/IELTS Exams

You'll report the highest ACT composite and/or SAT total you've received, along with the highest sub-scores regardless of test date. My highest scores are:

#### ACT Score & Date

Composite \_\_\_\_\_

English \_\_\_\_\_

Math \_\_\_\_\_

Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Science \_\_\_\_\_

Writing \_\_\_\_\_

#### SAT Score & Date

Total \_\_\_\_\_

EBRW \_\_\_\_\_

Math \_\_\_\_\_

Writing & Language \_\_\_\_\_

TOEFL/IELTS \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Challenges

This optional section can help explain a low grade, a drop in grade, special circumstances related to COVID-19, or any other issue pertaining to your academic history.

## Major

Choosing a second-choice major will ensure you're considered for all avenues of admission. If you only choose one major, you'll be reviewed for that major.

Choose one major if you are very firm on your major and will only go to a school that admits you to that program.

- If you select a second-choice major, you'll be reviewed for your first choice. If you aren't admissible, you'll be considered for your second choice. Illinois residents who aren't admissible to either major will be considered for all avenues of admission, including the Division of General Studies (DGS).
- If you select a specific major as your second choice, you must write a second essay about your interest in that program. If you select DGS as your second choice, you don't have to write a second essay.
- If you're admitted to an alternate major, you'll still be considered wait listed for your first-choice major if space opens up later.

## Essay

The Essay section of the Coalition Profile won't be required or used in our admission review if submitted. However, there is a required essay within our application pages.

Explain your interest in the major you selected and describe how you have recently explored or developed this interest inside and/or outside the classroom. You may also explain how this major relates to your future career goals. If you're applying to DGS, explain your academic interests and strengths or your future career goals. You may include any majors or areas of study you're currently considering. Limit your response to 300 to 400 words. If you select a second-choice major other than DGS on your application, write a second essay explaining your interest in this major, too. Again, limit your response to 300 to 400 words.

# VIRTUAL VISITS

UIUC now offers a variety of virtual visit options, including admissions info sessions, counselor one-on-ones, college meetings, virtual tours, and more. Students can learn more about our options and sign up at [go.illinois.edu/visit](https://go.illinois.edu/visit).

## In-Person Visits

We're excited to host in-person visits again soon. We encourage students to check our website to see if these opportunities are currently available.



# CONTACTS

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## Office of Undergraduate Admissions

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[admissions.illinois.edu](http://admissions.illinois.edu)

## Director of Undergraduate Admissions

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## Chicago Satellite Office

Illini Center, 19th Floor  
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Chicago, IL 60606  
217-333-0313

## Office of Student Financial Aid

Student Services Arcade  
620 East John Street  
Champaign, IL 61820  
217-333-0100  
[osfa.illinois.edu](http://osfa.illinois.edu)

## Campus Visits

217-333-0824  
[visits@illinois.edu](mailto:visits@illinois.edu)

## Recruiting Visits & Application Questions

217-333-0302  
[admissions@illinois.edu](mailto:admissions@illinois.edu)

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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## Counselor Website

[admissions.illinois.edu/counselors](http://admissions.illinois.edu/counselors)

## Admissions FAQ

[admissions.illinois.edu/faq](http://admissions.illinois.edu/faq)

## Application Information

[admissions.illinois.edu/Apply/Freshman](http://admissions.illinois.edu/Apply/Freshman)



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