

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign Info Guide

Demographics

- African American: 3,003 (5.7%)
- Asian American: 8,579 (16.3%)
- Hispanic: 5,911 (11.2%)
- Multiracial: 1,554 (2.9%)
- Native American: 18 (0.03%)
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 25 (0.04%)
- White: 21,627 (41.3%)
- International: 9,363 (17.8%)
- Unknown: 2,251 (4.3%)

Rankings

- 18:1 Student-Faculty Ratio
- 33, 850 undergraduates (a large school)
- #1 most students of color among top ranked Midwest universities
- 19 Big Ten, Division I sports
- #15 public universities in the U.S.
- #6 Engineering Program
- #1 return on investment in the Big Ten
- 26 Pulitzer Prize Winners
- 23 Nobel Prize Winners
- 400 study abroad programs in 65 countries

Things to Do

- Pygmalion: a September Festival filled with food, music, and fun
- Illinois Marathon: A Boston Marathon qualifier
- Market at the Square
- Japan House
- Krannert: performing arts venue
- State Farm Center

Housing

- Living Learning Communities (LLCs)
- Private Certified Housing

Regular Housing

Urbana North

- Illinois Street Residence (ISR)
- Busey
- Evans
- Allen
- Lincoln Avenue Residence (LAR)

Urban South

- Pennsylvania Avenue Residence (PAR)
- Florida Avenue Residence (FAR)

Ikenberry North

- Lundgren
- Barton
- Weston
- Hopkins
- Wassaja
- Nugent

Ikenberry South

- Bousfield
- Scott
- Snyder
- Van Doren
- Taft

Private Certified Housing

- For people who need extra amenities
 - Air conditioning
 - Larger rooms
 - Singles
 - Semi-private/private bathrooms
- Houses
- Check out [this](#) virtual booklet to learn what each house offers and compare them
 - Armory House
 - Bromley Hall
 - Hendrick House
 - Illini Chabad
 - Illini Tower
 - Koinonia
 - Nabor House
 - Newman Hall
 - Presby Hall
 - Stratford House

Living Learning Community

LLCs

- Business LLC
- Global Crossroads
- Health Professions
- Honors LLC
- Innovation LLC
- Intersections
- LEADS (Leadership Experience through Academic Development and Service)
- Sustainability
- Unit One/Allen Hall
- Weston Exploration
- (WIMSE) Women in Math, Science and Engineering

Applying

Admission Requirements

- English: 4 years required
- Math: 3 or 3.5 years required, 4 years recommended
- Social sciences: 2 years required, 4 years recommended
- Lab sciences: 2 years required, 4 years recommended
- Language other than English: 2 years required, 4 years recommended
- Flexible academic units: 2 years required, 4+ years recommended

Test Scores

- Can submit ACT or SAT
- Test-optional

SAT Range	1210-1470
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ACT Range	26-32
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- These numbers vary based on the specific college you're going to

Essays (2-3)

1. Personal Statement (250-650 words): Choose one of the below portals to fill out the essay.

Each site has different topics.

- a. myIllini
 - b. Commonapp
 - c. Coalition
2. Major-based Essay (3 options)*
 - a. If You're Applying to a Major:

- i. In the past 3 to 4 years, what experience(s) have you had (inside or outside of the classroom) related to your selected first-choice major or academic interest?
 - ii. How does your selected first-choice major relate to your future career goals?
- b. If You're Applying to Our Undeclared Program:
 - i. What are your academic interests and strengths? You may also include any majors you are considering.
 - ii. What are your future academic or career goals?
- c. If You've Selected a Second-Choice Major (Including Undeclared):
 - i. You have selected a second-choice major. Please explain your interest in that major or your overall academic or career goals.

Extra

- No recommendation letters/additional materials required or accepted
 - (Except for Fine and Applied Arts Applications)
- Application Fee: \$75
- Applicants are automatically considered for scholarships and honors programs. There is no additional application needed.
- You should definitely select a second choice major because it will allow you another chance to get in if you are denied based on your first choice major.
- [FAQ](#)
- Quad Day: Learn about all the clubs and student life
- [Admissions Blog](#) written by college students has some great articles

Timeline

- September 1: App opens
- November 1: Priority Admission Deadline
- From the UIUC Website “Meeting this deadline may give you the best chance for being admitted to our most selective programs. You may also receive special attention for admission to honors programs and for merit awards.”
- January 5: Regular Admission Deadline

- Mid-February: Admission Notification
- April 1: Honors and Scholarship Notification
- May 1: National College Decision Day

Research

- #1 in University Research Funding From the National Science Foundation
- Research Park
 - has many Fortune 500 and start-up companies
 - Enterprise Works: incubator facility that launches tech companies
 - 800+ student interns
- Starting a business
 - iVenture Accelerator
 - Student-led startups
 - Cozad New Venture Challenge
 - Create a new business
 - Mentoring
 - Grand Prize Winner (\$20,000)

Student Reviews

- “U of I is a great school for independent ambitious self-starters. If you seek academic support or nurturing faculty, look to your peers, as most profs teach to large lecture halls and rarely know students personally in the larger degree programs (Business, Engineering, etc.) Made life-long friends at U of I - great people! Ambitious, hardworking, and high caliber.... U of I’s strong academic reputation is largely fueled by the highly selective nature of admissions, where top students produce top results for the school. Research is a priority for many of the professors.”
- “The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is a great institution for higher education. While it is true that UIUC is known for its Engineering and Business programs, exceptional professors and other resources are available across the board. Alongside stellar education, campus life at this university is awesome. There are so many fun things to do around campus, including bowling, shopping, and simply going out for a meal with friends.

University recreation is also stellar, including workout equipment, pools, and rock-climbing. Overall, UIUC is a great school! Go Illini!”

- “As the University is a large institution, it offers students so, so, SO many diverse opportunities! For example, I wanted to study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country, and the university offered multiple study abroad programs! I also wanted to get experience presenting research at conferences as an undergraduate, and I was able to present at a different on-campus conference each year--starting just my first semester of freshman year! Need a grant to do research as an underclassmen or upperclassmen?? Fear not! The university has research grants that students can apply for and use on campus or anywhere in the world. PS. The university's pervasive drinking culture may very likely annoy you, like it annoyed me, if you are not into drinking.”

Resources

<https://blog.admissions.illinois.edu/>

<https://illinois.edu/>

<https://illinois.edu/admissions/index.html>

<https://illinois.edu/academics/index.html>

<https://www.niche.com/colleges/university-of-illinois-at-urbana-champaign/>