

# EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

**2024-2025  
TRANSFER GUIDE**



# EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Here at Eastern Illinois University, you can become part of a tight-knit community that puts you first and foremost. We offer not only an exceptional education but also the academic, financial, and personal support you need to make your dreams a reality.

Imagine yourself, on a day not too long from now, being cheered on as you walk proudly down the aisle in your cap and gown, filled with confidence and purpose, ready to change the world. That's the day everyone at EIU is working towards. That's the **you** we're here to help you create.

**Welcome home, future Panther!**

## OLD MAIN

Often referred to as "The Castle", Old Main is Eastern's flagship building constructed in 1899. You'll recognize its outline in the University's logo and see it featured both on and off campus as an essential icon of EIU.



**15:1**  
STUDENT TO  
FACULTY RATIO

**40%**  
OF EIU STUDENTS ARE  
TRANSFER STUDENTS





# MAJORS, MINORS & PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Employers love our students because they know EIU students are being well-prepared for success in the classroom. That's why more than 200 recruiters from all over come to our campus job fairs. Our Career Services team works hard to ensure you put your best foot forward when looking for jobs! Plus, you can connect with them even before you start classes at EIU if you need help choosing a major.

VISIT [EIU.EDU/MAJORS](http://EIU.EDU/MAJORS) TO CONNECT YOUR INTERESTS TO OUR MAJORS.



**91%**  
of EIU undergraduates  
**SECURE EMPLOYMENT**  
in professional positions  
or make plans to attend  
**GRADUATE SCHOOL**  
(8% HIGHER THAN  
THE NATIONAL AVERAGE)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	MAJOR/OPTION	MINOR
Aging Studies		•
Communication Disorders & Sciences	•	•
Community Health	•	
Emergency Management & Disaster Preparedness	•	
Exercise Science	•	
Health Administration	•	
Health Communication	•	•
Health & Medical Humanities		•
Health Sciences	•	
Human Services	•	•
Kinesiology, Sport & Recreation		•
Military Science		•
Nursing (RN to BSN Completion)	•	
Nutrition & Dietetics	•	•
Pre-Athletic Training	•	
Pre-Chiropractic		•
Pre-Dentistry		•
Pre-Medicine		•
Pre-Occupational Therapy	•	
Pre-Optometry		•
Pre-Pharmacy		•
Pre-Physical Therapy	•	
Pre-Physician's Assistant		•
Pre-Podiatry		•
Pre-Veterinary Medicine		•
Public Health		•
Sport & Recreation Management	•	
Workplace Wellness		•

ARTS	MAJOR/OPTION	MINOR
Art (BA & BFA)	•	
Art History	•	•
Creative Writing		•
Fashion Merchandising & Design	•	•
Film Studies		•
Graphic Design (BA & BFA)	•	•
Jazz Studies		•
Music	•	•
Music Performance	•	
Music Technology		•
Studio Art (BA & BFA)	•	•
Theatre	•	•

SOCIAL SCIENCES	MAJOR/OPTION	MINOR
Anthropology		•
Civic & Nonprofit Leadership	•	•
Criminology & Criminal Justice	•	•
Economics	•	•
Environmental/Physical Geography	•	
Geographic Information Sciences		•
Geography	•	•
Human Geography	•	
Political Science	•	•
Psychology	•	•
Sociology	•	•

EDUCATION	MAJOR/OPTION	MINOR
Art - Teaching	•	
Career & Technical Education	•	
Computer Science: Teaching		•
Early Childhood Education	•	
Early Childhood Program Administration		•
Elementary Education (Grades 1-6)	•	
English Language Arts: Teaching	•	•
History: Teaching	•	•
Kinesiology, Sport, & Recreation: Physical Education Teaching	•	•
Mathematics: Teaching (Grades 9-12)	•	•
Middle Level Education (Grades 5-8)	•	
Music: Teaching	•	
Public Health: Teaching		•
Science: Teaching (Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Earth Science, & Physics)	•	
Special Education	•	
World Languages & Cultures: Teaching (French, German, & Spanish)	•	•

HUMANITIES	MAJOR/OPTION	MINOR
Africana Studies		•
Asian Studies		•
Broadcast Journalism	•	
Communication & Cultural Diversity		•
Communication in Organizations	•	
Communication Studies	•	•
Corporate Communication	•	
English	•	•
Ethics		•
History	•	•
Integrative Studies (Philosophy)	•	
Interdisciplinary Studies	•	
Interpersonal Communication	•	
International Studies (Economics, History, & Political Science)	•	
Journalism	•	•
Latin American & Latinx Studies		•
Literary & Cultural Studies	•	•
Mass Communication	•	•
Philosophy	•	•
Photojournalism		•
Pre-Law		•
Premodern Global Studies		•
Professional Writing		•
Public Affairs Reporting	•	
Public History		•
Religious Studies		•
Sports Media Relations	•	•
Strategic Social Media Communication		•
Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies		•
World Languages & Cultures (French, German, & Spanish)	•	•

BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY	MAJOR/OPTION	MINOR
Accounting	•	•
Advertising		•
Business Administration	•	•
Business Analytics & Information Systems	•	•
Computer and Information Technology	•	•
Computer Science	•	•
Construction Management	•	
Cybersecurity & Risk Management		•
Digital Media Technology	•	•
Electrical Engineering	•	
Engineering (co-op)	•	
Engineering Technology	•	•
Pre-Engineering	•	
Entrepreneurship		•
Finance	•	•
Financial Literacy		•
Hospitality & Tourism	•	
Human Resource Management		•
Management	•	•
Management Information Systems		•
Marketing	•	•
Meeting & Event Management		•
Operations & Supply Chain Management		•
Organizational Development	•	
Organizational Leadership		•
Public Relations	•	•
Radio & Audio Production		•
Social Media Engagement		•
Talent Development		•
Television & Video Production	•	
Video Production		•

NATURAL SCIENCES	MAJOR/OPTION	MINOR
Astronomy	•	
Biochemistry	•	•
Biological Sciences	•	•
Broadcast Meteorology		•
Chemistry (BA & BS)	•	•
Clinical Laboratory Science (co-op)	•	
Computational Physics	•	
Earth Science		•
Engineering Physics	•	
Environmental Biology	•	
Environmental Impact & Sustainability		•
Geology	•	•
Mathematics	•	•
Neuroscience	•	•
Physics	•	•

Honors Programs available in most departments.



# AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

EIU IS CONSISTENTLY RANKED AMONG THE BEST VALUE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES IN THE NATION.



OUR STUDENTS SAVE AN AVERAGE OF

**\$1200**

USING TEXTBOOK RENTAL!

## COST TO ATTEND EASTERN

BASED ON 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR	IN-STATE	OUT-OF-STATE*
TUITION	\$9,903	\$12,379
TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEE	\$293	\$293
PROGRAM/ SERVICES FEES	\$3,427**	\$3,427**
ROOM & BOARD	\$10,862**	\$10,862**
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,485**</b>	<b>\$26,961**</b>

\*All residents of bordering states to Illinois (Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri & Wisconsin) and academically talented out-of-state transfers with a 3.0 GPA pay in-state tuition.  
\*\*Based on 30 hours of enrollment and the 12-plus meal plan for incoming students.  
NOTE: Tuition is based on \$330 per credit hour for in-state residents and \$412 per credit hour for non-residents.



To get a personalized net-cost estimate, visit [eiu.edu/cost](http://eiu.edu/cost).  
See just how affordable Eastern could be for you!



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Over \$52 million in scholarships and awards were given to EIU students during the 2022-23 school year (more than \$14,000 per student on average).

### TRANSFER AUTOMATIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Must have at least 15 credit hours transferred from an accredited college or university.

#### TIER ONE

**GPA: 3.5 - 4.0 - \$5,000\***  
(\$2,500 awarded annually)

#### TIER TWO

**GPA: 3.0 - 3.49 - \$3,000\***  
(\$1,500 awarded annually)

\*Renewable up to 4 consecutive semesters if renewal criteria is met.

### SUCCESS & ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Students who do not meet the above GPA requirements, but showcase leadership and involvement - **\$4,000**  
(\$1,000 awarded annually)



### PHI THETA KAPPA

**GPA: MINIMUM 3.5 - \$1,000**

(\$1,000 one-time award)

- Fall admissions only
- Associate degree required
- Application deadline is March 15

### GUARANTEED TUITION RATE

The Guaranteed Tuition Rate Program ensures your first-year tuition rate at EIU will remain the same for four continuous academic years. Even if tuition costs rise during your time at EIU, yours will not.



### PANTHER PROMISE TUITION WAIVER

Students from households with an annual income ranging from:

**\$55,000 TO \$100,000 WILL RECEIVE UP TO \$2,500** towards tuition for up to eight semesters.

### EIU PROMISE PROGRAM

EIU will reduce the cost of your remaining tuition and required fees to \$0 if you meet the following criteria:

- **YOUR FAMILY'S ANNUAL INCOME IS \$66,000 OR LESS**
- You have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- You are an Illinois resident
- You have your financial aid packaged and complete by June 1
- You meet all other AIM HIGH Grant requirements

### DON'T FORGET YOUR FAFSA!

Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after it opens.

If you're an Illinois resident who isn't otherwise eligible for federal financial aid, you can submit the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid.

**OUR SCHOOL CODE 001674**

[www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)



# TRANSFER TIPS & RESOURCES



OUR  
STUDENT BODY  
REPRESENTS OVER

**45** **37**

STATES COUNTRIES

## PANTHER PLEDGE

[eiu.edu/pantherpledge](http://eiu.edu/pantherpledge)

The Panther Pledge offers community college students guaranteed admission to Eastern Illinois University to complete their bachelor's degree.

- Guaranteed Admission
- Easy Transfer Planning
- Early Connection to EIU
- Application fee will be waived

## TRANSFER CREDIT

- Eastern accepts all college-level transfer credit with the exception of remedial, developmental, or orientation courses.
- Elective credit will be awarded and applied to total hours toward graduation if there is no equivalency to a course at Eastern.
- Out of state college-level credit will be accepted with the potential to be equivalent to EIU courses. Syllabi, or course descriptions are helpful for department approval.
- EIU is a participant in the Transferology system ([www.transferology.com](http://www.transferology.com)), a free online resource where you can find out how your courses transfer.
- EIU is a full participant in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). ([www.itransfer.org](http://www.itransfer.org))
- EIU accepts credit for Nationally Standardized Tests - CLEP, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and UExcel Exams.

## A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES:

- Official college transcripts\* from each institution attended.
- If the applicant has fewer than 24 hours of college coursework at the time of application, and does not meet the test-optional admissions requirement, an official ACT or SAT test result will be required.
- Official high school transcripts\* are requested to verify high school graduation and to check for exemption from EIU's foreign language graduation requirement.

*\*Transcripts are only official when sent directly from parent institution to Eastern.*

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To achieve a baccalaureate degree, students must complete the following requirements:

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a Senior Seminar or Study Abroad Capstone and one of the following general education programs:

- Transferable baccalaureate-oriented Associate Degree
- Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum
- Courses that fit into EIU general education

### DEGREE PROGRAM

- Requirements for the major must be met.
- Majors may have specific GPA requirements. Consult catalog for details.

### 12 SEMESTER HOURS AT EIU IN MAJOR

### 40 SEMESTER HOURS OF UPPER-DIVISION COURSES

- Courses from a community college or other two-year institution will not count in this total.
- Upper-division courses at Eastern are those numbered 3000 or above.

### 30 SEMESTER HOURS FROM EIU

- 30 must be taken in the junior and senior years.
- 12 must be taken during the senior year.

### 120 SEMESTER HOURS CUMULATIVE

- All college-level credit, including electives, count toward these 120 hours.

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- Successfully complete two semesters in a single foreign language. Students may be exempt from this requirement based on foreign language taken while in high school or at their previous colleges.
  - Two years in a single foreign language in high school with a "C" average
  - Second semester of a single foreign language in college with a passing grade

### "C" OR BETTER IN ENGLISH AND SPEECH

- A transferable degree does not exempt a student from this requirement.
- A student receiving a "D" or "F" grade in English or speech will have to repeat the course.

### WRITING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT

Electronic Writing Portfolio

- Submit two papers written in EIU coursework to EWP.



## TRANSFER ADMISSIONS

GET CONNECTED TO YOUR COUNSELOR AND START YOUR TRANSFER PLANNING PROCESS!

Receive an evaluation of credit, obtain pre-advisement, and learn more about transfer policies and procedures.

Our all in commitment doesn't just apply to our traditional freshmen. Transfer students thrive at EIU because we invest the same energy in their success, no matter where their college career began.

217-581-2120 | [TRANSFER@EIU.EDU](mailto:TRANSFER@EIU.EDU) | [TRANSFER.EIU.EDU](http://TRANSFER.EIU.EDU)





# HOUSING & DINING

## MORE THAN JUST A BED

With 11 Residence Halls, 2 apartment complexes, themed floors, and a Greek Court for fraternity/sorority housing, you'll be sure to find a place to fit your needs.

Transfer students are not required to live on campus, but plenty of students choose to stay on campus because they prefer the convenience, security, and support of on-campus living.

Panther Dining offers a variety of meal plans that you can use at any of our dining centers on campus. With diverse menus, healthy eating options, and special diet accommodations, you'll never go hungry on campus.

SEE MORE REASONS TO LIVE ON CAMPUS AT [GO.EIU.EDU/LIVEON](https://go.eiu.edu/liveon)



## NEIGHBORHOOD WEEK

Neighborhood Week is a week-long event for residents in each building to compete against each another in fun-filled activities such as a relay boat race at the campus pond, Panther Baby scavenger hunt, window painting, and more! Hosted every Fall, the building that wins Neighborhood Week can claim best hall for the year.

# 91%

**OF STUDENTS SURVEYED SAID LIVING ON CAMPUS POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**

## EIU LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES:

*Transfer Connection*

*Transfer*

*Pine Honors College*

*Business & Technology*

*Roosevelt Leadership Institute*

*Health & Human Services*

*Gender Inclusive Housing - Doug DiBianco Community*



# A FUTURE FULL OF CELEBRATION

Every day, more than 116,000 EIU Alumni make an impact in the world, in big and small ways.

**NASA FLIGHT SURGEON RICK SCHEURING** serves as an integration lead for medical operations in NASA's Constellation program that will return humans to the moon and eventually take them to Mars.

**SCREENWRITER AND PRODUCER CRAIG TITLEY** has brought the world "Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief", "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.", and "Star Wars: The Clone Wars".

**STEPHANIE CARLS IS BLAZING NEW TRAILS AS AN EXPERT IN SOCIAL NETWORKING**, from her day job as an online marketing consultant to the first interactive social media show on YouTube, featured in The New York Times, Huffington Post, and NBC News.

**RONALD W. DAVIS, A STANFORD UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR KNOWN AS A PIONEER IN MOLECULAR GENETICS AND GENOMICS**, struggled with a form of dyslexia. Davis ignored advice to give up his passion for science, and instead he went on to complete requirements for four majors (chemistry, physics, math and botany) in four years at EIU.

**TEACHER AND WRITER DWAYNE REED** is a leader in education who was catapulted into notoriety by his blockbuster video, "Welcome to the Fourth Grade". Mr. Reed and his work have been featured on Good Morning America, World News Tonight, BBC News, The Jimmy Kimmel Live Show, and in The Washington Post and Time Magazine.

Want to join the club? Apply now!

**EIU PREPARES Ph.D.s** Eastern is a leader in preparing undergraduates to earn doctoral degrees. We're ranked the highest in Illinois among similar institutions and in the top 6% nationwide.



99%

ALUMNI SATISFACTION RATE



**SEE YOU SOON!** | [eiu.edu/visit](http://eiu.edu/visit)

**CAMPUS TOURS** EIU offers campus tours Monday-Friday and select Saturdays. Transfer tours on Fridays.

**OPEN HOUSES**  
Saturday, Sep. 16, 2023  
Monday, Oct. 9, 2023  
Friday, Nov. 10, 2023  
Friday, April 5, 2024

**ON-CAMPUS ADMIT DAYS**  
Friday, December 8, 2023  
Monday, February 19, 2024  
Saturday, March 2, 2024



# TRANSFER CHECKLIST

## PLANNING

- Work with an EIU Transfer Counselor for pre-advisement and credit evaluation.
- Create your MyEIU account at [my.eiu.edu](http://my.eiu.edu).

## VISIT

- Contact our admissions office to set up a tour at 217-581-2223.
- Attend Open House or other On-Campus event. Visit [eiu.edu/visit](http://eiu.edu/visit) for a full schedule of visit opportunities.

## APPLY

- Applications open one year in advance. Visit [eiu.edu/apply](http://eiu.edu/apply) to get started.
- Submit your official transcripts from all previously attended institutions.
- Submit official High School/GED transcripts electronically to [admissions@eiu.edu](mailto:admissions@eiu.edu).

## FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Complete your FAFSA at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) EIU code **(001674)**
- Alternative application available for eligible students at [isac.org](http://isac.org)
- Contact your Transfer Counselor to discuss your **Financial Aid Award Letter** and other scholarship opportunities.

## HOUSING

- Apply for on-campus housing through your MyEIU Account.
- No action is required if you are living off-campus. Begin your housing search at least 6 months prior to enrollment.

## TRANSFER ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

### 24+ SEMESTER HOURS

2.0/4.0 overall; AND 2.0/4.0 from last college attended,  
**OR**

### FEWER THAN 24 SEMESTER HOURS

2.0/4.0 overall; AND 2.0/4.0 from last college attended,  
**AND**

Meet the following high school admission criteria:

**TEST-OPTIONAL: 2.8/4.0 GPA**

**OR**

**TEST-REPORTED: 2.5/4.0 GPA AND 960 SAT OR 18 ACT**

## REGISTER

- Register for **Orientation** through your MyEIU account.
- Complete the online **D2L course** in order to connect with your Academic Advisor and receive advisement on your first semester of courses prior to orientation.
- Online students will receive an email from their Academic Advisor through their **Panthermail** account to begin the registration process.

## YOU'RE HERE!

- Move into your residence hall or apartment one week before classes begin.
- Attend **Welcome Weekend** and the second portion of Orientation the week before classes begin.
- Pick up textbooks at our **Textbook Rental Service** before classes begin. Books are mailed to online students.



GET A PERSONALIZED ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST  
AND CONNECT WITH YOUR COUNSELOR AT

[my.eiu.edu](http://my.eiu.edu)



# CONTACTS & RESOURCES

[go.eiu.edu/contact](http://go.eiu.edu/contact)

## ADMISSIONS OFFICE

admissions@eiu.edu  
217-581-2223

## ACCESSIBILITY & ACCOMMODATIONS

accommodations@eiu.edu  
217-581-6583

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

217-581-6014

## CAREER SERVICES

careers@eiu.edu  
217-581-2412

## CENTER FOR GENDER & SEXUAL DIVERSITY

lgbtqa@eiu.edu  
217-581-7117

## FINANCIAL AID

finaid@eiu.edu  
217-581-6405

## HONORS COLLEGE

honors@eiu.edu  
217-581-2017

## HOUSING & DINING

housing@eiu.edu  
217-581-5111

## INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

ids@eiu.edu  
217-581-5618

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & SCHOLARS

international@eiu.edu  
217-581-2321

## MILITARY STUDENT ASSISTANCE CENTER

veterans@eiu.edu  
217-581-7888

## NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS

nsfp@eiu.edu  
217-581-6435

## REGISTRAR (RECORDS)

records@eiu.edu  
217-581-3831

## ROTC

eiurotc@eiu.edu  
217-581-5944

## STUDENT BILLING & ACCOUNTS

bursar@eiu.edu  
217-581-3715

## TRANSFER RELATIONS

transfer@eiu.edu  
217-581-2120

## VETERANS BENEFITS

jlstout@eiu.edu  
217-581-7510

# NOTES & QUESTIONS

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