MY CHOICE: ILLINOIS TECH

We asked some current students why they chose Illinois Tech.
Here’s what they told us. No filter, unedited, uncut.
We’re a place where you can live it, see it, do it, be it, own it.

To learn more about Dane and his X-Cube puzzle, flip to page 13.
YES, ALL OF IT.

SOME SCHOOLS MAY GET A LOT OF ATTENTION. BUT AT MANY OF THEM IT’S EASY TO GET LOST IN THE CROWD. ILLINOIS TECH IS SMALL BUT MIGHTY. WE’RE SMART, CREATIVE, PROBLEM-SOLVERS. PEOPLE WHO GET THINGS DONE.

SO WE WEREN’T SURPRISED WHEN BUSINESS INSIDER NAMED ILLINOIS TECH AMONG THE “50 MOST UNDERRATED COLLEGES IN AMERICA.”** BECAUSE WE’RE COOL LIKE THAT. WE’VE GOT ALL THE CONFIDENCE OF A BEST-KEPT SECRET—EDUCATING THE BRIGHTEST STUDENTS IN THE COUNTRY, INVENTING THE FUTURE, TALKING THE TALK, AND WALKING THE WALK. AND GETTING NOTICED—WHEN IT REALLY MATTERS.

LIKE WHEN ILLINOIS TECH ALUMNUS MARTY COOPER INVENTED THE CELL PHONE.

AND WHEN 2015 GRAD DANE CHRISTIANSON BUILT HIS X-CUBE PUZZLE IN OUR IDEA SHOP AND GOT 1.6 MILLION VIEWS ON YOUTUBE (IN ITS FIRST MONTH).

AND WHEN CURRENT STUDENT ALYSSA BOWES HELPED CONSTRUCT A DEVICE TO MODEL AN ANTINEUTRINO DETECTOR.

AND WHEN ALUMNA SUSAN SOLOMON DISCOVERED THE CAUSE OF OZONE DEPLETION IN ANTARCTICA.

THEY ALL SAW A CHALLENGE—AND WENT FOR IT.

SO IF YOU’RE WONDERING WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE GO TO ILLINOIS TECH, IT’S PEOPLE LIKE THEM. PEOPLE WHO ARE CURIOUS AND SHARP AND AMBITIOUS AND REBELLIOUS. PEOPLE WITH THE AUDACITY TO DO THINGS BETTER, SMARTER, AND FASTER. PEOPLE WHO ARE READY TO LIVE, SEE, DO, BE, AND OWN IT ALL. PEOPLE LIKE YOU.

AND THERE ARE OTHER RANKINGS THAT MATTER:

WE’RE #1 IN ILLINOIS AND #40 IN THE U.S. FOR MID-CAREER EARNINGS OF GRADUATES WHO HAVE RECEIVED A BACHELOR’S DEGREE (PAYSCALE COLLEGE RETURN ON INVESTMENT REPORT 2016).

ILLINOIS TECH IS CONSISTENTLY NAMED AS AN EDUCATIONAL “BEST VALUE” BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, THE PRINCETON REVIEW, AND FISKE GUIDE TO COLLEGES.


OUR HOMETOWN OF CHICAGO IS RANKED AS ONE OF THE TOP 10 CITIES FOR TECHNOLOGY CAREERS BY CIO.
LIVE IT
OUR CAMPUS

Even though you have Chicago as your playground, there’s so much to do on Illinois Tech’s 120-acre campus, too! You can check out a comedian, go bowling, or play video games in The Bog. Attend a talk by a visiting architect. Get your hands dirty in our urban farm and play flag football in the Quad. Swim some laps in Keating and play tennis on our courts. Grab a coffee and squeeze in some ping-pong in the MTCC (while you’re there check out what’s spinning on WRT, the university’s student-run radio station).

A STYLE ALL OUR OWN

Forbes magazine called Mies Campus one of “America’s most beautiful college campuses.”

GAME ON

Love sports? We’re proud of our legacy of excellent student-athletes. At Illinois Tech you’ll get time on the court and in the field—and still get a world-class education.

If recreation and fitness are more your speed, or you just like to stay active, you can get moving at everything from cricket and yoga to dodge ball and martial arts … even a color run!

Not an athlete at all (but still love to watch sports)? At Illinois Tech we have plenty of room in our Hawk’s Nest. Join the fan club and you can get in the game, too.

QUIDDITCH OR THE AVENGERS?

At Illinois Tech you’ll be part of a smart, dynamic group of students whose interests (and eccentricities!) are apparent in our diverse list of more than 150 student organizations.

Are you interested in…

• Dance
• Comic books
• Quidditch
• Theater
• Social gaming
• Engineers Without Borders
• Magic
• Music
• Student government
• Volunteering
• Urban farming
• Skiing and snowboarding

…or one of any other tons of activities? You can do it here.

And at Illinois Tech you can even start your own student group!

Learn more: iit.edu/campus-life

Men’s: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Tennis (2017-18), Track and Field, Volleyball

Women’s: Basketball, Cross Country, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Tennis (2017-18), Track and Field, Volleyball

Want to be a Scarlet Hawk? Visit www.illinoistechathletics.com and click the Recruits tab to complete a Recruit Me Form for the sport you are interested in playing.
Our residence halls have some pretty killer features and skyline views. Illinois Tech’s State Street Village was named one of the “coolest dorms in the nation” by U.S. News & World Report. You’ll find built-in friendships. Your space—and your room to grow. Quiet places when you need it, and places to kick back when it’s time to unwind. Meet people. Study. Have a late-night debate in the lounge. Round up a group for a pick-up game. This is what college is all about.

And the amenities? Our residence halls are totally wired. And they’ve got cable, laundry, and fitness rooms, plus all the furnishings you need and 24/7 security. You’re steps from classes, the dining halls, outdoor spaces, and the train.

SMASHING PUMPKINS—OUR VARIETY OF CAMPUS TRADITION
For 12 years, Illinois Tech’s annual Pumpkin Launch has tested the engineering prowess of student teams, who design trebuchets, catapults—you name it—to see whose contraption can hurl a pumpkin the farthest.

GONE GEEK OR GONE GREEK?
All Illinois Tech you can do both. Our six fraternities and three sororities emphasize academics, community service, and leadership. You’ll be a part of a supportive community where at the end of the day Tech rules. You can study hard, have fun, be a leader, and be your own individual.

DID SOMEBODY SAY TACOS?
You won’t go hungry here—and our popular Taco Thursdays are only the beginning. Do pizza one day or go vegan the next. We’ve got your diet and cravings covered—and we’ve even got a student advisory group just for food. Plus, Chicago is one of the world’s great food cities, with every type of cuisine imaginable. Dine on campus or visit an ethnic restaurant in the city.

JOIN THE GREEN REVOLUTION
Sustainability is important to us. Illinois Tech has solar panels on several buildings, a complex recycling and composting program, and a sustainability action plan that is addressing everything from campus vehicle emissions to stormwater use. It’s a commitment that we take seriously—and a big reason why Princeton Review named us among the greenest universities in the country.

FIND YOUR DREAM JOB
Illinois Tech’s Career Services offers a wide range of services designed to help you gain professional experience in your field—from internships to co-ops to jobs. Our career coaches help with resumes and cover letter review, interview prep, your job search, and more.

JUST HANG OUT
Illinois Tech students have a lot going on. When their brains hit the limit it’s time to unwind at two of the university’s main student hangouts.

The McCormick Tribune Campus Center was named among the “most amazing campus student unions” in the country (Best College Reviews). Apart from its awesome design (a Chicago “L” train runs through a 530-foot tube on top of it), the MTCC houses a coffee shop and convenience store, ping-pong tables, a full-service restaurant, lounges, foosball, and an outdoor beach volleyball court.

The Bog is all about entertainment—from a bowling alley to video games to a live performance venue. You can play pool, attend a spa night, hear a local band or comedian, or go dancing—and The Bog’s waffle fries are pretty legendary, too.

SHARE YOUR VOICE
Since 1928, Illinois Tech students have informed and entertained the campus with TechNews, the student newspaper. Report on university news, review a new album, or write an op-ed piece. Or host a show on WITI, one of the country’s oldest, continually operating student-run radio stations.
**YOUR CITY**

Chicago is a go-anywhere, do-anything global city. Go to a game—Blackhawks, Bears, Cubs, Fire, Sky, White Sox. Visit one of the world’s best museums. Get lost in world-renowned architecture. Dine at a five-star restaurant or chow down at a hole-in-the-wall. Go to a Broadway play, or go see your favorite band in concert. You can do it all—and it’s all just minutes from Mies Campus.

**YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

Illinois Tech’s surrounding Bronzeville and Bridgeport neighborhoods have tons of history and just as much personality. You can check out an edgy art gallery, eat at an old-school soul food restaurant or Italian cafe, or ride your bike along the lakefront, less than one mile from campus. The cool stores and restaurants of bustling Chinatown, Pilsen, and South Loop are nearby, too. Diversity is right outside your door.

**YOUR WORLD**

Step and talk to someone walking across Illinois Tech’s campus and chances are you’ll get a mini geography lesson. Our students come from the coasts of Saint Lucia, the mountains of Vietnam, and the cities of Brazil. We have a multinational student body with students from 100 countries and all 50 states. And you can get out there and see it firsthand, too. Illinois Tech offers study abroad program options on six continents for every major, along with internship and volunteer opportunities.

**GET OUT AND GET AROUND**

Every Illinois Tech undergrad receives a Ventra U-Pass, which gives you unlimited access to CTA public transportation citywide. Take the “L” downtown. Catch a bus to go shopping. Or explore one of Chicago’s seemingly endless number of neighborhoods, each with its own unique personality and attractions. Your U-Pass will get you there.

Want to create your own route? Hop on a Divvy bike share at one of the on-campus bike stations, and cruise anywhere you like.
DO IT
STUDY AND RESEARCH

Academic Programs with a Technology Focus

At Illinois Tech our students describe our programs as challenging, focused, and demanding—and employers say they hire our graduates because they can “hit the ground running.” What makes our undergraduate education different is a focus on emerging technologies and our interdisciplinary, collaborative programs. When we say we’re different, we mean it.

Is there a topic that really drives you?

Illinois Tech connects undergrads with research opportunities. You’ll find opportunities through Illinois Tech’s research affiliates, including Argonne National Lab and Fermilab, plus companies on campus at University Technology Park and throughout Chicago. Many of our faculty are experts in their fields and offer a direct line to research opportunities in the greater Chicago area and beyond. There are even programs that provide undergraduates stipends for research.

Gaby Sumampouw (Chemical Engineering ’15), from Indonesia, researched how to offset fossil fuels use by creating biofuels from algae. It’s just one of the many opportunities on campus that engage undergraduates in research with real-world applications.

Matthew Spenko
Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering
B.S. Northwestern University, M.S. and Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Director, IIT Robotics Lab
Designs mobile hybrid robots that go where other robots can’t (for his robot’s gecko-like gripper, that may include outer space to clean up space debris)

Carly Kocurek
Assistant Professor of Digital Humanities and Media Studies
B.A. Rice University, M.A. and Ph.D. University of Texas at Austin
A cultural historian and authority on video gaming and new media technologies, authored a book about the factors that contributed to the widespread view of video gaming as an enclave for young men and boys

Carlo Segre
Duchossois Leadership Professor, Professor of Physics
B.S. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D. University of California, San Diego
Range of projects includes nanoelectrofuels for innovative batteries, crystal optic devices for delivery and detection of X-rays at synchrotron beamlines, and the Chicago-area bridge building competition for high school students

Weslynne Ashton
Assistant Professor of Environmental Management and Sustainability
B.S. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, M.S. and Ph.D. Yale University
Led a three-year multinational effort to promote and facilitate cleaner production and sustainable industrial development throughout the Americas
DO IT MORE MATHLETE THAN ATHLETE?

Perhaps your idea of a sporting event is building a robot that will totally crush the competition (literally and figuratively). Illinois Tech’s student academic-oriented groups and special programs offer something for aspiring architects, entrepreneurs, inventors—you name it.

- Design a quadcopter in Illinois Tech Robotics or join the IIT Robotics Lab
- Test your Capture the Flag skills in HackIIT
- Develop ways to hide covert files in an MP3 in the Cyber Forensics and Security Lab
- Pitch your idea for a cool new gadget in IIT CEO
- Research a building while studying abroad in the IIT Berlin++Summer Program
- Form your own group and design a chainless, fluid-powered bicycle for a national competition

In spring 2015, students in Professor Frank Flury’s Design/Build studio designed a prototype rural hospital, and during the summer they collaborated with local villagers in the Magetang district of Indonesia to build the clinic in the Central Java Province. During the previous summer, another group of students and alumni built a library/study space for secondary school students in the rural village of Twifo Hemang, Ghana.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEVELOPED BY ILLINOIS TECH STUDENTS

Students in the IIT Motorsports club designed and built an electric vehicle that won the 2015 Fiat Chrysler Automobiles Innovation Award at the Formula Hybrid Competition. Below are a few ideas that made their WISER Tomahawk innovative.

How It Works: The IIT WISER Tomahawk

- Direct drive hub motors: Each wheel has its own custom, permanent liquid-cooled magnet motor.
- Carbon fiber frame: Reduced weight of Tomahawk by more than 50 percent over previous student-built cars.
- Prismatic cell battery: Flat instead of rounded, an improvement over the previous ultra-capacitor battery.

If you’re an aspiring entrepreneur with diverse interests, look no further than Sunny Shah (Psychology 2nd year) for a healthy dose of inspiration.

“Studying psychology allows me to understand human behavior and the nuances of our world at large,” says Sunny, a budding app developer from Woodridge, Illinois.

Sunny’s Circle Up app, which calculates the best meet-up location for a group of people, was a finalist in the Big Idea Technology competition. His latest endeavor, EcoEats, was a semi-finalist at the 2015 U.Pitch competition, where he competed against the country’s top collegiate entrepreneurs—even pitching his idea to one of the co-stars of ABC’s Shark Tank.

“Knowing the principles of business is a vehicle toward success, but understanding the values you want to instill in your business—and the human impact you want to create—is more important,” Sunny says.

In addition to developing high-impact apps, Sunny helps fellow students to pursue their own big ideas as president of Illinois Tech’s chapter of Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organization (CEO).
OUR KIND OF SUPERHEROES

Who doesn’t want to be a superhero? At Illinois Tech our students are super-humans in training—real people using real superpowers to change the world for the better.

Students like Tyler Grudowski (Mechanical Engineering 4th year), from Orland Park, Illinois, whose IPRO class designed a supinating arm for a robotic standing wheelchair designed by fellow students. His team’s goal was to provide increased mobility for people who have a disability but don’t need to be confined to a wheelchair.

“Our majority of students come to Illinois Tech to get a good education because they want to make a positive impact on people’s lives,” Tyler says.

So yes, magical hammers and force fields are cool—but we’ll take a world-class STEM education any day.

IPRO Program

One of Illinois Tech’s bragging rights is our signature Interprofessional Projects (IPRO) Program. We started it in 1995, and it’s still one of only a few programs like it in the country. In IPRO you’ll work with other students from various majors to develop a solution to a real-world problem. If you’re already thinking about your post-college career, you’ll have a leg up—employers tell us they hire grads with the same teamwork and leadership skills that Illinois Tech students learn in IPRO.

Recent IPRO student teams have:

- Developed a prototype desalination device for the Sahara
- Built sustainable water distribution systems in Haiti
- Started a “smart recycling” system on campus
- Developed renovations for a historic neighborhood theater
- Reimagined the failed ‘1940s Antarctic Snow Cruiser’
- Developed an assistive device to help visually impaired people swim
- Designed a mobile operating room for disaster relief in third-world countries

DO IT

ASK “WHAT IF?”

AND SHOUT “WHY NOT!”

YOU CAN BUILD IT IN THE IDEA SHOP

The Idea Shop is where you can transform your ideas into reality. This 13,000-square-foot innovation hub has serious tools: a state-of-the-art, rapid-prototyping lab featuring 3-D printers and a 3-D scanner, multiple CNC milling machines, a vacuum former, and laser cutter. It’s one-part entrepreneurial center and one-part gathering place, with full-time staff dedicated to helping you test the limits of your imagination.

Illinois Tech also has a Machine Shop on campus where you can fabricate and design pretty much anything for a class, do metalworking projects, and use a precision-cutting machine.

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“If you think about it, we all drive our cars on a faith-based system,” says Nishanth Samala (Computer Science ’14). “We get into our car and hope and pray that it drives that day and no weird dashboard lights or sounds go off. Most of us have no idea what is going on inside, what to do when problems occur, or how much fixing all of it should cost.”

A $2,000 invoice for routine maintenance on his car got Nishanth thinking. He wondered why it cost so much and more importantly, why there was such an imbalance of available information between those who drove their cars and those who fixed them.

So Nishanth developed Strados, a machine-learning platform that predicts car health. The Strados app translates raw computer signals from a car into relatable emotions and text. When connected with a maintenance provider, this data can be used to preempt issues and save drivers money.

Nishanth credits his first Interprofessional Projects (IPRO) Program project—an unmanned aerial vehicle—for leading him to a degree in computer science and Strados Inc. included Strados on its list of “America’s Coolest College Startups 2014.”

When Emmanuel Klu (Computer Science ’13) asked his parents for permission to leave their home in Ghana and travel to the United States to attend Illinois Tech, none of them likely anticipated the miles Emmanuel would log elsewhere throughout the world. An intrepid backpacker, he has visited 21 states and six European countries. Emmanuel concluded this latest trip by jumping into a journey of a different type—his new role as a software engineer with the corporate engineering team at Google in Mountain View, California.

“This is an exciting opportunity to work on something new in a small team,” says Emmanuel. “I believe that it gives me the chance to contribute directly to innovation at Google, and at a very fast pace.”

AT ILLINOIS TECH YOU CAN BE ANYTHING—MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU CAN BE YOURSELF. NERD OUT ON POLYMERS. DIVE INTO EXASCALE COMPUTING. STUDY THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA. OR STUDY ALL OF THEM. BE WHOEVER YOU WANT TO BE. OUR RECENT GRADS WERE ONCE JUST LIKE YOU—FINDING THEIR WAY AND EXPLORING THEIR DREAMS. ILLINOIS TECH HELPED THEM GET THERE. MEET THE NEXT GENERATION OF GREAT INNOVATORS AND ENTREPRENEURS—AND PREPARE TO JOIN THEM.

Katherine Darnstadt (Architecture ’05) solves architectural problems in breakthrough ways. When the firm that she founded was asked to address a South Side Chicago food desert, she designed a bus—not a building—to provide the best solution.

After acquiring an old Chicago Transit Authority bus and poring over its manual, her firm converted it into Fresh Moves, a mobile grocery store packed with produce. Fresh Moves Mobile Markets are now part of a City of Chicago initiative providing affordable fresh fruits and vegetables to underserved areas on the city’s south and west sides.

“I think my time at Illinois Tech shaped so much of what I thought of the profession, and the alumni and professors gave me the support and strength to challenge what the profession will be in the future,” Katherine says.

Where are Illinois Tech students headed after they graduate? Big companies, multinational conglomerates, and Fortune 100 companies. Startups and nonprofits, too. Many of them are launching their own companies or attending graduate school. Just a few examples of companies that have hired our recent graduates include:

- ComEd
- eBay
- GE Healthcare
- Goldman Sachs
- JPMorgan Chase
- Lockheed Martin
- Microsoft
- SpaceX
- Studio Gang
- Wolfram
OWN IT
INNOVATION BEGINS HERE

ILLINOIS TECH ALUMNI INNOVATORS
KNOW OUR CHANGE-MAKERS

When you graduate you’ll join all of them around the world in the get-ahead and do-big-things club. And when we say around the world, we mean all 3,959 miles of it: Our alumni are in more than 128 countries and all 50 states.

RAVEENDRANAKHAR (M.S. CS ’88)—MEMBER OF THE TEAM THAT DEVELOPED THE PENTIUM CHIP

MARVIN CAMRAS (EE ’40, M.S. ’42)—PIONEER OF MAGNETIC RECORDING

SUSAN SOLOMON (CHEM ’77)—DESIGN AND MANAGE CHEMICAL PROCESSES WHERE WE ARE DESTROYING THE OZONE LAYER

JASON RESCH (CS ’06)—SOFTWARE ENGINEER WITH MORE THAN 58 PATENTS (AND 200 PENDING) TO HIS NAME

VICTOR TSAY (M.S. CS ’80)—CO-FOUNDER OF LINKSYS

GLORIA BAY KARLMARK (CHEM, MATH ’60)—PART OF THE LITTLE ROCK NINE WHO STAND TOGETHER TO DENY SEGREGATION IN ARKANSAS SCHOOLS

LEONARD REIFFEL (EE ’47, M.S. ’48, PH.D. ’53)—INVENTOR OF THE TELESTRATOR, USED TO HIGHLIGHT SPORTS PLAYS ON TV

MARTY COOPER (EE ’90, M.S. ’73)—INVENTOR OF THE CELL PHONE

JOHN KAPLAN (ME ’65)—PIONEER IN BARCODE TECHNOLOGY

Gloria Ray Karlmark

Think this building by the world-renowned architect (and current Illinois Tech professor) John Ronan is cool? This will be one of your classrooms one day. Our new Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship will also house the rapid-prototyping Idea Shop, the IPRO Program, and work spaces where your entrepreneurial endeavors can incubate and flourish. It will be a hub for creativity and exploration on campus.

*Into architecture? The Innovation Center will be a living laboratory for cutting-edge design. Its first-in-Chicago dynamic facade of ETFE (ethylene tetrafluoroethylene) foil cushions will vary the amount of solar energy entering the building through sophisticated pneumatics and give the building a light, cloud-like appearance.

ETHYLENE TETRAFLUOROETHYLENE IS THE NEW BLACK*

ILLINOIS TECH’S INNOVATION CENTER
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Illinois Tech offers undergraduate programs in the following colleges and schools:

In addition to the undergraduate programs offered by each of these six colleges, students may go on to attend graduate school in one of Illinois Tech’s two other colleges: Chicago-Kent College of Law and the Institute of Design.

Academic Minors

You can broaden your skills and pursue your other academic interests with a minor in one of a number of areas of study. Just a few examples of academic minors include:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Information Security
- Information Architecture
- Programming Languages
- Internet Application Development
- Entrepreneurship
- Human Resources
- Public Administration
- Military/Naval Science
- Environmental Engineering
- Engineering Graphics and CAD
- Rehabilitation Services
- STEM Education
- Literature
- History
- Music
- Urban Studies … and many more!

Double Down: Your Ultimate Academic Twofer

Illinois Tech offers a special program that allows you to complete both your bachelor’s and master’s degrees in as few as five years. And you get to keep your undergraduate scholarships in your fifth year! Examples include:

- B.S. in Applied Mathematics/M.S. in Data Science
- B.S. in Information Technology and Management/M.S. in Cyber Forensics and Security
- B.S. in Physics/M.S. in Health Physics
- B.S. in Biochemistry/M.S. in Food Safety and Technology
- B.S. in Computer Science/M.S. in Intellectual Property Management and Markets
- B.S. in Civil Engineering/M.S. in Environmental Engineering
- And over 50 more!

It’s focused, highly specialized, saves you money—and you can earn your second degree in one of more than 50 areas.

Combined Undergraduate/Graduate Law Programs (leading to B.S./J.D. degrees)

Law school classes are taken at Illinois Tech’s Chicago-Kent College of Law. Students have access to pre-law advising and LSAT preparation assistance.

For more about majors, minors, and academic programs in between, visit admissions.iit.edu/undergraduate/programs

We get it. We really do. If you have a lot of ideas about what you want your major to be, it’s OK. You’re not alone. If you choose to come to Illinois Tech as undecided, you can delay your selection of a major until your sophomore year.

Choose from Undecided Engineering, Undecided Science, or General Undecided (business, applied technology, communication, humanities, psychology) to get started. You’ll take courses in every department—and along the way you’ll find the path that’s right for you.

And you have alternatives if you realize that your major really isn’t right for you. Changing to any of our 35 majors simply requires a conversation with your academic counselor.
Armour College of Engineering

Armour College of Engineering has been educating world-class engineers since the university’s founding in 1890. As a twenty-first-century engineering student, you’ll learn the principles of your profession and work in an interdisciplinary environment that emphasizes hands-on learning, teamwork, and leadership.

Our newly renovated John T. Rettaliata Engineering Center is designed specifically to encourage an interaction of ideas, featuring spaces where you and fellow students can work together to develop the next innovative ideas. At Armour College we integrate innovative thought, entrepreneurship, creativity, and design with engineering theory, research, and practice. You’ll get the chance to work on projects that are normally only open only to graduate students and to apply what you’ve learned in the classroom to complex problems facing society today.

Distinctive Programs: IIT Engineering Themes and Armour R&D

We enhance our classroom experiences with “extras” through our IIT Engineering Themes program, such as lecture series, forums, interactive problem-solving workshops, professional site exploration, and intensive engineering projects that focus on water, health, energy, and security. Our automated IIT Engineering Themes Portfolio will help you build a personal online portfolio of your work.

Our distinctive Armour R&D program allows you to take part in fundamental and applied research projects that address global challenges. It will help you gain a complete understanding of the research and development process, specifically the implementation of technology based on research findings.

Undergraduate Programs

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degrees in:
- Aerospace Engineering
- Architectural Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering (Cell and Tissue Engineering, Medical Imaging, or Neural Engineering)
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Management
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Dual Degrees (B.S.) in both Materials Science and Engineering and Computer Engineering
- Engineering Graphics and CAD Curriculum (Certificate)

Undergraduate Programs

Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.)

Our Cloud Studio program allows B.Arch. graduates to apply fifteen-year studies toward the M.S. in Architecture or the Ph.D. in Architecture.

College of Architecture

The College of Architecture teaches students how to see architecture through a different kind—how to become selfisors who glean knowledge from the world around them. Our B.Arch. curriculum is centered on a studio sequence of increasing complexity. You’ll study topics from the basic building elements to the complex city itself. In addition to design, the course includes architectural history and theory, building technologies, structures, technical design, and professional practice as well as a range of courses beyond architecture.

A five-year, NAAB-accredited professional degree allows you to enter the workforce with a degree recognized as prerequisite for licensure by state registration boards.

The college has more than 700 students from 50 countries and 100 plus faculty members. Ninety-five percent of our faculty are practicing architects.

The College of Architecture is ranked 17th in the country and 17th in the Midwest (DesignIntelligence).

Distinctive Programs: Design/Build and Cloud Studios

Springing from the legendary workshops of the Bauhaus, Illinois Tech’s teaching remains rooted in the connection between design and making. Today, you can experience that connection in our 14,000-square-foot Materials Workshop. In this inspiring industrial space, designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, you’ll physically engage with a multitude of tools, materials, and techniques. In Design/Build studios, you and your fellow students will collectively design and construct full scale buildings—fulfilling the notion of a “hands-on” education.

Cloud Studios are a school-wide educational and research laboratory in which students from different degree programs work together on research and design topics related to the metropolis. You will experience other modes of studying and working on the built environment, and find the opportunity to define yourself by moving into one of these advanced degree programs.

Undergraduate Programs

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degrees in:
- Applied Mathematics
- Applied Physics
- Astrophysics
- Biochemistry
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Molecular Biochemistry and Biophysics
- Physics
- Pre-Medical/Health Professions Program
- Secondary Education

College of Science

Rigor and relevance. These two words describe the educational experience you can expect from the College of Science. Our programs are firmly grounded in the fundamentals—mathematics, sciences, and technology—and understood within their application to the outside world. They are challenging and academically demanding. And that’s what you should expect from a college that prides itself on making sure its students are prepared to make a difference in the world—not only on day one, but also 25 years after they graduate.

You will find all the benefits of a small, private school coupled with the research capacity of a major league institution. We offer you the chance to work on research projects at the beginning of your academic career at Argonne and Fermilab national laboratories. Cancer Therapeutics, big data and analytics, nonmaterials, discrete applied mathematics, cloud computing, particle physics, superconductivity—these are just some of the areas where you can find yourself working alongside faculty and graduate students.

Distinctive Program: Undergraduate Research Stipends

We offer a number of $5,000 College of Science Undergraduate Summer Research Stipends so that select college undergraduates can conduct research for 10 weeks during the summer. This financial support allows students to participate in research work between school terms and to catalyze their scholarly activities and productivity.

Undergraduate Programs

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degrees in:
- Pre-Medical/Health Professions Program
- Honors Pharmacy Secondary Education
- Honors Law Program (B.S. and J.D. from Illinois Tech’s Chicago-Kent College of Law in six years instead of seven)

Dual Degree Programs (B.S. in Political Science and Master of Public Administration, B.S. in Psychology and M.S. in Personal and Human Resources Development or Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling)

Lewis College of Human Sciences

Lewis College of Human Sciences rests at the nexus of knowledge, methods for discovery, human thought, and action. Because, in the end, the study, development, and use of technology and science have little meaning or relevance if disconnected from people.

Our technology-focused education emphasizes the free spirit and broad perspectives of a traditional liberal arts program. Our faculty are dedicated to bridging the gap between theory and application, and ideas and accomplishments. You will learn how to address compelling human problems through practical research projects, and benefit from class sizes that purposefully are kept small in order to increase your interaction with some of the best professors in the country.

Distinctive Program: Humanities with Relevance

Though hundreds of colleges and universities offer programs in the humanities, social sciences, and psychology, Lewis College students have the advantage of studying alongside engineers, architects, scientists, and business people. We regard mentoring and cross-disciplinary networking as cornerstones of our distinctive education.

Undergraduate Programs

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degrees in:
- Applied Analytics
- Behavioral Health and Wellness
- Communication
- Consumer Research, Analytics, and Communication
- Digital Humanities

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School of Applied Technology

The School of Applied Technology combines a hands-on, industry-based, project-focused approach with an understanding of how management principles apply to technology. You’ll learn the information technology disciplines of management, development, technology and theory, operations, and security—and the professional skills to be a corporate innovator and tech entrepreneur.

Distinctive Program: Project-Based Learning

Industry-sponsored projects provide you with opportunities to work in groups and to produce portfolios of your work. Faculty with significant industry experience will teach your classes and help guide your professional development. You'll have opportunities both in class and at professional events, and document your projects in academic publications. Like other School of Applied Technology graduates, you'll be able to demonstrate what you have accomplished—and not just what you have learned.

Recent student projects have addressed:
- Providing IT operators the indirect location of people making emergency calls on mobile phones.
- Creating a SIP-based telephone service for the Illinois Tech community.
- Wearable computing and clothing-based proximity sensors for the visually impaired.
- Cyber forensics, steganography, and security.

Undergraduate Programs

Bachelor of Information Technology and Management
Bachelor of Industrial Technology and Management (transfer students only)

Option to complete a graduate degree simultaneously with your undergraduate degree

Specializations
- Systems Security
- Data Management
- Internet Development and Applications

Business Specializations
- Applied Information
- Architecture
- Construction Management
- Environmental Management
- Finance
- Human Resources Management

Information Technology and Management

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (B.S.)
B.S./Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), B.S./M.S. Finance, and B.S./M.S. Marketing Analytics
Dual Admission B.S./Juris Doctor (J.D.)
Minor in Business
Minor in Economics
Minor in Entrepreneurship

Stuart School of Business

At Stuart School of Business you’ll learn the language of tech and innovation with the added advantage of living in Chicago—international renowned as a “place to do business” and a growing tech hub. In addition to studying with outstanding business faculty who have advanced degrees in science, engineering, and technology-based disciplines, you’ll have the chance to interact with some of the best executive, managerial, and entrepreneurial talent in the world.

Our programs emphasize quantitative and qualitative methodologies, hands-on learning, and real-world problem solving. You’ll learn how to collaborate with—and lead—interdisciplinary teams by working on highly innovative, technology-driven projects.

Distinctive Program: Entrepreneurship

Stuart classes include a focus on entrepreneurship and innovation, and feature numerous opportunities to work on projects for real clients in the Chicago area. Outside of this classroom, a variety of entrepreneurial and financial student competitions allow you to apply your skills and gain recognition from your peers and future employers.

Undergraduate Programs

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Business Specializations
- Applied Information
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- Finance
- Human Resources Management

Stuart’s finance program is ranked 3rd in the U.S. and 35th globally by the Financial Times (2016).

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Finding the Right Fit for You

Computer Science, Computer Engineering, or Information Technology

You love tech. Computers, coding, the industry—what makes it all tick. You know you want to work in this field, you’re not sure which major is best for you.

At Illinois Tech we’ll help you find the right path. Here are three academic majors that students often choose between, and a bit about each degree program.

Computer Science

If you love math and innovation, and are interested in the theoretical concepts behind the technology, computer science could be a good fit for you. In CS you’ll learn the programming paradigms and when each is most applicable, which will enable you to keep up with this rapidly changing field. Beyond the fundamentals, you will be able to focus in areas of data mining, information security, artificial intelligence, and distributed computing. Create the next programming language!

Computer Engineering

Are you drawn to the electrical and hardware components of computing? Yes, then computer engineering may be the way to go. You’ll study everything from microprocessors to embedded computing devices to laptop and desktop systems to supercomputers. You will work on how data is communicated among electronic components, how software is written for specific hardware platforms, and how microprocessors are designed and optimized from an electrical engineering viewpoint.

Information Technology and Management

This major is about leadership and managing IT—and translating it into a useful business tool. Our ITM integrates theoretical principles with applied hands-on laboratory and project collaboration. You’ll learn about a variety of IT fields, including web and application development, system architecture, networking, database systems, security systems, contemporary programming languages, and more.

ITM Specializations
- Data Management
- IT Entrepreneurship and Management
- Networking and Communications
- Software Development

Not sure of any of these as your path yet? Stuart has many other tech-centric programs, including digital humanities, biostatistics, applied analytics, and business with a tech specialization. Our admission counselors can walk you through the options, and we can connect you with professors in a given major who can provide you more details.

Pre-Med and Pre-Health Programs

At Illinois Tech science, engineering, and technology are in our DNA. If you’re interested in going to medical school one day, our pre-med program can give you the best of both worlds—rigorous training and personalized academic experiences that prepare you for your future.

We offer joint programs in medicine that can lead to a B.S. degree from Illinois Tech and either a D.O. or O.D. degree from Chicago-area schools. You can also apply to our pre-pharmacy program, which allows early entrance into pharmacy school at Midwestern University. Or you can minor in pre-medical studies, which ensures completion of all prerequisites for entrants into medical school and prepares you for your pre-med year.

B.S./D.O./Pharm.D. Programs

In addition to pre-medical studies, Illinois Tech offers three dual-degree programs:
- Illinois Tech/Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine B.S./D.O.
- Illinois Tech/Villanova College of Osteopathic Medicine B.S./D.O.
- Illinois Tech/Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy B.S./Pharm.D.

Students earn a bachelor’s degree from Illinois Tech and a degree from the osteopathic, opthamatic, or pharmacy school.

Biological/Psychology Double Major

B.S. in Biology/B.S. in Psychology

Each two degrees simultaneously on this challenging program geared toward pre-health students. You’ll differentiate yourself when applying to medical school, programs in public health, genetic counseling, or related areas, or graduate programs in biology and psychology interest (e.g., neuroscience, brain science, and cognitive science).

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**FIRST-YEAR CLASS PROFILE AND ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS**

- **43%** Students from outside Illinois
- **19%** Students from other countries
- **13:1** Student-to-faculty ratio
- **82%** of classes have fewer than 40 students
- **3.71–4.36** Middle 50% average weighted high school GPA
- **92%** First-to-second-year retention rate
- **56%** In top 10% of graduating class
- **ACT: 26–31**
- **SAT: 1200–1360**

**FAST FORWARD WITH ILLINOIS TECH**

Planning to attend community college before transferring to Illinois Tech full time? Stay connected with us through Fast Forward, our concierge service for transfer students. It’s your key to mentorship, advising on transfer credits, invitations to special events, and more! admissions.iit.edu/undergraduate/ffit

**Learn—and Serve. Join ROTC!**

Want to apply your tech background to a military career? Illinois Tech can prepare you to succeed in both areas. We have Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) programs for the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force. You’ll gain advanced leadership skills and test yourself physically and mentally. Illinois Tech also offers ROTC students some of the best financial aid benefits in the nation—from tuition and fees balance payments to room and board.
NEED-BASED GRANTS

- Awarded to students with need, as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Many students who do not qualify for federal or state aid will qualify for institutional grants

To help determine your eligibility, please use our net price calculator at www.collegecostcalculator.org/iit.

FAMILY'S ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME AVERAGE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANT AID

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2016–17 freshmen FAFSA filers
- Includes state, federal, and institutional monies

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Special Scholarships
Illinois Tech’s special scholarships range from full tuition to housing and summer research stipends. Most of these scholarships require an additional application and/or interview.

- Special application required, apply by December 1
  - Duchossois Leadership Scholars Program
    - Elite scholarship program for top students from across the country who have demonstrated exceptional leadership potential and academic success in their projected fields (tuition, room, and board)
  - Crown Scholarship
    - The College of Architecture’s most prestigious and selective scholarship (tuition, room, and board)

- No additional application needed, apply by December 1
  - Camras Scholarship Program
    - Selective scholarship program for top students, aimed at helping them become excellent researchers, leaders, and community-oriented individuals (tuition)

- Additional application required, awarded on a rolling basis
  - Illinois Tech/FIRST Scholarship
    - For students who participated in a FIRST Robotics Competition or a FIRST Tech Challenge in high school ($20,000; application must be submitted with application for admission)
  - Chicago Police and Fire Departments Scholarship
    - Awarded to children and grandchildren of members of the Chicago Police Department, Chicago Fire Department, and Chicago Paramedic Department ($20,000; application must be submitted with application for admission)
  - Collens Scholars Program
    - Students with significant need who are graduating from a Chicago public high school or a Chicago charter high school (tuition, fees, and housing scholarship; must submit application to Illinois Tech by January 15 and submit FAFSA by January 15)

For a complete list of scholarships, visit admissions.iit.edu/undergraduate/finances/scholarships.

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VISIT US

Get an in-depth look at our academic programs, campus life, and the admission and financial aid processes—and see firsthand what it’s like to be a Scarlet Hawk!

Discover Illinois Tech Days
Discover Illinois Tech for yourself during these open house events with campus tours, academic sessions, and more! Visit us on these upcoming days:

- October 15, 2016
- April 29, 2017
- June 23, 2017
- July 22, 2017

24-Hour Hawk Life: Overnight Visits
Spend the night on campus with a current student and immerse yourself in life at Illinois Tech. Check out everything from classrooms to where students go for a late-night bite.

Daily Visits
Pick a day that’s convenient for you to visit with an admission counselor, take a tour, meet our students, hear from our faculty, and just get to know Illinois Tech.

Take a Virtual Tour
Can’t make it to campus—or just can’t wait until you get here in person? Visit us now! Log on to visit.iit.edu to view a cool online virtual tour of our buildings, labs, open spaces, and more!

PARENTS AND FAMILIES!

We know you’re sifting through mountains of college brochures, too. Illinois Tech welcomes you to learn more about our university—why and how we’re really different. We have created an online forum just for parents, families, and anyone else who wants to know more about connecting a student with Illinois Tech.

BE A PART OF IT

Visit our Undergraduate Admission page for families, with a parent-focused list of resources from deadlines to financial aid to safety. admissions.iit.edu/undergraduate/families
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