I
It begins right here—with me. Action and success arise from within. I hold the cards. And I am all in.

Will
Not can, not try, but absolutely will. Without a doubt.

I WILL
Discover a world beyond my imagination. Create and envision the new. Build, engineer, rethink, invent, start up, and design solutions that will change the world.

THROUGH

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE
At a one-of-a-kind university where action-based learning, global opportunities, and high value Manifest from cutting-edge technology, state-of-the-art facilities, serious access, and a culture of innovation in the most exciting and high-impact fields.

In a city where a living laboratory surrounds you—and immerses you.

Giving you the power to say...

I will.
Go ahead, say it.

DISCOVER. CREATE. SOLVE. ILLINOIS TECH
Brianna McKenna
(Biomedical Engineering 4th Year)
Frankfort, Illinois

I will
• discover where language comes from
• create inclusivity in stories for children
• earn my black belt in taekwondo

“The small program size at Illinois Tech has allowed me to personalize my education. I was able to begin research as a sophomore, and I helped engineer a medical device by the time I started junior year through the IPRO Program. Using this hands-on experience and one-on-one guidance from my professors, I was able to discover my passion.”

Brianna is the president of The Gathering: IIT Magic Club and a tutor in the university’s Academic Resource Center. She co-chaired the Student Gift Committee, which raised funds to support a scholarship for fellow students in financial emergencies. She is also a Camras Scholar and an orientation leader, works as a community desk assistant in the residence halls, and takes classes with the Mixed Martial Arts club.

150+ (and Counting)
Illinois Tech students are smart, quirky, involved—and always exploring. If you’re into...
- Quidditch
- Theater
- Volunteering
- Music and radio
- Urban farming
- Skiing and snowboarding
- Dance
- LGBTI issues
- Student government
- Journalism

...or any number of other activities, you’ll find a student group for you.

Want to organize your own group? You can do that, too!

Cool Student Academic Groups
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 groups at Illinois Tech let you put your ideas into action:
- Construct and build a hybrid racing car with IIT Motorsports
- 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
- Design a structure and build it on location in another country
- Design a chainless, fluid-powered bicycle for a national competition

And many more!
Pumpkin Launch

That’s not your imagination—it’s just a pumpkin flying through the air. For 14 years Illinois Tech’s Pumpkin Launch has tested the engineering prowess of student teams who design and build trebuchets, catapults—you name it—to see whose contraption can hurl a pumpkin the farthest.

TRADITIONS

Daniel Rappoport
(Civil Engineering 2nd Year)
Mountain View, California

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▷ stay open minded about exploring the cultures of my local and international neighbors
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Colorific
Illinois Tech offers dozens of intramural and recreational activities ranging from soccer and cricket to martial arts, yoga, and table tennis. One of the most popular events is the annual campus Color Run, which typically draws 400 to 500 students.

esports Excellence
Illinois Tech’s competitive computer gaming program boasts some of the country’s top players. With more than 30 competitors and 240 members in our esports club, and a roster of competition and viewing events, Illinois Tech’s esports community runs deep.

Sports Success—Illinois Tech Style
The 2017 Scarlet Hawks men’s basketball team joined with Illinois Tech computer science students and faculty to develop winning strategies—and a national championship berth. Using data analytics, the computer scientists created game simulations and algorithms to help determine player lineups and other game-time tactics. Athletics and ingenuity combined, leading the team to a 22-8 season and the playoffs.

Illinois Tech is a member of NCAA Division III.
We’re proud of our legacy of excellent student-athletes. Our small, private university offers student-athletes personalized attention and one serious advantage: more opportunities for competition time.

Men’s: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball
Women’s: Basketball, Cross Country, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball

Illinois Tech is a member of the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference.
Conferences provide the pathway for regional and national ranking and access to championships.

Want to be a Scarlet Hawk athlete?
Visit www.illinoistechathletics.com and click the Recruits tab to complete a Recruit Me Form for the sport you are interested in playing.

DISCOVER.
COMPETING
Hey, Good Looking

Illinois Tech’s Mies Campus is on the National Register of Historic Places and celebrated as one of America’s “most beautiful college campuses” (Forbes).

Extra Extras: The Nosh
You’ll never go hungry at Illinois Tech. Our expansive dining options range from pizza to vegan, from tacos to gluten-free, and everything else you can pile on your plate. Students help to select the menus each semester, and our dining service offers a Teaching Kitchen where you can explore culinary and nutrition literacy. There is a lot more than traditional cafeteria service—check out on-campus locations for Moe’s Southwest Grill, Saffron Indian and Middle Eastern and Halal foods, Asiana Cuisine and Tea House, and Do-Rite Donuts.

YOUR NEW HOME

Sleep? Who, Me?
Let’s be real. Illinois Tech students know there’s plenty of time to sleep—say, sometime right around retirement. Until then, at least you can live on one of the most beautiful college campuses in the country, surrounded by friends, and in a safe space just steps from class.

When you’re studying, hanging out, or unwinding, you’ll find lots of amenities to make your stay comfortable:
- Ramped-up wireless connections
- 24/7 security
- Free laundry
- Cable
- Fitness rooms
- U-Pass prepaid transportation outside your door

Gone Greek or Gone Geek?
You can do both at Illinois Tech. Our eight fraternities and two sororities break the old stereotypes, emphasizing academics, leadership, and community. You can be your own individual and be a part of a supportive community.
The home of the Italian beef, deep-dish pizza, and the Vienna hot dog (hold the ketchup!) is also the city that gave us the skyscraper, open-heart surgery, and reverse-flowing river technology. There’s no place else like Chicago, and we’re proud to call the Windy City our home.

Culture and Activities
Whether you’re into art, sports, music, food, improv, shopping, green spaces, museums, architecture, or all of the above and then some, Chicago is a vibrant city that welcomes you to define your own experience—and a place where you’ll never be bored.

Community
Midwestern nice sums up the Chicago vibe. We’re a big city where people look out for one another. More than 200 neighborhoods make up Chicago, including the funky and historic Bridgeport, Bronzeville, and Chinatown areas surrounding Mies Campus. This is a town with more languages than you can count and a place where the smile unites us.

Want More Music?
Chicago is internationally renowned for its music influence: gospel, jazz, blues, house. If you play an instrument, be sure to bring it with you. All Illinois Tech students can take classes at VanderCook College of Music, a highly renowned music school, which is located on our campus.

Thriving Tech Ecosystem
Chicago is a great global city (just ask Google, GrubHub, Boeing, Orbitz, or any of the thousands of other companies with headquarters here). What does that mean for Illinois Tech students? Access to jobs in a diverse range of industries including a fast-growing tech sector. Illinois Tech is a pipeline for talent in Chicago, a city where an Illinois Tech degree is recognized and rewarded.

One of the “top 10 cities for technology careers”—CIO Magazine

Get Out and Get Around
Because of Illinois Tech’s proximity to downtown Chicago, you’ll find an abundance of convenient transportation on campus. Every Illinois Tech undergrad receives a Ventra U-Pass, which gives you unlimited access to CTA public transportation citywide.
Pick up a special Divvy pass for students, which allows unlimited bicycle rides throughout the city.
Fatima Azfar
(Computer Science/M.S. Computer Science Co-Terminal 5th Year)
Glendale Heights, Illinois

I will

- design and develop cutting-edge computer software
- continue to volunteer and work for nonprofit charity organizations in my local community
- integrate imagination and fun into my daily life, from designing murals to interacting with people

“Illinois Tech has given me both the technical ability to pursue my professional goals and exposure to many different kinds of people, from all nationalities and walks of life. These experiences have helped me discover who I am as a person, who I want to be—both professionally and personally—and where I want to go. Learning about my limits and my passions has given me the ability to plan out the straightest path to my future career.”

Fatima credits networking tips that she learned in IPRO and as a peer career coach for Illinois Tech’s Career Services in helping her to land an internship as a software engineer at a major tech-consulting firm in downtown Chicago. IPRO was also the catalyst for her commission to illustrate a mural reflecting “the international diversity of Illinois Tech students” in IIT Tower.

Hands On Experiential Action Oriented Real World Immersive One of a Kind

All of these words have been used to describe Illinois Tech’s truly distinctive undergraduate educational experience. Illinois Tech’s signature programs are rooted in hands-on learning—and this experience is unparalleled at other universities. Our students are exposed to hands-on learning in their courses and outside the classroom, and they can experience it beginning in their very first year of study.

Interprofessional Projects (IPRO) Program

Since 1995 our IPRO Program has been a bragging right for Illinois Tech. It remains one of just a few programs like it in the country. IPRO joins students from various majors to work in teams to solve real-world problems, often on behalf of companies and nonprofits that sponsor the projects. IPRO allows you to gain firsthand experience working with engineers, scientists, business people, psychologists, technologists, and architects to attack a challenge and create smart solutions with measurable impacts.

The Supinator: An IPRO Case Study

Innovation: For several years, Professor of Mechanical Engineering Kevin Meade, a clinical orthotist, led teams of students to Latin America to provide orthotic treatment to youngsters with scoliosis through IPRO. Then Meade suffered a stroke, causing him mobility loss on his right side.

Challenge: Meade’s former students created an IPRO project with the goal of tailoring a standing wheelchair called Mobilus to address Meade’s specific needs.

How They Tackled It: IPRO students divided into three groups: one was tasked with retrofitting Mobilus; the second interviewed and videotaped Meade to determine his needs; and the third group designed an arm therapy device they dubbed The Supinator, which attaches to Mobilus and helps the hand turn up and down.

Testing: Students worked with a local rehabilitation hospital to test the device, while one of Meade’s colleagues in Colombia piloted The Supinator there.

How They Engaged Others: Students in a capstone business class at Illinois Tech researched and developed four distinct business models for The Supinator.

Create.

Other IPRO courses have challenged students to:

- Develop a platform for safe prescription drug disposal
- Harvest condensate from HVAC systems to create drinking water for humans
- Work with a developer to design a zero-net-energy community in Geneva, Illinois
- Develop a high performance, single-seat Formula-style vehicle for entry in the SAE International Formula Hybrid Competition
- Create an educational, web-based platform for guests at the Chicago Design Museum
- Study the relationship between wastewater injection and earthquakes in Oklahoma
Experiences That Let You Soar

Experience matters. Your ability to apply the skills you have gained to real-world projects will make you a sought-after professional after you graduate. Employers and entrepreneurs alike tell us that Illinois Tech graduates stand out because they can do more than just recite information and ideas—they know how to actually do things.

Elevate is the umbrella organization that connects Illinois Tech students with these experiential learning opportunities. These include on- and off-campus research, internships and co-ops, study abroad, and additional opportunities such as short courses to further round out your education.

Idea Shop

Every idea needs fuel to be successful. Illinois Tech’s Idea Shop helps to ignite ideas with cutting-edge tools to help students transform their new products and inventions into reality. This state-of-the-art, rapid-prototyping lab houses 3-D printers and scanners, multiple CNC milling machines, a vacuum cutter, and laser former. Full-time staff advise students on everything from equipment use to product marketability. You can use the Idea Shop for a class project, research project, or your own personal endeavor.

CREATE. EXPERIENCES

“Experiential learning is key for students.”
—Clinical Associate Professor of Innovation Christine Miller

Maddy Urig
(Mechanical Engineering 3rd Year)
Cleveland, Ohio

I will

➢ design efficient and effective renewable-energy systems to provide clean power to our quickly changing planet
➢ bring energy and technology to the villages without a voice across the world
➢ explore Alaska and take in the beauty and power of the undisturbed parts of our Earth

“Through my Armour R&D research project in partnership with Professor Kevin Cassel, I have been able to discover my passion for innovation in renewable energy. Designing alternatives to current renewable-energy systems allows me to unlock creativity within my engineering education. Illinois Tech has given me the opportunity to craft my technical classes toward my love for the environment, and I am truly getting an education perfectly designed for me.”

Maddy says two projects at Illinois Tech have introduced her to real-world problem solving: her IPRO course, which set up an automatic irrigation system for the university’s on-campus farm, UFarmIIT, and her Armour R&D Program project, which focused on manipulating flow fields around vertical-axis wind turbines. She is a Camras Scholar, Student Ambassador, and a member of Engineers for a Sustainable World; the university’s rock climbing club; and the campus theater group, 33rd Street Productions.

Through Elevate, Illinois Tech students from every major can study abroad on six continents (all except Antarctica).

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“"When I found out that there was a place at Illinois Tech entirely devoted to creation, I was blown away.”

➢ Alumnus Dane Christianson (Mechanical Engineering ’15) built all 52 moving parts of his X-Cube twisty puzzle using 3-D printers in the Idea Shop while a student at Illinois Tech. The X-Cube is now sold at Marbles and Barnes & Noble.
In the Design/Build studio, led by College of Architecture professor Frank Flury, students experience firsthand the entire life cycle of a small-building project. Students conceptualize, draft, design, and build a structure from the ground up, and they construct their projects around the world. The program has taken students to Indonesia, Ghana, Japan, New Orleans, Chile, Germany, and in the summer of 2018 to Puerto Rico, where students built a community building that allows local citizens to cook for themselves and others. The project in Chile earned students a 2018 Small Project Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects Chicago.

Andrew Jiang (Architecture 4th Year) Madison, Wisconsin

I will
- create resilient architecture through the use of transdisciplinary techniques
- invest my time to help communities in need
- call you... maybe

‘Illinois Tech has the resources of the city, its supporters, its staff, its alumni, and students that are unparalleled to other universities in the area. The hands-on learning that Illinois Tech offers leads you to discover yourself to solve problems in creative fashions that not only apply to the problem at hand but to everything you do from here on out.”

Andrew is chapter president of the American Institute of Architecture Students and interns at an architecture firm in downtown Chicago.

Let It Glow
Be sure to get a close-up look at the ETFE (ethylene tetrafluoroethylene) foil cushions blanketing the Kaplan Institute. The first-in-Chicago ETFE dynamic façade regulates the amount of solar energy entering the building through sophisticated pneumatics and gives the building a light, cloud-like appearance. This ultra-cool building was designed by John Ronan, an architecture professor at Illinois Tech.

Illinois Tech’s Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship is our new home for big ideas. Now open, the Kaplan Institute is the HQ of the iPOP Program. Idea Shop, world-renowned Institute of Design, and work spaces where your entrepreneurial endeavors can incubate and flourish. Special programming fosters creativity, ideation, and no-holds-barred thinking—and is designed to help students prepare to launch the next great invention.

The entire Illinois Tech Mies Campus comprises the nation’s first functional microgrid—which powers all of our buildings, including the Kaplan Institute. And the wind turbine on our soccer field? It’s the first research-based advanced wind turbine in Chicago and feeds into our microgrid.

Illinois Tech is recognized by the Princeton Review as among the greenest universities in the country.

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WELCOME TO YOUR NEW CLASSROOM

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Pushing the Frontier of Science

In Assistant Professor of Chemistry Jean-Luc Ayitou’s lab, undergraduates participate in novel research that strives to make photovoltaic devices and solar cells more efficient. In addition to teaching and research, which is supported by the National Science Foundation CAREER Award, Ayitou started an outreach program called VISUS (Vividly Scientific Curiosity) for Underrepresented Undergraduate Students to help encourage diversity in chemistry and STEM, and to guide Illinois Tech students through the graduate school process. As part of the initiative, students serve as ambassadors for STEM research on Chicago’s South Side and in their respective communities.

“It is important for me to go out there and help other scholars, other students, other minority students, and also mentor them to practice STEM disciplines and not be afraid to explore the unknown frontier of science,” says Ayitou.

I will

► be the first female mechanical/aerospace engineer to travel to Mars
► visit 30 countries by the time I am 30 years old
► perform at the Super Bowl with Shawn Mendes

“Coming from a small island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, Chicago feels like a world of endless possibilities and opportunities. Through Illinois Tech I’ve gotten to visit some of the largest national laboratories, such as Argonne and Fermilab, and have reached out to other companies throughout the city. Even in my entry-level engineering classes I’ve learned important skills such as teamwork and problem solving.”

As part of a program that allows Illinois Tech students to take classes at VanderCook School of Music, Katja studies classical voice there, specializing in classical operas. She sings in VanderCook’s jazz band and performs at local gigs. She says she and a friend acquired a busking permit, so you may find her performing in a train station or at local gigs. She says she and her friend acquired a busking permit because they love to play her Atari 2600 and Game Boy consoles growing up, and in college turned to the social side of gaming, exploring the intersections of gender, technology, and gaming. She conceptualized and produced the internationally exhibited serious computer game Choice: Texas, about reproductive health care access issues, and a new experimental, academic alternate reality game about steganography. She authored Coin-Operated Americans: Rebooting Boyhood, which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., and Game On: The internationally exhibited serious computer game Choice: Texas, about reproductive health care access issues, and a new experimental, academic alternate reality game about steganography. She authored Coin-Operated Americans: Rebooting Boyhood, which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., and Game On: Choice: Texas, about reproductive health care access issues, and a new experimental, academic alternate reality game about steganography.

Game On

Carly Kocurek, associate professor of digital humanities and media studies, is a cultural historian who studies new media technologies and video gaming. She loved to play her Atari 2600 and Game Boy consoles growing up, and in college turned to the social side of gaming, exploring the intersections of gender, technology, and gaming. She conceptualized and produced the internationally exhibited serious computer game Choice: Texas, about reproductive health care access issues, and a new experimental, academic alternate reality game about steganography. She authored Coin-Operated Americans: Rebooting Boyhood, which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., and Game On: Choice: Texas, about reproductive health care access issues, and a new experimental, academic alternate reality game about steganography. She authored Coin-Operated Americans: Rebooting Boyhood, which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., and Game On: Choice: Texas, about reproductive health care access issues, and a new experimental, academic alternate reality game about steganography.

Green and Mean(ingful) Manufacturing

Just as more companies are discovering the economic upsides of selling green products, more manufacturers are exploring how to integrate sustainable practices into the way they make products. Engineer Wedgemyne Ashton, associate professor in Stuart School of Business, is bridging the gap between university-level theory and common manufacturing practice through a U.S. Department of State-supported research project whose work looks at how market-based incentives and access to capital might spur smaller enterprises in Central America to adopt cleaner production practices.

Her work is also impacting businesses in Illinois Tech’s own backyard. Along with students, she is researching how a vertical agriculture facility near the university’s campus can incorporate better sustainability practices, such as improved energy and water use, to benefit the building’s tenants. In 2018 she was awarded the prestigious Jefferson Science Fellowship.

Things that Make You Go “Hmmmmm...”

With tech advancing nearly as fast as tachyons lose energy, it can take a lot to impress us. Nonetheless, Industry Associate Professor of Information Technology Jeremy Hajek and his students continue to keep us on our toes. Hajek was named among Chicago’s tech innovators who “wowed us” for developing drones that can fly themselves. Students in his Smart Tech: Embedded Systems Lab work alongside Hajek, developing drones, mobile apps, wearable tech, and other cool projects such as large-scale immersive holograms.

95% of all full-time instructional faculty members hold a doctorate or terminal degree

I will
It Begins with an Idea

Robin conceived of her nonprofit, Kranti, while studying global women’s movements with one of her favorite Illinois Tech professors, Margaret Power, as an undergraduate. Today, Kranti, located in Mumbai, India, empowers young women to become agents of social change. Ranging in age from 12-20, the women at Kranti are survivors of human trafficking and daughters of sex workers. Kranti transforms the lives of these women by providing them with housing, mental health counseling, education, and the opportunity to volunteer in their communities. Kranti students have shared their stories across the globe, and Robin has been recognized worldwide. She was a top 10 finalist for the 2016 Global Teacher Prize, known as the Nobel Prize for teaching, and named one of “25 Women Under Age 25 to Watch” by Newsweek.

“I’ve been fortunate in my life, but IIT was one of my luckiest choices. The fundamentals I learned at IIT have been my guiding light in everything I’ve done.”

—Marty Cooper (Electrical Engineering ’50, M.S. ’55), inventor of the cell phone

Illinois Tech alumni are solving some of the thorniest issues of our time. When you graduate you’ll be prepared to join them in the get-ahead-and-change-the-world club.

And when we say the world, we mean all 3,959 miles of it. Our alumni are in more than 128 countries and all 50 states.

Move Over, Einstein

Ordinarily, three patents in a single day would represent a banner achievement for a software engineer. Even three patents spread over the course of a career would constitute an impressive body of work. Yet for Jason Resch (Computer Science ’06), a notice from the United States Patent and Trademark Office means it’s just another day. In all, Jason has now racked up 1,084 patents—with more on the way—since joining Chicago-based cloud-storage company Cloudera (now part of IBM) as an Illinois Tech undergraduate in 2005. That’s on par with the number of patents Thomas Edison counted in his entire lifetime.

Liftoff!

Just five years after earning his undergraduate degree, Jason Tenenbaum (Aerospace Engineering ’07) helped launch a spacecraft as an engineer for SpaceX. Jason worked on the Dragon spacecraft by helping to complete all of the rigorous testing and analysis required by NASA. It was the first commercially produced cargo flight to the International Space Station. “I couldn’t ask to be in a more exciting place in the space industry right now,” Jason says. “It’s a huge challenge to develop a brand new spacecraft, complete all of the rigorous testing and analysis required by NASA, and then not only fly it to the space station but also return it back to Earth. The team at SpaceX that made this a reality is a phenomenal group of people, and I feel really lucky to be a part of it.”

FILL SOME BIG SHOES

(AND MAKE YOUR OWN FOOTPRINTS)
Illinois Tech offers undergraduate programs in the following colleges and schools:

- Armour College of Engineering
- College of Architecture
- College of Science
- Lewis College of Human Sciences
- School of Applied Technology
- Stuart School of Business

In addition to the undergraduate programs offered by each of these six colleges, students may go on to attend graduate school in any of these same colleges, or in one of Illinois Tech's two other colleges: Chicago-Kent College of Law

Chicago-Kent is nationally recognized among the top law schools in the country, and its intellectual property law, appellate advocacy, trial advocacy, and legal writing are ranked among the leading programs nationally. Its bar pass rates consistently meet or exceed the state pass rate. Chicago-Kent is listed among the top 20 most innovative law schools (National Jurist 2017).

Institute of Design

Since its founding as the New Bauhaus, the Institute of Design (I.I.D) has grown into the largest full-time graduate-only design program in the nation. Its faculty and students helped pioneer human-centered design, which has become a standard of design practice, and later helped launch the design thinking movement, which links design more closely to business innovation. ID is widely considered among the leading design schools in the country and the world.

Undecided?

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

Special Academic Programs

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
- Cyber Security Foundations
- Information Architecture
- Game Studies and Design
- Internet Application Development
- Entrepreneurship
- Human Resources
- Public Administration
- Military/Naval Science
- Environmental Engineering
- Engineering Graphics and CAD
- Rehabilitation Services
- Leadership
- Literature
- History
- Music
- Urban Studies... and many more!

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(co-leading to B.S./J.D. degrees)

Begin your trajectory to law school during your undergraduate years. Illinois Tech is one of only a tech-focused universities with a law school. 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.

Academic Majors

In addition to the undergraduate programs offered by each of these six colleges, students may go on to attend graduate school in any of these same colleges, or in one of Illinois Tech’s two other colleges:

- Chicago-Kent College of Law
- Institute of Design

Chicago-Kent is nationally recognized among the top law schools in the country, and its intellectual property law, appellate advocacy, trial advocacy, and legal writing are ranked among the leading programs nationally. Its bar pass rates consistently meet or exceed the state pass rate. Chicago-Kent is listed among the top 20 most innovative law schools (National Jurist 2017).

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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—and prepare you to get in.

We offer joint programs in medicine that can lead to a B.S. degree from Illinois Tech and either a D.O. or a D.D degree from Chicago-area schools. Or you can minor in pre-medical studies, which ensures completion of all prerequisites for entrance into medical school and prepares you for your MD year.

Illinois Tech’s Mies Campus is minutes away from some of the country’s best hospitals, and many of our faculty conduct research with leading medical schools. You’ll find opportunities for experience right here in Chicago.

Dual Admission Programs

In addition to pre-medical studies, Illinois Tech offers several dual-degree programs that provide pathways to a medical career:

- Illinois Tech/Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (B.S./O.D.)
- Illinois Tech/University of Chicago College of Medicine (B.S./M.D.)
- Illinois Tech/Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy (Pharm.D. 2+4)
- Illinois Tech/Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (B.S./O.D.)
- Illinois Tech/University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine (B.S./M.D., B.S./Pharm.D., or B.S./O.D.)

Students are guaranteed admission to osteopathic, dental, or pharmacy school. In some cases these programs are accelerated compared to traditional pathways.

Biology:Psychological Science Double Major

- B.S. in Biology/B.S. in Psychological Science

Earn two degrees simultaneously in 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 where biology and psychology intersect (e.g., neuroscience, brain science, and cognitive science).
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 intersection of ideas, featuring spaces where you and fellow students can work together to develop the next innovative idea.

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 open only to graduate students and to apply what you’ve learned in the classroom to complex problems facing today’s global society.

Undergraduate Programs
Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degrees in:
- Aerospace Engineering
- Architectural Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering (Cell and Tissue Engineering; Medical Imaging; or Neuroradiology)
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering (C.E. Engineering)
- Computer and Cybersecurity Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Management
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Dual degrees (B.S. in both Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering Engineering Graphics and CAD Curriculum (Certificate)

Engineering.illinois.edu

College of Architecture

The College of Architecture teaches students how to see architecture through a different lens—and how to become self-constructors 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 courses include architectural history and theory, building technologies, structures, design communication, and professional practice as well as a range of courses beyond architecture.

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

The college has more than 600 students from 50 countries and 100-plus faculty members. Ninety-five percent of our faculty are practicing architects.

The College of Architecture’s Bachelor of Architecture program is ranked #1 in the Midwest and #20 in the country (DesignIntelligence).

Design/Build and Advanced Studies

Springing from the legendary workshops of the Bauhaus, Illinois Tech’s teaching remains rooted in the connection between design and making. Today, you can expect that connection in our 14,000-square-foot Materials Workshop. In this inspired industrial space, designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, you will 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.

Advanced Studios is a school-wide educational and research laboratory in which students from all degree programs work together on research and design projects related to the metropolitan. Our program of visiting teachers and lecturers contributes to these projects, so you’ll learn directly from the world’s leading architects, urban designers, landscape architects, artists, critics, and policymakers.

Undergraduate Programs
Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.)

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

Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.)
Honors Pharmacy

Pre-Health Professions Program

science.illinois.edu

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 of mathematics, science, 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 just on one day, 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 both on campus and at national laboratories including Argonne and Fermilab. Cancer therapeutics, big data and analytics, nanomaterials, discrete applied mathematics, cloud computing, particle physics, superconductivity—theses are just some of the areas where you can find yourself working alongside faculty and graduate students.

Undergraduate Research Stipends

We offer a number of 50,000 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:
- Biotechnology
- Bioinformatics
- Biochemistry
- Biophysics
- Biometry
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- Bioscience
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Biostatistics

Biology

Computational Chemistry and Biochemistry

Computer Science

Environmental Chemistry

Forensic Chemistry

Molecular Biochemistry and Biophysics

Statistics

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 classes that purposefully are kept small in order to increase your interaction with some of the best professors in the country.

Undergraduate Programs
Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degrees in:
- Applied Math
- Applied Physics
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biotechnology
- Biochemistry
- Biostatistics
- Biometry
- Biology
- Biological Psychology Science
- Dual Degree
- Chemistry

Biology

Biology

Biophysics

Statistics

Applied Research with Relevance

Though hundreds of colleges and universities offer programs in the humanities, social sciences, and psychological sciences, 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. If you are interested in research, our Undergraduate Research Day allows you to explore a relevant topic and showcase your findings in a public forum.

Dual Admission Honors Law Program

Open to all Illinois Tech majors, you can earn your B.S. from Illinois Tech and a J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law in six years instead of seven.

* Due to program requirements, engineering and architecture students would earn their B.S. and J.D. degrees in seven years.

Dual Degree Programs

Special degree programs allow you to take graduate courses and apply for advanced standing in a master’s degree program, earning both degrees in as few as five years.

- B.S. in Psychological Science/M.S. in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling
- B.S. in Psychological Science/M.S. in Professional Counseling
- B.S. in Social and Economic Development Policy/Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.)
Project-Based Learning
Industry-sponsored projects provide you with opportunities to work in group situations and to produce portfolios of your work. Faculty with significant industry experience will teach your classes and help guide your professional development. You will make presentations both in class and at professional events, and document your projects in academic publications. Like other IIT graduates, you’ll be able to demonstrate what you have accomplished—and not just what you have learned.

Recent student projects have addressed:
• Providing ITI operators the indoor 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
• Cyberforensics, steganography, and security

Project-Based Learning

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

Specializations for Business Majors
Applied Mathematics
Architecture
Construction Management
Environmental Management
Finance
Human Resource Management

Information Technology
Life Sciences
Marketing
Mechanical Engineering
Psychological Science

Minors for Non-Business Majors
Minor in Business
Minor in Economics
Minor in Entrepreneurship

Finding the Right Fit for You

Computer Engineering, Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, 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 just not sure which major is best for you.

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

Computer Engineering
Are you drawn to the electrical and hardware components of computing? If 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.

Computer Information Systems
This program emphasizes the use of computers as sophisticated problem-solving tools. Students in this program pursue an interdisciplinary course of study that combines a solid foundation in computer science with a focus in another discipline. This program is designed for students who wish to blend their computer science abilities with skills specific to another domain to solve problems in that domain. Examples include computing with abusiveness focus (e.g., management information systems) and computing with a natural science focus (e.g., computational physics).

Computer Science
Our computer science program emphasizes software engineering throughout the curriculum, which gives our students an advantage in the most challenging CS positions. That, along with a thorough computer science theory sequence, will provide you with the basis for fundamental technology innovation. In the long term, this will be a difference maker in your career. Illinois Tech is also growing our computer science faculty in the hottest research areas—including cloud computing, cybersecurity, social networking, and data science.

Information Technology and Management
This major is about knowing and managing IT—and translating it into a useful business tool. Our ITM program 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, systems security, contemporary programming languages, and more.

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

Not sure if any of these are right for you?
Illinois Tech has many other tech-centered programs, including digital humanities, bioinformatics, 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.

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 discipline of management, development, technology and theory, operations, and security—and the professional skills to be a corporate innovator and tech entrepreneur.

Stuart School of Business
Illinois Tech’s Stuart School of Business is the business school of choice for those who expect more than just a typical degree in business administration. It’s a new type of business education for those who want to be leaders in the real economy—and in a world where technology is the foundation of innovation. This degree translates into a real career advantage, preparing you with the skills needed to make a meaningful impact on an organization’s success.

Our programs emphasize analytics and quantitative 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.

Our Bachelor of Information Technology and Management degree is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET. It’s the only accredited information technology degree in Illinois.
How To Apply

1: COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
Apply online using the Common Application (apply.commonapp.org).

2: TRANSCRIPTS
Submit official or certified copies of the marks or grades of courses completed prior to university or college entrance, as well as all board examination scores. We require three full years of grades upon the submission of the application to be reviewed for admission.

3: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (first-year students only)
Provide a completed evaluation form or letter of recommendation from your counselor or a teacher (especially in the subjects of math, science, or English). One letter is required but up to three are accepted. Letters can be submitted through the Common Application or mailed to the Office of Undergraduate Admission.

4: TEST SCORES
Take either the SAT I or ACT test and send the official scores directly from the testing center. The SAT code for Illinois Tech is 1318. The ACT code for Illinois Tech is 1040. We do not require that students take the SAT II subject tests. Also provide an official copy of your English proficiency TOEFL or IELTS score report. Please include the writing score for placement exam purposes. The TOEFL code to send your scores to Illinois Tech is 1318.

5: FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT
Submit Illinois Tech’s Financial Affidavit of Support to demonstrate that you or your sponsor have available finances to meet the educational and living expenses while you are a student at Illinois Tech.

6: PASSPORT
Provide a copy of your passport, which is needed to fulfill the visa requirements.

7: COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (transfer students only)
If you submit transcripts from a university outside the United States, you should provide course descriptions of each course taken at each university. These can be submitted via email in pdf format and are necessary to provide transfer credit.

Intensive English Program
Illinois Tech offers the Intensive English Program (IEP) to help students and professionals gain improved English-language skills. Courses are offered at four levels, from beginner to high advanced. The IEP program enhances participants’ skills in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and grammar.

english.iit.edu

International Transfer Credits
Students who hold an International Baccalaureate (I.B.) diploma or who have successfully completed I.B. examinations may be awarded credit.

- College credit will be awarded for higher level (HL) exams with a score of 4 or higher.
- A maximum of 10 hours of credit for each HL exam can be awarded.
- No credit is granted for work completed at the subsidiary level (SL).
- College credit will be awarded for I.B. A-level examinations with a grade of A, B, C, D, and E.
- Maximum of 10 hours of credit can be awarded for each A-level examination.
- A maximum of 5 semester hours of credit can be awarded for each advanced subsidiary level (AS-level) examination.

Application Deadlines
Submit your application as early as possible. Our admission counselors can guide you through the process and answer any questions you and your family may have.

FOR SPRING 2019 ADMISSION (classes begin January 2019)
November 15: Admission deadline for international students living outside the U.S.
December 15: Admission deadline for international students living in the U.S.

FOR FALL 2019 ADMISSION (classes begin August 2019)
May 15: Admission deadline for international students living outside the U.S.
August 15: Admission deadline for international students living in the U.S.

NOTIFICATION PROCESS
Illinois Tech announces decisions beginning in October and within a few weeks of receiving your completed application materials. You will be provided your scholarship information at the same time that you receive your admission notification.

“Illinois Tech puts its emphasis on setting you up to succeed after school. Period. It’s worth every penny.”
— Amy Kamin (Digital Humanities ’18), Farmington, Missouri
Financing Your Degree
Think college is expensive?
It’s important to consider not just the cost of your education but also the long-term value. Illinois Tech creates opportunities in the most in-demand fields—and the returns for our graduates in both the workplace and their daily lives are well documented.

Learn more about financial aid:
lit.edu/financial-aid

Scholarships
Merit-Based International Scholarships
All international students are automatically considered for merit-based international tuition scholarships, which range from $10,000–$30,000 per year.

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

Presidential Scholarship
Awarded to students who transfer from a Chicago city college and who study science, engineering, architecture, technology, business, and human sciences at Illinois Tech. Students must be nominated by the president of their two-year institution.

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

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Our financial aid advisors are eager to help you.

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—Deborah Adesina (Biomedical Engineering 2nd Year), Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Deborah is vice president of the African Student Organization and an assistant for Campus Life.

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PRIVATE COLLEGE 20-YEAR MID-CAREER EARNINGS/ROI
—PayScale

IN ILLINOIS
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25-YEAR MID-CAREER EARNINGS/ROI AFTER FINANCIAL AID
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IN THE NATION FOR OVERALL UPWARD MOBILITY AMONG HIGHLY SELECTIVE PRIVATE COLLEGES

93% RETENTION FROM FIRST TO SECOND YEAR

12:1 STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO

43% STUDENTS FROM OUTSIDE OF ILLINOIS

STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT RATE COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL DEFAULT AVERAGE OF 11.3%

15% INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

IN ILLINOIS
10-YEAR POST-COLLEGE EARNINGS

One of the FIRST AREA COLLEGES to participate in the CHICAGO STAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

IN THE NATION
#1 IN ILLINOIS TECH

#1 IN THE CHICAGO REGION
Occupational Earnings Power
—The Brookings Institution

MIDDLE 50% SAT SCORE:
1220–1380

MIDDLE 50% ACT SCORE:
26–31

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