ILLINOIS TECH

DISCOVER. CREATE. SOLVE.

A GUIDE FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS
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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.

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With endless options come unlimited opportunities to discover: diversity, inspiration, languages, landscapes, viewpoints, technology, history, future, surprises—and most important, yourself.

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
- LGBT 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
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And many more!

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- create inclusivity in stories for children
- earn my black belt in taekwondo

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TRADITIONS

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

I will

> help design the future of American railroad infrastructure
> stay open minded about exploring the cultures of my local and international neighbors
> challenge myself to not fear trying new things

“I love Illinois Tech because its student body is full of creators and the administration supports us with space and funding. Paired with a campus located in the heart of Chicago, the railroad capital of North America, I’ve found great success both in my model railroad club and professional career.”

Daniel founded the Illinois Tech Railroad Club. The group, composed of more than 20 students from various majors, is building a model railroad layout using equipment in the Idea Shop. Daniel says his involvement helped him to land three internship offers after his first year at Illinois Tech.

IPRO Day
A rite of passage for every Illinois Tech student is IPRO Day. Held each semester, IPRO Day is like a high-octane open house, the time when students show off their big ideas and solutions developed through their IPRO coursework. Learn more about IPRO on page 14.

The Bog
This subterranean on-campus hangout has been a gathering space for students since 1962 (fact: it’s on the former site of an actual bog). Go bowling, play video games, or check out a band—and don’t forget to grab some of The Bog’s legendary waffle fries.

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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 22-6 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.

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.

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.
Food + Sleep

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.

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

State Street Village residence hall was named one of the “coolest dorms in the nation” (U.S. News & World Report) and boasts killer skyline views.

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.

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

Organizations such as ChicagoNEXT of World Business Chicago partner with the mayor’s office and Illinois Tech for ThinkChicago, a program to connect students with leading tech companies and entrepreneurs who are driving innovation in Chicago.

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.

The Supinator: An IPRO Case Study

Inspiration: 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 Mobius to address Meade’s specific needs.

How They Tackled It: IPRO students divided into three groups: one was tasked with retrofitting Mobius; 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 Mobius 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.

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.

CREATE.

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

Other IPRO courses have challenged students to:
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

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—Clinical Associate Professor of Innovation Christine Miller

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

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► 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

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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.

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.

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.

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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 VISEUS – Vying Scientific Curiosity by Underrepresented Undergraduate Students. This program helps to 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.

“I believe it’s important for me to go out there and help other scholars, other students, other minority students, and also invite 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 College of Music, Katja studies classical voice there, specializing in classical opera. 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 downtown. She also loves 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 and is a cultural historian who studies new media technologies and video gaming. She loves 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 and is a cultural historian who studies new media technologies and video gaming. She loves 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 and is a cultural historian who studies new media technologies and video gaming.

Katja Berthold
(Mechanical Engineering 2nd Year)
Honolulu, Hawaii

Game On
Carly Kosoruk, assistant professor of digital humanities and media studies, is a cultural historian who studies new media technologies and video gaming. She loves 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 and is a cultural historian who studies new media technologies and video gaming. She loves 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 and is a cultural historian who studies new media technologies and video gaming. She loves 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 and is a cultural historian who studies new media technologies and video gaming. She loves 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 and is a cultural historian who studies new media technologies and video gaming.

Green and Mean(ingful)
Manufacturing

Just as more companies are discovering the economic value of selling green products, more manufacturers are exploring how to integrate sustainable practices into the way they make products. Edor Medwynne 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 “Hmmmnnn…”

With tech advancing nearly as fast as tachyons lose energy, it can be 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 “10 Tech Innovators” by an early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S., which looks at the early rise of video game arcades in the U.S. Chicago Inno
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

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 Cleversafe (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 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.

FUTURE
Prepare for your Future
Illinois Tech offers undergraduate programs in the following colleges and schools:

Armour College of Engineering
College of Architecture
College of Science

Chicago-Kent College of Law

Institute of Design

Pre-Health Programs

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. Illinois Tech: You get to keep your undergraduate scholarships in your fifth year—and you pay the lower undergraduate tuition rate for graduate courses.

Examples include:
- B.S. in Applied Mathematics/Master of 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 Social and Economic Development Policy/ Master of Public Administration
- B.S. in Civil Engineering/M.S. in Environmental Engineering
- B.S. Business Administration/M.S. in Finance
- 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

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.

Special Academic Programs

Academic Minors

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!

Co-Terminal Degrees

Co-Terminal Degrees offer undergraduate programs in the following colleges and schools:

Armour College of Engineering
College of Architecture
College of Science

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

Illinois Tech/Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (B.S./D.O., B.S./Pharm.D., or B.S./D.M.D.)

Students are granted provisional admission to osteopathic, dentistry, 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.

Engineering.iit.edu

Engineering Graphics and CAD Curriculum (certificate)

Dual degrees (B.S.) in both Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering

Materials Science and Engineering

Civil Engineering

Chemical Engineering

Biomedical Engineering (Cell and Tissue Engineering, Medical Imaging, and Bioengineering)

Architectural Engineering

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Undergraduate Programs

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degrees in:

- Aerospace Engineering
- Architectural Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering (Cell and Tissue Engineering; Medical Imaging, or Neurological Engineering)
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil 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))

Undergraduate Programs in the 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 #25 in the country (DesignTrends/perspecs).

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 experience that connection in our 14,000-square-foot Materials Workshops. 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.

Advanced Studies are a school-wide educational and research laboratory in which students from all degree programs work together on research and design topics related to the metropolis. 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 in the College of Science

Finger 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.

We offer a number of competitive research projects that address global challenges under the direct guidance of faculty mentors. The year-round sponsored program aims to give select students a hands-on experience with research and development, specifically through the principles of your profession and work in an interdisciplinary environment.

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degrees in:

- Applied Mathematics
- Astrophysics
- Biomedical Chemistry
- Bioinformatics
- Biology
- Biotechnology/Psychological Science
- Dual Degree Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Molecular Biochemistry and Biophysics
- Physics
- Statistics

Pre-Health Professions Program

Honors Pharmacy

science.iit.edu

College of Architecture

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 purposely 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 Analytics
- Behavioral Health and Wellness
- Biotechnology/Psychological Science
- Dual Degree
- Communication

Undergraduate Research Stipends

We offer a number of 10,000-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.

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Pre-Health Professions Program

Honors Pharmacy

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Undergraduate Programs
Bachelor of Science in Applied Cybersecurity and Information Technology
Bachelor of Industrial Technology and Management (transfer students only)

Specializations
- Computing
- Cybersecurity
- Network and Systems Security
- Cyber Forensics and Information Integrity
- Digital Forensics
- Cryptography
- Applied Cybersecurity and Information Technology

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

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 next 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.

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
Dual Admission B.S./Juris Doctor (J.D.)

Specializations for Business Majors
- Applied Mathematics
- Information Technology
- Architecture
- Life Sciences
- Construction Management
- Marketing
- Environmental Management
- Mechanical Engineering
- Finance
- Psychological Science
- Human Resource Management

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.
How To Apply

Illinois Tech partners with our transfer students to make the application process and the transition to life at Illinois Tech as seamless as possible. Our admission and financial aid officers will help you through the admission process—from before you actually submit your application through your first day on campus.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Complete and submit the Common Application for admission online. There is no application fee. You can apply online at www.commonapp.org.

TRANSCRIPTS

Send your official transcript(s) to the Office of Undergraduate Admission. An official transcript is sealed (unopened) in the envelope or sent electronically directly from the institution to Illinois Tech. We require transcripts from all colleges attended, regardless of financial or academic standing, length of attendance, or length of time since attendance. If you have fewer than 20 semester hours of transferable college work earned after high school graduation, you may be required to submit:

- Official high school transcript(s)
- ACT or SAT I scores

Have your official SAT I or ACT scores sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admission. Illinois Tech’s SAT code is 1318; the ACT code is 1040.

Mailing Address

Illinois Institute of Technology
Office of Undergraduate Admission
10 West 33rd Street
Porter Hall, Room 101
Chicago, IL 60616

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ELIGIBILITY

Transfer applicants must be in good academic standing at the college they attended most recently in order to be considered for admission to Illinois Tech. Students currently on academic probation, or who have been dismissed for academic or other reasons, will not be considered for transfer admission. Students also must be in good financial standing at all previously attended colleges/universities. Transfer admission is based on a cumulative grade point average (GPA) and individual grades in all courses that apply to the major you wish to study at Illinois Tech.

ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM TRANSFERS

Students accepted into the architecture program will be asked to submit a hard copy or electronic portfolio if they have significant coursework in architecture to determine transferable credit for these classes. Get ahead and start organizing your portfolio with your projects and class syllabi. The College of Architecture will contact students directly to request portfolios.

SPRING ADMISSION DEADLINES (Classes begin in January)

November 15: Admission deadline for international students living outside the U.S.
December 1: Admission deadline for students living in the U.S.

FALL ADMISSION DEADLINES (Classes begin in August)

May 15: Admission deadline for international students living outside the U.S.
August 1: Admission deadline for students living in the U.S.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Courses from accredited colleges/universities are acceptable for transfer and must be comparable in nature, content, and level to those offered at Illinois Tech.

- A maximum of 8 semester hours of transfer credit is permitted from a two-year college.
- There is no maximum number of hours of transfer credit permitted from a four-year college; however, your final 45 semester hours must be completed at Illinois Tech.
- Transfer credit will be accepted for courses completed with the equivalent grade of “C” or better. A grade of “C–” is not acceptable for transfer credit.

RECOMMENDED COURSES

Transfer guides are available online at www.iit.edu/ugaa/transfer_credit. These useful tools ensure you are taking all the right classes before you enroll at Illinois Tech. Students pursuing a degree in the College of Science or Armour College of Engineering should take physics and calculus prior to transferring.

For more information, visit our website at admission.iit.edu/bulletin

Outside Illinois or Don’t See Your School Listed? View course equivalencies at transferology.com

1/3 of Illinois Tech undergraduates are transfer students

“Like” Talon on Facebook to learn the latest news about deadline reminders and application tips

facebook.com/TalonTheScarletHawk

City Colleges of Chicago:

- Harold Washington College
- Harry S. Truman College
- Kennedy-King College
- Malcolm X College
- Olive-Harvey College
- Richard J. Daley College
- Wilbur Wright College

Area Colleges:

- College of DuPage
- College of Lake County
- Elgin Community College
- Harper College
- Joliet Junior College
- Kankakee Community College
- McHenry County College
- Moraine Valley Community College
- Morton College
- Oakton Community College
- Prairie State College
- South Suburban College
- Triton College
- Williamssons Community College
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: iit.edu/financial-aid

The Financial Aid Process at Illinois Tech

Submit FAFSA online

- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Illinois Tech code: 001691

Receive scholarship award letter upon admission to Illinois Tech

Receive a complete award package

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

Need-Based Grants

These are 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. Just a few of those scholarships are listed on the next page.

Wondering whether you can afford such a great education? Just ask yourself: Can I afford to pass it up?

More than 98 percent of our students receive some form of financial aid—so we’ve had a lot of practice delivering on our promise to make an Illinois Tech education affordable for you.

Transfer Scholarships

Illinois Tech offers a variety of scholarship opportunities just for transfer students. All transfer students are reviewed for Transfer Tuition Scholarships (starting at $14,000). Students in the Chicago STAR program through the City Colleges of Chicago with a 3.0 GPA or higher will receive a tuition scholarship ($25,000 per year). The Presidential Scholarship provides support to students at two-year institutions who go on to study within all fields of study at Illinois Tech. In addition, students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) may be eligible for the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship ($5,000 per year) upon proof of PTK membership.

Genius Scholarships ($25,000 per year) are available to select Triton College students participating in our partnership program.

All international students are reviewed for International Student Scholarships (starting at $74,000).

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

Questions?

Our financial aid advisors are eager to help you. We are happy to advise you on the various financing options.

Office of Financial Aid—Mies Campus
Perlstein Hall, Room 206
10 West 33rd Street
Chicago, IL 60616
Phone: 312.567.7219
Fax: 312.567.3982
Email: finaid@iit.edu

If your transfer to Illinois Tech is more than a few months away, 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

"I loved that Illinois Tech embraces transfer students—not all universities are this way. If you are looking for a diverse campus, in one of the most exciting cities in America, with faculty who care for their students and work to help them, then Illinois Tech is the university for you."

— Aleida Klaika (Information Technology and Management 4th Year), Vilnius, Lithuania
Transfer student from College of DuPage

"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
Transfer student from Harold Washington College

2017-18 freshmen FAFSA filers
Includes state, federal, and institutional monies

Family's Adjusted Gross Income

Average Scholarships and Grant Aid

$0–45,000
$44,000 Total Scholarships and Grant
$45,000–85,000
$40,000 Total Scholarships and Grant
$85,000–135,000
$36,500 Total Scholarships and Grant
$135,000 and above
$30,900 Total Scholarships and Grant

Tuition

$45,872
2018–19 undergraduate tuition

Room and Board

$13,192
On-campus room and board costs vary depending on selection of campus housing and meal plan. Costs estimated for housing based on FAFSA housing selection (on-campus, off-campus, with parents).

Fees

$1,774
Visit Us!
The best way to experience life as a Scarlet Hawk is to visit our campus. Our Student Ambassadors lead campus tours year round.

Transfer Decision Days
Complete your application and meet us in person to receive an accelerated admission decision.

Transfer Connection Thursdays
Meet with us to learn more about our programs, scholarships, and the admission process.

Daily Individualized 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...virtually!
Log on to iit.edu/virtualtour to view a cool online virtual tour of our buildings, labs, open spaces, and more!

Register online today at visit.iit.edu

Knowing which classes you should be taking now and which credits will transfer shouldn't be a guessing game. We want you to know what you should be doing before you apply to ensure your success at Illinois Tech.

Sign up for FastForward or contact our transfer admission counselors as early as possible to start planning your best transfer path: admissions.iit.edu/undergraduate/ffit

International students will need to submit extra application materials such as TOEFL/IELTS scores and a financial affidavit of support. For full requirements visit apply.iit.edu.

In 1890 Illinois Institute of Technology was founded in order to lift up people of all backgrounds with an education that would help them meet the needs of the age. Rankings based on the United States Department of Education College Scorecard, which offers the public access to years of federal government data on U.S. colleges and universities, show that 128 years on, Illinois Tech is fulfilling its mission.

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

#2 IN ILLINOIS
SAT SCORE:
1220–1380

#1 IN ILLINOIS
Private College 20-Year Mid-Career Earnings/ROI
—PayScale

#1 IN ILLINOIS
#39 IN THE NATION
25-Year Mid-Career Earnings/ROI After Financial Aid
—PayScale

#2 IN ILLINOIS
#62 IN THE NATION
Private College 20-Year Mid-Career Earnings/ROI
—PayScale

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

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO
12:1

INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
15%

RETENTION FROM FIRST TO SECOND YEAR
93%

CAMPUS ETHNIC DIVERSITY
#38

30% OF UNDERGRADUATES ARE FEDERAL PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS WITH SERIOUS FINANCIAL NEED

AVERAGE ANNUAL OUT-OF-POCKET TUTION AFTER SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS PAID BY ILLINOIS TECH UNDERGRADUATES FROM HOUSEHOLDS EARNING $45,000 OR LESS
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