



2015-2016
COUNSELOR GUIDE



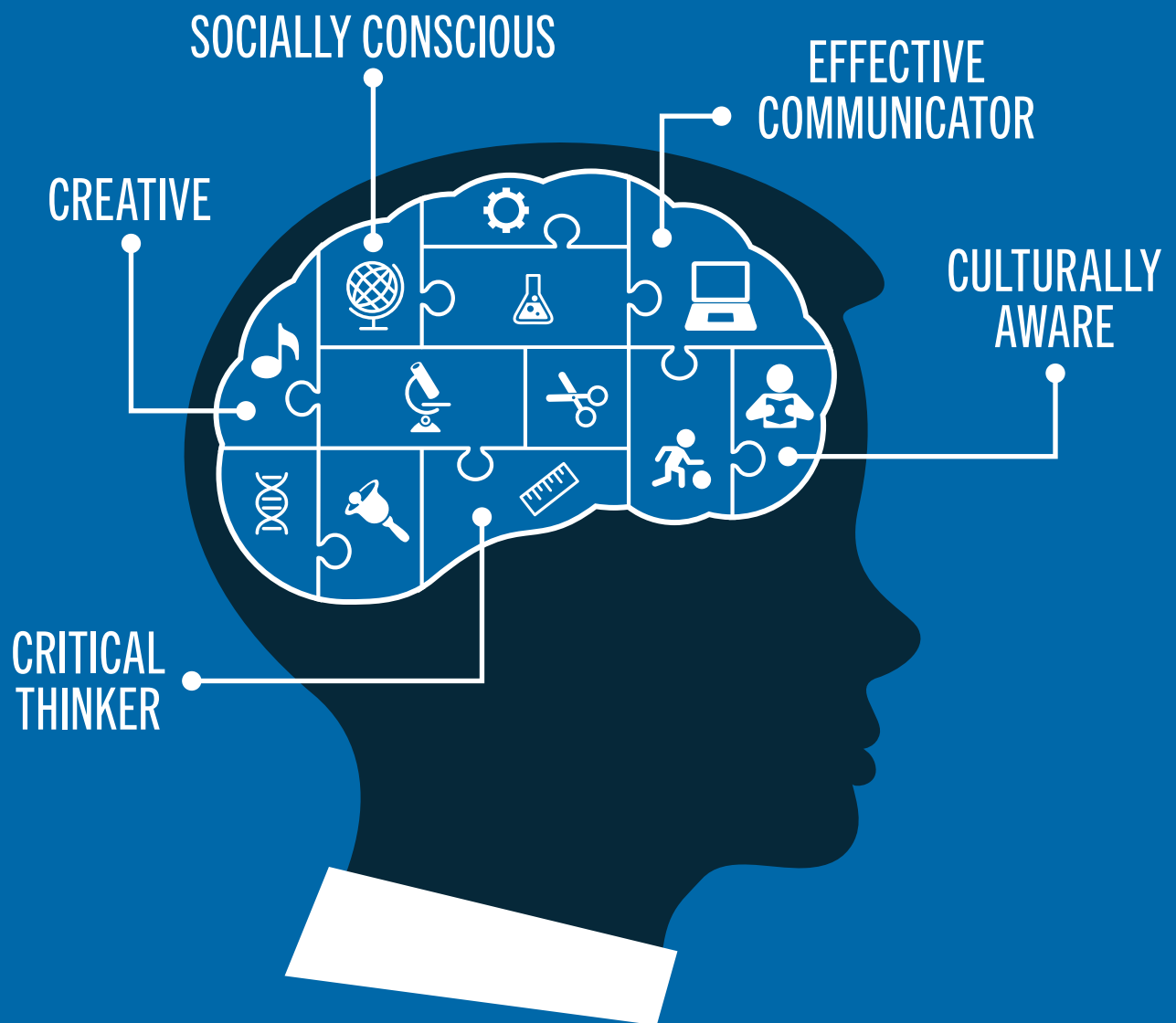
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY™

We appreciate your role in connecting us with our future panthers. We also appreciate that finding the right fit may be easy with some of your students and a challenge with others. We hope this publication makes the process of talking about college choices a little easier.

Ours is a campus culture built on rigorous academics but delivered in a student-centric environment. We're here for our students and we'll be here for you too should you need it. Please don't hesitate to contact your local rep or our admissions director at **217-581-BEIU** or **admissions@eiu.edu**.

Thank you again for being a partner in bringing us together with the students that make Eastern Illinois University a great place to learn, live and work.





WHAT IS THE IDEAL PANTHER MADE OF?

Ideal panthers might be found anywhere. They might live in a small town or a big city. They could love science or working on the school yearbook. Athlete? Maybe. Nerd? Maybe. What all successful panthers have in common is a drive to succeed and improve. The drive required to get involved. A sense of their important role in the community and the world. They reach. They ask questions. They challenge.

EIU AT A GLANCE

COST TO ATTEND EASTERN:

	in-state*	out-of-state
Tuition	\$ 8,550	\$ 10,680
Textbook rental fee	\$ 293	\$ 293
Program/services fees	\$ 2,470	\$ 2,470
Room & board	\$ 9,176	\$ 9,176
Total	\$20,489	\$22,619

*All bordering states to Illinois pay in-state tuition. This includes Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Michigan and Wisconsin.



of our classes are taught by faculty



of our classes have fewer than 40 students

8,913
STUDENTS
enrolled at EIU
in Fall of 2014

Our alumni satisfaction rate is

96% after one year from graduation and

98% after nine years from graduation.

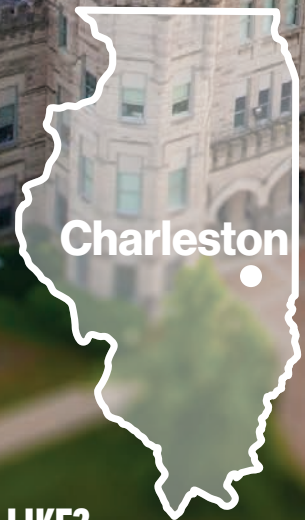
founded in
1895



Students come from more than **43** states and **46** countries.

14:1

student-to-faculty ratio



121 Study Abroad programs currently available at EIU

WHAT'S CHARLESTON LIKE?

EIU's bustling campus in the middle of small-town Charleston. It's quiet, feels homey and you always run into friendly, familiar faces regardless of where you are!

- Two weekly farmers markets
- 15 city parks, including Lake Charleston
- Live music, coffee shops, specialty shopping
- Five minutes from the world's largest Abe Lincoln
- 10 minutes from hiking at Fox Ridge State Park
- 10 minutes from the world's fastest pop machine

50 MAJORS
minors **73**

MAJORS + MINORS

ACCOUNTING* +

ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION (minor only)

ADVERTISING (minor only)

AFRICANA STUDIES+

ANTHROPOLOGY (minor only)

APPLIED ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY* +

ART

- Art History+
- Graphic Design
- Studio Art+
- Art Teacher Licensure

ASIAN STUDIES (minor only)

ATHLETIC TRAINING

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES* +

- Environmental Biology

BROADCAST METEOROLOGY (minor only)

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION+

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- Business Education
- Family & Consumer Sciences Education
- Technology Education

CHEMISTRY* +

CIVIC AND NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP (minor only)

CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE (CO-OP)

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES*

COMMUNICATION STUDIES* +

- Communication, Society and Popular Culture
- Corporate Communication
- Interpersonal Communication
- Mass Communication
- Public Relations

COMMUNITY HEALTH (minor only)

CREATIVE WRITING (minor only)

CRIMINOLOGY (minor only)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

EARTH SCIENCE (minor only)

ECONOMICS* +

- International Studies

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

ENGINEERING (CO-OP)

ENGLISH*

- Language Arts for Teacher Licensure

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (minor only)

ENTREPRENEURSHIP (minor only)

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (minor only)

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (minor only)

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES* +

- Apparel & Textiles, Financial Literacy, Hospitality Management, and Merchandising
- Dietetics
- Family Services

FILM STUDIES (minor only)

FINANCE* +

FINANCIAL LITERACY (minor only)

FOREIGN LANGUAGES*

- French+
- French Teacher Licensure+
- German+
- German Teacher Licensure+
- Spanish+
- Spanish Teacher Licensure+

GENERAL STUDIES

- Child Care Education

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCES (minor only)

GEOGRAPHY* +

- Environmental/Physical Geography
- Human Geography

GEOLOGY* +

HEALTH COMMUNICATION (minor only)

HEALTH STUDIES

- Community Health
- Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness
- Health Administration

HEALTH STUDIES TEACHER LICENSURE (minor only)

HISTORY* +

- International Studies
- History Teacher Licensure

JAZZ STUDIES (minor only)

JOURNALISM* +

KINESIOLOGY AND SPORTS STUDIES

- K-12 Physical Education Teacher Licensure+

LATIN-AMERICAN STUDIES (minor only)

LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNITY RECREATION (minor only)

LITERARY AND CULTURAL STUDIES (minor only)

MANAGEMENT* +

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS* +

MARKETING* +

MATHEMATICS* +

- Mathematics Teacher Licensure (Grades 9-12)+

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE*

MEDIA STUDIES (minor only)

MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION Grades 5-8

MILITARY SCIENCE (minor only)

MUSIC* +

- Performance Option
- Music Teacher Licensure

NEUROSCIENCE (minor only)

NURSING (RN TO BSN COMPLETION)

OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT (minor only)

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (minor only)

PHILOSOPHY* +

PHYSICS* +

- Applied Physics
- Astronomy
- Computational Physics
- Engineering Physics
- Radiation Physics

POLITICAL SCIENCE* +

- International Studies
- Civic and Nonprofit Leadership

PRE-LAW STUDIES (minor only)

PRINT & TEXTILE DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES (minor only)

PROFESSIONAL WRITING (minor only)

PSYCHOLOGY* +

PUBLIC RELATIONS (minor only)

RECREATION ADMINISTRATION* +

- Therapeutic Recreation

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (minor only)

RURAL STUDIES (minor only)

SAFETY AND DRIVER EDUCATION (minor only)

SCIENCE WITH TEACHER LICENSURE

SOCIAL SCIENCE TEACHING Grades 9-12

SOCIOLOGY* +

SPECIAL EDUCATION*

- Early Childhood
- Standard Special

SPORTS MEDIA RELATIONS (minor only)

THEATRE ARTS* +

- Theatre Arts Teacher Licensure

WOMEN'S STUDIES (minor only)

* Departmental honors program available

+ Minor available

Looking for a subject that is not listed? Perhaps it is covered by one of these majors. To find out, call us at 877-581-BEIU (2348). We're happy to help.

TURNING INTERESTS INTO A FUTURE



It's not always easy for high school students to connect their interests to an academic major. We've reorganized our majors list by interests and we present it here to assist you in counseling your students about their future.

BROADCAST, COMMUNICATION & JOURNALISM

MAJORS

Communication Studies

Option in: Corporate Communication, Interpersonal Communication, Mass Communication (*Concentration in: Broadcast News, Electronic Media*), Public Relations

Journalism (*Concentration in: Broadcast News, Design, Editing, New/Emerging Media, Photojournalism, Public Relations, Writing and Reporting*)

MINORS

Broadcast Meteorology, Sports Media Relations

BUSINESS

MAJORS

Accounting

Business Administration

Finance

Management (*Concentration in: General, Human Resource, International*)

Management Information Systems

Marketing

Family & Consumer Sciences Option in: Merchandising

Kinesiology & Sports Studies (*Concentration in: Sport Management*)

MINORS

Advertising, Entrepreneurship



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & DEVELOPMENT

MAJORS

Adult and Community Education

Health Studies Option in: First Responder

Family & Consumer Sciences Option in: Hospitality Management

Recreation Administration Option in: Therapeutic Recreation

MINORS

Leadership in Community Recreation

CREATIVE & FINE ARTS

- MAJORS** **Art** Option in: Art History, Graphic Design, Studio Art (*Concentration in: 2-D, 3-D*)
Family and Consumer Sciences Option in: Apparel and Textile Design
Music Option in: Music Performance (*Concentration in: Composition, Instrumental, Keyboard, Vocal*)
Theatre Arts (*Concentration in: Generalist, History, Literature, Performance, Technical and Design*)
- MINORS** **Creative Writing, Film Studies, Jazz Studies, Print and Textile Design Technologies**
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CULTURAL STUDIES

- MAJORS** **Africana Studies** (*Concentration in: Fine Arts, Gender, History and Culture, Literature, Politics and International Development*)
Communication Studies Option in: Communication, Society, and Popular Culture
- MINORS** **Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, Medieval Studies, Religious Studies, Women's Studies**
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EDUCATION

- MAJORS** **Art**
Career and Technical Education Option in: Business Education, Family & Consumer Sciences Education, Technology Education (*Concentration in: Automation and Control, Construction, Drafting and Design, Graphic Communication, Manufacturing*), Childcare Education, Language Arts
Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education Option in: Elementary Education General, Elementary Education Middle School (*Concentration in: General Science, Language Arts, Math, Social Sciences*), French, German, Health Studies, History, Physical Education, Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Science, Spanish
Special Education Option in: Standard Special, Early Childhood/Special Education, Early Childhood - Special Education Dual - & Elementary Education Dual, Secondary Education - Special Education Dual (*Concentration in Art, Business Education, Family & Consumer Sciences, Health Studies, Math, Music, Spanish, Technology Education*), Standard Special, Theatre Arts
- MINORS** **Adult Education, Safety and Driver Education**
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HEALTH SCIENCES

- MAJORS** **Athletic Training**
Clinical Laboratory Science
Communication Disorders and Sciences
Family & Consumer Sciences Option in: Dietetics
Health Studies Option in: Community Health (*Concentration in: Health Promotion/Education, Health Counseling, Health Administration*)
Kinesiology and Sports Studies (*Concentration in: Exercise Science*)
Pre-Medical Studies (*Concentration in: Pre-Chiropractic, Pre-Dentistry, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Nursing, Pre-Occupational Therapy, Pre-Optometry, Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Physician's Assistant, Pre-Podiatry, Pre-Veterinary Medicine*)
- MINORS** **Health Communication**

LIBERAL ARTS

- MAJORS** English
Foreign Languages Option in: French, German, Spanish
History Option in: International Studies
Philosophy
- MINORS** Professional Writing
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ONLINE & ADULT DEGREE COMPLETION

- MAJORS** General Studies
Organizational and Professional Development (*Concentration in: Training and Development, Supervision and Leadership*)
Nursing (RN to BS Completion Program)
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STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH)

- MAJORS** Applied Engineering and Technology (*Concentration in: Alternative Energy and Sustainability, Construction, Digital Media Technologies, General, Integrated Computer Technology, Manufacturing*)
Biological Sciences Option in: Environmental Biology
Chemistry (*Concentration in: Biochemistry, Management*)
Engineering (Co-op)
Geography (*Concentration in: Environmental Studies, General, Geographic Techniques/Spatial Analysis, International Studies*)
Geology
Mathematics (*Concentration in: Applied Mathematics, Pure Mathematics*)
Mathematics and Computer Science
Physics Option in: Applied Physics, Astronomy, Computational Physics, Engineering Physics, Radiation Physics
- MINORS** Earth Science, Environmental Studies, Environmental Sustainability, Geographic Information Sciences, Military Science, Neuroscience
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SOCIAL SCIENCES

- MAJORS** Economics Option in: Economics and International Studies
Family and Consumer Sciences Option in: Family Services, Consumer Studies
Political Science (*Concentration in: Public Administration*) Option in: Political Science and International Studies
Psychology
Sociology
- MINORS** Anthropology, Criminology, Pre-Law Studies

FINANCIAL AID AT EIU

80%

of EIU students receive some form of financial aid each year

84% MORE

A Georgetown University study found that bachelor's degree recipients can expect to earn about 84% more, on average, than those whose highest attainment is a high school diploma.

\$122,000,000

The amount of financial aid processed at EIU in one academic year through scholarships, grants, work-study jobs and/or loans

\$900 saved annually by renting textbooks

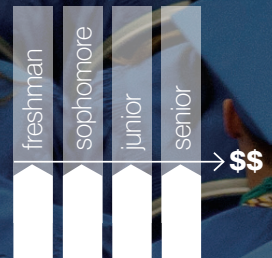
Students at EIU rent their textbooks rather than buy them... saving hundreds of dollars every year.



GUARANTEED TUITION RATE:

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

This plan applies only to tuition; all other expenses, including fees and room/board, may change.



FAFSA:

Nearly every student is eligible for some form of financial aid. Incoming freshmen should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after Jan. 1.

WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV

Make sure you list us as your first choice!

Eastern's school code is:

001674

Begin your application after Jan. 1 and **apply to EIU by February 15.**

6,780



Each year, around 6,780 EIU students are awarded more than \$13.5 million in scholarship money. Regardless of your background and study interests, there are scholarships out there for which you qualify to apply. Visit our online merit calculator for more information!

WWW.EIU.EDU/~SCHOLARS/MERIT.PHP

OUT-OF-STATE STUDENT. IN-STATE TUITION.

Good news. If you're an undergraduate student from any of the states which border Illinois – Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri and Wisconsin – there's no extra tuition to pay. You pay the exact same tuition rate as someone from Illinois AND you have the same four-year guarantee for your tuition rate. No jumping through extra hoops to qualify for in-state rates – you're automatically qualified.

LIFE

Eastern's Center for Literacy in Financial Education:
castle.eiu.edu/life

Encouraging students to practice responsible financial behaviors and graduate with a lower debt level by developing strategies to reduce their discretionary spending.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Academically talented students will automatically be considered for our new merit scholarships. Use the chart below as a guide to see where you might fit. Visit our online merit calculator at www.eiu.edu/scholarships/merit.php for more information.

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS*

The award amount is divided evenly between fall and spring semesters and is renewable for a total of eight (8) consecutive semesters. Full-time enrollment (12 hours or more) is required.

SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT	MINIMUM ACT	MINIMUM GPA**	RENEWAL CRITERIA
		SAMPLE ACT AND GPA AWARDS		
Commitment to Excellence - High Achievement	\$4,500	36	3.35	Cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher to renew.
		33	3.70	
		30	4.0	
Commitment to Excellence - Tier 1	\$3,500	36	2.75	Cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher to renew.
		30	3.35	
		27	3.65	
Commitment to Excellence - Tier 2	\$2,750	34	2.75	Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher to renew.
		28	3.25	
		21	3.65	
Commitment to Excellence - Tier 3	\$2,000	28	2.75	Cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher to renew.
		24	2.90	
		21	3.00	

*based on availability of resources **based on unweighted GPA on a 4.00 scale

PEMBERTON PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS AWARD Application Deadline: Jan. 8

Selected recipients will receive on-campus room and board (approximately \$9,100 per year) and tuition and fees (up to \$11,000 per year) for a total of four years. Generally, a student cannot receive a combination of federal, state and institutional aid that exceeds the cost of attendance.

Eligible applicants must demonstrate academic excellence by achieving an ACT score of 31 and a cumulative high school GPA of 3.75 (unweighted, on a 4-point scale) or better; exemplify leadership and service, as well as intellectual maturity noted within high school activities and achievements. Financial need may be a consideration.

Up to five students will be selected to receive this prestigious award each year. Recipients will be expected to hold active participation within the Sandra and Jack Pine Honors College and classes. Recipients selected to receive the Pemberton Presidential Scholars Award will not be eligible to also receive the Commitment to Excellence Award or Honors Award.

In order to maintain eligibility, Pemberton Presidential Scholars are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or greater, have full-time consecutive enrollment, and remain in good standing with the university.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS AWARD

Application Deadline: Jan. 8

In addition to enrollment in the Sandra and Jack Pine Honors College, minimum eligibility criteria for the Presidential Scholars Award are a composite ACT of 30 **and** a high school cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale **or** a composite ACT of 30 **and** top 10% of graduating class. ***OR***

A composite ACT of 28 **and** a high school cumulative GPA of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale **or** a composite ACT of 28 **and** a top 5% of graduating class.

Up to 20 incoming freshmen are selected to receive this prestigious award each year. Selected students will receive \$11,000 each year (divided evenly between fall and spring semesters), for up to eight semesters, provided they meet renewal criteria and maintain enrollment in the Honors College.

If selected for the Presidential Scholars Award, students will receive \$11,000 per year for a total value of \$44,000, instead of the Commitment to Excellence Award.

HONORS AWARD Application Deadline: Jan. 8

Honors Award eligibility requirements are the same as the Presidential Scholars Award. Students not chosen to receive the Presidential Scholars Award may be eligible to receive this award in addition to the Commitment to Excellence Award. Selected students will receive \$3,000 each year (divided evenly between fall and spring semesters), for up to eight semesters, provided they meet renewal criteria and maintain enrollment in the Pine Honors College.

PANTHER PROMISE TUITION WAIVER

Panther Promise is available to students from households with an annual income ranging from \$33,000 to \$71,000. Selected recipients will receive up to \$2,500 toward tuition (divided evenly between fall and spring semesters), for up to eight semesters for incoming freshmen. To be eligible, the recipient must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), be a first-time freshman, attend full time and meet the income requirements listed above. This waiver is based on the availability of resources.

WWW.EIU.EDU/MYEIU

MyEIU is a personal portal into EIU and it contains detailed information about a student's application, financial aid status, housing assignment and orientation dates. It is designed to guide students – step-by-step – through the enrollment process.

If students have any questions, contact the Office of Admissions at **217-581-2223** or **877-581 BEIU(2348)** or email admissions@eiu.edu.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE AN EIU STUDENT?

APPLY EARLY!

Eastern uses a rolling admission policy beginning July 1 and continues to accept applications as long as space is available. We encourage early application for admission and scholarship consideration.

FRESHMAN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Eastern Illinois University grants admission to students whose abilities, interests, character, and background give them the greatest promise of benefiting from and contributing to the Eastern Illinois University community. Such students demonstrate strong academic ability, intellectual curiosity, open-mindedness, and a commitment to learning.

The middle 50% of our fall 2014 entering class earned a range ACT composite score of 19-24 with a grade point average of 2.7-3.4.

TRANSFER ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A transfer student is defined as any student who has attended college after graduating from high school.

30 or more semester hours

- Applicants must have an overall cumulative grade point average* of 2.0, and a 2.0 at the last institution attended

24 or more semester hours

- Applicants must have an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.5 and a 2.0 at the last institution attended

Applicants with fewer than the required semester hours must have an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.0, a 2.0 at the last institution attended, AND meet high school criteria.

**all grade point averages are based on a 4.0 grading scale*

SANDRA AND JACK PINE HONORS COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Academically talented students have the opportunity to enhance their educational experience through the Sandra and Jack Pine Honors College. The Honors program is open to freshmen who meet at least two of the following criteria:

- ACT composite score of 26 or higher, or SAT verbal/math score of 1180 or higher
- Upper 10 percent of high school graduating class, or a 3.5 cumulative grade point average of a 4.0 scale
- 3.5 cumulative grade point average for at least 12 hours of course work undertaken at EIU
- Permission of the dean of the Honors College

Beyond the stimulation of an enriched education, Honors students enjoy priority registration, limited class size and increased scholarship availability. Honors housing is also available.

ALTERNATIVE ADMISSION

Eastern Illinois University offers a limited number of spaces through alternative admission programs for students who don't meet our standard admissions criteria. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 1	Begin accepting applications	May 1	Freshmen fall enrollment deposit due	Aug. 18	Fall move-in day
Jan. 1	First day to file FAFSA	June 12	Housing down payment due for fall	Aug. 22	First day of classes
Feb. 15	Recommended FAFSA deadline	Aug. 1	Deadline to submit immunization form		

#FUTUREPANTHER ADMITTED STUDENT DAYS **Sign up on MyEIU: www.eiu.edu/myeiu**

February 15, 2016 and March 5, 2016

#FUTUREPANTHER FRIDAYS: every Friday in April.

Admitted Student Days are chances for students to visit EIU to learn what lies ahead. There will be opportunities to tour campus and to speak with faculty and current students. Plus, students have the chance to win tickets for Homecoming or Family Weekend football games, the Family Weekend concert and maybe even walk away with EIU Bookstore discounts and cool EIU gear!

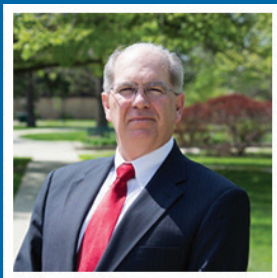
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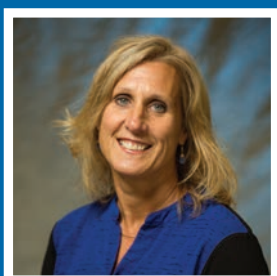
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