

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

FALL 2024





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Welcome to Eastern Illinois University, where you can be part of a welcoming community that genuinely cares about you. We've got more than just a top-notch education to offer — we've got your back with academic, financial, and personal support to help you make your dreams come true. Picture yourself in the not-so-distant future walking across the stage in your graduation gear while your family and friends cheer you on. That's the day we're all working toward at EIU and we're here to help you become that amazing version of yourself.

Welcome home, future Panther!

"I chose to attend EIU because of the feeling of inclusion with the small class sizes. STEM majors can be daunting, especially at bigger universities. I feel like the faculty on campus here do a great job of being there for the students. I have yet to have a science professor that didn't try to get to know me as a person." - Nicholas Cheney, Biological Sciences major



OLD MAIN

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

A photograph of three healthcare students in a bright, modern hallway. On the left, a young woman with blonde hair in a braid, wearing blue scrubs and a stethoscope, smiles. In the center, an older woman with glasses, wearing a white lab coat over blue scrubs, holds a clipboard and looks at the students. On the right, another young woman with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing blue scrubs and a stethoscope, also smiles. The background shows large windows and a clean, professional environment.

MAJORS, MINORS & PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Employers love our students because they know EIU students are being well-prepared for success in the classroom. That's why more than 200 recruiters from all over come to our campus job fairs. And our Career Services team is amazing! Plus, you can connect with Career Services even before you start classes at EIU if you need help choosing a major.

VISIT **EIU.EDU/MAJORS** TO CONNECT YOUR INTERESTS TO OUR MAJORS.



91%

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Honors Programs available
in most departments.

AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

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



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

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.

OUR STUDENTS SAVE AN AVERAGE OF

 **1200**

USING TEXTBOOK RENTAL!

COST TO ATTEND EASTERN



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



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

*All residents of bordering states to Illinois (Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri & Wisconsin) and academically talented out-of-state transfers with a 3.0 GPA pay in-state tuition.

**Based on 30 hours of enrollment and the 12-plus meal plan for incoming students.

NOTE: Tuition is based on \$330 per credit hour for in-state residents and \$412 per credit hour for non-residents.

SANDRA & JACK PINE HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS

PEMBERTON PRESIDENTIAL & PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS AWARD

For exceptionally strong incoming freshmen, the Pine Honors College offers competitive full-ride and full-tuition scholarships.

FULL-RIDE PEMBERTON PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Worth \$95,000

FULL-TUITION PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Worth \$52,000

HONORS AWARD FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN

Worth \$12,000, in addition to the automatic Merit Scholarship, worth up to \$16,000, for a total of \$28,000.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: **3.75 GPA**

AUTOMATIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

HIGH ACHIEVING MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

GPA: 3.85 - 4.0 - \$16,000

(\$4,000 awarded annually)

DISTINGUISHED MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

GPA: 3.6 - 3.84 - \$12,000

(\$3,000 awarded annually)

ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

GPA: 3.0 - 3.59 - \$8,000

(\$2,000 awarded annually)

*Renewable up to 8 consecutive semesters if renewal criteria is met.

OTHER AUTOMATIC AWARDS

SUCCESS & ENGAGEMENT AWARD

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

(\$1,000 awarded annually)



PANTHER PROMISE TUITION WAIVER

Students from households with an annual income ranging from:

\$55,000 TO \$100,000 WILL RECEIVE UP TO \$2,500

towards tuition for up to eight semesters.

EIU PROMISE PROGRAM

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

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

DON'T FORGET YOUR FAFSA!

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

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

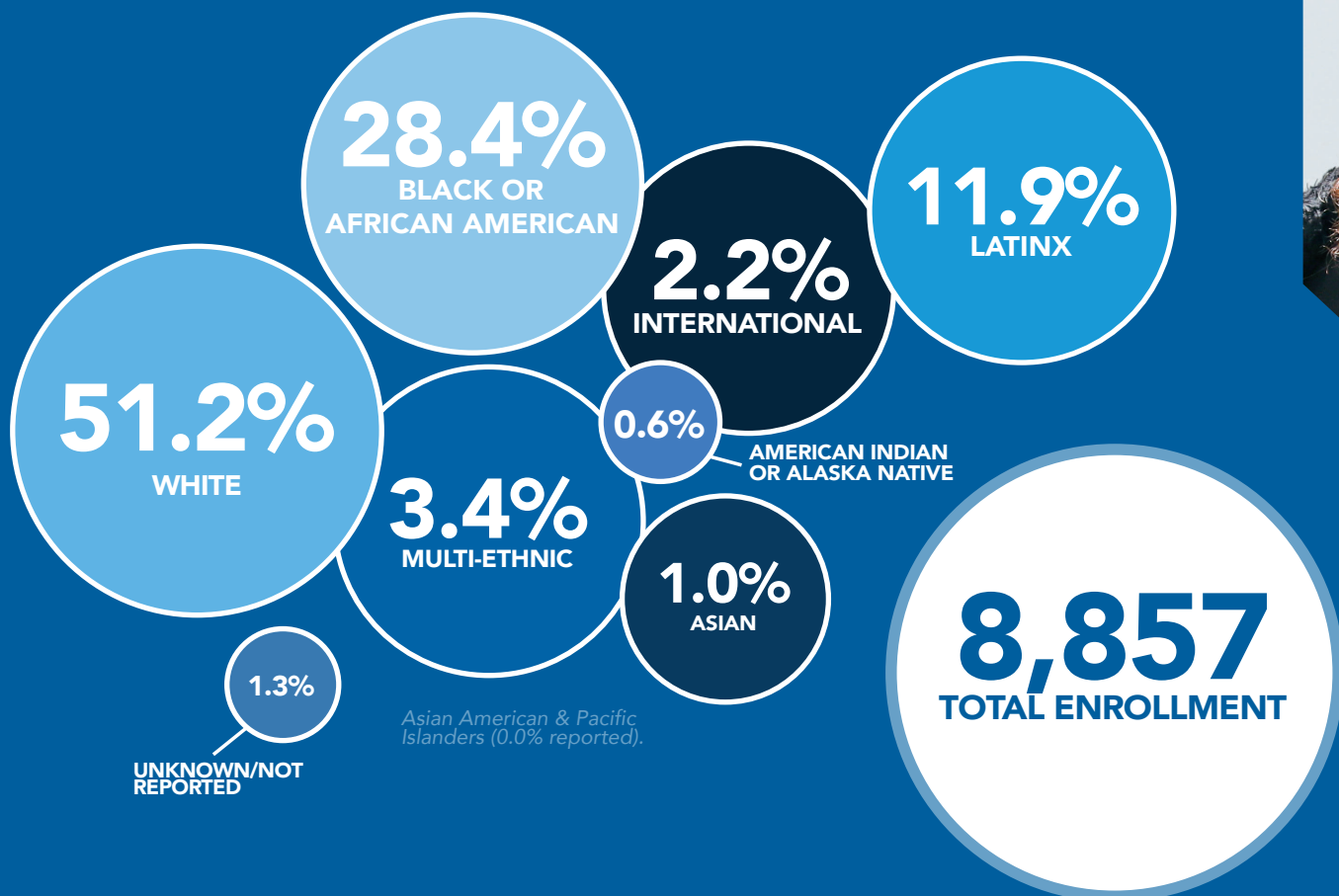
OUR SCHOOL CODE 001674

www.studentaid.gov

INCLUSIVE & ACCESSIBLE

FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN CLASS PROFILE

51% First-Generation Students



At EIU, we have a diverse community of students with varying backgrounds and experiences, and we are proud to say that everyone can succeed here. Our aim is to make your experience inclusive and accessible, leaving you feeling inspired, focused and dedicated to your education. We want you to know that you will always have a place in our welcoming environment, built on a foundation of respect for individuals and high expectations for what you can achieve. We are committed to investing in your success and making your time at EIU truly unforgettable. You'll find that we tailor everything to meet this goal, creating an atmosphere that feels like an intimate, dedicated private school while still maintaining the benefits of a public institution.



**OUR
STUDENT BODY
REPRESENTS OVER**

45 37

STATES

COUNTRIES

“I chose to attend EIU because I felt as if the professors I met prior to attending EIU had the same values and goals as me. They were committed to helping me advance in both my education and future endeavors. It was also the most affordable option that had everything I could ask for in a university.”

- Haley Hsu, Music Teacher Education Major



NEIGHBORHOOD WEEK

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

91%

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

HOUSING & DINING

MORE THAN JUST A BED

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

Freshmen are required to live on campus their first year, but plenty of students stay on campus for multiple years because they prefer the convenience, security, and support of on-campus living.

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

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



EIU LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES:

- Freshman/Transfer Connection*
- First-Year Residential Experience*
- Transfer*
- Pine Honors College*
- Business & Technology*
- Roosevelt Leadership Institute*
- Health & Human Services*
- Gender Inclusive Housing -
Doug DiBianco Community*



OPPORTUNITY IS EVERYWHERE FOR EVERYTHING

Wherever your interests may lead you, we've got a community ready to help you develop them. We have more than 125 registered student organizations, from clubs and Greek life to intramural sports! Can't find exactly what you're looking for? Create your own club and inspire others! You'll also find limitless options to grow through community service, faculty-mentored research, and over 600 study abroad programs. You'll have so many opportunities to connect with who you truly want to be!

600+

STUDY ABROAD
PROGRAMS

125+

REGISTERED STUDENT
ORGANIZATIONS

CHECK OUT OUR REGISTERED
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



eiu.edu/slo

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE:

Academic Organizations
Civic Engagement
Fraternity & Sorority Programs
Intramural Sports
Multicultural Organizations
Religious Groups
Volunteerism & Service

DIVISION I ATHLETICS:

MEN'S:

Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Soccer
Swimming
Tennis
Track & Field

WOMEN'S:

Basketball
Beach Volleyball
Cross Country
Golf
Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball



98%

OF OUR CLASSES HAVE
FEWER THAN 50 STUDENTS

15:1

STUDENT TO
FACULTY RATIO

DREAM BIGGER



EIU was ranked 4th in the nation for best value by College Consensus in 2022. We have the lowest cost of attendance of any Illinois public university, and the average student receives more than \$14,000 in financial aid.

My goal after high school was to continue my education. People constantly told me, "You won't make it... with what money?!" While my mom reminded me that anything is possible if I work hard for it. I told myself I would find a way to attend college because when you want something, you'll do anything to get yourself there. I knew there were scholarships, grants, and student loans that would help finance my college education. I chose Eastern Illinois University because of its affordability and convenient location outside the city but not too far, as well as the available resources and the major I was interested in.

My aspiration in life is to make my parents proud and overcome the struggles they faced due to a lack of education. I understand the challenges they have endured and continue to face so that I can have a better life than they did. By being the first one in my family to go to college and pursue my dreams, I want to make them proud. Among my siblings, I will be the first to complete my college education. I have witnessed the hardships my siblings have faced because they were unable to continue their education, either due to their immigration status or financial constraints.

My mother works the third shift at a factory because it pays a dollar more, even though her hands are slowly becoming fragile. Seeing her endure these challenges without complaining makes me realize how fortunate I am to have abundant opportunities here. I aspire to be educated because I know it will open doors not only for myself but also for my family. - Maria Cruz, Interpersonal Communication major



A FUTURE FULL OF CELEBRATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

Want to join the club? Apply now!

**EIU PREPARES
Ph.D.s**

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



99%

ALUMNI SATISFACTION RATE

MYEIU FAMILY ACCOUNT

STAY IN THE LOOP ABOUT ALL THINGS EIU
AND KEEP UP WITH YOUR FUTURE PANTHER'S
CHECKLIST ITEMS AND DEADLINES

ADDING A FAMILY ACCOUNT:

1. Student logs in to MyEIU at eiu.edu/myeiu.
2. Select **YOUR PROFILE**.
3. Select **FAMILY ACCOUNT**.
4. Enter your family member's contact information and opt in to communications.
5. The family member checks their email and clicks the link to activate their family account.



**MORE THAN ONE FAMILY
ACCOUNT CAN BE ADDED!**





FAMILY WEEKEND

Family Weekend is a great time to explore campus and the community, spend quality time together, and create long lasting memories. Family members of all ages are invited – we have something for everyone!

FRESHMAN CHECKLIST

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

TEST-OPTIONAL: 2.8/4.0 GPA

Students with a GPA between 2.3-2.79 will be reviewed to determine eligibility.

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

Students who do not meet the criteria above may be encouraged to submit additional documents.

APPLY

- Complete application at eiu.edu/apply
- Send official high school transcripts.

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Complete your FAFSA or Alternative Application.
- Apply for EIU scholarships.
- Contact your admissions counselor to discuss your financial aid award letter.

CHOOSE EIU

- Submit your \$150 Enrollment Deposit.

HOUSING

- Complete your housing intent form.
- Apply for housing on your MyEIU account.
- Submit your Room & Board contract.

ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION

- Register for your Orientation date through your MyEIU account.
- Attend advising appointment and register for courses.
- Attend your Orientation date and connect with other EIU students.

YOU'RE HERE

- Move in!
- Pick up textbooks at Textbook Rental Service.
- You're a Panther!



GET A PERSONALIZED ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST
AND CONNECT WITH YOUR COUNSELOR AT

my.eiu.edu



FIRST NIGHT

EIU First Night is the annual kick-off spirit rally designed to promote university pride and spirit while welcoming current and new EIU students to campus. First Night kicks off the official start of a new EIU academic year.



A woman with dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans, is walking on a paved sidewalk. She is carrying a large, dark-colored bag with multiple straps over her shoulder. The background features a brick wall and dense green foliage with some yellowing leaves, suggesting an autumn setting. The image is oriented vertically.

SEE YOU SOON! | eiu.edu/visit

CAMPUS TOURS

EIU offers campus tours
Monday-Friday
and select Saturdays.

OPEN HOUSES

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

ON-CAMPUS ADMIT DAYS

Friday, December 8, 2023
Monday, February 19, 2024
Saturday, March 2, 2024



CONTACTS & RESOURCES | go.eiu.edu/contact

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

admissions@eiu.edu
217-581-2223

ACCESSIBILITY & ACCOMMODATIONS

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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CAREER SERVICES

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CENTER FOR GENDER & SEXUAL DIVERSITY

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FINANCIAL AID

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HONORS COLLEGE

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HOUSING & DINING

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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & SCHOLARS

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MILITARY STUDENT ASSISTANCE CENTER

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NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS

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REGISTRAR (RECORDS)

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ROTC

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STUDENT BILLING & ACCOUNTS

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VETERANS BENEFITS

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