Counselor Updates

Admissions

APPLY EARLY
No deadline. We encourage all students to apply as early as possible. EIU starts accepting applications 12 months in advance. Financial Aid cannot be packaged until the student is admitted. Encourage your admitted students to attend their Orientation Day as soon as they can. We begin orientation/registration in March for the Fall and in October for the Spring.

MINIMUM TRANSFER ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
To be considered for admission one of the following must be met:

1. 24+ Semester Hours of college level credit with 2.0/4.0
   Must have a 2.0/4.0 overall and from the last school attended
   OR
2. (If less than 24 with 2.0)
   Must have a 2.0/4.0 overall and from the last school attended
   AND
   meet the following high school criteria:
   ACT 18 or SAT 860 or new SAT 960* and (GPA of 2.5)

*SAT Exams taken March 2016 or after have a new scoring scale

ASSOCIATE DEGREE - Students with a transferable associate degree must have a cumulative 2.0 GPA. If GPA is below a 2.0, then they may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

COURSE SUBSTITUTION LISTS
Printable course substitution lists are available for all Illinois Community Colleges at www.eiu.edu/transfer/coop_coursesub.php. Additional equivalencies available are at www.transferology.com

Policies

CREDIT
Eastern accepts all college-level credit from any regionally accredited institution. Remedial, developmental or orientation courses are not accepted for admission or graduation hours. Course taken from non-regionally accredited institution may be reviewed on a course by course basis by academic department.

“D” GRADE POLICY
Credit for courses in which a “D” was earned will transfer as long as the overall GPA from that institution is at least a “C” average. A “C” or better is required for English and speech.

REPEAT POLICY
We will honor the repeat policy of the sending institution in awarding credit at EIU. For courses taken at EIU, the highest grade received for the course will be included in the computation of the cumulative GPA. The initial grade and the repeat grade will appear on the student’s record.

DUAL CREDIT
Students will receive credit for courses taken while still in high school, provided they completed these courses at or through a regionally-accredited college or university. Dual credit is applied the same way as transfer credit taken after high school graduation.

MILITARY CREDIT
Certain experiences in military service may be submitted to the Office of the Registrar for evaluation. Students should submit their DD214 and Military Transcripts.

STATE-WIDE AGREEMENTS
EIU is a full participant in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI), MyCreditsTransfer (Transferology), and associate degree agreements. We will honor the old compact and all current associate degrees. Students completing any baccalaureate-oriented associate degree will be considered a junior with all lower-level general education requirements met. This includes out-of-state associates degrees and the new Illinois Associate in Science.
NEW MAJORS

Business Administration BSB (Online Fall 2017) - Business Administration is still offered through the EIU at Parkland Office, and it now can be completed online.

Construction Management BS (New Major Fall 2018) - Use of current digital technologies to prepare publications and presentations for the construction industry and prepare students to become competent project managers in the residential, commercial and industrial construction arenas.

Digital Media BS (New Major Fall 2018) - Emphasis on new media, mobile websites, interactive graphics, video production, gaming, animation and simulation. The major prepares for employment in creative, advertising, educational and other commercial environments.

Electrical Engineering BS (New Major Fall 2019 pending IBHE approval) - Expanding our science, technology and math into a stand-alone electrical engineering bachelor's degree.

Engineering Technology BS (New Major Fall 2018) - This program will teach students technology fundamentals, computer-aided drafting and design, machine design and more.

Exercise Science BS (New Major Fall 2018) - Expand existing concentrations into stand alone major.
- Option in Pre-Physical Therapy
- Option in Pre-Occupational Therapy

Graphic Design BA (New Major Fall 2018) Very transfer-friendly revision of the major to partner with community colleges and 2+2s.

Health Administration BS (New Major Fall 2018) - Expand existing option into a stand alone major.

Journalism Options BA (New Options Fall 2018)
- Broadcast Journalism BA Integrating all media platforms to interpret and report public issues and stories.
- Public Affairs Reporting BA Reporting local and state legislative news and impact on local affairs.
- Sports Media Relations BA Insight to sports media professionals working with media, athletes, coaches, crisis management, statistics, marketing, press conferences and game events.

Neuroscience BS (New Major Fall 2018) Provides students with comprehensive foundational knowledge in neuroscience and behavioral neuroscience with hands-on research experiences.

Philosophy BA (Dual Major Option) Program requires 30 hours of Philosophy which allows timely graduation options for double majors and pairings for minors and/or pre-professional preparation.

Sports Management BS (New Major Fall 2018) - Expand existing concentrations into stand alone major.

Theatre Arts Teacher Licensure Option BA - Suspension of program

Television & Video Production BA (New Major Fall 2018) - Provides a comprehensive practical overview of all production elements in a wide variety of television, film, and video genres and formats.

Undergraduate Online Completion Programs
- Bachelors in General Studies B.A.
- Business Administration B.S.B.
- Communication in Organizations B.A.
- Health Communication B.S.
- Nursing RN to B.S.
- Organizational Development B.S.
- Psychology B.A.

Department Changes
Department of Sociology & Anthropology renamed the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, & Criminology
Department of Counseling and Student Development renamed Department of Counseling and Higher Education
Departments of Elementary & Secondary Education are combining and will be named Teaching, Learning, and Foundations
Departments of Kinesiology and Recreational Administration are combining and will be named Kinesiology Sport and Recreation

College Restructuring
OLD
- College of Arts and Humanities
- College of Sciences
- College of Education and Professional Studies
- Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences

NEW
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- College of Health and Human Services
- College of Education
- Lumpkin College of Business and Technology
NEW MINORS
Aging Studies (New Minor Fall 2018) - Educates on the process of aging and the professional practice related to health, family support, public policy, and socio-cultural issues.

Ethics (New Minor Fall 2018) - Prepares students for moral decision-making and the principles involved in making reasoned, ethical choices with opportunities to apply ethical principles in a variety of discipline-specific circumstances such as medicine, media, and sport.

Fashion Merchandising and Product Design (New Minor Fall 2018) - Integrates Fashion, Design and the Retailing foundations.

Health and Medical Humanities (New Minor Fall 2018) - Integrates medicine and health with humanities, social sciences, and arts enhancing skills and patient understanding of health professionals.

Photojournalism (New Minor) - Lays a foundation for using the camera to document the world. Besides digital and still photography, students will be introduced to basic video and will be able to edit and post this content to the web.

Radio and Audio Production (New Minor Fall 2018) - Audio production for radio, announcing, television production, music recording, live sound reinforcement, audio-visual installation, or for creative individuals looking to express themselves through sound.

Video Production (New Minor Fall 2018) - Provides skills to create professional or creative video content in a variety of formats.

NEW MASTERS
Athletic Training MS (New Masters Pending IBHE approval Summer 2019) 4+1 Option Bachelors in Exercise Science with Pre-Athletic Training Option continuing into a one year Masters program leading to a MS in Athletic Training.

College Student Affairs: Higher Education and Community College MS (Online Option) New online concentration provides the flexibility for working professionals to obtain the Masters in College Student Affairs.

Communication Leadership MA (Online) Development of organizational communication and leadership skills in flexible delivery.

Cybersecurity MS (New Masters Fall 2017) Also has a Dual Degree option with our MBA with delivery face-to-face and online. Careers in consulting, network security specialist, information assurance, security system analyst, web security engineer, information security officer, cybersecurity administrator and more.

Teacher Education

TAP or ACT Plus Writing of 22 or SAT of 1110 Combined
Now needs to be completed prior to Student Teaching instead of an entrance to Teacher Education requirement.

“Super-scoring” accepted for ACT and SAT exams
Highest scores from different exams may be used to meet the composite. Composite and writing scores may be used from different exams. Candidates must request super-scoring by emailing Licensure@isbe.net.

New Combined SAT Score
SAT of 1110 with a writing/language sub score of 26 can be used in place of the TAP or ACT plus Writing of 22 (March 2016 and after).

Early Childhood Education
Early Childhood now requires three science areas: a General Biology, a General Chemistry or Physics course and an Earth Science course. ECE also requires an Economics course. Macroeconomics or Microeconomics will satisfy this content area.

Campus Updates

EIU Stays in Top Rankings in U.S. News & World Report
Eastern continues to be recognized as the #1 Illinois school in the U.S. News and World Report’s annual college rankings of “Best Colleges”. EIU is also ranked #5 in the Midwest’s top public regional universities.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Roll
Washington Monthly Top Rankings
EIU ranks as #6 in the Midwest for “Best Bang for The Buck”.

Illinois Education Research Council Top Rankings
EIU named #5 in Illinois for service to underrepresented students. The study included 55 public and private Illinois Universities focusing on degree completion, job success and less debt for minority, first-generation and low income students.

Transfer Course Registration
All transfer students will have academic advisement and will leave the orientation program with a schedule. If you have a student who is unable to attend one of our scheduled Orientation/Registration Days, please let us know so we can provide an alternative registration process.
**Cost of Attendance**

### Annual Cost of Attendance 2018-2019

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* All residents of bordering states to Illinois pay in-state tuition (Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri & Wisconsin) and academically talented out-of-state transfers with a 3.5 GPA pay in-state tuition

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

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**Transfer Visit Opportunities**

EIU welcomes transfer students at any time! With an appointment, students can experience individualized academic evaluations, transfer planning, on-the-spot admission, tours of campus and departmental connections.

**Plan a group visit** for our Open House Programs. Sessions are offered on the transfer process, housing, financial aid, career planning, and departmental interaction. Tours of campus and lunch are provided. Sign up at [www.eiu.edu/admissions/discover.php#visit](http://www.eiu.edu/admissions/discover.php#visit) for a program date.

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**Scholarships**

**Transfer Academic Excellence**

**Tier 1** minimum 15 transferable hours and a 3.5-4.0 cumulative GPA are eligible for **$2,500**, divided between fall / spring semesters and renewable up to 4 consecutive semesters as long as a 3.00 GPA is maintained at EIU. Full-time enrollment at EIU is required. **All majors are eligible.**

**Tier 2** minimum 15 transferable hours and a 3.0-3.49 cumulative GPA are eligible for **$1,500**, divided between fall / spring semesters and renewable up to 4 consecutive semesters as long as a 2.75 GPA is maintained at EIU. Full-time enrollment at EIU is required. **All majors are eligible.**

**Phi Theta Kappa** – One time **$1,000** award for Fall transfers with a baccalaureate-oriented associate degree and a 3.75 GPA. **Deadline is early February.** Application for the PTK can be found at: [www.eiu.edu/transfer/prospective_scholarships.php](http://www.eiu.edu/transfer/prospective_scholarships.php)

**Panther Promise**

Provides **$2,500** per year if household annual income ranges from $31,000 to $75,000. It is renewable up to 2 years if satisfactory academic progress is maintained.

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**Contacts**

- Admissions Office………..(217) 581-2223 or (877) 581-2348
- Athletic Department………………(217) 581-6014
- B.A. in General Studies Program………………(217) 581-5618
- Continuing Education………………(217) 581-5114 or (800) 446-8918
- Disability Support Services…………………………(217) 581-6583
- Financial Aid………………………………………………(217) 581-6405
- Graduate School…………………………..……..(217) 581-2220
- Honors College………………………………..….(217) 581-2017
- Housing Office…………………………………….(217) 581-5111
- Military Assistance Center…………..………….(217) 581-7888
- New Student Programs…………………..………..(217) 581-6435
- Organizational Development……………………..……..(217) 581-6271
- Registrar/Registration Office………………..…………(217) 581-3511
- ROTC (Army)…………………………………………(217) 581-5944
- Transfer Relations……………………………………..………..(217) 581-2120
- Veterans Benefits……………………………………..………..(217) 581-7510

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**Important Dates**

**ARTICULATION CONFERENCE**

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018
Wednesday, Sept. 26 2018
Updates & Lunch

**Visiting Campus**

**OPEN HOUSES**

Monday, October 8, 2018
Monday, November 12, 2018
Monday, March 25, 2019
Monday, June 24, 2019

**TRANSFER OPEN HOUSE**

Friday, February 8, 2019

**DAILY VISITS**

Tours Monday - Friday
11:00am and 2:00pm

*Schedule through [www.eiu.edu/admissions/discover.php#visit](http://www.eiu.edu/admissions/discover.php#visit)

**On-the-spot Admission**

Representatives will do on-the-spot admissions during their visits. Students need application, fee or fee waiver request and all official transcripts to participate.