

ADMISSION POLICIES  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

The University will consider admission applications, dependent upon the availability of facilities and resources, from candidates who meet the criteria approved by the Council on Academic Affairs, the University President and the Board of Trustees, and published in the Eastern Illinois University [Undergraduate Catalog](#).

Undergraduate admissions are handled by the Office of Admissions, except where otherwise noted. Acceptance of applications and granting of admissions are subject to completion of the application process. Completed applications must be on file no later than ten calendar days preceding registration for the term in which the student wishes to enroll. Some applications require special deadlines and these are outlined in the [Undergraduate Catalog](#). In all cases, earlier closing dates may be announced through the media.

A Registration Permit to Enroll is issued after an application has been processed and accepted. This Permit must be presented at the time of enrollment.

An Application for Admission to the University does not constitute an Application for Housing, nor does the Application for Housing constitute an Application for Admission.

The EIU Undergraduate Catalog is the official source for specific requirements for admission in the following categories:

- Beginning Freshmen. A beginning freshman is an applicant whose initial college or university enrollment is at Eastern Illinois University.
- Transfer Students. A transfer student is an applicant who has attended one or more other colleges or universities.
- International Students. Applicants who are non-United States citizens or non-Permanent Resident Aliens. All processing is handled through the Office of International Programs.
- Conditional Students. A student (not a former student at EIU) who is allowed to register for courses prior to submitting official transcripts and being officially admitted to the University.
- Summer Guest Students. A student is one who is not seeking a degree at Eastern Illinois University and is not a former regular student at EIU.
- Students in the Gateway Admissions Program. Students who do not meet regular admission requirements may be considered for admission to the Gateway Admissions program. Admission to the program is considered for beginning freshmen for the Fall Semester only.
- Provisional Admission. First-time freshman applicants and transfer applicants with fewer than 30 hours of acceptable credit, who meet all criteria for admission except high school subject requirements, will be admitted on a provisional basis.

- Readmission: Former undergraduate students who are academically eligible and wish to return to the University after a lapse of one or more semesters must make application for readmission to the Records Office.

Special admissions which do not fall into the above categories may be approved by the Admissions Review Committee or by the University President within established guidelines.

- Admissions Review Committee. The Committee includes the Director of Admissions (permanent Chair with vote) and one faculty member elected by each college. Members are elected for two-year terms which are staggered. Elected members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The Admissions Review Committee will evaluate each applicant's academic record, extracurricular record, and evidence of special ability to contribute to the University mission.
- If the University President chooses to admit students who do not meet the admission standards of the University, the number should be limited to less than 1% of the freshman class size for the previous year.

Approved:  
President  
July 30, 1997

Monitor: Vice President for Student Affairs