

Illinois State University



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President

Founded in 1857, Illinois State University (ISU) was the first public institution of higher education in Illinois. Evolving from its historic origins as a teacher preparation institution, the ISU of today is a diverse research university offering a wide range of majors at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels in six colleges — College of Applied Science and Technology, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, Mennonite College of Nursing, and Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts. Students enroll in a wide variety of degree programs, including 78 bachelor's, 43 master's, 10 doctoral and 41 graduate certificate/specialist programs.

Illinois State University lives its mission to work as a diverse community of scholars with a commitment to fostering a small-college atmosphere with large-university opportunities. The university promotes the highest academic standards in its teaching, scholarship, public service and the connections built among them.

As a campus community, Illinois State University is committed to its core values — Learning and Scholarship, Diversity and Inclusion, Respect, Collaboration, Individualized Attention, Civic Engagement, and Integrity. University faculty, staff and administrators work with students as partners in their educational development inside and outside of the classroom so that students come to appreciate learning as an active and a lifelong process. ISU provides a supportive environment that places all learners at the center of teaching and scholarship. The university fosters an inclusive environment characterized by cultural understanding, ethical behavior and social justice. ISU prepares students to be informed and engaged global citizens who will promote and further the goals of society.

Located in Normal, ISU enrolls nearly 21,000 students from 45 states and 76 countries. ISU is committed to educating Illinois residents with 96% of its U.S. residents being from Illinois. The majority of Illinois students (56%) are from the Chicago area with students from central Illinois accounting for an additional 22%. Diversity within the student body continues to grow. Nearly 27% of students are from underrepresented groups.

Illinois State University is a leader among its peers as displayed in its metrics of excellence.

- Top Public University
 - No. 105 in *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of academic quality and excellence.
- High Retention and Graduation Rates
 - Retention rate — 84%.
 - Graduation rate — 68% (23% above national average).
- Affordable Education
 - Ranked a Best Bang for the Buck College by *Washington Monthly*.
 - Among Best Colleges for the Money by *College Factual*.
- High Student Loan Repayment Rate
 - More than 96% of ISU graduates repay loans on time.
- Military Friendly School
 - Designated a military friendly school by Victory Media.
 - Ranked among the country's best universities for veterans by *College Factual* and *Military Advanced Education & Transition*.

- Record Fundraising
 - Record giving in each of the last several years, culminating in the conclusion of the largest fundraising campaign in history with \$180.9 million.
- Top College Town
 - Bloomington/Normal ranked among top 50 college towns.
- Great Place to Work
 - The only public university in Illinois to receive this designation by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

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Fell Hall at Illinois State University was named after Jesse Fell, a founder of the university and great-grandfather of the late Adlai E. Stevenson II.