Illinois International

FIVE REASONS TO CHOOSE ILLINOIS

Illinois is a global university.
The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is a world-class, public research institution with a land-grant mission and a global impact. Our campus and scholarly community is made up of pioneers, innovators, and collaborators whose creativity and diversity create a truly dynamic and interdisciplinary culture. Together, we work locally, nationally, and globally to facilitate the free exchange of ideas.

Why #chooseILLINOIS

1. We support our international community.
   15,000+ international students, faculty, staff, and scholars from 100+ countries study and work at Illinois thanks to our immigration, advocacy, and programmatic services.

2. We provide transformative learning experiences, on campus & abroad.
   Illinois offers 300 education abroad programs in 50 different countries and international students are encouraged to participate! We offer $385,000 in scholarships and collaborate with campus partners to make these experiences safe and accessible to all students.
   Did you know?
   79% of our education abroad programs cost less than or equal to international student tuition.

3. We train the next generation of global problem solvers.
   Our commitment to internationalization extends beyond our students. We provide intercultural competence training to staff, facilitate post-graduate training programs, and provide funding to faculty engaging internationally.

4. We facilitate groundbreaking research.
   With the second largest research library system in the world, over 150 research centers, 100+ start-ups, and eight research institutes, Illinois has everything you need to conduct amazing research right on campus.

5. We develop competitive candidates.
   Our Career Center offers a variety of programs, workshops, and networking opportunities to assist international students during their job search.
   91% of Illinois graduates reported that they secured a first destination after graduation.
### Activities & Traditions

#### Cultural Houses & Resource Centers
Illinois has eight resource centers open to all students: African American Cultural Center, Asian American Cultural Center, Diversity & Social Justice Education, La Casa Cultural Latina, LGBT Resource Center, Native American House, Women’s Resources Center, and Japan House.

#### International Hospitality Committee
The International Hospitality Committee offers free English classes that meet in informal groups once a week for 90 minutes to practice conversational speaking. Classes are available at various levels of fluency.

#### Global Leaders: Orange & Blue Engagement
GLOBE connects experienced domestic and international students with new international students in groups to participate in activities/events both on and off campus.

#### ISSS35
ISSS35 is a commitment from International Student & Scholar Services to provide 35 weeks of fun social, educational, and intercultural programming for our international population.

#### International Week
International Week celebrates the broad impact of international education, cultural exchange, and scholarship uniquely experienced at Illinois. The celebration is comprised of numerous educational, cultural, and recreational events.

#### Global Engagement Lounge
Global Engagement Lounge is a space to meet other students, talk to advisors, and participate in activities. Each Friday, there is a theme to the lounge with different games and activities for students to participate in.

#### Interconnect Dinner & Dialogue Series
Every semester, there are a series of workshops designed to assist international students with getting adjusted to life as a student in the United States. And dinner is provided!

#### Illinois International
Illinois International is comprised of nine units dedicated to supporting campus internationalization through our administrative, academic, and programmatic services and initiatives.