

# ILLINOIS STATE



CREATE  
YOUR  
*LEGACY*



# WALKABLE. LIVEABLE.

(OR BIKEABLE.)

## Insider Tip

We've included insider tips throughout this book to help you find that special feeling.



# LoveABLE.

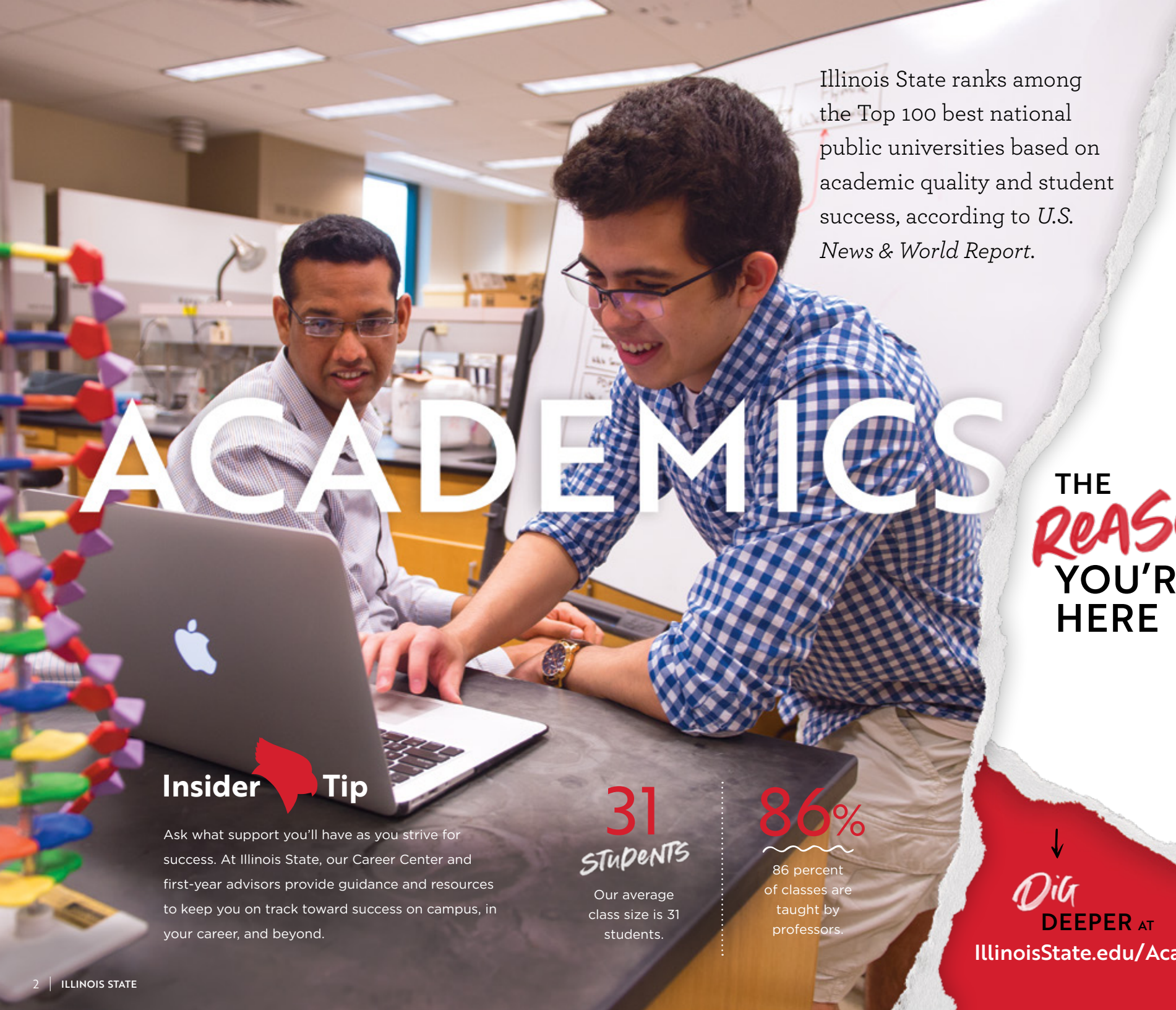
OUR STUDENTS FALL IN LOVE WITH ILLINOIS STATE FROM THEIR FIRST STEPS ON CAMPUS.

It's a hard feeling to put a finger on, but as you flip through these pages considering where your path might lead, we'll offer a taste of what it's like to be a Redbird.

And who knows? You may just fall in love with Illinois State too.

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# ACADEMICS

Illinois State ranks among the Top 100 best national public universities based on academic quality and student success, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

THE  
*Reason*  
YOU'RE  
HERE

## Insider Tip

Ask what support you'll have as you strive for success. At Illinois State, our Career Center and first-year advisors provide guidance and resources to keep you on track toward success on campus, in your career, and beyond.

**31**  
STUDENTS

Our average class size is 31 students.

**86%**

86 percent of classes are taught by professors.

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[IllinoisState.edu/Academics](https://IllinoisState.edu/Academics)

## *EXPLORE* YOUR OPTIONS

Find a program at Illinois State and start creating your future.

### AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Agribusiness  
Agriculture Communications and Leadership  
Agronomy Management  
Animal Industry Management  
Animal Science  
Crop and Soil Science  
Environmental Health  
Food Industry Management  
Horticulture and Landscape Management  
Pre-Veterinary Medicine  
Sustainable and Renewable Energy

### ARTS, COMMUNICATION, AND MEDIA

Acting  
Art History  
Creative Technologies  
Dance  
Fashion Design and Merchandising  
Game Design  
Graphic Communications Technology  
Graphic Design  
Interactive Media  
Interior Design  
Interpersonal Communication  
Journalism  
Media Management, Promotion, and Sales  
Music – Band and Orchestra Instruments Performance  
Music – Classical Guitar Performance  
Music – Composition  
Music – Composition/Theory Emphasis  
Music – General Music  
Music – Jazz Studies  
Music – Keyboard Performance

### MUSIC

Music – New Media Composition  
Music – Voice Performance  
Music Business  
Music Therapy  
Organizational Leadership and Communication  
Political Communication  
Public Relations  
Radio  
Studio Arts  
Television Production  
Theatre and Film Studies  
Theatre Design/Production

### BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Accountancy (BS/MPA) – Accountancy and Information Systems  
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Advanced Marketing Analytics  
Business Administration  
Business Information Systems  
Economics  
Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management  
Finance  
Financial Accounting  
Human Resources Management  
International Business  
Integrated Marketing Communication  
Managerial Economics  
Marketing  
Organizational Leadership  
Professional Sales  
Risk Management and Insurance  
Training and Development

### EDUCATION

Agriculture Teacher Education  
Art Teacher Education  
Bilingual/Bicultural Elementary Teacher Education

Biological Sciences Teacher Education  
Business Teacher Education  
Chemistry Teacher Education  
Dance Teacher Education  
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education  
Early Childhood Education  
Earth and Space Science Teacher Education  
Elementary Education  
English Teacher Education  
Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Education  
French Teacher Education  
Geography Teacher Education  
German Teacher Education  
History-Social Sciences Teacher Education  
Low Vision and Blindness Education  
Mathematics Teacher Education  
Middle Level Teacher Education  
Music Teacher Education  
Physical Education  
Physics Teacher Education  
School Health Education  
Spanish Teacher Education  
Special Education – Learning and Behavior  
Technology and Engineering Education  
Theatre Teacher Education

### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES

Anthropology  
Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Education  
Human Development and Family Science  
Psychology  
Social Work  
Sociology

### HUMANITIES AND LANGUAGE

English – Creative Writing  
English – Publishing Studies  
English – Technical Writing and Rhetorics  
English  
European Studies  
French  
German  
History  
Philosophy  
Spanish

### NURSING, HEALTH, AND WELLNESS

Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Community Health Promotion  
Dietetics  
Food and Nutrition Management  
Health Information Management  
Medical Laboratory Science  
Nursing  
Safety

### POLITICS AND LAW

Criminal Justice Sciences  
Legal Studies  
Political Science

### SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Actuarial Science  
Biochemistry  
Biology  
Computational Physics  
Chemistry

Conservation Biology  
Engineering Physics  
Environmental Systems Science and Sustainability  
Exercise Science – Allied Health Professions  
Exercise Science – Health and Human Performance  
Geography  
Geology  
Mathematics  
Molecular and Cellular Biology  
Physics  
Physiology, Neuroscience, and Behavior  
Plant Biology  
Recreation Management  
Statistics  
Therapeutic Recreation  
Zoology

### TECHNOLOGY ARTS

Computer Science  
Computer Systems Technology  
Construction Management  
Cybersecurity  
Engineering Technology  
Information Systems  
Integration of Enterprise Systems  
Network and Telecommunications Management  
Systems Development/Analyst  
Web Application Development  
Web Computing

**PRE-PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS:** Specialized advisement is available for students interested in pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, pre-pharmacy, pre-physical therapy, pre-veterinary medicine, pre-law, and more. Advisors can provide guidance on compatible undergraduate majors and help students pursue their goals.



# YOU HAVE AMBITION



Enjoy the Student Fitness Center, where you can take a fitness class, swim laps, climb the rock wall, or even rent equipment for an outdoor adventure.



...ALONG WITH CURIOSITY AND THE DESIRE FOR NEW EXPERIENCES. AND MAYBE YOU WANT TO ADD LEADERSHIP TO YOUR RESUME, TOO.

We've got more than 400 ways for you to do what you love, try new things, meet interesting people, and develop your skills. They're called registered student organizations (RSOs), and there's something for everyone, whether your passion lies in entertainment, service, student government, Greek life, intramural and club athletics, or advocacy. Learn more at Festival ISU at the start of the fall semester.

## Insider Tip

Check out what RSOs are available at your favored schools and then follow them on social media to learn more about the purpose, people, and activities of the group.

## Top 10%

Illinois State is in the top 10 percent nationally for retention rate over the past decade. Students stay because they love it academically and socially.

## 26%

26 percent of our students are from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds.



YOU PROBABLY WANT TO KNOW WHICH RESIDENCE HALL IS THE BEST. WE GET THAT QUESTION A LOT.

Our students always answer with wherever they live. That's because the defining factor in a great residence hall experience isn't your room, it's the friendships you make in it.

Of course, there are added perks at Illinois State. All of our residence halls are conveniently located so you can walk to class in seven minutes or less. And we have Themed Living-Learning Communities where you can live (and study) with others in your major. You know, those friends we were talking about.



### Insider Tip

Ask how much freedom you'll have to customize your space. At Illinois State, adjustable beds and loft kits allow you to make the most of your room.



# GOT ENOUGH ON YOUR PLATE?



## LET US SERVE YOU.

Transitioning to college is a big deal. You're studying hard, meeting new friends, and trying new experiences. So when it comes to meals—relax and enjoy. Our accomplished chefs are happy to provide you all the options of a restaurant, from pizza and chicken tenders to fruits, veggies, and a plethora of healthy options.



- Savor new, unique additions like Qdoba, The Landing, and Timbers Grille.
- Have a dietary restriction? No problem! Our registered dietitians will provide you with choices tailored to your needs.
- In a hurry? Who isn't? Take your meal to go.
- Feeling under the weather? Get better soon! Work with your resident assistant for meal delivery.



If you have a chance to eat in a dining center during a campus visit, try a little of everything. After all, college is about choice.



WHAT CAN YOU DO AT ILLINOIS STATE?

# WHAT *CAN'T* YOU DO?!

Make a *Difference* for others by volunteering on an  
**ALTERNATIVE BREAK**

Meet *New* friends at  
**WELCOME WEEK**

*Join* the circus!  
**GAMMA PHI CIRCUS** is the oldest collegiate circus in the U.S.

See a Saturday night *concert* at  
**BRADEN AUDITORIUM**

Be credited for *Research* on your professor's  
**PUBLISHED PAPER**

Write an *Article* for  
**THE VIDETTE**

Score a summer *internship* through  
**THE CAREER CENTER INTERNSHIP FAIR**

**WEAR RED ON FRIDAYS**—an Illinois State tradition

Watch a *movie* at the 50-yard line at Hancock Stadium during  
**SIBLINGS WEEKEND**

Pet friendly pups at  
**PAWSITIVELY STRESS FREE** during *Finals* week

*Enjoy* an ear of corn (or two, or three) at  
**THE SWEET CORN CIRCUS** in Uptown Normal

Play *Frisbee* (or, if you're more laid back, string up a hammock) on  
**THE QUAD**

See a *Film* (or maybe an inspiring TedX talk) at the historic  
**NORMAL THEATER**

Ring the *Old Main Bell* on  
**FOUNDERS DAY**

**Insider  Tip**

Make a list of the types of activities you like to do and check to see if your choice colleges offer opportunities to continue them.





# BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER



Enjoy the shade. Our campus is a Tree Campus USA.

## THE QUAD IS THE *HEART* OF OUR CAMPUS.

Ninety percent of our academic buildings surround the Quad. It's also the location for outdoor concerts and entertainment. As you walk across the Quad, don't be surprised if you see hammocks hanging from the trees, Fix-it-Friday needleworkers mending clothes for free, or a professor leading a lively class discussion. One thing you can count on—it won't be long before you find new friends on your way to class.



18,250

The 2019-20 undergraduate population was 18,250, representing 87 percent of the student body.

### Insider Tip

Determine what kind of college campus best fits your style. Do you enjoy the bustle of a metropolitan campus or the charm of a traditional collegiate environment?



GO NOW

# REDBIRDS!



READY TO STAND? READY TO CHEER?  
READY TO PAINT YOUR FACE?

If you choose to opt out of that last one, that's fine—cheering on the Redbirds is a favorite pastime of our students, with or without the face paint. And Red Alert, the official student section of Redbird Athletics, makes it even better—get seats to #BackTheBirds at all home games for one of the winningest athletics programs in the Missouri Valley Conference.

**Insider**  **Tip**

Find out if the schools you're considering have special traditions that center around school spirit and athletics. You don't have to be an athlete to be a part of the action!



# WELCOME Home

## STUDENTS LOVE OUR COMPACT, PICTURESQUE CAMPUS.

Sixty-six percent of on-campus students live within a two-minute walk of the Quad. Walk to class, grab lunch on Main Street, and then stroll into Uptown to catch a movie.

- 1 Hancock Stadium is home to the Redbird football team, a perennial power in Division I football.
- 2 The Main Street corridor is where you'll find great eats like Avanti's, Chipotle, Meatheads, Noodles & Company, Potbelly, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, and Buffalo Wild Wings.
- 3 The Student Fitness Center has earned recognition for being one of the best in the nation.
- 4 Come visit us and stop by The Atrium at the Bone Student Center to take a tour of campus!
- 5 Check out the Bird's Eye View from the top of Watterson Towers. Get a breathtaking perspective of campus from the tallest building between Chicago and St. Louis.
- 6 Uptown Normal offers restaurants, boutique shops, a theater, access to a 49-mile bike trail, and the multimodal transportation center for travel by bus and train.

### WALKING ACROSS CAMPUS IS A SNAP!

Cross Quad 5 min

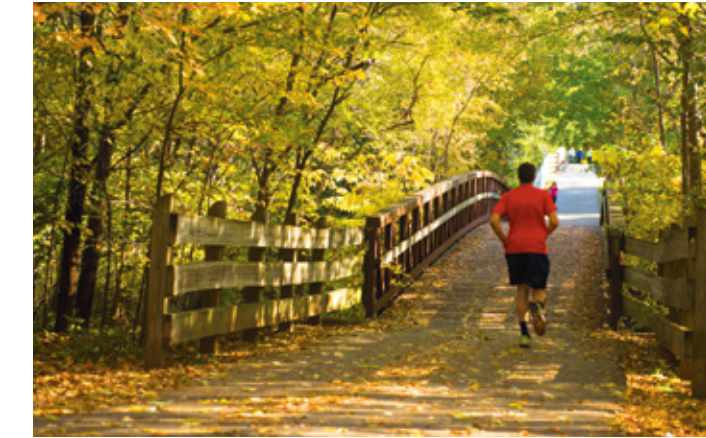
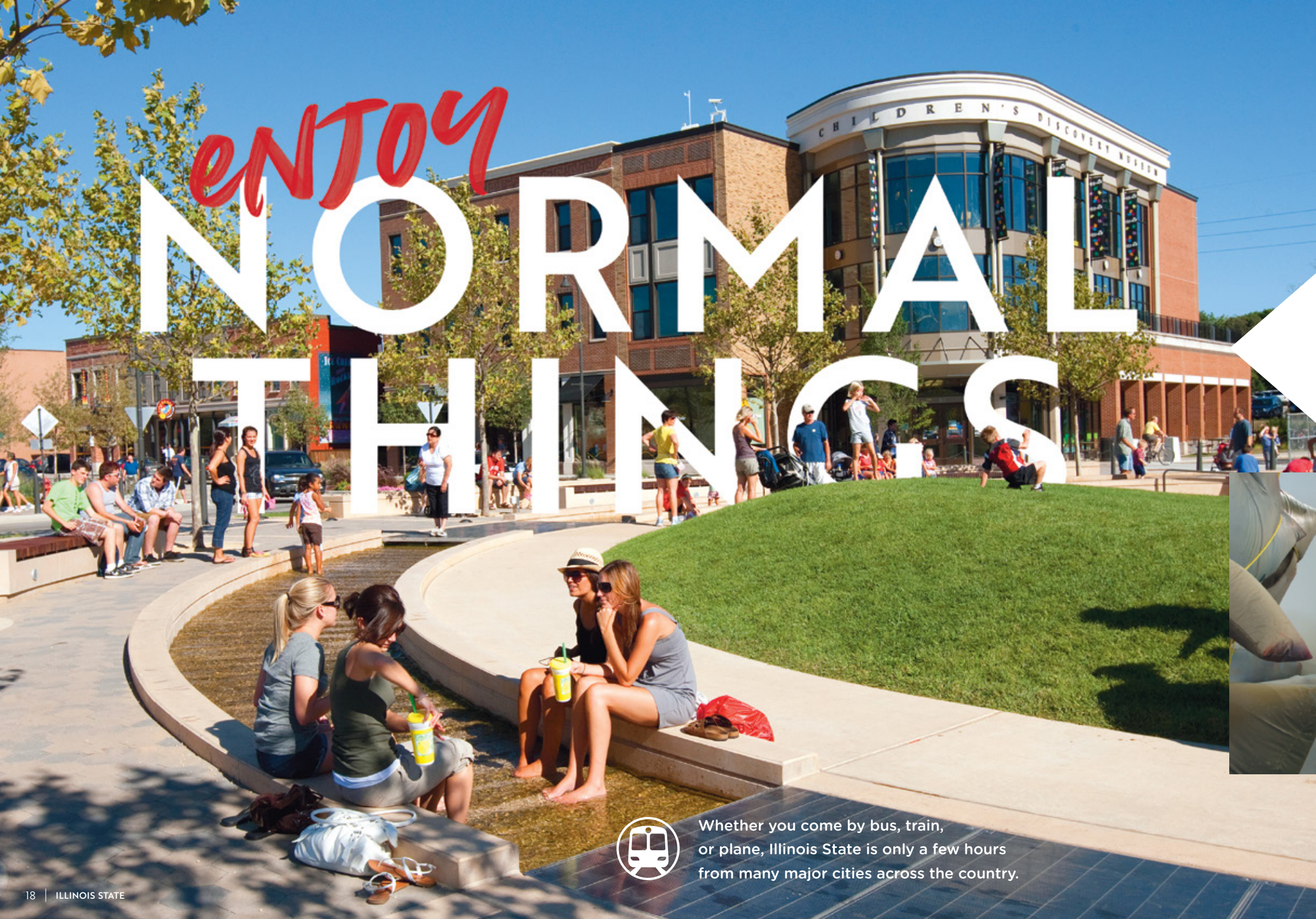
Watterson to Quad 2 min

Manchester/Hewett to "The Rec" 6 min

Tri-Towers to Schroeder 7 min

UPTOWN





## Insider Tip

Consider what the right distance away from home is for you. Are holidays enough or do you want to be close enough for an occasional home-cooked meal?

Go for a run or ride on the 49-mile Constitution Trail.  
Borrow a bike from the Student Fitness Center or use your own.

Bloomington-Normal ranks as one of the **top 50 college towns** in America based on its quality of life, economic health, and demographics. Here are some of the things that students and residents enjoy in a “Normal” day...



Appreciate emerging and established artists at University Galleries.



Feed your soul...or at least indulge with a cake shake and fries every now and then.



College requires caffeine. Go local at the Coffee Hound, or get your fix at Starbucks on campus.



Whether you come by bus, train, or plane, Illinois State is only a few hours from many major cities across the country.





You want to prepare for your career and make an impact on the world. We want to help you get there.

Get on track from the start, as our first-year advisors help you transition and thrive in the college environment (one reason our retention rate is among the best in the nation). Our Career Center can help you explore majors and career options, and once you've found your path, it's a great way to connect with potential employers, refine your resume, and master your interview skills so you are ready to begin your next chapter.



More than 500 employers network with our Career Center to recruit Redbirds.

**Top 10%**  
Our graduation rate is in the top 10 percent of public colleges and universities in the nation over the last decade.

**97%**  
Ninety-seven percent of students repay federal loans on time. When graduates secure salaried jobs within their profession, they're able to pay off their student loans quickly.

### Insider Tip

When considering a college, find out what support systems are in place to make sure you graduate on time and are prepared for life as a professional.





You're concerned about the cost of college. So are we. More than 79 percent of our students receive financial aid to help make their Illinois State dream a reality. Fall 2021 incoming freshmen with at least a 3.3 GPA will receive a merit-based scholarship. Additionally, once you start, your tuition rate will be locked in for four years, allowing you to plan for the future.

## COSTS

	In-state*	Out-of-state
Tuition and fees	\$15,319	\$26,843
Room and board	\$9,850	\$9,850
Totals	\$25,169	\$36,693

\* Students from border states of Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, and Wisconsin qualify for in-state tuition, as do high-achieving students with a 3.5+ GPA or those with defined talent in the fine arts.

## Insider Tip

As you compare college costs, go beyond just the listed tuition and consider what your total out-of-pocket cost will be.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship	Amount	Eligibility	Requirements
Presidential Scholarship	Up to \$44,000 total Up to \$11,000 per year	3.75/4.0 GPA	Highly competitive; must submit scholarship form by December 15 to be considered
University Scholarship	Minimum \$24,000 total Minimum \$6,000 per year	3.5/4.0 GPA; Traditionally underrepresented population or first generation	Highly competitive; must submit scholarship form by December 15 to be considered
Redbird Academic Scholarship	Up to \$20,000 total \$1,000-\$5,000 per year	3.3/4.0 GPA	Submission of scholarship form encouraged for full consideration

Other scholarships include our **McLean County Full Tuition Scholarship, Legacy Scholarship, International Baccalaureate Scholarship, and Achievement Scholarship.**

Qualified incoming freshmen should apply for admission no later than November 15 for best consideration. Students with a strong academic background whose profile does not fit the above criteria may also be considered for scholarships.

→ *To find out* what you might qualify for visit [IllinoisState.edu/Admissions/Scholarships](https://IllinoisState.edu/Admissions/Scholarships)





# See FOR YOURSELF

## VISIT US

There's no better way to find your college fit than to step onto campus. In this ever-changing world, we're always reinventing the best way to give you a real taste of Redbird life ... and keep you safe and healthy. Learn more about your options online.

[IllinoisState.edu/Visit](https://IllinoisState.edu/Visit)

## CONNECT VIRTUALLY

Get a glimpse of Redbird life without leaving the comfort of your home. Take a virtual tour of campus, talk with an Admissions counselor ready to answer your questions, and enjoy a student panel that gives you first-person insight from current Redbirds. Whatever you're wondering about Illinois State, the information awaits.

[IllinoisState.edu/Virtual](https://IllinoisState.edu/Virtual)



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# NEXT STEPS

1. *EXPLORE* ILLINOIS STATE  
[IllinoisState.edu/Visit](https://IllinoisState.edu/Visit)

2. *APPLY* FOR ADMISSION  
September 1–November 15 (preferred)

3. *APPLY* FOR FINANCIAL AID  
October 1–November 15 (preferred)

4. *SUBMIT* YOUR ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT  
Deadline May 1

Our admissions counselors are ready to answer your questions!  
Give us a call or come see us on campus.

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in your posts for a chance to win some  
Redbird swag!



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