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Guide to Undergraduate Admissions

 **ILLINOIS**

 THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

 **INDIANA UNIVERSITY**

 | UNIVERSITY OF
OREGON

IOWATM

 **PennState**

 UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND

 **PURDUE**
UNIVERSITY[®]

 **M**
UNIVERSITY OF
MICHIGAN

 | **RUTGERS**

 **MICHIGAN STATE**
UNIVERSITY

UCLA

 **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

USC University of
Southern California

UNIVERSITY OF
Nebraska[®]
Lincoln

W
UNIVERSITY of
WASHINGTON

Northwestern

 **WISCONSIN**
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

 THE UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO

First-year

University	Class Size	Average GPA	Average Test Scores	Test Optional + Self Reported (Unless Noted)
University of Illinois	8700 to 9000	3.75	ACT: 30 to 34 SAT: 1390 to 1520	Yes
Indiana University	9850 to 9900	3.9	ACT: 27 to 33 SAT: 1180 to 1390	Yes
University of Iowa	5500	3.83	ACT: 23 to 30 SAT: 1160 to 1360	Yes
University of Maryland	5450	4.47	ACT: 33 to 35 SAT: 1440 to 1540	Official from testing agency
University of Michigan	7950	3.92	ACT: 32 to 35 SAT: 1400 to 1550	Yes
Michigan State University	9500	3.74	ACT: 28 SAT: 1200	Yes
University of Minnesota	7391	Varies by college	ACT: 27 to 33 SAT: 1350 to 1500	Yes
University of Nebraska–Lincoln	4700 to 4750	N/A	N/A	Yes
Northwestern University	2150	N/A	N/A	Yes
The Ohio State University	8200 to 8500	N/A	ACT: 28 to 32 SAT: 1330 to 1450	ACT or SAT required. Official scores from testing agency
University of Oregon	5000 to 5150	3.75	N/A	Test optional. Official from testing agency
Penn State	9600 to 9800	3.65 to 3.94	ACT: 29 to 33 SAT: 1320 to 1480	Yes
Purdue University	9350 to 9750	3.7 to 4.0	ACT: 28 to 34 SAT: 1230 to 1480	ACT or SAT required
Rutgers University	8000	3.8 to 4.2	ACT: 30 to 34 SAT: 1350 to 1510	Official from testing agency
University of California, Los Angeles	6400	3.95	N/A	Test Free; will not consider SAT or ACT score for admission or scholarship purposes
University of Southern California	3650	3.85	ACT: 32 to 35 SAT: 1450 to 1540	Yes
University of Washington	7200	3.74 to 3.98	N/A	SAT or ACT may be self-reported but not required
University of Wisconsin	8400	N/A	N/A	Test optional. Official from testing agency
University of Chicago	1800	N/A	ACT: 34 to 35 SAT: 1510 to 1560	Test optional and no harm testing. Self-reporting allowed.

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University	Tuition & Fees	Financial Aid and Scholarships (FAFSA Required)
University of Illinois	go.illinois.edu/cost	Auto consideration
Indiana University	studentcentral.indiana.edu/cost-of-iu	Auto consideration
University of Iowa	admissions.uiowa.edu/finances	Auto consideration
University of Maryland	financialaid.umd.edu	Auto consideration
University of Michigan	admissions.umich.edu/costs-aid/costs	Auto consideration; CSS Profile required
Michigan State University	admissions.msu.edu/cost-aid	Auto consideration
University of Minnesota	admissions.tc.umn.edu/cost-aid/cost-aid-and-scholarships	Auto consideration
University of Nebraska–Lincoln	admissions.unl.edu/cost	Auto consideration; supplemental materials for additional scholarships
Northwestern University	admissions.northwestern.edu/tuition-aid	Auto consideration; CSS Profile required
The Ohio State University	undergrad.osu.edu/cost-and-aid	Auto consideration for most merit; FAFSA needed for need-based
University of Oregon	financialaid.uoregon.edu/cost_of_attendance	Auto consideration for merit; FAFSA required for need-based aid
Penn State	psu.edu/admission/undergraduate/tuition-costs	Auto consideration
Purdue University	purdue.edu/treasurer/finance/bursar-office/tuition	Auto consideration for merit; FAFSA required for need-based
Rutgers University	admissions.rutgers.edu/costs-and-aid	Auto consideration
University of California, Los Angeles	admission.ucla.edu/tuition-aid	FAFSA required for need-based
University of Southern California	financialaid.usc.edu/cost	FAFSA and CSS Profile required; merit scholarship deadlines vary
University of Washington	admit.uw.edu/cost/coa	FAFSA required for need-based aid
University of Wisconsin	financialaid.wisc.edu/cost-of-attendance	FAFSA and CSS Profile required for aid. Scholarship auto consideration and Wisconsin Scholarship Hub (WiSH)
University of Chicago	financialaid.uchicago.edu/undergraduate/costs	Auto consideration for merit; apply for need-based; institutional worksheet required

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<i>University</i>	<i>Application Deadline</i>	<i>Admission Decision Release Dates</i>	<i>App Fee (fee waivers available)</i>
University of Illinois	EA: Nov. 1 Regular: Jan. 5	EA: Jan. 30 Regular: March 6	\$75
Indiana University	EA: Nov. 1 Regular: Feb. 1	EA: Jan. 15 Regular: March 15	\$65
University of Iowa	EA: Nov. 3 Regular: Feb. 2	Rolling Admission	\$55
University of Maryland	EA: Nov. 1 Regular: Jan. 20	EA: By Feb. 1 Regular: By April 1	\$80
University of Michigan	ED: Nov. 1 EA: Nov. 1 Regular: Feb. 1	ED: End of Dec. EA: End of Jan. Regular: Early April	\$75
Michigan State University	EA: Nov. 1 Regular: Feb. 1	EA: By Jan. 25 Regular: By March 31	\$75
University of Minnesota	EA I: Nov. 1 EA II: Dec. 1 Regular: Jan. 1	EA 1: Jan. 31; EA II: Feb. 15 Regular: March 31 Rolling	\$55
University of Nebraska–Lincoln	Rolling; Scholarship: Feb. 1	Rolling	\$45
Northwestern University	ED: Nov. 1 Regular: Jan. 2	ED: Mid-Dec. Regular: Late March	\$75
The Ohio State University	EA: Nov. 1 Regular: Jan. 15	EA: End of Jan. Regular: Early March	\$60 domestic \$70 international
University of Oregon	EA: Nov. 1 Regular: Jan. 15	EA: By late Dec. Regular: By April 1	\$65 domestic \$75 international
Penn State	EA: Nov. 1 Rolling after Nov. 1	EA: Dec. 24 Rolling through May 1	\$65 domestic \$75 international
Purdue University	EA: Nov. 1 Regular: Jan. 15	EA: Jan. 15 Regular: By March 31	\$60
Rutgers University	EA: Nov. 1 Regular: Dec. 1	EA: by Jan. 31 Regular: By Feb. 28	\$70
University of California, Los Angeles	Dec. 1	Late March	\$80 domestic \$95 international
University of Southern California	EA: Nov. 1 (majors not requiring portfolio/audition) ED: Nov. 1 (Marshall School of Business only) Regular: Dec. 1 (majors requiring a portfolio/audition); Jan. 10 (majors not requiring portfolio/audition)	ED: Mid-December EA: Mid-to-late Jan. Regular: Late March	\$85
University of Washington	Nov. 15	March 1-15	\$80 domestic \$90 international
University of Wisconsin	EA: Nov. 1 Regular: Jan. 15	EA: By Jan. 31 Regular: By March 31	\$80
University of Chicago	ED I/EA: Nov. 3 ED II/Regular: Jan. 5	ED 1/EA: Mid-Dec. ED II: Mid-Feb. Regular: Late March	\$90

Transfer

University	Class Size	GPA	Completed Transfer Credit Requirements
University of Illinois	1500 to 1600	3.22 to 3.83 Average by college	Varies by major; go.illinois.edu/transfer-handbook
Indiana University	700 to 800	3.33	26 transferable credits
University of Iowa	1312	3.25	Varies by area of study
University of Maryland	1950	3.5	English composition, college algebra; 30 credits or less with high school records and test scores
University of Michigan	1885	3.76	Preference for 60+ credits
Michigan State University	1350	min: 3.0	12+ credits
University of Minnesota	1747	Varies by college	Varies by college, most have 26+ credits
University of Nebraska–Lincoln	730 to 800	N/A	12 credits
Northwestern University	250	N/A	Most have 24 semester credits or 36 quarter credits
The Ohio State University	1850 to 1950	avg: 3.2	30 credits after high school graduation
University of Oregon	780 to 850	min: 2.5	College writing course and college-level math course. If credits below 36 quarter/24 semester credits, high school transcripts included in review
Penn State	500	min: 2.5	min: 48 credits
Purdue University	900 to 1100	Varies by major	12+ credits
Rutgers University	2500	avg: 3.5	12+ credits in liberal arts; up to 60 credits for upper division/professional schools
University of California, Los Angeles	3750	3.86	Junior-level standing (60 semester or 90 quarter transferable units completed) by the end of the spring term
University of Southern California	1400	3.77	Admission is selective. Good progress toward the intended degree is required. One year of English composition, minimum math skill required. Strong overall academic record preferred.
University of Washington	1500	3.26 to 3.86	Priority given to transfers with 90 quarter credits or 60 transfer credits in progress
University of Wisconsin	1400	N/A	At least 24 credits after high school graduation
University of Chicago	300	N/A	At least one semester of classes in a degree-seeking program

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University	Scholarships	Transfer Webpage
University of Illinois	Submit FAFSA	admissions.illinois.edu/apply/transfer
Indiana University	scholarships.indiana.edu	admissions.indiana.edu/apply/transfer
University of Iowa	admissions.uiowa.edu/cost-aid/transfer-scholarships	admissions.uiowa.edu/transfer
University of Maryland	admissions.umd.edu/tuition/transfer-merit-scholarships	admissions.umd.edu/apply/transfer-applicants
University of Michigan	finaid.umich.edu/apply-aid/transfer-students	admissions.umich.edu/apply/transfer-applicants
Michigan State University	admissions.msu.edu/cost-aid/scholarships/transfer	admissions.msu.edu/apply/transfer
University of Minnesota	admissions.tc.umn.edu/cost-aid/scholarships	z.umn.edu/transferuofm
University of Nebraska–Lincoln	admissions.unl.edu/cost/#scholarships	admissions.unl.edu/information-for/transfer
Northwestern University	Need-based financial aid	admissions.northwestern.edu/apply
The Ohio State University	Submit FAFSA and complete profile in ScholarshipUniverse	undergrad.osu.edu/apply/transfer
University of Oregon	Submit FAFSA	admissions.uoregon.edu/transfer
Penn State	Dependent on interest area; FAFSA	psu.edu/admission/undergraduate/how-to-apply/transfer-students
Purdue University	Need-based from FAFSA, some dependent on college	admissions.purdue.edu/transfer
Rutgers University	admissions.rutgers.edu/costs-and-aid/scholarships	admissions.rutgers.edu/transfer-students
University of California, Los Angeles	Submit FAFSA	admission.ucla.edu/apply/transfer
University of Southern California	Submit FAFSA and CSS Profile	admission.usc.edu/transfer
University of Washington	Submit FAFSA	admit.uw.edu/apply/transfer
University of Wisconsin	FAFSA and CSS Profile required for aid. Scholarship auto consideration and Wisconsin Scholarship Hub (WiSH)	admissions.wisc.edu/apply-as-a-transfer
University of Chicago	Need-based financial aid	collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu/apply/transfer-applicants



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
admissions.illinois.edu 217-333-0302
 ACT Code: 1154 SAT Code: 1836
 Campus Visits: Year-round
go.illinois.edu/campusvisits



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
admissions.uoregon.edu 1-800-BE-A-DUCK
admissions@uoregon.edu
 ACT Code: 3498 SAT Code: 4846
 Campus Visits: Year-round
visit.uoregon.edu



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
admissions.indiana.edu 812-855-0661
 ACT Code: 1210 SAT Code: 1324
 Campus Visits: Year-round
admissions.indiana.edu/visit

PennState



PENN STATE
admissions.psu.edu 814-865-5471
admissions@psu.edu
 ACT Code: 3656 SAT Code: 2660
 Campus Visits: Year-round
psu.edu/admission/undergraduate/explore/visit-penn-state



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
admissions.uiowa.edu 319-335-3847
 ACT Code: 1356 SAT Code: 6681
 Campus Visits: Year-round
admissions.uiowa.edu/visit



PURDUE UNIVERSITY
admissions.purdue.edu 765-494-1776
admissions@purdue.edu
 ACT Code: 1230 SAT Code: 1631
 Campus Visits: Year-round
admissions.purdue.edu/visit



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
admissions.umd.edu
 301-314-8377 or 1-800-422-5867
 ACT Code: 1746 SAT Code: 5814
 Campus Visits: Year-round
admissions.umd.edu/visit



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
admissions.rutgers.edu 848-445-4636
questions@admissions.rutgers.edu
 ACT Code: 2592 SAT Code: 2765
 Campus Visits: Year-round
newbrunswick.rutgers.edu/admissions-tuition/visits-tours



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
admissions.umich.edu 734-764-7433
 ACT Code: 2062 SAT Code: 1839
 Campus Visits: Year-round
admissions.umich.edu/explore-visit



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
admission.ucla.edu 310-825-3101
admission.ucla.edu/contact
 ACT Code: 0448 SAT Code: 4837
 Campus Visits: Year-round
admission.ucla.edu/visit



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
admissions.msu.edu 517-355-8332
 ACT Code: 2032 SAT Code: 1465
 Campus Visits: Year-round
admissions.msu.edu/visit



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
admissions.tc.umn.edu
admit.umn.edu/register/askaquestion
 612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000
admissions@umn.edu
 ACT Code: 2156 SAT Code: 6874
 Campus Visits: Year-round
z.umn.edu/CampusVisit



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
usc.edu 213-740-1111
admission.usc.edu/contact-us
 ACT Code: 0470 SAT Code: 4852
 Campus Visits: Year-round
usc.edu/visit-usc



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN
admissions.unl.edu 402-472-2023
 ACT Code: 2482 SAT Code: 6877
 Campus Visits: Year-round
admissions.unl.edu/visit



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
admit.uw.edu 206-543-9686
admit.uw.edu/contact
 ACT Code: 4484 SAT Code: 4854
 Campus Visits: Year-round
admit.uw.edu/visit



NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
admissions.northwestern.edu 847-491-7271
 ACT Code: 1106 SAT Code: 1565
 Campus Visits: Year-round
admissions.northwestern.edu/visit



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
admissions.wisc.edu 608-262-3961
onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu
 ACT Code: 4656 SAT Code: 1846
 Campus Visits: Year-round
visitbucky.wisc.edu



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
undergrad.osu.edu 614-292-3980
askabuckeye@osu.edu
 ACT Code: 3312 SAT Code: 1592
 Campus Visits: Year-round
campusvisit.osu.edu



UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu 773-702-8650
 ACT Code: 1152 SAT Code: 1832
 Campus Visits: Year-round
collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu/visit