

Eastern Illinois University



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Eastern Illinois University (EIU) in Charleston is a traditional, selective, residential institution that offers a high-quality education at a relatively low cost. Consistently ranked in the top tier of Midwest colleges and universities in its class by U.S. News and World Report, EIU is also one of *The Princeton Review's* Best Midwestern Colleges. The university's high academic standing is reflected in quality undergraduate and graduate programs taught by an experienced and caring faculty. High admission standards and a flourishing Honors College ensure an academically talented student body that benefits from small classes, strong academic advising and other student services.

Student graduation and retention rates are well above state and national averages. Graduates are successful, as reflected by high rates of job placement, alumni satisfaction and employer satisfaction.

With reasonable tuition, fees, and room and board rates, as well as a cost-saving textbook rental system, EIU is an attractive alternative to more costly public and private colleges and universities. The 320-acre campus has one of the lowest crime rates among all public universities in the state and nationwide.

In 2008, the renovated and expanded Doudna Fine Arts Center is to open, providing space for art, music and theatre classes, as well as performance areas that will be utilized to bring exceptional talent and cultural experiences to the Midwest. The 330,000-square-foot building was designed by world-renowned architect Antoine Predock.

Academic Organization

The College of Arts and Humanities offers undergraduate degree programs in African-American studies, art, communication studies, English, foreign languages, history, journalism, music, philosophy, social science and theater arts. Minors are available in creative writing, film studies, professional writing, public relations and women's studies.

The Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences is comprised of three schools and the department of military science. The School of Business offers majors in accounting, finance, management, marketing and management information systems, as well as the business administration major at Parkland College in Champaign. The School of Family and Consumer Sciences offers a major in family/consumer sciences. The School of Technology offers majors in career and technical education, career and organizational studies, and industrial technology. Several minors are available, including military science.

The College of Education and Professional Studies offers undergraduate programs in early childhood, elementary and middle-level education; health studies; physical education; recreation administration; and special education. Minors are available in adult education, health communication, and safety and driver education.

The College of Sciences offers programs in biological sciences, chemistry, clinical laboratory science, communication disorders and sciences, computer science, economics, engineering, geography, geology, mathematics, nursing, physics, political science, psychology, and sociology. Minors are available in anthropology, earth science, Latin American studies and pre-law studies. Pre-professional programs are offered in pre-dentistry, pre-engineer-

ing, pre-medicine, pre-nursing, pre-optometry, pre-pharmacy, pre-physical therapy and pre-veterinary medicine.

The Graduate School complements the undergraduate program by providing 25 outstanding master's and specialist's programs and five certificate programs. The School of Continuing Education offers an individualized Bachelor of Arts in General Studies program for non-traditional students.

Enrollment and Student Activities

Enrollment for Fall 2006 was 12,349 – the largest enrollment in the university's history. About 5,500 students live on campus in residence halls, student apartment buildings and Greek Court. The university offers an extensive orientation program to assist all new students in the transition to EIU's academic, social and cultural environment. The student-run University Board schedules activities for the student body. The campus is home to 27 national fraternities and sororities.

The theater arts and music departments offer involvement in their productions and performances to any EIU student. Hands-on broadcast experience is provided with top-of-the-line equipment at WEIU-FM and WEIU-TV. Student publications include *The Daily Eastern News*; *Minority Today*, a newspaper for and about the diverse groups of people at EIU; *PounceOnline*, an online feature magazine; *The Vehicle*, a literary magazine; and the *Warbler* yearbook.

The Student Recreation Center includes six indoor basketball/volleyball courts, a variety of exercise machines, free weights, a jogging track and a dance studio. Many intramural sports are offered as well. EIU is a member of the National Student Exchange, allowing students to study at other NSE-member institutions for up to a year. Many high-quality study abroad options are also offered at reasonable costs.

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Eastern Illinois University's signature building, Old Main.