

## Illinois State University



**Larry H. Dietz**  
President

Founded in 1857, Illinois State University (ISU) was the first public institution of higher education in Illinois. From its historic origins as a teacher preparation institution, today ISU is a diverse research university offering a wide range of majors at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels in six colleges — Applied Science and Technology, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Fine Arts, and Mennonite College of Nursing. Students enroll in more than 190 undergraduate majors, 100 graduate programs and 30 certificate 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. And 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 47 states and 69 countries. ISU is committed to educating Illinois residents with 95 percent of its student being from Illinois. The majority of Illinois students (56 percent) are from the Chicago area with students from central Illinois accounting for an additional 24 percent. Diversity within the student body continues to grow. Over 25 percent of students are from underrepresented groups. In fall 2018, students of color represented 34 percent of the freshman class.

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

- Top 100 Public University
  - No. 83 in *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of academic quality and excellence.
- High Retention and Graduation Rates
  - Retention rate — 80 percent.
  - Graduation rate — 69 percent (23 percent 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 97 percent 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 four years.
- Top College Town
  - Bloomington/Normal ranked among top 50 college towns.
- Great Place to Work
  - Only public university in Illinois to receive this designation by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

**Board of Trustees:** Robert Dobski, Julie Annette Jones, John Rauschenberger, Sharon Rossmark, and Sarah Aguilar, *student trustee* (three vacancies).

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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.