

To earn a baccalaureate degree, a student must complete the following requirements:

1. General Education Requirements

- Students must complete one of the following general education programs:
 - Eastern Illinois University's **general education curriculum**
 - Illinois Associate in Arts degree
 - Illinois Associate in Science degree
 - Illinois Articulation Initiative **general education core curriculum**

2. Two to Three Semester Hours of a Senior Seminar

- Senior seminar is a capstone course that must be taken by all students during their senior year.
- Senior seminar must be taken outside of your chosen major

3. Degree Program

- All department requirements for a major must be met.

4. At Least 12 Semester Hours in Your Major at EIU

5. At least 40 Upper-Division Semester Hours

- Courses from a community college or other two-year institution will not count toward this total.
- Upper-division courses at EIU are numbered 3000 or higher.

6. At least 42 Semester Hours From EIU

- Thirty-two (32) must be taken during the junior and senior years.
- Twelve (12) must be taken during the senior year.

7. At least 56 Semester Hours From a Senior-Level Institution

- Credits transferred from other senior-level institutions are counted toward the 56 hours.
- Forty-two (42) semester hours must still be from EIU.

8. At Least 120 Cumulative Semester Hours

- Cumulative grade point average must be 2.00 or higher.
- All college-level credit, including electives, count toward your 120 hours.

9. Foreign Language

- Students may be exempt from this requirement based on foreign language classes taken while in high school or at their previous college(s).
 - **Exemption 1** — Any student who, while in high school, completed two years in a single foreign language with a "C" average.
 - **Exemption 2** — Any student who, while in college, has completed the second semester of a single foreign language with a passing grade.

10. Grade of "A", "B" or "C" in English and Communication Studies (Speech)

- Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degrees do not exempt students from this requirement.
- A student receiving a grade of "D" or "F" in English 1001G, 1002G or communication studies 1310G (or their substitutes) will have to repeat the course.

11. Writing Competency

- Students who have enrolled in any college after high school graduation prior to Fall 2000 and choose to follow the 2000-2001 or earlier catalog:
 - Are required to take a writing competency exam.
 - Register for the exam upon completing ENG1001C and ENG1002C and earning 45 semester hours.
 - Exam must be taken before earning 75 semester hours.
- Students who enrolled in any college after high school graduation in Fall 2000 or after:
 - Are required to complete the Electronic Writing Portfolio
 - If you are transferring 0 to 30 hours, four essays are required.
 - If you are transferring 30-59 hours, three essays are required.
 - If you are transferring 60 hours or more, two essays are required.
- All students choosing to follow the 2001-02 catalog will be required to complete the Electronic Writing Portfolio, regardless of when they initially enrolled in college.

Choosing Your Catalog Year

Choosing the catalog year is very important. A student must follow the graduation requirements and the major requirements from the same catalog. A curriculum may be different from year to year.

Optional Catalog Rule — An undergraduate transfer student may choose to graduate under the requirements stated in the EIU catalog at the time he/she initially enrolled at another college provided that catalog did not precede his/her enrollment at EIU by more than three years. Students may also choose any subsequent catalog. In no case may a student combine or choose various requirements from several catalogs.

Application for Degree Requirements Review

Students should apply for review of their degree requirements by the first semester of their junior year. A student may expect to receive a degree requirements review, indicating the his/her progress toward completion of degree requirements. This will help the student define exactly what should be completed to earn a degree at Eastern Illinois University.

Application forms are available in the dean's office in the college of your major. The four colleges of Eastern Illinois University include:

- [College of Arts and Humanities](#)
- [Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences](#)
- [College of Education and Professional Studies](#)
- [College of Sciences](#)

The application form is completed by the student, approved by the certifying dean, and validated by the cashier when the non-refundable graduation fee is paid.

Admission requirements for Eastern Illinois University transfer students vary depending on the amount of college coursework completed prior to the transfer and the grades received in that coursework.

30 or more college-level semester hours

Applicants must have an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.0* and a 2.0 grade point average at the last institution attended.

24 or more college-level semester hours

Applicant must have an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.5* and a 2.0 grade point average at the last institution attended.

Fewer than 24 college-level semester hours

Applicants who have earned less than the required semester hours must have an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.0, a grade point average of 2.0 at the last institution attended, **AND** meet the following criteria based on high school work:

- ACT score of 18 (860 SAT verbal and math).

and either

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0

or

- Rank in top 25 percent of graduating class.

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- ACT score of 19 (910 SAT verbal and math).

and either

- Cumulative GPA of 2.5

or

- Rank in top 50 percent of graduating class.
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- ACT score of 22 (1020 SAT verbal and math).

and either

- Cumulative GPA of 2.25

or

- Rank in top 75 percent of graduating class.

***All grade point average requirements on this page are based on a 4.0 scale.**

Benefits of [Early Application](#)

The earlier you apply and are admitted, the sooner you are invited to come to campus and register for classes. Prime classes tend to fill up quickly with registered students.

Eastern does review closed classes and often opens new sections over the registration period, but it is important to apply and send us your transcripts as early as possible. Eastern accepts applications one year in advance. Even if you have not finished your transferable associate degree, it is important to start your admission file at Eastern.