

# Comparative Freshman Course Requirements

	Total	English	Social Studies	Mathematics	Laboratory Sciences	Electives/Other
Chicago State University	15	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>7</sup>	3 <sup>8</sup>	3 <sup>12</sup>	2 foreign language, music, vocational education, or art *
Eastern Illinois University	15	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup>	3 <sup>8</sup>	3	2 years of academic or vocational electives
Governors State University	15	4 <sup>1</sup>	2	3 <sup>10</sup>	2	2 years of one foreign language or fine arts; and 2 years of electives
Illinois State University	15	4	2	3 <sup>10</sup>	2	2 years of one foreign language or fine arts; and 2 years of electives.
Northeastern Illinois University	15	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup>	3 <sup>8</sup>	3	2 years of foreign language (FL), or 2 years of fine arts (FA) or a combination of 1 year FA/FL and 1 year of vocational education.
Northern Illinois University	15	4 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>5</sup>	3 <sup>9</sup>	3 <sup>13</sup>	2 units (one must be foreign language, art, or music); Up to three units of the required fifteen units may be distributed throughout any of the five categories of course work. Vocational education may satisfy up to three of the units.
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	15 or 16	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>7</sup>	3 or 4 <sup>10</sup>	3 <sup>12</sup>	2 years of electives in foreign language, art, fine arts, music or vocational education; if a foreign language is taken, it must include two semesters of the same language.
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	15	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup>	3 <sup>10</sup>	3	2 years chosen from foreign language, music, the visual arts, theatre, dance and/or vocational education.
University of Illinois at Chicago	16	4	3	3	3	2 years of foreign language (recommended); 1 year of electives.
University of Illinois at Springfield	15	4 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>5</sup>	3 <sup>10</sup>	3 <sup>12</sup>	2 years of one foreign language or 2 years of fine arts, selected from art, music, dance and theatre are required.
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	15 or 15.5	4 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>7</sup>	3 or 3.5 <sup>11</sup>	2 <sup>12</sup>	2 years of one foreign language are required; and 2 years (flexible academic units) from any of the five subject categories. Approved art, music, or vocational education courses may be counted in the flexible academic units category.
Western Illinois University	15	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup>	3 <sup>8</sup>	3	2 years of foreign language, music, vocational education, art, theatre, film, religion, philosophy, speech or journalism *

## NOTES:

+ Suggested electives - includes other academic courses.

- 1) Emphasizing written and oral communication and literature.
- 2) Three units of English must be courses emphasizing written and oral communication and literature.
- 3) Studies in language, composition, and literature requiring practice in expository writing in all such work. Coursework should emphasize reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
- 4) Emphasize history and government.
- 5) One unit must be U.S. history or a combination of U.S. history and government.
- 6) At least 2 years of history and/or government, other acceptable subjects are anthropology, economics, geography, psychology, and sociology.
- 7) History and government are preferred. Additional acceptable social studies include anthropology, economics, geography, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.
- 8) Introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or fundamentals of computer programming.
- 9) College preparatory mathematics, including one year of geometry and one year of advanced algebra and/or trigonometry.
- 10) Algebra I & II, and a proof-based geometry course. A fourth unit is highly recommended: trigonometry and pre-calculus, or statistics, depending on the student's area of interest.
- 11) Algebra, geometry, advanced algebra, trigonometry. Typically, such courses as career/occupational mathematics, consumer mathematics, applied business mathematics, pre-algebra, and computer courses are not acceptable. 3.5 years of mathematics including trigonometry are required in the following curricula: Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences – agricultural engineering; Business – all curricula; Engineering – all curricula; Fine and Applied Arts – architectural studies; Liberal Arts and Sciences-specialized curricula in biochemistry, chemical engineering, chemistry, geology, and physics.
- 12) Laboratory courses in biology, chemistry, or physics are preferred. Laboratory courses in astronomy and geology are also acceptable. General science will not be acceptable.
- 13) Two units must be courses in the physical or biological sciences. One unit must be a laboratory science.