

ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

Illinois Wesleyan University welcomes applications from students who seek a challenging, broad based collegiate education. Students who wish to pursue professional studies or fine arts within a liberal arts setting, will find Illinois Wesleyan especially appealing.

All applications for admission are reviewed on an individual basis. The criteria used in evaluating an applicant's qualifications are outlined in the following sections. Illinois Wesleyan University maintains high academic standards and competition for admission is keen. Qualified applicants may be accepted for either semester.

Financial aid is available to those with demonstrated need, and information regarding the University's financial aid program may be found in the Financial Aid section of this *Catalog*. Illinois Wesleyan University does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, or any factors without bearing on academic success.

ADMISSION CRITERIA AND POLICIES

The University includes a College of Liberal Arts, a College of Fine Arts consisting of three schools (art, music, and theatre arts), a School of Nursing and Health Sciences, and a School of Business and Economics. Each college or school has its own emphasis, and for this reason different strengths and abilities are considered by those reviewing the credentials of candidates for admission to the various disciplines.

Applicants are advised to complete a minimum of 15 units of secondary school credit. A college preparatory curriculum consisting of the following is strongly recommended but not required:

- English – four units (years)
- Natural Science – three units (years) with at least one of physical and one of biological science, both with laboratory experience
- Mathematics – three units (years) (intermediate algebra is desirable)
- Foreign Language – three units (years) of the same language
- Social Science – two units (years)

Illinois Wesleyan is a test optional university. In lieu of the test score, an essay is required. The essay will be prompted in the application.

An applicant holding a high school diploma granted on the basis of the USAFI General Education Development tests will be considered for admission if the test scores indicate college aptitude.

ADMISSION CRITERIA AND POLICIES ADDENDUM:

All applicants to Illinois Wesleyan University must be beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in the state of Illinois for consideration. High school course work completed by applicants will be evaluated via the official transcript transmitted by the high school. If Illinois Wesleyan University

or the Department of Education have reason to believe that the high school diploma is not valid or was not obtained from an entity that provides secondary school education, further investigation will be undertaken by Illinois Wesleyan.

The Admissions Process

Required Materials

Students interested in admission to Illinois Wesleyan University must submit:

- One of the following **applications** (one application is not preferred over another)
 - IWU Application (www.iwu.edu/apply)
 - Common Application (www.commonapp.org)
- **Transcripts** for all previous high school and/or college coursework
- **Essay**

Students may also be admitted via an Illinois Wesleyan approved Direct Admissions program by following the criteria required by those individual programs.

International students whose first or native language is not English are still required to complete the English Proficiency Exam requirement as mentioned above.

Students who would like to submit test scores are welcome to do so. Illinois Wesleyan University's code for the College Board (SAT) is 1320 and our code for ACT is 1044.

Optional Supplemental Materials

- Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Statement

Letters of recommendation and transcripts may be submitted through your application, or official copies may be mailed to: Illinois Wesleyan University, Admissions Office, PO Box 2900, Bloomington, IL 61702-2900.

Applicants for admission to the **School of Music, School of Art and School of Theatre Arts** must audition, interview, and/or present a portfolio, depending on degree track.

Completed applications are reviewed by an assigned Admissions Counselor who makes an admission recommendation to the Dean of Admissions. The Dean of Admissions will make the final admission decision. As needed, the Dean of Admissions will bring applicants who are not clearly acceptable to the Admissions Committee for comprehensive, individual consideration.

Applicants to the university will receive an admissions decision.

To accept an offer of admission, applicants must submit a \$350 non-refundable enrollment fee to the Admissions Office.

The health information form, completed by the applicant's physician, must be sent to the Health Service Office before a student will be permitted to complete registration for classes.

College of Liberal Arts

Major emphasis being placed on academic achievement, the following criteria serve as a basis for evaluation of candidates for admission to the College of Liberal Arts:

1. Fifteen academic units within the areas of English, foreign language, mathematics, laboratory science, and social science.
2. Rank within the top 30 percent of the class, or have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.
3. Required writing sample.

Supplemental materials including ACT/SAT score, letters of recommendation, and student activities may be considered when submitted.

School of Business and Economics

Major emphasis being placed on academic achievement, the following criteria serve as a basis for evaluation of candidates for admission to the School of Business and Economics:

1. Fifteen academic units within the areas of English, foreign language, mathematics, laboratory science, and social science.
2. Rank within the top 30 percent of the class, or have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.
3. Required writing sample.

Supplemental materials including ACT/SAT score, letters of recommendation, and student activities may be considered when submitted.

School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Test optional applicants to the School of Nursing will be required to complete an interview with a School of Nursing faculty and/or staff member. In addition to the guidelines stated for entrance in the College of Liberal Arts, candidates for admission to the School of Nursing should have completed, upon graduation from high school, a minimum of one year each of biology, chemistry, algebra, and geometry.

The School of Nursing has specific guidelines for assessing nursing skills required in the profession. All applicants and students for the Nursing major may obtain the guidelines by requesting a copy of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences Handbook from the Director of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Applicants to all other majors within the School of Nursing and Health Sciences will follow the guidelines stated for entrance in the College of Liberal Arts.

College of Fine Arts

Academic standards in the Schools of Art, Music and Theatre Arts are the same as those in the College of Liberal Arts. In addition to the academic requirements listed previously in the Admissions Process portion of this Catalog, applicants may be required to audition or submit a portfolio for review as part of the application process. The specific requirements vary by school and degree desired and are detailed below. Transcripts of high school or college work must be in the Admissions Office prior to the audition in music or theatre arts or the presentation of the art portfolio. Information regarding audition or submission dates and other details may be obtained from the Admissions Office.

School of Art

Candidates pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art or a minor in Art are not required to submit a portfolio for admission to the School of Art. Candidates pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Art, transfer students, and students seeking talent awards are required to submit a portfolio for review. Digital portfolios can be uploaded during the application process or submitted directly to the Director of the School of Art. A student who has had an extensive background in art may seek advanced placement by presenting a portfolio for evaluation by the art faculty.

School of Music

A performance audition is required of all students for admission to the School of Music. The faculty of the School of Music evaluates each performance to determine the candidate's musical ability and potential. Candidates must audition on a principal instrument or voice; it is permissible to audition on more than one instrument. Please check with the School of Music for specific audition requirements, by instrument.

School of Theatre Arts

Depending upon the applicant's desired area of emphasis, the School of Theatre Arts requires the following of all students applying for admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) programs: a performance audition and/or a portfolio presentation, as well as an interview. Students wanting to be considered for the BFA in Acting should prepare monologues from two contrasting plays. Those pursuing the BFA in Theatre Design and Technology are required to present a portfolio that includes examples of the student's progress in the graphic arts. While drawings, renderings or photographs dealing specifically with theatre are helpful, the portfolio may include any art work representative of the student's progress, including drawings, paintings and sculpture. Students wanting to be considered for admission to the BFA program in Music Theatre will be asked to present at least two contrasting music theatre songs and two contrasting monologues. A dance audition will complete the required components of the Music Theatre audition.

Admission of Transfer Students

A student who has attended another collegiate institution may not apply on the basis of the high school record alone. Such students may apply only as transfer candidates. Transfer students seeking admission to the four professional schools (art, music, nursing and theatre arts) must meet the special admissions requirements of these schools in addition to the general requirements for transfer listed below:

1. High school transcript or the equivalent
2. Academic record from all other institutions of higher education that have been attended. A transfer applicant must have been classified as a student in good standing at the last institution attended.
3. Cumulative transfer grade point average of not less than 2.5 based on a four-point scale (A-4.0). An average above 2.5 does not guarantee acceptance.

Refer to the Credit for Work External to Illinois Wesleyan section of this Catalog for more detailed information concerning the transfer of credits. See also other special policies for the transfer of credits and admission of transfer students found in other parts of this chapter and in the Academic Program chapter.

Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB)

Illinois Wesleyan subscribes to the purposes and procedures of the Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board. Refer to the section Credit by Examination in this Catalog for details concerning the University's policies governing Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and other opportunities for credit by examination.

Early Admission

Under the University's Early Admission Program, exceptionally capable high school students may be accepted and enter the University prior to receiving a high school diploma. This affords the mature student an opportunity to accelerate the educational process without shortening the vital undergraduate college years. Students may wish to make special arrangements for obtaining the high school diploma, and in these cases Illinois Wesleyan will cooperate with the local school district involved. Early admission ordinarily is granted during the student's sixth semester of high school.

International Students

Applications from international students are welcomed by Illinois Wesleyan University. In addition to fulfilling the regular admission requirements, students whose native language is other than English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by the Educational Testing Service. ETS Centers are located in all major cities. English competency testing through the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), GTEC, PTE, and Duolingo English Test are also accepted. Competence in English must be established prior to acceptance.

Application materials should include the following:

1. Official school transcripts showing a secondary school/college back-ground that would indicate a high probability of success at Illinois Wesleyan both in terms of grades received and types of courses completed.
2. IELTS, TOEFL, GTEC, Duolingo English Test, or PTE scores are accepted. IWU accepts MyBest scores for the TOEFL, in addition to TOEFL scores from a single test date. Minimum test scores are required for admission. Contact Admissions for up to date score thresholds.

Readmission

Former Illinois Wesleyan students seeking readmission may complete an application form through the Registrar's Office. If the student has completed course work while away from campus, transcripts for all work must accompany the application for readmission.

Veterans

Applications from veterans of the armed services are given special consideration by the University. However, admission criteria for such applications are the same as those used in evaluating the applications of others.