



# COUNSELOR UPDATES

FALL 2024

## ADMISSIONS

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#### APPLY EARLY

No deadline. **No Application fee.** EIU starts accepting applications 12 months in advance. Financial Aid cannot be packaged until the student is admitted. *Encourage your admitted students to attend their Orientation Day early. We begin orientation/registration in March for the Fall and in October for the Spring.*

#### MINIMUM TRANSFER ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission one of the following must be met:

**1. 24+ Semester Hours of college level credit with 2.0/4.0**

Must have a 2.0/4.0 overall and from the last school attended  
**OR**

**2. If less than 24 with 2.0**

Must have a 2.0/4.0 overall and from the last school attended  
**AND**

Meet the following high school criteria:

**ACT 18 or SAT 960\* and High School GPA of 2.5**

**OR**

**Test-Optional - High School GPA of 2.8**

*\*SAT 860 for exams taken prior to March 2016*

#### PANTHER PLEDGE - GUARANTEED ADMISSION PROGRAM

Direct Transfer Counselor advising and assistance to insure a seamless transfer. Complete the Panther Pledge form at [www.eiu.edu/pantherpledge](http://www.eiu.edu/pantherpledge).

#### COURSE SUBSTITUTION LISTS

Printable course substitution lists are available for all Illinois Community Colleges at [www.eiu.edu/transfer/coop\\_coursesub.php](http://www.eiu.edu/transfer/coop_coursesub.php).

Additional equivalencies are available at [www.transferology.com](http://www.transferology.com).

## POLICIES

#### EIU RESIDENCY HOURS

**Residency for traditional degrees require only 30 semester hours of EIU credit.** Nursing and Organizational Development are 25 EIU hours. Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Program (IDS) is 20 EIU hours. 40 hours of upper-division (3000+ numbered) coursework still required for bachelor's degree.

#### CREDIT

Eastern accepts all college-level credit from any regionally accredited institution. Remedial, developmental or orientation courses are not accepted for admission or graduation hours. Courses taken from non-regionally accredited institutions may be reviewed on a course-by-course basis by academic department.

#### "D" GRADE POLICY

Credit for courses in which a "D" was earned will transfer as long as the overall GPA from that institution is at least a "C" average. A "C" or better is required for English and speech.

#### MILITARY CREDIT

Certain experiences in military service may be submitted to the Office of the Registrar for evaluation. Students should submit their DD214 and Military Transcripts.

#### REPEAT POLICY

We will honor the repeat policy of the sending institution in awarding credit at EIU. For courses taken at EIU, the highest grade received for the course will be included in the computation of the cumulative GPA. The initial grade and the repeat grade will appear on the student's record.

#### DUAL CREDIT

Students will receive credit for courses taken while still in high school, provided they completed these courses at or through a regionally-accredited college or university. *Dual credit is applied the same way as transfer credit taken after high school graduation.*

#### STATE-WIDE AGREEMENTS

EIU is a full participant in the **Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI)**, **MyCreditsTransfer** (Transferology), and associate degree agreements. Students completing any baccalaureate-oriented associate degree will be considered a junior with all lower-level general education requirements met. This includes out-of-state associate degrees, ASA, AFA, AES, and the new Illinois Associate in Science.

# ACADEMIC UPDATES

## NEW MAJORS

### FALL 2023

#### **BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS & SCIENCES B.A.A.S.**

New degree type serving students with more than 24 hours of credit pursuing an applied, workforce-focused degree building on professional and work experiences.

#### **EXERCISE SCIENCE WITH PRE-ATHLETIC TRAINING**

Curriculum provides instruction and practical experiences to prepare for successful admission to a Master's program.

#### **SPORTS & RECREATION MANAGEMENT B.S.**

Integrates elements of Recreation Administration and Sports Management to offer diverse employment opportunities in sports, fitness and recreation organizations.

### FALL 2024

#### **B.A.A.S. IN APPLIED ENGINEERING (ONLINE)**

Career focused program emphasizes the study of industrial, production and mechanical technology. Prepares students for engineering, technology and/or management careers. Up to 15 hours of Credit by Prior Learning (CPL).

#### **B.A.A.S. IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (ONLINE)**

Up to 12 hours of (CPL) counting towards required and/or elective courses in major. Meets the needs of non-traditional professionals who require advanced credentials and/or preparation in emergency management and first responder careers. Replaces online option of our B.S. in Public Health with Emergency Management & Disaster Preparedness. The face-to-face option of the B.S. in EMDP remains.

#### **B.A.A.S. IN HEALTH PRACTICE (ONLINE)**

Up to 12 hours of (CPL) counting towards required and/or elective courses in major. Helps associate degree-trained medical professionals earn a bachelors degree to meet practitioner requirements.

#### **B.A.A.S. IN CYBERSECURITY (ONLINE) -pending approval**

Completion degree utilizes prior college, military credit and experiences emphasizing security principles including infrastructure, forensics, evaluation of risks and security influence on business operations. Up to 15 hrs (CPL).

#### **B.S. IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING -pending approval**

The core of courses will utilize the Pre-Engineering curriculum with a collaboration of courses from Physics, Math and Computer Sciences and Electrical Engineering.

## NEW MINORS

### FALL 2023

#### **CYBERSECURITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

Prepares students to protect information systems and assets from unauthorized access, use, modification or destruction.

### FALL 2024

#### **TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (TESL)**

Provides background and experience in second-language acquisition. This interdisciplinary minor may be paired with any major and prepares students to effectively teach bilingual populations in the U.S. as well as preparing students who plan to teach English abroad.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL

### ACCELERATED GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Undergraduate students with 60 hours and a 3.25 GPA can apply to an accelerated graduate program where graduate coursework can count for undergraduate and graduate degrees, saving time and money. For more information: [www.eiu.edu/graduate/accelerated.php](http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/accelerated.php)

## ARTICULATION UPDATES

### **CRM 1829 - INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

New course required for Criminology Criminal Justice major.

### **CSM 1000 - INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SCIENCE**

New course is an alternate to CSM 2170, Computer Science I in the Math Degrees and if Calculus I prerequisite has not been taken.

### **BIO 2005G - HUMAN BIOLOGY**

New course that replaces BIO 2001G-Human Physiology

### **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I & II**

EIU is now offering WLA 1101 and WLA 1102 to students to complete the foreign language graduation requirement.

### **MATH PLACEMENT**

EIU uses the following ways to determine math placement:

1. **Official** ACT/SAT scores
2. Accuplacer Math Placement Test
3. U.S. high school GPA and high school math courses taken
4. Previous math taken from colleges/universities

## ONLINE COMPLETION PROGRAMS

### **APPLIED ENGINEERING B.A.A.S.**

Must have 24 hrs of credit earned to be eligible. Requires traditional General Education. Major is 34 hrs. 15 CPL credits may be accepted.

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION B.S.**

Prerequisites: BUS 1950 - Computer Concepts, BUS 2101 - Financial Accounting, BUS 2102 - Managerial Accounting, BUS 2750 - Legal & Social Environment, and BUS 2810 - Business Stats.

### **COMMUNICATION IN ORGANIZATIONS B.A.**

No specific criteria for admission. Requires traditional General Education. Major is 46 hours.

### **CYBERSECURITY B.A.A.S. -pending approval**

Must have 24 hrs of credit earned to be eligible. Requires traditional General Education. Major is 30 hrs. 15 CPL credits may be accepted.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT B.A.A.S.**

Must have 24 hrs of credit earned to be eligible. Requires traditional General Education. Major is 45 hrs. 12 CPL may be accepted.

### **HEALTH COMMUNICATION B.S.**

Requires traditional General Education. 12 CPL may be accepted.

### **HEALTH PRACTICE B.A.A.S.**

Must have 24 hrs of credit earned to be eligible. Requires traditional General Education. Major is 30 hrs. 12 CPL credits may be - accepted.

### **HUMAN SERVICES B.S.**

Human services programs and minors in Aging Studies, Financial Literacy and Early Childhood Program Administration offered online.

### **INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES B.A.**

Individualized, flexible program. Accepts IAI GECC and common subject areas for General Education. EIU residency 20 hours.

### **NURSING RN TO B.S.**

Students must have a current RN license. Can complete in as few as 14 months. Major is 32 hrs.

### **PSYCHOLOGY B.A.**

Prerequisites required: PSY 1879G - Intro to Psychology and MAT 1271 - College Algebra (or higher level math). 42 hours of college credit required for admission.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH: COMMUNITY HEALTH B.S.**

Requires traditional General Education. 12 CPL may be accepted.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT B.S.**

30 or more hours and a 2.5 cumulative GPA required for admission. Requires traditional General Education. Major is 18 hours.

# TEACHER EDUCATION

## EARLY CHILDHOOD ACCESS CONSORTIUM FOR EQUITY (ECACE)

The online ECACE degree program is for professionals who work or have worked in the field of early childhood education that have completed an associate's degree in early childhood. The B.S. in Human Services is a 2-year online program leading to a Gateways Level V Credential working in a child-care setting.

Interested students should contact Dr. Mikki Sherwood, [mlsherwood@eiu.edu](mailto:mlsherwood@eiu.edu) or 217-581-6076, to get started.



## ACCELERATED MASTERS IN ARTS TEACHER LICENSURE (Replaces the Accelerated Post-Baccalaureate program)

Candidates who have a bachelor's or master's degree in a designated content area (minimum of 32 hours in subject area) are eligible for admission. The 32 semester hour cohort is online with a monthly in-person seminar on EIU's campus in Charleston. See website for more details at [www.eiu.edu/edprep/paths/Accelerated.php](http://www.eiu.edu/edprep/paths/Accelerated.php). Content areas include:

- Career and Technical Education (Business, Family & Consumer Sciences, Technology in grades 5-12),
- English (grades 9-12),
- History - Social Sciences (grades 9-12),
- Foreign Language (French, German, or Spanish in grades PK-12),
- Math (grades 9-12)

Candidates must apply through the Graduate School as a M.A.T. degree-seeking student. For more information, contact Dr. Dan Carter, Graduate Coordinator for Teaching, Learning and Foundations - [djcarter@eiu.edu](mailto:djcarter@eiu.edu) or 217-581-5728.

## TEACHER EDUCATION MEETING

Transfer students should apply to teacher education during first semester of attendance at EIU. Admission to Teacher Education Meetings are held throughout the year. Meeting dates and information can be found at:

[www.eiu.edu/edprep/gettingstarted/ate.php](http://www.eiu.edu/edprep/gettingstarted/ate.php).

# CAMPUS UPDATES

## EIU RANKED 14TH IN THE NATION

Eastern has ranked 14th in the U.S. for Top Public Schools on the 2024 Best Value Colleges & Universities list by College Consensus. Affordability, student reviews and combined quality are among the top attributes. EIU ranks #3 for Top Illinois Public Schools.

## EIU RANKED AS A BEST VALUE SCHOOL IN U.S.

US News & World Report considers academic quality and cost of attendance to rank the top institutions in the nation. Only schools in the top half are recognized.



## PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR ROLL

Continuing to make the PTK Honor Roll in 2024, which identifies the top four-year colleges and universities creating dynamic pathways to support transfer students.

## EIU WINS 2 OVC TEAM ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

EIU's Women's Soccer and Women's Track and Field were recognized in the 2023-24 Ohio Valley Conference Institutional and Team Academic Achievement Awards. The award is given to teams with the greatest percentage of athletes who achieve a 3.25 GPA or higher.



## TRANSFER LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY

Our LLCs foster relationships between students and faculty outside of the classroom. Students live with others who share similar educational aspirations. Focused programs acclimate students to the campus environment and promote a greater connection to their peers, professionals, faculty and community. The Transfer LLC is housed in Stevenson Hall.

## EIU TRANSFER CONNECTION

New transfer students are paired with other incoming students and a peer mentor who meet once a week over a free meal to receive support for academic, social, financial and life on campus. This program helps students acclimate to EIU developing a good foundation for success.

# COST & SCHOLARSHIPS

## TRANSFER ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

**Tier 1:** \$2,500 divided between fall/spring semesters. Must have minimum 15 transferable hours and a 3.5-4.0 cumulative GPA. Renewable up to 4 consecutive semesters as long as a 3.0 GPA is maintained at EIU. Full-time enrollment (12 semester hours) at EIU is required. All majors are eligible.

**Tier 2:** \$1,500 divided between fall/spring semesters. Must have minimum 15 transferable hours and a 3.0-3.49 cumulative GPA. Renewable up to 4 consecutive semesters as long as a 2.75 GPA is maintained at EIU. Full-time enrollment (12 sem. hrs.) at EIU is required. All majors are eligible.

## TRANSFER TEXTBOOK RENTAL GRANT

EIU will award a Textbook Rental Grant of \$300 per year for 2 years to transfer students with a 3.3 GPA and meet AIM HIGH Grant criteria. Visit [eiu.edu/scholarships/merit.php](http://eiu.edu/scholarships/merit.php) for AIM HIGH requirements.

## PHI THETA KAPPA

One-time \$1,000 award for transfers entering EIU in **Fall or Spring** with a baccalaureate-oriented associate degree and a 3.50 GPA. Deadline is early February. Award is for Fall semester only. Application for the PTK can be found at: [eiu.academicworks.com](http://eiu.academicworks.com).

## PANTHER PROMISE TUITION WAIVER

We are committed to making education accessible. Students from households with an annual income ranging from \$55,000 to \$100,000 will receive up to \$2,500 towards tuition for up to eight semesters.

## EIU PROMISE PROGRAM

EIU will reduce the cost of your remaining tuition and fees to \$0. Must be an Illinois resident, have a family gross income of \$66,000 or less, be admitted as a full-time student, have financial aid packaged by June 1, have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA and meet AIM HIGH requirements.

## STUDENT SUCCESS & ENGAGEMENT

\$1000 award for students who have a GPA between 2.0 and 2.99 and demonstrate leadership and involvement with a commitment for involvement at EIU. Renewable with EIU GPA of a 2.5 and a narrative describing EIU engagement.

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HONORS COLLEGE	217-581-2017
HOUSING OFFICE	217-581-5111
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NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS	217-581-6435
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## COST TO ATTEND EASTERN: 2024-2025

	domestic	international*
Tuition	\$ 10,150.50	\$ 12,688.20
Textbook rental fee	\$ 262.50	\$ 262.50
Program/services fees	\$ 3,508.36	\$ 3,508.36
Room & board	\$ 12,520.00**	\$ 12,520.00**
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 26,441.36**</b>	<b>\$ 28,979.06**</b>

\* Beginning Fall 2024, all domestic students residing permanently in the USA, including undocumented students, will be eligible for in-state tuition rates. International transfers with a 3.5 GPA pay domestic tuition.

\*\*Based on 30 hours of enrollment and the **Unlimited Meal Plan** for incoming students.

NOTE: Tuition is based on \$338.35 per credit hour for domestic residents and \$422.94 per credit hour for international. Textbooks are \$8.75 per credit hour.

## HONORS TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP (\$2500)

This renewable award, is paid over the student's fall and spring terms for their first two years at EIU. Eligible students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5, 18 or more hours of transfer credit and been a part of transfer institution's honors. They must be intending to participate in the Pine Honors College. Renewed automatically if EIU 3.4 GPA earned. Applications due by June 1st.

## AIM HIGH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)

Renewable award for students who have an immediate family member who graduated from EIU. GPA Requirement: 2.8.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**ARTICULATION CONFERENCE**  
Wednesday, September 17, 2025

**VISITING CAMPUS\***  
\* Schedule through [eiu.edu/visit](http://eiu.edu/visit)

**OPEN HOUSE PROGRAMS**  
Saturday, September 28, 2024  
Monday, October 14, 2024  
Monday, November 11, 2024  
Monday, March 31, 2025

**TRANSFER TOURS**  
9am Every Friday

**DAILY VISITS**  
Tours Monday-Friday  
10am and 2pm

Self guided and Virtual Tours available

**TRANSFER SATURDAY TOUR**  
Saturday, November 9, 2024

**TRANSFER GROUPS**  
Individualized tour and Transfer Presentations  
[eiu.edu/admissions/group\\_visit.php](http://eiu.edu/admissions/group_visit.php)

**INDIVIDUAL ZOOM MEETINGS**  
Schedule with your Admissions Counselor