



# Illinois Board of Higher Education

JB Pritzker, Governor  
John Atkinson, Chair • Ginger Ostro, Executive Director

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Illinois Public University Provosts

FROM: Stephanie Bernoteit, Executive Deputy Director

DATE: April 23, 2021

RE: Public Act 101-0654

In accordance with the amended statute (Public Act 101-0654) listed below, IBHE has provided a template to gather the required and recommended courses for 2021-2022 undergraduate admissions as stated in your university's policy and used in the admissions process. Above and beyond the course requirements and recommendations for general admissions, please provide any programs/majors/departments/colleges **that have additional requirements and recommendations** stated in policy and used in the undergraduate admissions process. Please include reference as to where the requirements or recommendations can be found (i.e., catalog or website). Also, list all required and recommended courses for admissions that you **will add** for the 2022-2023 academic year. **Please return the survey by May 28, 2021** to Gretchen Lohman at [lohman@ibhe.org](mailto:lohman@ibhe.org) and contact her if you have questions.

### **Legislation: Amends the School Code and the Board of Higher Education Act (Public Act 101-0654)**

(110 ILCS 205/9.40 new) Sec. 9.40. Review of university admission coursework.

- (a) On or before May 1, 2021 and as needed thereafter, the Board of Higher Education shall compile a review that identifies, for each public university in this State, all courses the university will require or recommend a high school student take to be admitted to the university as an undergraduate for the following school year. The review shall also include any required coursework or recommended coursework for undergraduate admission into a specific academic major, college, or department of the university for the following school year. In order to allow public school districts, sufficient time to fulfill their obligations under subsection (c) of Section 2-3.183 of the School Code, the review must also identify any new courses that each public university in this State will add to the review the following year. No new required or recommended coursework may be added to a review that has not been identified in the previous year's review. (b) The Board of Higher Education shall make the review compiled under subsection (a) available to the public on its Internet website. (c) The Board of Higher Education may adopt any rules necessary to implement this Section.

**Public University: Eastern Illinois University**

**General Admission**

**Course Requirements**

College-Preparatory English: Four years of English, emphasizing composition, grammar, and literature. As much as one year of the requirement may be satisfied by two semesters in any combination of drama, debate, public speaking, or journalism.

College-Preparatory Mathematics: Three years of mathematics, including algebra, geometry, advanced mathematics, or computer programming.

College-Preparatory Science: Three years of natural sciences (biological and physical), with significant laboratory experiences.

College-Preparatory Social Studies: Three years of social studies, including one year of United States history and/or government.

Electives: Two years of academic or vocational electives.

The University will consider a flexible redistribution for up to three of the 15 units within the subject areas.

**Links**

Listed in Undergraduate Catalog

<https://catalog.eiu.edu/content.php?catoid=38&navoid=1738#beginning-freshmen>

**Course Recommendations**

**Foreign Language**

	<p>High school students are encouraged to study a foreign language prior to coming to EIU for two reasons. First, EIU requires that students complete two courses in a single foreign language in order to graduate. <b>High school students who have completed TWO YEARS in a single foreign language with a “C” average or better are exempt from this requirement.</b> Second, high school language study beyond two years gives students potential access to intermediate and upper-division placement in language courses at EIU that can be counted as General Education Humanities credit. In general, students who know a foreign language are better prepared to compete in the global marketplace, giving them an advantage over their non-bilingual peers.</p>				
Links	<p>Listed in Undergraduate Catalog</p> <p><a href="https://catalog.eiu.edu/content.php?catoid=38&amp;navoid=1738#beginning-freshmen">https://catalog.eiu.edu/content.php?catoid=38&amp;navoid=1738#beginning-freshmen</a></p>				
<p><b>Above and beyond the course requirements and recommendations for general admissions, please provide any programs/majors/departments/colleges that have <u>additional requirements and recommendations</u> stated in policy and used in the admissions process. Include reference as to where the requirements or recommendations can be found (i.e., catalog or website).</b></p>					
	Colleges	Departments	Programs	Majors	Notes
Name					
Course Requirements					

<b>Links</b>					
<b>Course Recommendations</b>					
<b>Links</b>					
<b>List all required and recommended courses for undergraduate admissions that you <u>will add</u> for 2022-2023 AY.</b>					
	<b>General</b>	<b>Colleges</b>	<b>Departments</b>	<b>Programs</b>	<b>Majors</b>
<b>2022-2023 (New Course Requirements)</b>					

<b>2022-2023</b> <b>(New Course Recommendations)</b>					
---	--	--	--	--	--