



The state of Illinois is home to:

- More than 40,000 international students who choose to study here annually
- A climate where you can experience all four seasons
- A diverse geography — from rolling hills to vast prairie lands
- The Mississippi River, one of the world's longest rivers
- One of the country's Great Lakes, Lake Michigan
- The city of Chicago, the third largest in the U.S.A.



Connecting international students with quality Illinois higher education

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Welcome Students

International students coming to study in the U.S.A. who are looking for a welcoming, diverse and exciting environment where education is paramount, choose Illinois! Students can select from a wide variety of schools in the state which vary by size, type, location and programs offered. They can study anything from ancient civilizations to the most advanced technologies of the future, right here in Illinois!

Illinois has more than 200 post-secondary choices including:

- 51 Two-year colleges
- 63 Four-year colleges/ universities
- 39 Professional Schools/ Allied Health Programs
- 46 Proprietary Schools
- 12 Schools of Nursing
- 23 English Language Programs



Great River Road
Alton, IL



Starved Rock State Park
Oglesby, IL



The Cloud Gate "The Bean"
Chicago, IL



Abraham Lincoln Museum
Springfield, IL



Two Rivers National Wildlife
Refuge - Brussels, IL



Raging Rivers Water Park
Yorkville, IL



State Capitol Building
Springfield, IL



Six Flags Great America
Gurnee, IL



Grand Illinois Trail
Atkinson, IL



Shawnee National Forest
Harrisburg, IL



Spirit of Peoria Riverboat
Peoria, IL



Mississippi River
Quad Cities, IL

Come to Illinois

Besides the diversity of academic programs and variety of schools that Illinois offers international students, there are a few other things about the state that make it a great choice for those looking for a place where things happen.

- Illinois is the fifth most populous state in the U.S.
- Illinois has the fourth most Fortune 500 companies — 32 — headquartered in the state.
- 65 million people travel through Chicago O'Hare airport annually.
- Illinois is the fifth largest exporting state in the U.S.
- 75 countries have consulates in the state.
- 30 international banks have branches or representative office in Illinois.
- Illinois served as the home for four U.S. Presidents at some point in their lives, including Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama.
- Metropolis, Illinois, is the home of Superman.
- Illinois' state snack food is popcorn.