

# ILLINOIS EASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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## International

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC) is located in southeastern Illinois near the Illinois/Indiana border. The IECC system includes four colleges: Frontier Community College in Fairfield, Lincoln Trail College in Robinson, Olney Central College in Olney, and Wabash Valley College in Mt. Carmel. The International Program at the colleges has been successful in recruiting a large number of international students representing a variety of countries.

IECC offers an intensive, academically oriented program in English as a Second Language (ESL) for international students who wish to study at colleges and universities in the United States but whose English abilities prevent entrance to these schools. ESL is offered at the Wabash Valley College in Mt. Carmel. The ESL program enables students to begin academic work quickly, while improving English language abilities, and complete their college studies successfully.

In addition, IECC offers a two-year program, known as the Transfer Program, in which you can pursue either an Associate in Arts, an Associate in Fine Arts, an Associate in Science, or an Associate in Science and Arts degree. These degrees offer credits which transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

The comprehensive transfer curriculum includes introductory courses that all college students must take, regardless of where you decide to begin your education. These courses are designed to give you a foundation on which to build your education. The program at IECC is essentially the same as the first two years at any four-year college or university in the United States.

### English as a Second Language Program (ESL)

Students who come into IECC with a TOEFL score of 500 or the equivalent will gain admission to academic courses. However, a student with a score of 500 may be required, at the discretion of the ESL instructor, to attend one or more ESL classes. This decision is made on the basis of scores on individual sections of the TOEFL. All students who do not have official TOEFL scores over 550 will be tested. After assessment of a student's abilities in grammar and writing structure, reading, and listening/speaking skills, they will be placed in one of four levels of ESL. Although the hours are non-transferable, the grades are used by the college to determine whether students may progress in ESL and/or into academic studies. If a student completes Level 4, but has not achieved a TOEFL score of 550, the student will be required to take a TOEFL Test Preparation course or repeat elements of Level 4. After completing ESL, the student will take the COMPASS or ASSET test for academic placement.

### ESL Computer Instruction

State-of-the-art computer software programs are available, and all students will be assigned to work in the computer lab using these instructional materials. Programs target specific areas such as: verb tenses, sentence structure, idioms, spelling, and vocabulary. In one program, students listen to the computer's audio presentation of phonics and vocabulary, record their own pronunciation, then compare it with the computer. A computer lab technician is available to assist students working in the lab.

### Transfer Programs

Agriculture	Criminal Justice	Journalism	Pre-Dentistry	Secondary Education
Art	Early Childhood Education	Liberal Arts	Pre-Law	Social Work
Athletic Training	Elementary Education	Mathematics	Pre-Med	Sociology
Biological Sciences	Engineering	Music	Pre-Pharmacy	Special Education
Business	English	Physical Education	Pre-Physical Therapy	Speech Communication
Chemistry	Environmental Sciences	Physics	Pre-Veterinary Medicine	Speech Pathology
Computer Science	History	Political Science	Psychology	Theatre

### Transfer to Universities

Arizona State University	Northwestern University	University of Illinois	University of Minnesota
Indiana University	Southern Illinois University	University of Iowa	University of North Carolina
Michigan State University	University of California - Irvine	University of Michigan	and many more....



# General Information

## Arrival

International students should arrive at IECC no more than one week before classes begin so they can attend the required orientations. The college must know the date and time of your planned arrival. An International Student Program Staff (ISPS) representative from IECC will meet you at the Evansville, Indiana airport. This representative can help you find temporary housing accommodations, if necessary.

## Orientation

A special orientation program is provided for international students. This mandatory orientation familiarizes you with the college, introduces you to faculty and staff members, and helps you become accustomed to living in the United States. It also provides practical information about shopping, transportation, banking, social customs, and other matters that will help you feel more comfortable in your new surroundings.

## Academic Support

International students attending Illinois Eastern Community Colleges receive personal attention to make sure they are progressing well in their classes. Special workshops and study sessions addressing classroom issues for students who may have difficulty in certain subject areas are provided each semester. Free tutoring in beginning college level courses is also available.

## Advising and Counseling

Throughout the year, international students meet regularly with an international advisor. This advisor is your mentor, who understands the challenges you will experience while living and studying in a different culture. Your advisor helps you with immigration issues, housing, academic progress, and personal concerns.

## Housing

The International Student Program will help you locate housing. A housing information and application form is included with the college application. This information will be used by the International Program Staff to make arrangements for you before you arrive.

## Student Activities

The International Student Program provides many social activities and events for international students throughout the year. Students also participate in various school-sponsored activities.

## Climate in the Midwest

The IECC area has four seasons with distinct temperature changes requiring all types of clothing. In the fall (September through December) temperatures range from 40 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit (5 to 26 degrees Celsius); in the winter (December through March) 0 through 45 degrees Fahrenheit (-18 to 7 degrees Celsius); in the spring (March through June) 50 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit (10 to 20 degrees Celsius); and in the summer (June through September) 80 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit (27 to 32 degrees Celsius).

## Tuition and Costs

IECC requires all international students to purchase medical/hospitalization insurance, to protect students from the high cost of health care in the United States. The following estimated expenses are for one academic year (two semesters).

Tuition and Fees (30 sem. hrs.) U.S.	\$ 9,500
Housing and Meals	6,500
Books and Supplies	900
Medical Insurance	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,900</b>

In order for international students to enter or remain in the United States for educational purposes, they must be able to show evidence of adequate financial resources before visa documents can be issued. Applicants unable to provide satisfactory evidence of adequate finances will not be granted admission.

## Academic Calendar

### Spring

January	Student Registration
January	Classes Begin
May	Final Exam Testing/Graduation

### Summer

June	Student Registration
June	Classes Begin
August	Final Exam Testing

### Fall

August	Student Registration
August	Classes Begin
December	Final Exam Testing

## Application

To apply for admission to Illinois Eastern Community Colleges you must submit the following:

- \* a completed application of admission;
- \* a financial statement;
- \* a letter or statement from the bank of your sponsor;
- \* an official academic record (translated into English); and
- \* an application fee of \$100 in the form of a money order (USD) or credit card.

All documents must be sent to the following address:

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges/OCC  
International Office  
305 North West Street  
Olney, IL 62450-1099 USA

College course work and advancement toward a degree is measured in terms of semester hours. The majority of classes are 3 to 4 credit hours each. International students must enroll in a full course load (12 semester hours). This requirement comes from the U.S. Immigration Office for students on the F-1 visa.

## For an application or more information contact:

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