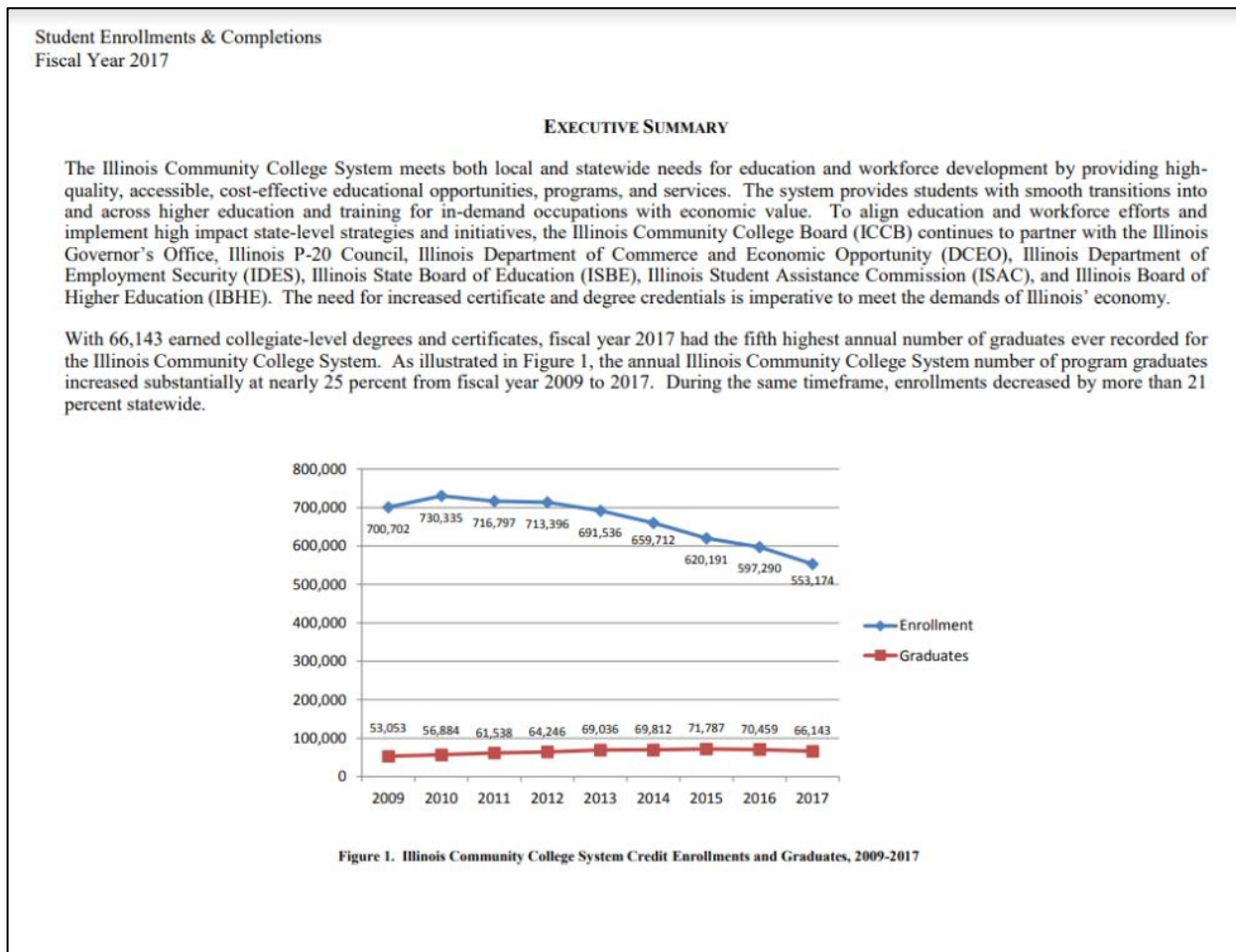


IIT UG - Transfer Admission Snapshot:

- Shrinking Transfer Applicant Pool: CC Enrollment down by almost 200,000 since 2010

[ICCB Annual Report - 2017](https://www.iccb.org/data/?page_id=18): https://www.iccb.org/data/?page_id=18



- Illinois Articulation Agreement Gen-Ed Core Requirements (IAI):

The challenge here is that most community college students complete 3 lower level Humanities and 3 lower level Soc Sciences before they start considering where they will transfer. Most Illinois Universities waive their own Gen-Ed core if a student completes the AA/AS GECC before transfer. However, they will not waive their own Gen-Ed core if a student has not completed the ICCB GECC as outlined in the tables below. Also, the vast majority of students pursue the AA instead of the AS degree. Only about 30% of transfer students pursue the AS degree.

[iTransfer Portal](https://itransfer.org/aboutiai/): <https://itransfer.org/aboutiai/>

What is IAI?

The Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) is a **statewide transfer agreement**, which is transferable among more than [100 participating colleges and universities in Illinois](#). IAI works best for students who know they are going to transfer but are undecided on the college or university that will grant their baccalaureate degree.

General Education Package

All colleges and universities participating in IAI agree to accept a "package" of IAI general education courses in lieu of their own comparable lower-division general education requirements. Keep in mind, the IAI general education transfers as a package. Any course-to-course transfer credit is not guaranteed. You should work with your institutions to see exactly how your courses will transfer beyond the IAI package.

View a description of the disciplines in the [IAI general education package](#), also known as the GECC. Want to see how your courses map to the general education package (GECC)? [View the Course Worksheet](#)

The Illinois Associates Degrees - A.A. and A.S.

Institutions in Illinois grant two types of transferable Associates degrees. The Illinois Articulation Initiative general education package is part of both. The Associates of Arts degree, or A.A., has a full general education package (GECC) fully incorporated. **When you complete an A.A. degree and transfer, your general education requirements should be waived at the next 4-year IAI participating institution you choose to attend.** The Associates of Science degree, or A.S., is specifically designed for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, or STEM, areas of study. This degree has a modified general education package which allows students in these demanding fields the opportunity to remain on track with their cohorts at the 4-year institutions and complete a couple of general education courses after they transfer to their institution of choice. Under the A.S. degree model, students will take one additional math course and one science course, which will delay two GECC courses in the Humanities & Fine Arts and Social & Behavioral Sciences categories. The GECC package remains intact; However, a student will complete the package upon transfer to a university.

[Review Requirements](#)

Associate of Arts Degree

The Associate in Arts (AA) Degree is designed to complete the lower-division (freshman and sophomore) portion of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree. The Associate in Arts Degree includes the transferable General Education Core and the lower-division major field core courses recommended by the Illinois Articulation Initiative. The Associate in Arts Degree is ideally suited for students desiring a Bachelor of Arts Degree in areas such as liberal arts and sciences, English, psychology, and many other fields.

General Education Core 37-41 semester credit hours

Communications: 3 courses (9 semester credits*) including a two-course sequence in writing (6 semester credits) and one course (3 semester credits) in oral communication

Mathematics: 1 to 2 courses (3 to 6 semester credits)

Physical and Life Sciences: 2 courses (7 to 8 semester credits)
One course selected from the life sciences and one course from the physical sciences and including at least one laboratory course

Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 courses (9 semester credits)
At least one course selected from humanities and at least one course from the fine arts

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 courses (9 semester credits)
Select courses from at least two disciplines

Additional College AA Degree Requirements 0-9 semester credit hours

Major Field & Elective Courses 10-27 semester credit hours

TOTAL 60-64 semester credit hours

Associate in Science Degree

The Associate in Science (AS) Degree is designed to complete the lower-division (freshman and sophomore) portion of a Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree. The Associate in Science Degree includes the transferable General Education Core Curriculum and the lower-division major field core courses recommended by the Illinois Articulation Initiative. The Associate in Science Degree is ideally suited for students seeking a Bachelor of Science Degree in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, or STEM, fields of study.

General Education Core 31-35 semester credit hours

Communications: 3 courses (9 semester credits) including a two-course sequence in writing (6 semester credits) and one course (3 semester credits) in oral communication

Mathematics: 2 to 3 courses (6 to 9 semester credits)

Physical and Life Sciences: 3 courses (10 to 11 semester credits)
One course selected from the life sciences and one course from the physical sciences and including at least one laboratory course

Humanities and Fine Arts: 2 courses (6 semester credits)
One course selected from humanities and one course from the fine arts

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 2 courses (6 semester credits)
Select courses from at least two disciplines

Additional College AS Degree Requirements 0-9 semester credit hours

Major Field & Elective Courses 10-27 semester credit hours

TOTAL 60-64 semester credit hours

- **Illinois Tech Transfer Admits:**

Historically, transfer students account for about 1/3 of the incoming class each year at Illinois Tech. For example, this FA18 we saw **617 Freshman**, and **226 Transfer** students, or **36%** of the total. However, we are continuing to experience a downward trend and low numbers of IL community college students transferring out to **any** 4-year institution. Of those students that do transfer, the majority inform us that they are most likely to select a school that accepts the highest number of their transfer credits and those that will leave them with the shortest time to degree completion.

AY	IL CC ENROLLMENT	TOTAL IL CC TRANSFERS	IIT TRANSFER APPLICATIONS	ADMITS	DEPOSITS	NET DEPOSITS	Admit Rate	Deposit Rate
Fall 2010	730,335	27,240	588	301	183	175	51.19	60.79
Fall 2011	716,797	25,255	781	431	315	268	55.18	High: 73.08
Fall 2012	713,396	25,004	757	407	281	253	53.76	69.04
Fall 2013	691,536	unavailable	838	474	311	276	56.56	65.61
Fall 2014	659,712	24,837	650	373	249	233	57.38	66.75
Fall 2015	620,191	24,374	823	421	240	227	51.15	57
Fall 2016	597,290	23,136	661	454	270	261	68.68	59.47
Fall 2017	553,174	waiting for data	701	390	213	201	55.63	Low: 54.61
Fall 2018	waiting for data	waiting for data	729	424	242	226	58.16	57.07



Of these yearly totals, only about 6% transfer out to an IL 4-year school, with only 1/3 of these transferring to a private university.

- **Summary of current IIT transfer recruitment challenges:**

- Diminishing prospective transfer applicant pool overall.
- Pervasive community college practices including holding onto their students longer while pressuring them to complete an Associate’s degree and denying financial aid (FAFSA) if they are “only taking courses to transfer.”
- IAI gen-ed core is not compatible with IIT gen-ed core.
- Since most Illinois Tech transfer students come from Illinois, these students are all commonly advised by the CC counselors/advisors to follow IAI and take all three lower level Humanities and all three lower level Soc Sciences as early as their first semester.
- IIT is one of the few universities that does not accept the Associate’s degree as a package waving any additional Gen-Eds.
- Increasingly, we are losing transfer students to our competitors since they will accept the entire 18 hours of lower division Humanities and Soc Sciences without requiring additional upper division Gen-Eds, thus reducing the student timeline to degree completion.