

ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

Illinois Wesleyan University welcomes applications from students who seek a challenging, broad based collegiate education. Students who wish to pursue professional studies or fine arts within a liberal arts setting, will find Illinois Wesleyan especially appealing.

All applications for admission are reviewed on an individual basis. The criteria used in evaluating an applicant's qualifications are outlined in the following sections. Illinois Wesleyan University maintains high academic standards and competition for admission is keen. Qualified applicants may be accepted for either semester.

Financial aid is available to those with demonstrated need, and information regarding the University's financial aid program may be found in the Financial Aid section of this Catalog. Illinois Wesleyan University does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, or any factors without bearing on academic success.

ADMISSION CRITERIA AND POLICIES

The University includes a College of Liberal Arts, a College of Fine Arts consisting of three schools (art, music, and theatre arts), a School of Nursing and Health Sciences, and a School of Business and Economics. Each college or school has its own emphasis, and for this reason different strengths and abilities are considered by those reviewing the credentials of candidates for admission to the various disciplines.

Applicants are advised to complete a minimum of 15 units of secondary school credit. A college preparatory curriculum consisting of the following is strongly recommended but not required:

- English – four units (years)
- Natural Science – three units (years) with at least one of physical and one of biological science, both with laboratory
- Foreign Language – three units (years) of the same language
- Social Science – two units (years)

Illinois Wesleyan is a test optional university. In lieu of the test score, an essay is required. The essay will be prompted in the application.

An applicant holding a high school diploma granted on the basis of the USAFI General Education Development tests will be considered for admission if the test scores indicate college aptitude.

ADMISSION CRITERIA AND POLICIES ADDENDUM:

All applicants to Illinois Wesleyan University must be beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in the state of Illinois for consideration. High school course work completed by applicants will be evaluated via the official transcript transmitted by the high school. If Illinois Wesleyan University

or the Department of Education have reason to believe that the high school diploma is not valid or was not obtained from an entity that provides secondary school education, further investigation will be undertaken by Illinois Wesleyan.

The Admissions Process

Required Materials

Students interested in admission to Illinois Wesleyan University must submit:

- One of the following **applications**(one application is not preferred over another)
 - IWU Application (www.iwu.edu/apply)
 - Common Application (www.commonapp.org)
- **Transcripts** for all previous high school and/or college coursework
- **Essay**

Students may also be admitted via an Illinois Wesleyan approved Direct Admissions program by following the criteria required by those individual programs.

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College of Liberal Arts

Major emphasis being placed on academic achievement, the following criteria serve as a basis for evaluation of candidates for admission to the College of Liberal Arts:

1. Fifteen academic units within the areas of English, foreign language, mathematics, laboratory science, and social science.
2. Rank within the top 30 percent of the class, or have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.
3. Required writing sample.

Supplemental materials including ACT/SAT score, letters of recommendation, and student activities may be considered when submitted.

School of Business and Economics

Major emphasis being placed on academic achievement, the following criteria

Refer to the Credit for Work External to Illinois Wesleyan section of this Catalog for more detailed information concerning the transfer of credits. See also other special policies for the transfer of credits and admission of transfer students found in other parts of this chapter and in the Academic Program chapter.

Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB)

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