

PARENT & FAMILY Services

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Move-In for the residence halls

Move-In is one of the most exciting times of the year! If your student is approaching their first move-in experience or your student is returning to campus, you're in good hands with the University Housing Services staff. [University Housing](#) has used their years of experience to make moving to campus smoother than you could ever imagine.

While you can expect to see materials mailed to you, be sure to download the Move-In guide as part of the [official Illinois State University app](#). The app provides the times and dates that correlate with your student's residence hall and floor. Move-In will begin the week of August 12, 2019. Each student has an allotted move-in time depending on their residence hall and floor. Before packing for school, be sure to check University Housing Services lists of [what to bring](#) and [what not to bring](#).

Moving into an off-campus apartment

Your student's first apartment can be an exciting and nerve-wracking experience. The Dean of Students' Off-Campus Services has compiled a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) as well as an [off-campus preparation checklist](#) to ensure a smooth move-in process. For more information, please visit the [Off-Campus Services website](#).

Welcome Week

Following your student's participation at Preview or Transfer Days, Welcome Week is their next step in preparing for life at Illinois State. Welcome Week is both for incoming first-year and transfer students. Through Welcome Week your student will meet other students, learn about campus resources and services, and get to know the Bloomington/Normal communities. The student's participation in Welcome Week will not only provide them with the tools they'll need to be successful at the University, but will also help them make Illinois State their "home away from home." Welcome Week will be held August 14-18, with events happening each day. For a complete schedule of events, visit the [Welcome Week website](#) or download the Welcome Week guide on the [official Illinois State University app](#).

First day of classes

Classes for the fall 2019 semester will begin Monday, August 19.

Transitioning into college

The completion of high school and the transition into adult life offers many choices for a student. This transition process can be complex and requires specific planning. As a student matures into an independent, productive adult, increased responsibility is necessary and requires the acquisition of new skills to achieve personal goals and success. Illinois State University has multiple resources that help the students' transitions, such as courses that assist in guiding first-year students, advisors on call, regular workshops, and much more. For more opportunities and information, visit the [University College website](#).

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Academic advising

University College academic advisors advise all students who have less than 24 credit hours earned, with the exception of those students participating in the Honors Program. Your student's advisor helps them choose their classes, choose a major, change majors, stay on track to graduate, and generally adjust to college life. Advisors are available during designated times for drop-in questions. Students can stop by the third floor of Fell Hall during these times to speak to their advisor without having an appointment scheduled. Students should call (309) 438-7604 to determine their advisor's drop-in hours. If their regularly assigned advisor is unavailable, students can utilize the [Advisor on Call service](#). Students may stop in during the times below without having an appointment and are assisted on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Monday: 9–11:30 a.m.; 1–3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: 9–11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday: 9–11:30 a.m.; 1–3:30 p.m.
- Thursday: 9–11:30 a.m.; 1–3:30 p.m.
- Friday: 9–11:30 a.m.; 1–3:30 p.m.

Information about your student's account

If you are enrolled in a payment plan, payments for fall 2019 are due to the [Student Accounts Office](#) on or before the following dates:

- First installment: August 9
- Second installment: September 13
- Third installment: October 11
- Fourth installment: November 8
- Fifth installment: December 13

These dates are very important—past due balances will place a hold on your student's account, which can affect their course registration for future semesters.

Refunds for the fall 2019 semester begin August 16. Your student will receive an email with information about if their refund will be sent via direct deposit, or if they will need to pick up the check in the Student Accounts Office.

Festival ISU

Festival ISU 2019 will take place Thursday, August 29, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. on the Quad. Festival ISU is the easiest way for your student to get involved on campus. Hundreds of our Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and community organizations come to the Quad to spread awareness about their organization, encourage students to get involved, and hand out free Illinois State swag. A list of participating organizations and a recap of Festival ISU 2018 can be found on the [Dean of Students Office website](#).

Family Weekend

Family Weekend offers an opportunity for families to visit with their students and experience Illinois State University together. Join us October 4–6, and make some Redbird memories enjoying Redbird football, dueling pianos, *Whose Live Anyway?* improv tour, academic open houses, and more. With a wide range of activities planned, families can choose to

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spend the day or the entire weekend. Registration is not required for Family Weekend; however, some events require advance ticket purchase. For a complete schedule of events or to purchase tickets, visit the [Family Weekend website](#). Check out past years' photos at the site or on social media under [#RedbirdFamily](#).

Greek life recruitment

If your student is considering going through social sorority or fraternity recruitment, they must attend a [Potential New Member Orientation](#) (before they can accept their bid for membership).

Sorority recruitment takes place from August 30–September 2 and September 6–8. [Registration for sorority recruitment](#) costs \$65 and closes on Thursday, August 29, at noon.

Social fraternity recruitment takes place September 8–13, but fraternities also host recruitment events throughout the year. [Registration for social fraternity recruitment](#) is open now.

If your student is considering joining a cultural, service, honors, or business sorority or fraternity, they should contact individual chapters about the membership process. Students of any academic year are able to join sororities and fraternities. For more information about Greek life, please visit the [Dean of Students Office website](#).