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Technology and Engineering Education Program Frequently Asked Questions

<http://tec.illinoisstate.edu/technology-education/>

What percentage of T&EE graduates have public school teaching positions after graduation?

While no university can guarantee employment, **99% of our graduates have been offered teaching positions after graduation.**

Are scholarships and/or grants available?

There are university-wide scholarships, Department of Technology scholarships, and professional organization scholarships available for students. Department specific scholarships can be found on the department website (tec.illinoisstate.edu).

Will I graduate in four years?

The T&EE curriculum is set up for you to graduate in four years. However, if you do not meet educational gateway requirements, change your major, or have poor grades, you may not graduate in four years.

How can I schedule a visit?

If you would like to schedule a visit to specifically discuss the T&EE Program, you can contact Dr. Chris Merrill at 309-438-7862 or via email cpmerri@ilstu.edu. You can schedule a general visit through the ISU admissions office (<http://admissions.illinoisstate.edu/freshman/visit/>).

Is there demand for T&EE graduates?

Yes! In 2013 alone, sixty different Illinois schools personally communicated with faculty in T&EE at Illinois State University to obtain graduates. T&EE is a national shortage area in the public schools. Employment can be found in all 50 states.

Can I major in T&EE, but also minor in another subject area?

Yes, one can major in T&EE and also minor in another subject area. However, completing a minor would most likely require additional coursework and time.

When do T&EE students get exposure to the classroom?

Starting freshman year, T&EE students work in middle and high school classrooms observing and teaching lessons.

What are the requirements for the T&EE degree?

Please see the current catalog's degree sheet requirements for the T&EE program.

What should I take in high school to better prepare me for T&EE?

In addition to a general high school education, it is recommended that you take:

- Industrial, Technological, and Engineering-related classes
- Mathematics (Algebra and Geometry at minimum)
- Physics

Do I have to complete student teaching?

Student teaching is the culminating experience for T&EE majors. Student teaching is a twelve-week internship at the middle or high school level in Illinois. The ISU T&EE faculty work with students for optimum student teaching placement.

What kind of salary can I expect for a beginning teacher?

Salaries range by geographic area. T&EE graduates receive a range of salaries from \$35-\$60,000; teaching contracts are typically for **185 days of the year**.

Is there an education career fair?

Every year, ISU hosts the largest education career fair in Illinois. See <http://careercenter.illinoisstate.edu/> for all of the details.

Is there a T&EE student group?

Yes, the Technology and Engineering Education Collegiate Association (TEECA) is the active student group available for majors. TEECA members are active in university activities, state-wide activities, and at conferences/competitions.

Are open labs available?

Ample time in laboratories is available. Certain labs in Turner Hall are open in the evenings and on the weekends.

Who will be my academic advisor?

The Department of Technology Academic Advisor is Mrs. Cathy McKay. You can contact Mrs. McKay at 309-438-2665 or via email at camckay@ilstu.edu.

Where can I get exposure to the latest instructional teaching technologies?

Students have free access to the Exploratorium, which host workshops and open lab times for students to explore new technologies such as 3D printers, interactive whiteboards, and tablets.



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What is your average GPA and ACT for admitted students?

In 2013, half of admitted freshmen earned an ACT composite score between 22 and 26.

In 2013, the average high school grade point average was 3.43 on a 4.0 scale.

What is the application deadline for consideration?

For Summer and Fall enrollment, April 1; For Spring enrollment, November 1.

Are letters of recommendation required for admission? What about student essays?

ISU does not require letters of recommendation for enrollment consideration. Student essays are not required, but are optional.

Is Advanced Placement (AP) accepted?

Yes, AP credit is accepted. Information can be found in the university catalog about specific AP courses (see Advanced Placement Program).

What is the average class size and what is the student to faculty ratio?

At ISU, more than 2/3 of undergraduate courses have fewer than 30 students. Student to Faculty ratio is 19:1.

Do professors teach undergraduate courses or do you use teaching assistants?

At ISU, 97% of undergraduate credit hours are taught by faculty members.

What is the undergraduate enrollment?

Between 18,500-20,000.

Is foreign language required at the high school or university levels?

No.

Are there tutoring services available?

Yes, the Julia N. Visor Academic Center offers tutoring for FREE to all students. The tutors are upper classman students who have been recommended by professors.

Is there an Honors Program?

Yes, ISU has an honors program. For specific information, please see <http://honors.illinoisstate.edu/>

Is housing available?

Yes, both dormitories (with meal plans) and apartment living are available.

What is the male to female undergraduate enrollment?

Currently, 57% are female and 43% male.

Where is ISU located?

ISU is located in Normal. Normal is located in central Illinois; 45 minutes east of Peoria. Geographically, ISU is less than three hours away from Chicago, St. Louis, Rockford, Quad Cities, and Indianapolis.

What extracurricular activities does ISU offer?

The student fitness center provides free fitness classes and over 12 different intramural leagues a semester. Also, there are over 300 student organizations.

Are there on campus job opportunities?

Undergraduate employment is available in each department depending on need.



**Come meet the
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crew!**

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