

# Illinois—AcademicInfluence.com Ranks the State’s Best Colleges & Universities for 2021

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, USA, April 5, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- With so many excellent colleges and universities to choose from in Illinois, the challenge for prospective students isn't selecting just any school but choosing the right school from among the state's very best institutions.

AcademicInfluence.com announces the release of its series "The Best Colleges & Universities in the USA," which ranks every state's schools in multiple categories. The top higher education institutions in Illinois are ranked here:

## [Illinois's Best Colleges & Universities of 2021](#)

Illinois's page includes breakdown rankings and links in the following categories:

- 17 Research Universities
- 39 Liberal Arts Colleges & Universities
- 28 Graduate Schools
- 12 Public Colleges & Universities
- 44 Private Colleges & Universities
- 26 Christian Colleges & Universities
- 38 Small Colleges & Universities (fewer than 5,000 students)
- 14 Affordable Colleges (below national average of \$16k/yr)
- 47 Community Colleges

Attending an in-state college or university remains a major priority for many students. The tuition benefit students receive from attending a school in their state can be the deciding factor in pursuing a college degree. A local school within driving distance can also make a major difference in the cost, saving commuters money by providing an alternative to the costlier on-campus, residential experience.

A graphic with an orange and white background. On the left is a small blue and white logo. On the right is a circular image of a large, multi-story university building with many windows. Below the image, the text reads "ILLINOIS'S BEST COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF 2021".

**ILLINOIS'S BEST COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF 2021**

What are the top colleges and universities in Illinois? See where AcademicInfluence.com ranks them in a variety of categories...

What are the top Illinois colleges and universities overall?

- Augustana College (Rock Island, Illinois)
- Bradley University (Peoria)
- DePaul University (Chicago)
- Dominican University (River Forest)
- Eastern Illinois University (Charleston)
- Elmhurst College (Elmhurst)
- Illinois College (Jacksonville)
- Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago)
- Illinois State University (Normal)
- Illinois Wesleyan University (Bloomington)
- Knox College (Galesburg)
- Lake Forest College (Lake Forest)
- Loyola University Chicago (Chicago)
- Millikin University (Decatur)
- Monmouth College (Monmouth)
- North Central College (Naperville)
- Northwestern University (Evanston)
- Olivet Nazarene University (Bourbonnais)
- Principia College (Elsah)
- Trinity International University (Deerfield)
- University of Chicago (Chicago)
- University of Illinois at Chicago (Chicago)
- University of Illinois at Springfield (Springfield)
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Champaign)
- Wheaton College (Wheaton)

Baseline eligibility for selection: four-year undergraduate degree offerings, full accreditation, and a minimum graduation rate of 50%.

Visit the link above to see where these schools place in each ranking, along with additional details about each and rankings of all other Illinois colleges and universities. For those students with specific needs and who want greater customization, AcademicInfluence.com's rankings provide greater detail through 26 customizable filters available using [Custom College Rankings for Illinois](#).

"We believe that students today want more than a degree—they want a college experience that meets their personal needs," says Dr. Jed Macosko, academic director of AcademicInfluence.com and professor of physics at Wake Forest University.

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