

Illinois College

Illinois College is a private, Phi Beta Kappa, liberal arts college located in Jacksonville, Illinois. Founded in 1829 through the joint efforts of John M. Ellis, a Presbyterian missionary, and a group of seven Congregational students from Yale (one of several “Yale Bands”), the College has maintained a long tradition of academic excellence. Illinois College retains its historic ties with both the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the United Church of Christ.

Illinois College is a scholarly community that values close and frequent collaboration among faculty and students and is devoted to the liberal arts. Its curriculum requires both breadth of learning and knowledge in depth, leading students to explore the fine arts, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.

Within this liberal arts context, all students develop specific areas of knowledge through majors. Many pursue additional opportunities for learning through pre-professional programs. Students enrich their educations further through independent research and writing; internships, off-campus “BreakAways” and study abroad; performance in art, drama, and music; and participation in organizations and clubs, athletics, and student government. Academic advisors play an essential role in helping students plan and successfully complete their academic programs. The Office of Career Services, the various departments, and advisors make every effort to help students prepare for graduate study and professional schools as well as direct entry into careers after graduation.