

GRADUATE ESTIMATED EXPENSES

To receive a DS-2019 and then apply for a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa, students must have sufficient funds to cover the cost of their educational and living expenses for their entire stay in the U.S. The chart below shows **ESTIMATES** based upon figures available on the date this form was last updated (07/25/2024). Required proof of financing for the J-1 Visa is based off these estimates. Figures are subject to change. Please reference the links for the most up-to-date information. Students requesting to add dependents or extend their program must provide proof of finances to cover the remainder of their program.

Expenses*	Graduate (living on-campus)
Tuition	\$0
Mandatory Fees Graduate: Based on 9 Credit Hours (https://studentaccounts.illinoisstate.edu/billing/tuition-rate-calculator/)	\$1,055
Health Insurance (https://studentaccounts.illinoisstate.edu/billing/tuition-rate-calculator/)	\$281
Housing: Based on shared two-bedroom (double occupancy) apartment (Fell-School Street Apartments) (https://housing.illinoisstate.edu/contracts/costs/)	\$2,915
Application Fee Housing Reservation Fee (https://housing.illinoisstate.edu/contracts/costs/additional/)	\$50 \$250
Meal Plan based on the 7-Day Unlimited Access Plan (https://dining.illinoisstate.edu/mealplans/)	\$2,616
University Holiday / Break Dining <u>Dining Centers are closed for 1 week for holidays and breaks;</u> students must eat off campus.	\$308**
University Winter Break Dining (Two-Semester Students Only) – (\$1,320**) <u>Dining Centers are closed 1 month for winter break;</u> students must eat off campus (not included in budget).	
Books (https://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/paying/2024-2025-graduate/index.php)	\$415
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Personal Expenses (Based upon undergraduate on-campus rates) (https://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/paying/2024-2025-graduate/index.php)	\$1,583
Welcome Week (https://welcomeweek.illinoisstate.edu/)	\$40
Tuberculosis Screening (https://healthservices.illinoisstate.edu/downloads/medical-services/TB%20screening%20for%20International%20students.pdf)	\$25
Tuberculosis Screening Non-Compliance Fee (\$75) <i>This fee will be assessed <u>only</u> to a new student who has <u>not</u> complied with the Illinois Immunization Law by the tenth day of classes (not included in budget).</i> (https://healthservices.illinoisstate.edu/medical-services/immunization-requirements.shtml)	
One Semester total expenses	\$9,538
Two Semester total expenses	\$19,076

*Expenses are estimated based on full-time enrollment (9 credits for Graduates). Average expenses are calculated based upon the most current academic year [Cost of Attendance Tables](#) established by the ISU Financial Aid Office and the most current [Tuition Rate Tables](#) published by Student Accounts. Expenses may vary and are subject to change over time.

**These figures are based upon the university's \$44/day employee per diem meal rate (<https://travel.illinoisstate.edu/reimbursements/perdiem/>)