

UNDERGRADUATE ESTIMATED EXPENSES

To receive a DS-2019 and 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 current figures as of 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*	Undergraduate (living on-campus)
Tuition	\$ 0
Mandatory Fees Undergraduate: Based on 12 Credit Hours (https://studentaccounts.illinoisstate.edu/billing/tuition-rate-calculator/)	\$1,407
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 Dining Centers are closed for 1 week for holidays and breaks; students must eat off campus. University Winter Break Dining (Two-Semester Only) - (\$1,320**). <i>Dining Centers are closed for 1 month for winter break; students must eat off campus. (Not included in budget).</i>	\$308**
Books (https://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/paying/2024-2025-undergraduate/)	\$415
Miscellaneous Expenses Personal Expenses (https://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/paying/2024-2025-undergraduate/) Welcome Week (https://welcomeweek.illinoisstate.edu/) Tuberculosis Screening (https://healthservices.illinoisstate.edu/downloads/medical-services/TB%20screening%20for%20International%20students.pdf) Non-Compliance Fee (\$75) <i>This fee will be assessed only to any new student who has not 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)	\$1,711 \$40 \$25
One Semester total expenses	\$10,018
Two Semester total expenses	\$20,036

* Expenses are estimated based on full-time enrollment (12 credits for Undergraduates). 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/>)