



# FAQ

## Frequently Asked Questions

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRIO SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM?

Students whose parents did not graduate from a four-year college, students with documented disabilities including ASD, AD(H)D, or other learning disabilities are invited to apply for this program. If you have a brother or sister in college, that's fine, first-generation is determined by your parents' level of education.

### WHAT IS THE COST TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM?

There is no fee for the program. **For this period only**, housing, meals, books and other expenses for the program are covered by Illinois College.

### WHEN WOULD I NEED TO ARRIVE ON CAMPUS?

The first week will be held virtually from Sunday, August 11, to Thursday, August 15. MOVE-IN DAY is Friday, August 16 and there is a special TRIO Summer Bridge orientation session for your parents.

### DO I HAVE TO ATTEND THE ENTIRE PROGRAM?

All students must commit to attending the entire summer program. During this time, all students will live in the residence halls and will not return home.

### DO I HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEARNING COMMUNITY IF I ENROLL IN THE SUMMER PROGRAM?

Students must participate in the entirety of the TRIO Summer Bridge Program: first-generation participants are required to enroll in the IS 130 First-Year Seminar class.

### WILL THERE BE OTHER STUDENTS ON CAMPUS?

In addition to the TRIO Summer Bridge participants, pre-season sports teams begin arriving on campus, as do other student leaders and residence hall staff.

### ARE STUDENTS WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN A FALL SPORTS PROGRAM ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

First and foremost, we want Illinois College students to be successful in the classroom. Coaches of pre-season sports are committed to helping students be successful in the classroom and will encourage pre-season athletes to participate in this program fully. Participants will participate less in preseason camps. You are encouraged to discuss this with your coach as soon as possible.

### WHAT MIGHT A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE?

Your days will be full to prepare you for transition from high school to college! You will be in classes, work in small groups and participate in a wide variety of fun activities. During the evenings, there will be time to work on your assignments, but you will also find time for such things as movies and chats with program mentors and professors.

### WILL I BE GRADED ON ANYTHING?

Grades may be used to help you measure your progress during the summer program, but grades will not become part of your GPA. Once the semester begins you will earn grades in each of your classes.

### WHERE WILL WE EAT?

We eat all meals together. You'll have a chance to get comfortable with Cummings Dining Hall and how our food service operates ahead of everyone else, and we'll enjoy a couple meals out on the town to get familiar with Jacksonville, as well! Food preferences will be considered as part of the programming.

### WHAT'S THE ROOMMATE SITUATION?

TRIO Summer Bridge participants do not typically share a room. However, the program is designed to be a living-learning community. Community housing in Ellis is where many participants will live. Your roommate will be assigned through the regular housing assignment process. If your roommate participates in a fall sport, it is possible that they may be moving into campus housing early, too.

### WHAT WILL I DO AT NIGHT? ON THE WEEKEND?

We realize that part of a successful transition to college means making good friends and developing social networks. Evening and weekend activities have been planned to help you form a strong support network. You won't be bored, but there will be plenty of downtime to create a routine and help acclimate prior to Welcome Week.

### CAN MY PARENTS VISIT?

We love parents – but we also want you to have some time to establish yourself as a college student.

### WILL I BE ABLE TO USE MY CELL PHONE?

Absolutely – but not during class time. There is a time and place to use cell phones, but during class is not one of them.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday, May 1** :: Priority Date to guarantee enrollment in first-year class (\$200 enrollment fee due)

**Friday, July 12** :: Priority Application Date for the TRIO Summer Bridge Program

**Sunday, August 11** :: Online Program Begins

**Friday, August 16** :: Move-in Day, In-Person Portion Begins

**Sunday, August 11 to Wednesday, August 21** :: TRIO Summer Bridge Program

**Wednesday, August 21** :: TRIO Summer Bridge Program Celebration Dinner with President

**Thursday, August 22** :: Welcome Week Begins

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