

ADMISSION

Admission to Ithaca College is selective. Applicants are carefully considered on the basis of individual qualifications, both academic and nonacademic. No decision to deny admission will be based on age, disability, marital status, national origin, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or military status.

Ithaca College accepts the Common Application and Coalition with Scoir. Students should submit their application online, along with the \$60 application fee, through the Common Application (<https://www.commonapp.org/>) or the Coalition with Scoir (<https://app.scoir.com/signin/>).

Most students have followed traditional college preparation programs in secondary school; however, applicants from nontraditional schools are encouraged to apply. Applicants are required to submit official transcripts of all their secondary school and college-level coursework, and letters of reference. Auditions, portfolio reviews, or department interviews are also required in certain programs.

Students applying for admission have the option to submit SAT or ACT scores as part of their admission file. Students who send scores should have them sent directly from the appropriate testing agency. Home schooled students and students who attend high schools that provide only descriptive report cards (rather than alphanumeric grades) must submit SAT or ACT scores.

The Office of Admission reserves the right to request standardized test scores or other information about an applicant should the admission committee determine that additional information is necessary to make a decision.

Office of Admission

The Office of Admission strongly encourages prospective students and their families to engage with the Ithaca College community. Virtual and on-campus visit opportunities are available on most weekdays and select Saturdays while the College is in session as well as throughout the summer. See [ithaca.edu/visit](https://www.ithaca.edu/visit/) (<https://www.ithaca.edu/visit/>) for additional information. Please contact the Office of Admission at admission@ithaca.edu or 1-607-274-3124 if you have any questions.

APPLICATION INFORMATION (except FOR School of Music, Theatre and dance Majors)

Early Decision

The Office of Admission encourages qualified candidates who have selected Ithaca College as their first choice to consider applying under the early decision program. Early decision is a first-choice, binding agreement, and those offered admission will be expected to submit an enrollment confirmation and nonrefundable advance deposit by February 1. Students offered early decision admission agree to withdraw applications submitted to other colleges or universities.

Applications must be filed by November 1. Decisions will be released by December 15.

Early Action

Ithaca College offers a nonbinding early action option for students who complete their application to Ithaca College by December 1. Early action applicants will be notified of an admission decision by February 1.

Regular Decision

First-year and transfer candidates may apply for regular admission for the fall or spring semester.

- First-year and transfer applicants for the spring semester should apply no later than November 1.
- First-year applicants for the fall semester should apply no later than February 1.
- Transfer applicants for the fall semester should apply no later than March 1.
 - Transfer students are encouraged to submit their application early in the semester preceding their intended semester of entry.

APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC, THEATRE AND DANCE MAJORS

EARLY ACTION

Early action is not offered for applicants to the School of Music, Theatre and Dance.

EARLY DECISION

Early decision is not offered for applicants to Acting, Musical Theatre or Stage Management or transfer applicants.

Early decision applicants to all other programs must submit their Common Application or Coalition Application **and** Accepted application by November 1 and must audition or interview on the first available date.

Early decision applicants will be notified of their admission decision **around** December 15.

REGULAR DECISION

Spring semester admission is not offered for Acting, Musical Theatre, Sound Recording Technology, Stage Management or Theatre Production & Design.

Spring applicants to all other programs must submit their Common Application **and** Accepted application by November 1 and must audition or interview on the first available date.

Regular decision applicants to Acting, Musical Theatre, Sound Recording Technology (all instruments), and Voice (all programs) must submit their Common Application or Coalition Application **and** Accepted application with pre-screen materials by December 1.

Applicants to Acting, Musical Theatre, Sound Recording Technology (all instruments), and Voice (all programs) must submit pre-screen materials as part of their Accepted application before being invited to audition. Pre-screen requirements vary by program; see each Center's requirements here:

Center for Music Admission Requirements

Center for Theatre and Dance Admission Requirements

Regular decision applicants to all other majors in the School of Music, Theatre and Dance have until February 1 to submit the Common Application or Coalition Application **and** Accepted application for fall admission.

Transfer applicants must submit their Common Application or Coalition Application **and** Accepted application by the dates listed above.

English Language Testing Requirements

Applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit official results of a test of English proficiency.

Recommended minimum scores:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Recommended score of 80 or higher on the Internet-based TOEFL (iBT).
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS): Recommended score of 6.0 or higher.
- Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic): Recommended score of 54 or higher.
- Duolingo English Test: Recommended score of 115 or higher.

Applicants who have previously attended a high school, college or university for at least three years, where English is the principal language of instruction and have earned passing grades in English courses are exempt from an English proficiency exam. A score of 600 or its equivalent on the evidence-based reading and writing section of the SAT also exempts applicants from the testing requirement.

For more information, please review the following websites:

- TOEFL (<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>)
- IELTS (<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/usa/>)
- PTE Academic (<https://pearsonpte.com/>)
- Duolingo English Test (<https://englishtest.duolingo.com/>)

Orientation

A special orientation program is held for new students. Academic advising and assistance in acclimating to the Ithaca College community are integral parts of this program. New students are required to attend. Details of dates, costs that may be involved, and the program itself are provided to new students by the Office of New Student and Transition Programs.

- Office of New Student & Transition Programs (<https://www.ithaca.edu/new-student-transition-programs/>)
- Orientation website (<http://www.ithaca.edu/orientation/>)

Filing Dates for 2025-2026

Admission Application Filing Dates for Fall 2025

- Early decision applications must be received by November 1, 2025.
- Early decision notification will be released by December 15, 2025.
- Early decision enrollment deposit is due by February 1, 2026.
- Early action applications must be received by December 1, 2025.
- Early action notification will be released on a rolling basis by February 1, 2026.
- Regular decision applications for all programs except for those in the School of Music, Theatre and Dance must be received by February 1, 2026, for first-year students and by March 1, 2026 for transfer students.
- Regular decision notification will be released on a rolling basis by April 15, 2026.
- Regular decision enrollment deposits are due by May 1, 2026.
- Spring semester applications should be received by November 1, 2025.
- Spring enrollment deposits are due by December 15, 2025.

Financial Aid Application Filing Dates for Fall 2026

To be considered for all types of financial aid aside from merit scholarships, U.S Citizens and eligible non-citizens (<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements/>) must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year.

Early decision admission applicants are encouraged to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as it becomes available in December to be considered for all financial aid resources.

Early action and regular decision applicants are encouraged to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by January 15, 2026 to be considered for all financial aid resources.

Applicants who are not eligible to complete the FAFSA will be prompted to complete a separate financial aid application to be considered for need-based financial aid at Ithaca College (by the priority deadline of November 1, 2025 for early decision applicants, or by January 15, 2026 for all other applicants).

For more information and/or deadline dates, please refer to:

- Office of Student Financial Services (<http://www.ithaca.edu/finaid/>)
- FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>)

If you have any questions about applying for financial aid, you may contact the Office of Student Financial Services at 1-607-274-3131.