

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 only the Common Application. Students should submit their application online, along with the \$60 application fee, through the Common Application website (<https://www.commonapp.org/>).

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. During the COVID-19 pandemic, campus visit opportunities are limited and subject to cancellation. See [ithaca.edu/visit/](https://www.ithaca.edu/visit/) (<https://www.ithaca.edu/visit/>) for additional information.

Contact the Office of Admission at admission@ithaca.edu or (607) 274-3124 if you have any questions.

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. Applications must be filed by November 1, with all supporting materials in place by November 15.

Early decision applicants will be notified of the admission committee's decision by December 15. Early decision is a first-choice, binding agreement, and those offered admission will be expected to submit an enrollment confirmation and nonrefundable advance payment by February 1. Students offered early decision admission agree to withdraw applications submitted to other colleges or universities.

Early Action

Ithaca College offers a nonbinding early action option for students who complete their application to Ithaca College by December 1 and select early action on their Common Application. Early action applicants will be notified of an admission decision by February 1. It is important to note

that due to the timing of the audition and interview process, early action is not offered to applicants in Music or Theatre.

Music and Theatre Arts

Early Decision applicants to the School of Music and Department of Theatre Arts may apply by November 1 and must audition or interview on the first available date.

Acting and Musical Theatre applicants may not apply early decision.

Early action is not an option for applicants to the School of Music and Department of Theatre Arts.

The regular decision deadline for applicants to the School of Music and Department of Theatre Arts is December 1.

Music and theatre applicants must also submit pre-screening materials and/or participate in an interview or audition. Pre-screening, audition, and interview requirements vary by major; see the appropriate website for details:

School of Music Admission Requirements (<http://www.ithaca.edu/music/admission/undergraduate/>)

Department of Theatre Arts Admission Requirements (<https://www.ithaca.edu/academics/school-humanities-and-sciences/theatre-arts/interviews-auditions/>)

Regular Decision

First-year and transfer candidates may apply for regular admission for the fall or spring semester. Prospective first-year students should apply no later than February 1 for the fall semester and no later than November 1 for the spring semester. Transfer applicants should submit their application early in the semester prior to entry, and no later than March 1 for fall admission or November 1 for spring admission. Please see above for information regarding admission to the School of Music or the Department of Theatre Arts.

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 105 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.

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 2021-2022

Admission Application Filing Dates for Fall 2022

- Early decision applications must be received by November 1, 2021.
- Early decision notification will be released by December 15, 2021.
- Early decision enrollment deposit is due by February 1, 2022.
- Early action applications must be received by December 1, 2021.
- Early action notification will be released on a rolling basis by February 1, 2022.
- First-year and transfer applications for the School of Music and the Department of Theatre Arts must be received by December 1, 2021.
- Regular decision applications for all programs except for those in the School of Music and Department of Theatre Arts must be received by February 1, 2022, for first-year students and by March 1, 2022 for transfer students.
- Regular decision notification will be released on a rolling basis by April 15, 2022.
- Regular decision enrollment deposits are due by May 1, 2022.
- Spring semester applications should be received by November 1, 2021.

Financial Aid Application Filing Dates for Fall 2022

To be considered for all types of financial aid aside from merit scholarships, applicants who qualify (<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) by November 1, 2021 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, 2022 to be considered for all financial aid resources.

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, you may contact our office at (607) 274-3131.