

GRADUATE ESTIMATED EXPENSES

In order 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. Required proof of financing for the J-1 Visa is based off these estimates. Figures are subject to change; please reference 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/graduate-tuition/)	\$999.09
Health Insurance (https://studentaccounts.illinoisstate.edu/billing/graduate-tuition/)	\$281
Housing based on shared two bedroom (double occupancy) apartment (Fell-School Street Apartments) (https://housing.illinoisstate.edu/contracts/costs/)	\$3,471
Nine-Month Housing Charge	\$100
Application Fee	\$50
Housing Reservation Fee (https://housing.illinoisstate.edu/contracts/costs/additional/)	\$250
Meal Plan based on the 7-Day Unlimited Access Plan (https://dining.illinoisstate.edu/mealplans/)	\$2,431
University Holiday / Break Dining** <u>Dining Centers are closed for 1 week for holidays and breaks; student must eat off campus.</u>	\$308
University Winter Break Dining (Two-Semester Students Only)** – (\$1,320) <u>Dining Centers are closed for 1 month for winter break; student must eat off campus. (not included in budget)</u>	
Books (https://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/paying/2023-2024-undergraduate/)	\$415
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Personal Expenses These figures are based upon undergraduate on-campus rates (https://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/paying/2023-2024-undergraduate/)	\$1,702
Welcome Week (https://welcomeweek.illinoisstate.edu/)	\$40
Tuberculosis Screening (https://healthservices.illinoisstate.edu/downloads/TB%20screening%20for%20International%20students.pdf)	\$25
Tuberculosis Screening Compliance Fee (\$50) <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	\$10,072.09
Two Semester total expenses	\$20,144.18

* 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/>)