

## Addendum

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## Credits, Program Length, and Tuition

The standard for computing the amount of a student's scholastic endeavors at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) is by semester hour. A semester hour is normally defined as one lecture, recitation, or other class exercise consisting of 50 minutes per week per semester. Equivalencies include two or three 50-minute periods of laboratory or studio work. The undergraduate and graduate semester is 16 weeks in length, including final examinations. IIT's academic calendar includes a fall, spring, and summer semester.

The Stuart School of Business graduate-level courses are offered on the quarter system. The length of the quarter system is 10 weeks. Graduate-level Stuart School of Business courses generally carry 3.6 quarter hours, which is equivalent to 2.4 semester hours. Graduate-level courses in the Stuart School of Business are offered in fall, winter, spring, and summer terms.

The minimum number of credit hours required for a bachelors degree is 126. Program length, credit, and other requirements vary for masters and doctoral degrees. First professional degrees are offered in law.

Earned credit hours are those received in the successful passing of a course. Attempted credit hours indicate the amount of work the student attempted without reference to grades received. The hours for any course with a final grade other than "W" (withdrawal) or "AU" (audit) are included in quality hours. Quality hours, with the exception of satisfactory/unsatisfactory at the graduate level, are used in computing a student's scholastic average or standing.

All current graduate and undergraduate permanent academic records are the responsibility of the Office of Student Records and Registration. Each record contains the cumulative degree program, class, and grade history. It also includes degrees conferred by the university.

Tuition rates for all undergraduate, graduate, and discipline-specific degrees are outlined in Figure V on the following page. Rates are determined by instructional costs and comparative tuition at local institutions as well as by tuition charged by schools in the Association of Independent Technological Universities, of which IIT is a member.

The Institute of Design's (ID) tuition for the Masters of Design degree is intended to communicate the relative value in the marketplace, and tuition is comparable to main competitors'. ID's new masters degree for advanced professionals, the Master of Design Methods, is positioned as an alternative to an M.B.A. and is actually priced below the better M.B.A. programs. Students entering the program are middle-level or higher in their respective businesses, with an average entering age of 36, and many are sponsored by their companies.

Chicago-Kent College of Law determines tuition based on budget requirements and tuition levels at comparable schools both locally and nationally. Schools used for comparative purposes include University of Chicago, DePaul University, Northwestern University,

Case Western Reserve, American University–Washington College of Law, and Yeshiva University–Cardozo College of Law, to name a few.

Figure V: Tuition Rate History

	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05	2005–06	2006–07
Undergraduate Full-time	\$18,600/year	\$19,200/year	\$19,775/year	\$20,764/year	\$22,218/year	\$23,329/year
Undergraduate Part-time	\$585/credit	\$610/credit	\$628/credit	\$647/credit	\$692/credit	\$727/credit
Graduate Main Campus	\$585/credit	\$610/credit	\$628/credit	\$647/credit	\$692/credit	\$727/credit
Institute of Design M.Des./Full-time	\$22,630/year	\$24,000/year	\$25,440/year	\$26,966/year	\$28,855/year	\$30,600/year
Institute of Design M.Des./Part-time	---	---	---	\$843/credit	\$902/credit	\$956/credit
Institute of Design M.D.M./Full-time	---	---	---	\$30,000/year	\$33,000/year	\$35,970/year
Institute of Design M.D.M./Part-time	---	---	---	\$1,000/credit	\$1,100/credit	\$1,200/credit
Stuart School of Business	\$585/credit	\$610/credit	\$635/credit	\$668/credit	\$715/credit	\$751/credit
Law Full-time Day	\$24,220/year	\$25,190/year	\$26,200/year	\$27,450/year	\$29,950/year	\$31,148/year
Law Evening and Law Part-time Day	\$17,770/year	\$18,480/year	\$19,240/year	\$20,140/year	\$21,976/year	\$22,856/year
Continuing J.D. and Visiting J.D.	\$855/credit	\$890/credit	\$925/credit	\$960/credit	\$995/credit	\$1,035/credit

## Institutional Compliance with the Higher Education Reauthorization Act

Illinois Institute of Technology maintains current copies of all documents required by the Higher Education Reauthorization Act. These include the Program Participation Agreement, Eligibility and Certification Renewal, and the approval letter for the Title III institutional cost-share waiver for campus-based programs. All documents are available for review in the Financial Aid Office, located in Main Building, Room 104.

The official cohort default rates computed for Illinois Institute of Technology are listed below:

Cohort Year	Default Rate
2001	2.7
2002	2.5
2003	2.7

All documentation pertaining to default rates is available for review in the Financial Aid Office as well as on the Department of Education's default management website.

In response to Title IV program responsibilities in relation to campus crime reporting, required reports under the Clery Act can be found online at [www.iit.edu/about/#](http://www.iit.edu/about/#) under the "Campus Safety Report" tab. The Office of the General Counsel is responsible for publishing the report in cooperation with the Office of Public Safety. The 2005 report will be posted before the 2006–2007 academic year begins.

The Department of Public Safety provides the following services to ensure students are notified about campus crime and to initiate education about safety on campus:

- Provides weaponless defense training for faculty, students, and staff when requested
- Presents safety presentations at orientation sessions for students and new employees
- Facilitates safety committees with a representative from each department
- Publishes the campus safety report online
- Publishes crime prevention tips online
- Works with the Office of Student Affairs to provide outreach to students during alcohol awareness week, spring break safety, sexual responsibility week, etc.
- When the need arises, email alerts are issued to the IIT community and campus crime alerts are posted at pre-designated locations through the campus.

Figures X and Y on the following page provide the expected information on student one-year retention rates as well as time to degree completion.

Figure X: Retention and Graduation Rates, 1996–2004

After	Student Status	1996F	PCT	1997F	PCT	1998F	PCT	1999F	PCT	2000F	PCT	2001F	PCT	2002F	PCT	2003F	PCT	2004F	PCT
Entering Freshman Cohort		244		264		283		275		401		292		360		392		461	
	Enrolled	187	76.6%	215	81.4%	235	83.0%	245	89.1%	339	84.5%	249	85.3%	293	81.4%	320	81.6%	372	80.7%
Year 1	Lost	57	23.4%	49	18.6%	48	17.0%	30	10.9%	62	15.5%	43	14.7%	67	18.6%	72	18.4%	89	19.3%
Year 2	Enrolled	165	67.6%	168	63.6%	191	67.5%	210	76.4%	296	73.8%	219	75.0%	255	0.708	291	74.2%		
	Graduated		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	1	0.3%		0.0%		
Year 3	Lost	79	32.4%	96	36.4%	92	32.5%	65	23.6%	105	26.2%	73	25.0%	104	28.9%	101	25.8%		
	Enrolled	142	58.2%	190	72.0%	176	62.2%	193	70.2%	274	68.3%	194	66.4%	233	0.647				
Year 4	Graduated	9	3.7%		0.0%	8	2.8%	10	3.6%	14	3.5%	16	5.5%	13	3.6%				
	Lost	93	38.1%	74	28.0%	99	35.0%	72	26.2%	113	28.2%	82	28.1%	114	31.7%				
Year 5	Enrolled	62	25.4%	173	65.5%	88	31.1%	82	29.8%	119	29.7%	83	28.4%						
	Graduated	83	34.0%	10	3.8%	96	33.9%	117	42.5%	161	40.1%	116	39.7%						
Year 6	Lost	99	40.6%	81	30.7%	99	35.0%	76	27.6%	121	30.2%	93	31.8%						
	Enrolled	13	5.3%	98	37.1%	14	4.9%	13	4.7%	18	4.5%								
Year 6	Graduated	132	54.1%	74	28.0%	177	62.5%	183	66.5%	257	64.1%								
	Lost	99	40.6%	92	34.8%	92	32.5%	79	28.7%	126	31.4%								
Year 6	Enrolled	3	1.2%	13	4.9%	2	0.7%	7	2.5%										
	Graduated	140	57.4%	158	59.8%	171	60.4%	189	68.7%										
Year 6	Lost	101	41.4%	93	35.2%	110	38.9%	79	28.7%										

Figure Y: Freshman to Sophomore Retention Rate	
Cohort Year	Freshman Retention Rate
1996	76.6%
1997	81.4%
1998	83.0%
1999	89.1%
2000	84.5%
2001	85.3%
2002	81.4%
2003	81.6%
2004	80.7%

Note: Graduation rates are based on a dynamic database accounting for small fluctuations as new information becomes available.

## Federal Compliance Visits to Off-campus Locations

IIT's campuses are identified in the preface of the university's NCA Self-Study materials. All were established prior to 1999. The ID Campus was established at its current location in January 1998 after the Commission's previous accreditation review. We would welcome a site visit to the ID Campus if deemed necessary.

IIT's degree programs that hold professional accreditation can be found on page viii of the Preface.

## Advertising and Recruitment Materials

The university's website ([www.iit.edu](http://www.iit.edu)) references IIT's affiliation with the Higher Learning Commission and includes the Commission's contact information.

Current publications and advertising materials that reference IIT's affiliation with the Higher Learning Commission, however, do not include the Commission's contact information. All new materials will comply with the following Statement of Affiliation:

Illinois Institute of Technology is accredited by:

- The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools  
Commission URL: [www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org)  
Commission Phone: 312.263.0456

## Institutional Records of Student Complaints

IIT's Student Handbook ([www.iit.edu/~osa/Handbook/index.html](http://www.iit.edu/~osa/Handbook/index.html)) outlines policies and procedures for academic and administrative student complaints. Responding to student complaints and record-keeping in that regard are undertaken by several offices across the university, with the final appeal to the provost. All student complaints and appeals directed to the Office of the President and/or Office of the Provost, as well as their final resolutions, are available to the visiting team.

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