Welcome to SOAR 2021
Tuesday January 5th:

8am - 8:10am: Introduction & Welcome (Via Zoom) (Live)

8:10am – 8:25am: My IIT (Via Zoom) (Live Session)

8:25am - 8:40am: Galvin Virtual Component (Via Zoom) (Live Session)

8:40am – 8:55am: SHWC Virtual Component (Via Zoom) (Live Session)

8:55am – 9:15am: Residence Life Virtual Component (Via Zoom) (Live Session)

9:15am – 10:15 am: Domestic Students: Show me the Money (Via Zoom) (Live Session) [https://iit-edu.zoom.us/j/89730049779?pwd=d2lMVWVDaEcuzUDNLcmxjd04wVGE0UT09](https://iit-edu.zoom.us/j/89730049779?pwd=d2lMVWVDaEcuzUDNLcmxjd04wVGE0UT09)

9:15am – 10:15 am: International Students: International Orientation (Via Zoom) (Live Session) [https://iit-edu.zoom.us/j/82542047574?pwd=QUtmdTdvkxpSEdnNW1WcFBzbXVDZz09](https://iit-edu.zoom.us/j/82542047574?pwd=QUtmdTdvkxpSEdnNW1WcFBzbXVDZz09)
My IIT
Who we are... the Paul V. Galvin Library

- Located in the center of Campus, just NW of Crown Hall
- Your Information, Knowledge, and Research Center
  - Books and Journal Articles
  - Expert research specialists in your field of study
  - Place for study or relaxation
  - Access to textbooks and equipment like laptops, hotspots, and webcams

Library.iit.edu
Why you would want to reach out to us...

- **Everyone** has a reason to visit the library, because there’s so much that we offer
- Visit the library when…
  - You’re looking for help finding resources for a research paper
  - You need to find more information on a topic that you’re interested in
  - You need to study your course textbook, but you forgot it at home
  - You need some equipment on short notice, like a laptop or a webcam
  - You’re looking for a quiet place to study
  - You’re looking for a place to work on a group project
  - You need to make or build something
When you should reach out to us...

● Reach out anytime you need research help
  ○ Email
  ○ Chat
  ○ Phone
  ○ In-Person

● Reach out when you need help locating a specific resource
  ○ I-SHARE
  ○ ILL
  ○ Journal Article Databases

● Reach out if you have questions or suggestions about library services
  ○ Library Student Advisory Group
How to find out more

- Email us: library@iit.edu
- Open Hours
  - **COVID**
    - Monday through Thursday: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
    - Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
    - Saturday: Closed
    - Sunday: 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM
  - **Post-COVID**
    - Monday through Thursday: 24 Hours
    - Friday: Close at 6:00 PM
    - Saturday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
    - Sunday: Open at 12:00 PM
- Services Continuation Guide: https://guides.library.iit.edu/ServiceContinuation
- Research Help Office Phone: 312.567.3616
- Main Circulation Desk Phone: 312.567.6847
- Galvin Library Welcome Week Presentation, *Utilizing the Library for Student Success*: Jan. 12th, 3:00 PM
Student Health and Wellness Center

Located on the third floor of the IIT Tower
10 W. 35th Street
What does the Student Health and Wellness Center Provide?

Our services include both physical and mental health care needs for IL Tech and VanderCook students. All students (regardless of insurance) registered for at least one credit hour may utilize the services SHWC offers. We are a non-billing facility and welcome all students.

Physical health - Our physical health services include treating infections and injuries, monitoring chronic diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure, gynecological exams, immunizations, allergy injections, prescribing medications, lab work, providing health maintenance care for students and routine cholesterol/blood glucose checks. Office visits are free of charge; however, any lab work that is sent to another facility will be billed to the student.

Mental health - Our mental health services include evaluation, time-limited psychotherapy, group therapy, referrals, and medication management. We assist students with issues such as stress management, depression, anxiety, eating disorders, cultural adjustment, self-esteem, relationship concerns, family issues, anger management, addictions, and more.
Mental Health Services

The Student Health and Wellness Center (SHWC) provide individual psychotherapy, psychiatric evaluation and medication management.

Students who are interested in scheduling an appointment for any of these services can do so by making an appointment for an intake evaluation by calling the front desk at 312-567-7550.

During an intake evaluation, a student will have the opportunity to meet with a clinician, discuss their presenting concerns, and collaborate with the clinician about what services are most appropriate to meet that student’s needs.

At the SHWC, we provide services to a variety of students presenting with a variety of needs, from depression and anxiety, to academic distress and difficulty sleeping, to relationship issues and conflicts with friends and roommates. We encourage students to be proactive about taking care of their mental health, and not to wait until stressors become overwhelming. Everyone registered for 1 credit hour is eligible for mental health services through SHWC, and everyone has the potential to benefit.
Why you would want to reach out to us...

Medical Services

The Student Health and Wellness Center offers a wide range of primary care services to registered students of Illinois Tech. These services include but are not limited to preventative screenings, contraceptive management, lab work (blood, urine, and point-of-care), health education, first aid, prescriptive medication, immunizations, and illnesses.

Services are provided by Nurse Practitioners, a collaborative physician, and medical assistants. Clinicians can order radiology and lab testing as well as prescribe medication. If a specialist consultation is indicated, appropriate and applicable community referrals will be provided.

The SHWC has a number of established collaborative relationships with a variety of health care providers in the Chicagoland area including physical therapy, sports medicine and imaging centers.
Health Insurance
Mandatory Health Insurance Policy for All Admits

We are pleased to offer our students health insurance coverage through Aetna Student Health.

All Illinois Tech students, including continuing and new international students, both graduate and undergraduate, are required to show proof of health insurance that complies with the United States Department of State guidelines. Additionally, Illinois Tech requires all international students to purchase Illinois Tech's health insurance, provided through Aetna Student Health. Waivers for comparable health insurance plans may apply. Please review our waiver policy and direct questions to student.health@iit.edu

New international students who began online in Fall 2020 will need to purchase Illinois Tech’s insurance plan if they are on campus in January 2021. They will be able to purchase the insurance at a reduced rate due to the shorter coverage period.

Please note: All students will be billed and added to the Illinois Tech Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) once enrolled in one academic credit hour of class. Accounts will be billed according to the term of entry.
HOW MUCH WILL I BE CHARGED FOR THE STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN?

Annual $1687 (8/10/20–8/9/21)

Spring $994 (1/6/21–8/11/21)

Summer $373 (5/20/21–8/11/21)
WHY DO I HAVE A CHARGE ON MY ACCOUNT FOR STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE?

All students registered for one academic credit hour or more are billed for the Student Health Insurance Plan unless an electronic waiver has been completed. You can access the waiver online at www.aetnastudenthealth.com/iit
HOW DO I ENROLL IN THE STUDENT INSURANCE PLAN?

Enrollment is automatic once you’ve registered for one academic credit hour of class. If you previously opted out of the student health insurance plan, please email student.health@iit.edu with your enrollment request.
WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY INSURANCE CARD?

Insurance cards and documents are only mailed upon request. You may request this information online at www.aetnastudenthealth.com/iit or by calling 1.800.841.3140. You may print or view your insurance details by going online to https://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/students/student-connection.aspx?GroupID=724532 and signing in to their members-only website.
WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I DON’T WANT THE STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE?

If you would like to waive SHIP, you need to complete the electronic waiver online. The deadline to complete this form is September 1 (fall) and January 26 (spring).

*All forms of outside health insurance coverage aren't always accepted.*
If you missed the waiver deadline, you will need to contact us at student.health@iit.edu. Generally, waivers can be processed for up to two weeks past the deadline period with adequate documentation. If you have gone past that time period, you will be asked to submit an appeal form. Because each student situation is different, please contact us first to find out what steps you need to take.
Immunizations
What are the Immunization Requirements?

Students are required to provide proof of:

Three total doses of DTP, DTaP, DT, Td, or Tdap, with one dose being Tdap and one dose (any combination DTP, DTaP, DT, Td, or Tdap) having been administered within the past 10 years.

Two doses of MMR (measles-mumps-rubella combined).

One meningococcal vaccine (if you are between the ages of 16 and 22).

*International students only:* One QuantiFERON or T-SPOT—(Illinois Tech requirement)—must be within four weeks of arrival.
1. Students are expected to update their immunization records in Med + Proctor no later than the first week of classes; due to the ongoing pandemic some flexibility will be afforded.

2. A registration hold will be placed on your account if there is not a valid or updated Immunization Verification Form on file for you and/or if you have been deemed "non-compliant." The hold will be active on the last date of the add/drop period; due to the ongoing pandemic some flexibility may be afforded.

3. Registration holds will be lifted once you are determined to be in compliance with Illinois state law and the Illinois Tech immunization requirements.
Where Can I Go to Get Any Missing Vaccines?

Vaccines are given at most walk-in, take-care clinics. Your student health insurance will cover the full cost. Vaccines are also given at the Student Health and Wellness Center with a scheduled appointment. Please call 312.567.7550 to schedule your appointment.

The closest facility to Mies Campus is:

**Walgreens**, located at 3405 South King Drive, Chicago, IL 60616

The closest facility to Conviser Law Center is:

**CVS Pharmacy**, located at 130 South Canal Street, Chicago, IL 60606

You may find additional facilities by going online at [www.aetnastudenthealth.com/iit](http://www.aetnastudenthealth.com/iit) and clicking the "docfind" feature.
Prior to Coming to the SHWC for Your Immunizations

Print your insurance card

If your insurance card is not available, you will need to wait until it is available to come in for any vaccines.

In the Patient Portal, please complete these four compliance forms:

1. Consent for Services
2. Privacy Practice
3. Demographic
4. Health History
Submitting My Immunization Records

The Student Health and Wellness Center is pleased to announce Med + Proctor, an electronic medical clearance platform, as our new innovative strategy to monitor and collect your immunization information. As you know, **Illinois state law** requires documentation of childhood vaccines when entering a secondary institution. Med + Proctor is HIPAA- and FERPA-compliant.

This new strategy of monitoring immunization compliance will streamline your clearance and help you avoid unnecessary holds that prevent registration. This will allow you to focus on other important matters as you prepare for your successful tenure here at Illinois Tech.
How do you use Med+Proctor?

First, you will need to set up your iit.edu email account. Then, register within the Med + Proctor site by visiting medproctor.com; click “register” to start a new account. The website is user-friendly and instructions are easy to follow. Simply complete the required information and ensure that your immunization forms are fully completed, stamped, and signed by your medical provider. Simply upload your forms to the Med + Proctor site.

*There are no fees associated with obtaining Med+Proctor.*

Do not bring or email your completed forms to the Student Health and Wellness Center. You must upload ALL forms to the Med + Proctor site.

Once you have submitted your immunization records to Med + Proctor, we will review them for compliance and communicate a successful approval or any needed action items through your MyIIT email. It is important that you are checking your MyIIT email portal for communication should you be out of compliance and need to submit any additional forms. You can also check the status of your account by clicking on the STATUS or MESSAGE tab at the top of your Med + Proctor page. We encourage you to submit your information as soon as possible. It takes 5-7 business days to be verified after you have completed this process.
What to do in Emergency Situations
Emergency Situations

During non-business hours, including weekends, you have several options for crisis and emergency situations. All of these options are available 24 hours per day, every day of the week, including holidays.

- **Aetna Student Health Insurance Crisis Line**
  Available to all students, regardless of insurance plan
  1.877.351.7889

- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**
  1.800.273.8255

- **Resilience (formally known as Rape Victims Advocates)**
  1.773.907.1062 (available 24 hours a day/7 days a week)

- **Illinois Tech's Public Safety Department**
  1.312.808.6363 (available 24 hours a day/7 days a week)

- **Chicago Rape Crisis Hotline**
  1.888.293.2080

- **Hazelden Substance Abuse Recovery**
  1.800.257.7810

- **Aetna 24-Hour Nurse Advice Hotline**
  1.800.556.1555
  *Illinois Tech student health insurance plan carriers only

- **City of Chicago Emergency**
  911
Just Not Sure?
The Aetna Student Assistance Program is a confidential service provided to you free by Illinois Tech. This service is available to all Illinois Tech students (i.e., Chicago-Kent College of Law, VanderCook, the Institute of Design, and Stuart School of Business), including those who do not have Aetna health insurance. You can access these services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through the "Eligible Members" login box or by phoning Aetna Student Health Insurance crisis line: 1.877.351.7889

The Aetna Student Assistance Program can help you better manage daily activities and emotional concerns by providing services such as*:

- Toll-free access to trained clinicians who can confidentially help you with issues such as stress, depression, addictions, eating disorders, relationship issues, and other emotional concerns.
- Referrals to an affiliate Aetna provider (clinician), who can provide face-to-face counseling as needed.
- Referrals to personal services such as fitness centers, laundry services, pet care providers, personal trainers, etc.
- An interactive web site that provides information on college selection and funding, physical and emotional health (e.g., depression, eating disorders, alcohol or substance abuse), academic success, financial matters (e.g., credit/debt), legal issues (e.g., landlord/tenant) daily life, discounts, and childcare information for students with children.

*The actual services provided vary with the plan purchased. Please log in to view your available benefits.

Website: www.aetnasap.com

The school ID is IIT.
How to find out more

- Office hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM the SHWC is closed from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM for thorough cleaning during the pandemic.
- Office phone number: 312.567.7550
- Email: Student.Health@iit.edu
Residence Life Virtual Component
Make Your Mark with IIT Residence Life
Welcome!!!

Mission:

- The Office of Residence Life fosters a safe and inclusive learning-focused community. We complement the academic mission of Illinois Tech and promote responsibility for self, others, and the University community.
Residence Life Staff

Eric Swinehart
- Assistant Director of Residential Operations

Janessa Luvert
- Residence Hall Director, RV
- Residence Hall Director, Carman

Terri Echols
- Residence Hall Director, Gunsaulus
- Residence Hall Director, Kacek

Demareus Godbolt
- Residence Hall Director, MSV

Melody McCray
- Associate Director of Operations

The Office of Residence Life also has 39 Student Resident Advisors (RAs) and over 70 Student Community Desk Assistants (CDAs)
Your Resident Advisor

- RAs & CDAs are available 24/7/365!
- Throughout the semester the RAs will put on fun and educational programs!
- Things we can help with:
  - Lock-outs
  - Roommate conflicts
  - Room changes
  - General questions
Office of Residence Life

Things we can help with:

- Questions! Billing, Meal Plans, Room Changes, Move Outs, Work Orders, etc.!
- Residency Verification
- Key Replacement, ID Access Issues, any kind of problem or concern.

If you have a question or need help, please call, email or stop by!

Phone: 312-567-5075
Email: housing@iit.edu
Located at the MSV entry
The Residence Halls

• McCormick Student Village (MSV) - East, Fowler, Grad, Lewis, & South Halls

• Jeanne & John Rowe Village (RV) - North, Middle & South Halls

• Kacek Hall

• Carman Hall

• Gunsaulus Hall
Benefits of Living in Student Housing

- **24/7 Security**
  - Community Desks
  - On-Call Student and Professional Staff Members
  - Public Safety

- **Amenities**
  - Xfinity Streaming Cable Services
  - Fitness Centers in MSV, RV, Kacek & Gunsaulus
  - Wireless Internet
  - Free Laundry
  - Community Kitchens in RV
  - Microwaves in Main Lounges of MSV & RV Community Kitchens
  - Outdoor Rooftop Lounges in RV
MTCC Post Office

- Post Office located in the MTCC
- Students receive P.O. Box to Receive Mail
  - MSV Residents – located in McCormick Lounge
  - RV, Carman, Gunsaulus, & Kacek – located in MTCC

On-Campus Address:

3201 South State Street
Box # ___
Chicago, IL 60616
Dining & Meal Plans

Meal Plan Choices for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

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Questions about your meal plan options? Stop by the office or email us!

housing@iit.edu
312-567-5075
Residence Hall Association

- Governing and Programming Student Organization
- Specific to the Residence Halls
- Elected Student Leaders
  - Opportunity to get involved in your first semester and every semester after!
- Contact rha@iit.edu for more information!
Financial Aid Basics

- Forms of funding that assist with educational cost
- Not all students eligible for the same type of aid
- Federal aid awards are based on the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.studentaid.gov)
## Cost of Attendance

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<td>Loan Fees</td>
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<td><strong>Total Estimated Budget</strong></td>
<td><strong>$48,438</strong></td>
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- A guideline to determine estimated expenses
- Actual costs vary based on housing & meal plans, lab fees, etc.
- Health Insurance: $1,687
  - Enrollment in one-credit hour+ will generate charge
  - Insurance waiver available for those with existing insurance coverage
## Cost of Attendance vs Billing Statement

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- Room and Board specific to housing and meal selection
- Health insurance is added unless waiver is completed
Adjustments to Your Budget

- Cost of attendance is based on the academic year (9 months)
- Students are packaged for 9 credit hours per semester
  - Some programs are packaged at 15 credit hours (e.g. Architecture, ID)
- If your annual living and/or education-related expenses exceed your cost of attendance can have their budget adjusted for additional loan eligibility
- Cost of Attendance Adjustment Worksheet available on website
Direct Graduate Unsubsidized Stafford Loan

- Offered to students who complete a FAFSA.
- Interest rate: 4.30%
  - Interests accumulates while student is enrolled (4.5+ credit hours)
- Interest not paid while student is in school added to the principal at the time of repayment
- Loan repaid after graduation or when enrollment drops
- Maximum award amount $20,500
Direct Graduate Plus Loan

- Offered to students who complete a FAFSA
- To qualify, eligible students must:
  - Request loan via Direct Plus Loan form
  - Complete federal loan application
    - Approval based on credit history
  - Maximum award amount: up to budget

- Interest rate: 5.30%
- Interests accumulates upon disbursement
- Students must be enrolled in 4.5+ credit hours
- Payment to interest can be made while enrolled
- Loan can be deferred until graduation or when below half-time enrollment
Private Loans

- Student can supplement an outstanding balance with a private loan.
- The Office of Financial Aid offers a list of preferred lenders.
- Private loans typically disburse within three weeks of certification (pending no additional information).
Financial Aid on the Portal
Accept Awards & Check Requirements on the Portal
Office of Financial Aid Contact

The Office of Financial Aid is operating remotely due to Covid-19, and staff members are available to meet with you remotely via Google Meet or discuss your financial aid questions over the phone.

Email:
finaid@iit.edu

Call:
312.567.7219

Web:
finaid.iit.edu

Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/FinAidIIT/
Show Me The Money: Navigating College Cost

Illinois Tech Student Accounting
Student Accounting

- Process Tuition and Fee Payments
- Provide Prebilling and Monthly E-Bills
- Administer Payment Plans
- Process Financial Aid Refunds
- Student Account Counseling
Where is My Tuition Bill?

ONLINE! Illinois Tech does not mail your bill or statements.

- Email notifications are sent to students, alternate email addresses and Authorized Users when new statements are available.
- E-Bills (Scheduled Bills and Statements) can be accessed online.
What is Under Manage My Account?

- Review current balance due
- View billing statements
- Add an authorized user
- Make a payment
- Enroll in a payment plan
- Sign up for direct deposit
What Will I Find on My Student Bill?

I hope this helps you understand what you can expect to find on your student bill. If you have any questions, feel free to ask!
When will I receive a student bill? When are the due dates?

- These dates are available on the Student Accounting Checklist – available on the Student Accounting website.

- We also send email communication when a new statement is loaded.

- As a parent/guardian, you will need to be added as an authorized user.
How Do I Become an Authorized User?

Your student must add you!

Authorized Users can:

- Make payments on a student’s behalf
- View bills and account information
- Receive notification of new bills

Authorized Users Cannot:

- View academic information
- Access bank account information
- View or update personal information
What is an Acceptable Payment at Illinois Tech?

NO CASH! We ARE 100% CASHLESS!

Pay Types:
- ACH (electronic check)
- Check
- Wire Transfer (International students)
- Mastercard, American Express, Visa and Discover
  - (2.85% transaction fee)

How to Pay:
- Online (credit card or ACH)
- By mail (check only)
- In person (check only)
How Do I Make a Payment Online?

Select Payment

- Current account balance: $0.00
- Amount due: $0.00

Payment date: 7/21/17

Memo: [ ]

Continue
How Do I Make a Payment Online?

**Select a Payment Option**

**Select a Payment Method**

- Payment amount: $1,034.36
- Payment method: Check (Electronic Check)
- Confirmation:
  - Current account balance: $1,034.36
  - Amount due: $1,034.36
  - Pay by term:
    - Spring 2017: $734.36
    - Summer 2017: $300.00
- Payment date: 7/2/17

*Credit card payments are handled through PayPath®, a tuition payment service. A non-refundable service fee will be added to your payment.

**Electronic Check:** Electronic check payments require a bank routing number and account number. You cannot use corporate checks, i.e., credit cards, home equity, traveler's checks, etc.
How Do I Enroll in a Payment Plan?

**Payment Plan Options**

- **Four Month Plan** – Divides current balance due over four months.

- **Three Month Plan** – Divides current balance due over three months.
Title IV Financial Aid Refunds

Title IV refunds are issued by Student Accounting for financial aid awards that include money for living expenses and books.

Book Advance

- If you qualify for a Title IV refund, you can go to the Bookstore to purchase books using these funds. If you do not want to use your Title IV funds at the bookstore, you can opt out of this option, and receive a refund to a bank account of your choice.

Refund Policy:

- Sign up for direct deposit to receive your refunds.
- You will be notified by email when a refund has been processed for you.
Federal Regulations Regarding Title IV Funds and Refunds

- Title IV Funds: Pell, Stafford, Plus and Perkins
- Title IV funds will pay: tuition, room and board, activity fees, UPASS, student service fees, orientation fees
- Title IV funds do not automatically apply to: Health insurance, parking, graduation fees, payment plan fees and late fees.

*You can authorize our office to apply your Title IV funds to these fees by completing a Title IV Authorization Form through the portal.*

Student Accounting Office

- Title IV Authorization Form
- View and sign your Perkins or Institutional Loan Master Promissory Note
- International payments and wire transfers
- Access, download and print your 2012 1098-T Form
Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Guarantees that students have full rights over their education records. Education record information cannot be released to parents or guardians unless the student gives permission.

A FERPA release form can be found on the registrar’s website [www.iit.edu/ registrar](http://www.iit.edu/registrar). Until this form is submitted, we cannot discuss student information with parents or guardians.
Office of Student Accounting Contact

Visit:
Tech Central, 4th Fl.
3424 S State St.
Chicago, IL 60616

Email:
sa@iit.edu

Call:
312.567.3794

Web:
https://web.iit.edu/student-accounting
International Student Orientation

International Students: International Orientation (Via Zoom) (Live Session)
https://iit-edu.zoom.us/j/82542047574?pwd=QUtmdTdVekxpSEdnNW1WcFBzbXVDZz09
Mary Jorgenson Sullivan
Associate Director and Senior Lecturer,
English Language Services
Since 2011, English Language Services has helped international graduate and undergraduate students acculturate to social and university life in the United States, achieve success in academic coursework, and prepare for internships and professional life in the global workforce.

**Our mission is...**
To provide engaging English language instruction in a dynamic learning environment relevant to the academic and professional needs of non-native learners.
English Language Services

- Provides communication courses that build on students’ previous language study and current skills
  - Focused on students’ academic needs
  - Promote higher level language and critical thinking
  - Most students have studied English for 5-20 years
- All courses count toward full-time status for immigration purposes
Benefits of English Communication Courses

- Focusing on English from beginning of university study means easier communication throughout
- Gain more confidence
- More collaboration with students from other majors
- Navigate Chicago and life in the U.S. more easily
- Develop tools and strategies to thrive while living and studying in a new culture
Course Requirements - Why is this a requirement?

According to Illinois Tech professors, students need to...
✔ Participate in discussions and team projects
✔ Write exam responses and research papers
✔ Comprehend and fully engage in course lectures
✔ Think critically (engage in logical reasoning, analysis, and synthesis)

According to 2019 NACE Job Outlook Report, employers seek...
✔ Written communication
✔ Verbal communication
✔ Teamwork / collaboration
Course Requirements - Who is required?

International students with test scores below admission requirements

➢ Complete in-person or virtual tests upon arrival to determine which courses are needed and/or required
➢ Take 1-2 courses/semester until requirements have been completed
➢ English courses take priority if required
  ○ Condition of Admission
  ○ PESL 000/001 – placeholder course to “reserve or hold” 3-6 credit hours for English courses

For more information, visit: english.iit.edu/assessments
Resources: SPEAK Conversation Group

- Meets weekly each fall and spring semester
- Chance for students to...
  - Practice English conversational skills
  - Increase understanding of U.S. culture
  - Make new friends
- Topics of interest to Illinois Tech students in a casual environment

No grades! 😊

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Key Takeaways

Increasing your communication & cross-cultural skills benefits you:

- in university
- throughout internship process
- during job search
- post-graduation