



How Good is the University of Illinois?

In its 2008 rankings, *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges* rated Illinois as the number 8 public university and the number 38 national university. For more information on how programs at the University were ranked, see <http://www.publicaffairs.uiuc.edu/rankings/index.htm>

What's New at the Intensive English Institute?

This Fall, the IEI has expanded its student activities program to include a new Student Activities Coordinator, a new Conversation Partners Coordinator, and four University of Illinois undergraduate student interns. In addition, more than 100 University of Illinois students are volunteering as Conversation Partners for IEI students. IEI activities include game nights, a trip to Chicago, volunteering opportunities, parties, and other opportunities to meet with U of I students and other IEI students for informal, out of class activities.

Computers at the University of Illinois

IEI students have free computer and internet access at the University of Illinois. There are many places on campus where students, staff, and faculty can go to use computers and related equipment or hook up a laptop (see <http://www.cites.uiuc.edu/ics/labs.html> and <http://www.cites.uiuc.edu/walkup/locations/index.html> for some of these locations). The Campus Information Technologies and Educational Services (CITES) provides many information technology services across campus, including email accounts, wired and wireless networking, personal web space, Internet access, software resources, and several computer labs, to name a few. In addition to physical resources, CITES staff is ready and able to help answer student questions or troubleshoot problems. For more information about computer access on campus, see <http://www.cites.uiuc.edu/computerlabs/index.html>.



Agent Resources on the IEI Website

We have been busy updating and creating new agent resources. Visit the Agent and Advisors Page at http://www.iei.uiuc.edu/agents_index.html to see past newsletters, one-page printable fliers in several languages, sample student schedules, a form to request promotional materials from the IEI, and information on becoming an agent for the IEI.

To find out more about the IEI, the University of Illinois, and the Champaign-Urbana area, visit http://www.iei.uiuc.edu/about_iei.html, or take the Virtual Campus tour: at <http://webtools.uiuc.edu/ricker/CampusTour>.

Voices from the IEI



Gretchen Forman has just returned to the IEI after teaching in China for two years. Before moving to China, she taught a variety of courses at the IEI including grammar, oral communication, reading and writing, and pronunciation. In China, she had a chance to teach students of all levels and occupations. She taught undergraduates, graduates, insurance employees, government officials, researchers and oil company employees. The English classes she taught

there included academic reading/writing, inter-cultural communication and pronunciation.

When she decided to move back to the United States, she was thrilled to be coming back to the IEI. It's a place she says is focused on helping students learn English that will help them meet their personal goals. She says the teachers and staff at the IEI care about the students and that's a place where she wants to teach. Gretchen loves being in the classroom teaching and interacting with students. Her goal is for her students to be able to take what they learn in class and use it outside the classroom.

Useful Links for Advising Students About the IEI

Click Title to Access

Handbook for International Agents and Advisors

- Latest information and assistance!

Apply to IEI!

- Application, dates, costs

Student Newsletters

- Stay up-to-date with student information

IEI Program

- Program descriptions

Deadline for applications for the Spring 2008 term is December 14, 2007!
Spring registration starts January 11, 2008 • Summer registration starts June 2, 2008

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