

The Illinois Institute of Art – Chicago

The Illinois Institute of Art – Chicago and Schaumburg announced closure and have ceased enrollments as of July 2, 2018. The Illinois Institute of Art – Tinley Park previously closed on September 30, 2017.

History:

The Illinois Institute of Art is part of the exciting history of Chicago. Founded in 1916 as The Commercial Arts School, The Illinois Institute of Art was one of the first applied art and design colleges in the United States. The school was widely known in the 1930s as Ray-Vogue School, with professional programs in art, design and fashion. The school was renamed Ray College of Design in 1981, and joined The Art Institutes system of schools in 1995. The Illinois Institute of Art offers Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Applied Science, and Associate of Applied Science degrees, as well as diploma programs.

Accreditation:

The Illinois Institute of Art located in Chicago, Illinois (including the Illinois Institute of Art campus in Schaumburg) transitioned to being a candidate for accreditation after previously being accredited. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Board of Trustees voted to impose “Change of Control-Candidacy” on the Institutes as of the January 20 close of their sale by Education Management Corp. to the Dream Center Foundation through Dream Center Education Holdings. [See the Public Disclosure Notification](#) located on the HLC website for specific information. Below is the summary taken directly from the Public Disclosure Notification on What This Means for Students:

What This Means for Students

Students taking classes or graduating during the candidacy period should know that their courses or degrees are not accredited by HLC and may not be accepted in transfer to other colleges and universities or recognized by prospective employers. Institute courses completed and degrees earned prior to this January 20, 2018, change of status remain accredited. In most cases, other institutions of higher education will accept those credits in transfer or for admission to a higher degree program as they were earned during an HLC accreditation period. All colleges and universities define their own transfer and admission policies. Students should contact any institution they plan to attend in the future so they are knowledgeable about the admission and transfer policies for that institution.

Taken from: <https://www.hlcommission.org/download/PublicDisclosureNotices/PDN%20-%20EDMC%20CofC%20Candidacy%20july%202018.pdf>

For accreditation questions, please contact HLC at <https://www.hlcommission.org/About-HLC/contact-us.html>

Transcripts:

Students and/or graduates may request transcripts or have additional questions answered by visiting:

[The Illinois Institute of Art—Chicago](#)

Main: 312-280-3500

Toll Free: 1-800-351-3450

Fax: 312-280-8562

[Official Transcript Request Form](#)

Federal Student Loan Repayment Questions:

Please contact the Department of Education for additional federal student loan questions:

Commonly Asked Questions: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/contact>

Repayment Questions: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans>

Federal Loan Forgiveness:

IMPORANT NOTE: Visit the link below to evaluate your eligibility for discharge of Federal Direct Loans, Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL) Program loans, or Federal Perkins Loans.

This information **does not apply to non-federal student loans**. Please contact your lenders directly to see your options and understand your repayment obligations:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/closed-school>.

Students who attended a school who believe they were defrauded or that their school otherwise violated applicable state law may be eligible for discharge (loan forgiveness). Please visit this [link](#) for assistance.

Resolving Loan Disputes: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/disputes>

Complaints:

1. File a complaint with the [Illinois Attorney General's office](#).
2. [File a complaint](#) with the Illinois Board of Higher Education.