

ing acquired outside the classroom. The CPL process is particularly valuable if you have an extensive background in a profession, in workshops or seminars, in community service and volunteer work, in relevant travel or hobbies, and/or in independent research. If you are interested in earning applied study term credit, you are encouraged to enroll in AST 401 Assessment of Experiential Learning, a course that includes an overview of current issues in lifelong learning. AST 401 also helps you prepare a detailed portfolio that describes the learning to be assessed for credit. A campuswide faculty committee monitors the entire CPL process.

Portfolios may be submitted for assessment any time after you are admitted to UIS. If you are interested in requesting credit for prior learning, contact the CPL office in BRK 425, (217) 206-6962 as early as possible. CPL also maintains a website at www.uis.edu/cpl/.

USE OF LOWER-DIVISION COURSES FOR DEGREE CREDIT

Community college transfer students may include an additional 12 semester hours of lower-division credit toward a bachelor's degree with the approval of their ad-

viser, a program representative, and the appropriate dean. A grade of C or better must have been earned.

GRADUATION CONTRACT

The commencement ceremony to award degrees is held at the end of the spring semester. However, you may file a graduation contract during any semester or summer term in which degree requirements will be completed. Submit the contract to the Office of Admissions and Records no later than the end of the fourth week of classes during a semester or the end of the third week of classes during a summer term.

The contract must be approved by your adviser and the program administrator. You may submit a graduation contract for early evaluation during your next-to-last term. Contract forms are available in the Office of Admissions and Records.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A DOUBLE MAJOR

You may earn a bachelor's degree in two major areas of study. All program requirements for each major area must be completed. Courses from one program may be used as electives in the other if previous program approval is obtained. All UIS requirements for the bachelor's degree must be met.

SECOND BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Persons who have already earned the baccalaureate degree and seek a second one from UIS must complete all hours toward the major that are required by the academic program. A minimum of 30 semester hours toward the second degree must be completed at the University of Illinois at Springfield. If the first bachelor's degree was earned at UIS, a second applied study term may be required by the academic program. If you earned the previous degree at another institution, you must meet UIS requirements in public affairs colloquia, liberal studies colloquia, and applied studies.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS ACADEMIC LOAD

If you are enrolled for 12 or more semester hours of course work during the fall or spring semesters or six semester hours of course work in the summer term, you are considered a full-time student. Those enrolled for fewer hours are considered part-time students.

Most courses at the University of Illinois at Springfield earn three or four semester hours of credit. The normal course load for a full-time undergraduate stu-