



have the chance to build a close-knit community that promotes the development of each student's talents and skills.

You may apply for admission to the Capital Scholars Program if you are a current high school senior or high school graduate with 12 or fewer hours of college credit and have demonstrated high academic achievement and a potential for creativity and leadership. (Credit earned in advanced placement courses does not count toward the 12-hour limit.) You will be expected to have excellent written and oral communication skills. The Capital Scholars Program is a challenging intellectual experience; in applying to the program, you are expressing your desire to be a part of this challenge. Illinois or U.S. residency is not a requirement for admission.

To be considered for admission, you must have completed 15 units (one unit = one year's study in the subject) of high school work from among the following categories:

- four units of English emphasizing written and oral communications and literature
- three units of social studies emphasizing history and government
- three units of mathematics including introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, and trigonome-

try, or fundamentals of computer programming (four units recommended)

- three units of laboratory science (four units recommended)
- two units of a foreign language (four units recommended)

Admission to the Capital Scholars Program is competitive and selective and is based on an overall evaluation of your high school coursework/grades, class rank, grade-point average, SAT or ACT scores, writing sample, and letters of recommendation from two teachers or others acquainted with your academic work, and creative and leadership potential. A personal or telephone interview with a member of the admissions committee (made up of faculty and administrators) may also be a component of the admission process.

Specific information on the Capital Scholars Program is available in the program section of this catalog and through the program's website at [www.uis.edu/capitalscholars](http://www.uis.edu/capitalscholars). You may also contact the program directly at [cap@uis.edu](mailto:cap@uis.edu) or (217) 206-7246. The Office of Admissions and Records can provide applications and information on application deadlines for the program.

## UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER ADMISSION

Undergraduate students other than Capital Scholars may apply for **transfer admission**. You may be admitted to UIS as a transfer student if you have earned 45 or more transferable (remedial or developmental courses are not accepted) semester hours and a cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale from a regionally accredited institution, and completed three semester hours of college-level English composition with a minimum grade of C. Those who have earned an associate of arts or associate of science degree from a regionally accredited Illinois community college or other regionally accredited institution may be admitted to UIS as a **junior** if they have a cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale and have completed three semester hours of college-level English composition with a minimum grade of C. You may be granted advanced standing as a senior if you transfer with 30 semester hours of upper-division credit beyond the 60 hours required for junior status. Only transfer credit hours with a grade of C or better are acceptable for advanced standing. Students entering as seniors must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours at UIS and must complete all program and campus degree requirements to graduate.

## General Education Requirements for Transfer Students

Accredited U.S. colleges and universities consider it very important that their graduates complete not only a major, but also receive a broad, well-rounded general education. To ensure this educational breadth, institutions generally require completion of courses in several disciplines or areas – usually English, mathematics, natural science, social science, and humanities. This course work constitutes the institution's general education requirement.

You are encouraged to complete your required general education course work before admission to the University of Illinois at Springfield. As a transfer student, you may satisfy this requirement in advance of enrolling at UIS in two ways:

- Complete the requirements of the Illinois Articulation Initiative Core Curriculum. (See page 36.)
- Have completed the requirements for an associate of arts or associate of science degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning at some time before the introduction of the Illinois Articulation Initiative Core Curriculum in the summer of 1998. Graduates of Illinois community colleges holding these degrees are considered to have met all general education requirements at the transferring institu-

tions. Requests for exceptions should be directed to the Office of Admissions and Records.

If you decide to transfer to UIS *before* completing your general education requirements in one of the two ways above, you will be subject to UIS' general education requirements. In any event, for all students except Capital Scholars, the minimum general education requirement for admission to UIS is the completion of three semester hours of English composition with a grade of C or better. Remedial or developmental courses are not applicable to admission requirements.

The general education requirement at UIS consists of 39 semester hours, distributed as shown below.

English (two courses, one of which is in composition, with a grade of C or better)	At least 6 semester hours
Humanities (two courses)	At least 6 semester hours
Social Science (two courses)	At least 6 semester hours
Math (one course)	At least 3 semester hours
Science (two courses, one with lab)	At least 6 semester hours
General education electives (additional courses from any of the above areas)	At least 12 semester hours

**Online Course Admission** Students who choose to pursue their studies online, in whole or in part, are held to the same admission standards and must meet the same requirements as those students who attend class on campus. If you have questions, call the Office of Admissions and Records at (217) 206-4847, or visit the UIS website at [www.uis.edu](http://www.uis.edu). A list of online course offerings is available at the web site and also in any current course schedule.

**International Student Admission** (See page 34.)

## ALTERNATIVE ADMISSION

Alternative admission at the junior level is available for mature students who have extensive life/work learning (a minimum of 12-15 years beyond high school) that may be considered in lieu of the traditional classroom learning during the first and second years of college. The admissions committee will provide an individual assessment of your eligibility for this option based on 1) a written narrative providing a review of learning through life experience; 2) three letters of recommendation that reinforce the demonstrated skills, work experiences, and other learning