

## **TWO-PLUS-TWO CONCEPT**

UIS' upper-division courses build on the associate in arts and associate in science degrees of lower-division schools. In most programs at UIS, you can earn a baccalaureate degree with only two additional years of college work beyond the A.A. or A.S. degree – with no loss of credit earned in an associate degree program. This is the two-plus-two concept. (Note: If you have an associate in applied science degree but have not already completed minimal general education requirements, you will be required to do so before graduation from UIS.)

About one-third of the 20 bachelor's degree programs at UIS have no specific prerequisite course requirements for entry. The remaining degree programs, however, require certain prerequisite courses before you can be admitted. For these degree programs, you should check the prerequisites early to allow you to plan your first two years of college to fit perfectly with the academic requirements of the last two. Two-plus-two transfer guides for all Illinois community colleges are available in UIS' Office of Admissions and Records.

In addition to two-plus-two agreements, many UIS undergraduate degree programs have entered

into articulation agreements with academic programs at community colleges. Like two-plus-two agreements, articulation agreements make it easier for you to plan an entire four-year course of study while still enrolled as a lower-division student.

## **JOINT ADMISSION PROGRAM**

The Joint Admission program is limited to those students who are pursuing the associate of arts and science degree, in compliance with the Illinois Articulation Agreement. The program is not intended to replace the normal articulation agreements already existing between UIS and community colleges. Instead, it focuses on advisement and socialization of the student for a smoother transition between the two-year and four-year college. Students who choose to enter into a Joint Admission program with the University of Illinois at Springfield are entitled to receive academic advising each semester from UIS, invitations to social and cultural activities, financial assistance newsletters, and an advanced registration date. UIS currently has developed joint admission agreements with Illinois Central College, John Wood Community College, Joliet Junior College, Lincoln Land Community College, and Parkland College.

## **BACHELOR'S DEGREE GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS AND AREAS OF STUDY**

The University of Illinois at Springfield offers 20 undergraduate degree programs. These range from traditional disciplines such as history, economics, and biology to more career-oriented offerings such as business administration and criminal justice, or interdisciplinary programs such as communication. In addition, UIS offers an alternative called the liberal studies program. (See below.)

Career Services and the Office of Admissions and Records can help you choose an academic program. This assistance includes life/career planning, vocational testing and interpretation, and referral to appropriate academic programs for further information.

**Liberal Studies Program** LIS is aimed at students who want to combine areas of study rather than pursue a traditional discipline (major) at UIS. Generally, liberal studies degrees are based on broad themes universal to human experience. Students work with an advising committee of faculty and peers in preparing