

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

A student with a bachelor's degree should be able to comprehend written and spoken communications — from simple narrative to scholarly exposition, novels, and poetry — and should be able to use and apply abstractions, principles, ideas, or theories to concrete situations. Content as well as form is important to a baccalaureate education. The student should have broad familiarity with the social sciences, humanities, sciences, mathematics, and English. In addition, the University of Illinois at Springfield mandates a special understanding of public affairs in the broadest and most humanistic sense.

The student receiving a bachelor's degree will —

1. Be able to recognize significant terminology, facts, theories, issues, findings, abstractions, universals, principles, and generalizations within a discipline; as well as have a familiarity with ways of organizing, studying, judging, and criticizing relevant knowledge in a chosen field, including methods of inquiry, patterns of organization, and standards of judgment.

2. Be able to use the relevant knowledge within a discipline through reading, interpreting, and evaluating the appropriate literature; analyzing data; under-

standing implications; and formulating and defending conclusions.

3. Demonstrate a mastery of appropriate skills within a chosen discipline and an ability to apply such knowledge and skills, and demonstrate an ability to apply abstractions in concrete situations.


UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

Undergraduate admission to the University of Illinois at Springfield includes a limited number of highly qualified first-year students (the Capital Scholars Program) and to transfer students who have earned 45 or more transferable semester hours at community colleges or other regionally accredited institutions of higher learning. In addition, the campus offers alternative admissions, a senior learners program, and special admission for students not seeking a degree. You will find each of these admission options discussed in detail below, along with other important admission requirements. Write to the Office of Admissions and Records, University of Illinois at Springfield, One University Plaza, MS SAB 20, Springfield, IL 62703-5407, to request an application form, or submit one online from the website at www.uis.edu. The toll free number is (888) 977-4847.

Please note: Admission to UIS does not constitute entry into a particular degree program. Some programs have special entrance requirements; others have limited enrollments. You should check program descriptions in this catalog to learn of special requirements, prerequisite course work, and/or enrollment limits.

CAPITAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Capital Scholars Program provides academically well-prepared high school graduates a unique opportunity to develop creative thinking, problem solving, and leadership skills through a high-quality education based in the liberal arts. The integrated core curriculum features interdisciplinary and collaborative learning and is designed to develop your talents through small classes that provide lively exchange between students and teachers. You will learn actively, applying your skills to real community concerns. The Capital Scholars Program works in combination with any of UIS' majors to create an exceptional four-year baccalaureate experience. The academic experience is enhanced through the living-learning experience in Lincoln Residence Hall, where all first- and second-year Capital Scholars live. In living together, students



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. You may also contact the program directly at 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.