



also have a chest x-ray. If you have been treated for tuberculosis disease or infection, you must provide medical records, which must be accompanied by a certified English translation. *There are no exemptions from the tuberculin skin test for international students.*

Immunization forms may be obtained from the Campus Health Service or downloaded from the UIS website at [uis.edu/~hlthserv/chs1/default.htm](http://uis.edu/~hlthserv/chs1/default.htm). The form must be complete and on file before 5 p.m. on the 10th official day of the semester during the fall and spring semesters or the 5th official day of the summer term. If your record is not complete by that date, you will be assessed a non-refundable \$25 fee for late processing. If you are not in compliance by your second semester at UIS, you will not be allowed to register until the required immunization information has been completed and submitted. Questions about this policy should be directed to the Campus Health Service, (217) 206-6676.

## **COMMUNITY COLLEGE ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER**

The University of Illinois at Springfield is vitally concerned about the time it takes you to complete your bac-

calaureate degree. Loss of credit when you transfer from your lower-division school to UIS could extend that time. Since the majority of UIS' undergraduate students are transfer students, UIS has invested considerable effort to ensure that you have the best chance of transferring all your credit hours. This assurance comes through 1) the campus' participation in the Illinois Articulation Initiative and 2) its development of two-plus-two agreements and other articulation agreements with community colleges and lower-division schools.

### **ILLINOIS ARTICULATION INITIATIVE**

The University of Illinois at Springfield is a participant in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI), a statewide agreement designed to allow you to transfer your general education credit, as well as credit earned in select majors, between participating institutions. The campus has participated in IAI since the summer of 1998.

The IAI General Education Core Curriculum is a package of lower-division general education courses that you can transfer from one participating school to another to fulfill the lower-division general education requirement at your new (transfer) school. To complete the core curriculum package,

you must take at least 12 to 13 courses (37 to 41 semester credits) in five fields or categories. Completion of the entire IAI General Education Core Curriculum satisfies your lower-division general education requirement for a bachelor's degree at UIS. (See page 33.)

It is in your best interest to complete the IAI general education as a package *before* transferring to UIS. If you do not complete the entire package before transferring to UIS and you do not have an A.A. or A.S. degree earned before the introduction of the IAI, you will be subject to UIS' general education requirements. UIS will work with you to transfer the courses you have taken, but the campus cannot guarantee that all your credit will transfer when applied to the UIS requirement.

UIS also participates in certain of IAI's Baccalaureate Majors Recommendations. This means that you may be able to transfer courses in your major (such as art, biology, or business) between participating institutions without loss of credit. Contact an academic adviser for additional information about IAI and read about IAI at [www.iTransfer.org](http://www.iTransfer.org). The website contains a powerful search tool to help you find and match IAI courses at participating schools and a helpful transfer student planning worksheet.

## 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