

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Applicants whose native language is not English must submit official international TOEFL scores. A score of not less than 550 (paper based) or 213 (computer based) will fulfill the English proficiency requirement for admission to master's-level study at UIS. If you hold a U.S. bachelor's degree with a GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale or higher, you are not required to submit TOEFL scores. *Note:* Some programs require a GPA of 3.00 to waive TOEFL. See individual program statements for any additional proficiency requirements.

If your native language is not English, you will also be required to take an English proficiency test on campus the week before registration. This requirement applies to all students – U.S. citizens, resident aliens, and nonresident aliens alike. Test results do not affect your admission to UIS, but will be used to determine your need for an English as a Second Language (ESL) class. If you fail to meet UIS' English language requirement, you may enroll at an ESL Language Center. Proficiency certification by ESL meets this requirement.

GRADUATE NON-DEGREE ADMISSION

If you have a bachelor's degree, you may enroll for courses at UIS as a non-degree seeking graduate stu-

dent. You will be asked to define your educational goals before exceeding 12 semester hours. If you then choose to become a degree candidate, you must complete regular admissions procedures, including acceptance into your chosen degree program.

When formal admission is granted, the course work you completed as a non-degree seeking student is evaluated by your intended academic program and may or may not apply toward that program's graduation requirements. UIS accepts a maximum of 12 semester hours of such credit toward a graduate degree. A non-degree declaration form must be on file for you to continue enrollment as a non-degree student beyond 12 hours.

Non-degree students typically are not eligible for financial assistance.

For more information, see page 34.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Following admission to UIS, each fully admitted student is assigned a faculty adviser from the appropriate academic program. Faculty advisers work with you to ensure satisfactory progress toward graduation and toward your personal and career goals. You may change advisers at any time by completing a Request for Change of Graduate Degree Program and/or Aca-

ademic Adviser.

Recognizing the maturity of graduate students, UIS entrusts you with substantial initiative in the academic advising process. You should arrange an appointment with your adviser before each registration, particularly your first, and you should maintain contact with him or her throughout your academic studies. It is especially important for you to meet with your faculty adviser before your final term of study to ensure that all graduation requirements will be met.

MASTER'S DEGREE GENERAL INFORMATION

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS AND AREAS OF STUDY

The University of Illinois at Springfield offers 18 master's degree programs. These range from traditional disciplines such as history and biology to more career-oriented concentrations such as human development counseling and and business administration, or interdisciplinary programs such as environmental studies or communication. In addition, UIS offers an alternative called the individual option program.