

## 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

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## Degree Programs

UIS awards the following baccalaureate degrees:

Accountancy (B.A.)	Criminal Justice (B.A.)	Mathematical Sciences (B.A.)
Biology (B.S.)	Economics (B.A.)	Political Studies (B.A.)
Business Administration (B.B.A.)	English (B.A.)	Psychology (B.A.)
Chemistry (B.S.)	History (B.A.)	Social Work (B.S.W.)
Clinical Laboratory Science (B.S.)	Legal Studies (B.A.)	Sociology/Anthropology (B.A.)
Communication (B.A.)	Liberal Studies (B.A.)	Visual Arts (B.A.)
Computer Science (B.S.)	Management (B.A.)	

*Note:* You may pursue certification as an elementary or secondary teacher by enrolling in one of UIS' teacher education minors, which is taken in combination with an appropriate academic major. (See page 140.)

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a personal degree program. A degree with a focus on African-American studies, women's studies, or international studies is well suited for the liberal studies program.

**LIS Online** The bachelor's degree in liberal studies is also available completely online for transfer students. As a transfer student, you can complete the same liberal studies degree curriculum with LIS Online as you can in the classroom, with the same high quality instruction, advising, and support. LIS Online

will help you develop and complete a self-designed liberal studies program that centers on a well-rounded baccalaureate degree and that takes into account previous college-level learning, including your lower-division courses and your relevant life experience. Additional information on LIS Online is available at [www.uis.edu/lis](http://www.uis.edu/lis) and in the liberal studies program section of this catalog.

**Minors** In addition to regular degree programs,

UIS offers 25 minors that allow you to pursue fields of study outside your chosen major degree program. Approved minors are:

Accountancy, African-American Studies, Anthropology, Biology, Business (general), Chemistry, Communication, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Economics, English, Environmental Studies, History, International Studies, Labor Relations, Management Information Systems, Mathematical Sciences, Philosophy, Political Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Teacher Education-Elementary, Teacher Education-Secondary, Visual Arts, Women's Studies

## OTHER ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Teacher Education** The teacher education minors provide course work that leads to initial Illinois certification at the elementary or secondary level when combined with an appropriate academic major and fulfillment of general education and campus requirements. Since you will be completing the requirements for an academic major as well as the requirements for teacher certification, you should expect your total program of study to exceed the minimum number of hours (120) required for graduation. You will need to

work closely with your advisers in both teacher education and your degree program to integrate the course of study in both areas. See the program section on teacher education for additional information.

**Thematic Activities** Thematic activities are multidisciplinary explorations of current issues and problems through courses, research, conferences, experiential learning opportunities, and community outreach. At present, UIS offers just one thematic option: astronomy/physics. See the program section of this catalog for additional information.

**Modern Languages** The modern languages area of the University of Illinois at Springfield offers elementary and intermediate courses in French, German, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Russian, and Spanish. While UIS' modern languages students are expected to learn to understand, speak, read, and write their target language, we emphasize the development of understanding and speaking skills. Our courses are taught by native speakers and, as a rule, are limited to six students per section to ensure individual attention. All students interested in studying one of the above-mentioned languages at UIS must have permission to register for a course section.

If you have never studied a second language before, or if you wish to study a language that is new to you, contact the modern languages office at (217) 206-6512 for permission to register for a beginning section of the desired language.

If you have *already* studied one of the languages we offer, and wish to continue or *begin again* in that language, you are required to take an online assessment test. The results of the test will not become part of your university record; the sole use of the testing information is to help us place you in a language course at the most appropriate level for you.

**University Courses** In addition to regular disciplinary courses, UIS offers a variety of university (UNI) courses. UNI courses provide specialized knowledge and skills in academic areas that are not established components of the UIS curriculum. An example is library research (UNI 401). More information is available in the program section of this catalog under "University Courses." (See page 233.) Additional UNI courses, with descriptions, are published in the course schedule each semester. You should be aware that credit earned in some UNI courses does not count toward degree requirements.

**Tutorials** As one expression of UIS' commitment to the individual student, faculty members occasionally supervise independent study in the form of tutorials. Taken at either the undergraduate or graduate level, tutorials are intended to supplement, not supplant, regular course offerings. If you want to structure one-to-one learning experiences not regularly available but nevertheless relevant to your program of study, you must secure the consent of the faculty member before registration and submit a tutorial proposal form to him or her. If the faculty member accepts the proposal, he or she enters an electronic With Permission of Instructor (WPI) before registration.

## COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM

Each course has a three-letter prefix indicating that it is a course in a particular program (e.g., SWK - social work; HIS - history) or a Capital Scholars (CAP), an applied study term (AST), public affairs colloquium (PAC), liberal studies colloquium (LSC), or university (UNI) course. Each course also has a three-digit identifying number that signifies who may enroll in the course for credit, as follows:

100-199 Open to all undergraduate students. These are introductory courses generally appro-