University of Illinois Springfield
Admissions Criteria: Undergraduate Level[1]

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I. First-Time Freshman Applicants

The University of Illinois at Springfield seeks to enroll an academically well-qualified first-year class of students who have pursued strong college preparatory curricula while in high school and demonstrated the ability to be successful in their pursuits, both academic and nonacademic. The best qualified of each year's pool of applicants to U of I Springfield are admitted as space permits. Priority consideration for admission is given to students whose applications are complete by the Priority Application filing period of September 1 through March 15 (postmark date). Admissions decisions are made, and official notifications mailed, on a rolling basis.

To be considered for admission, students are required to submit a completed application for admission, $40 non-refundable application fee ($50 for international students), official high school transcript (including grade point average and class rank, if applicable), ACT or SAT scores, personal statement, and official college transcript(s), if applicable.

Applications are evaluated based on the following criteria:

College preparatory curricula and academic coursework
Students should pursue rigorous and challenging college preparatory curricula. Grade trends and the rigor of courses completed throughout high school will be considered. Minimum academic coursework requirements are:

- Four years of academic English with emphasis on written and oral communication and literature.
- Three years of social studies with emphasis on history and government (additional acceptable courses include anthropology, economics, geography, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology).
- Three years of college preparatory mathematics, selected from algebra, geometry, advanced algebra, pre-calculus, and trigonometry.
- Two years of laboratory science, selected from biology, chemistry, geology, and physics.
- Two years of one foreign language, <u>or</u> two years of fine arts, selected from art, music, dance, and theatre. Students may combine foreign language and fine arts to meet this requirement. Students who are interested in being admitted to the Honor's Program must have 2 years of one foreign language.

Standardized test scores, grade point average, and class rank
The following credentials are considered:

- Class rank (if applicable)
- Grade point average
- ACT or SAT scores

Personal Statement and Academic Statement
Applicants must provide written evidence of their ability to perform at a high academic level by submitting personal and academic statements. The personal statement should discuss interests and accomplishments, including leadership and community engagement, that are not readily apparent from academic records. This is also a place students may address any circumstances (positive or negative) that may have affected the student's high school. The academic statement should discuss the applicant's career goals or academic interests. These statements should be approximately 500-750 words and should reflect the student's best work – structure, accuracy, and overall quality will be considered.

Undergraduate International Applicants: English Proficiency Requirement
In addition to meeting all entrance requirements for undergraduate admissions, applicants whose native language is not English must submit official documents which demonstrate English Language proficiency. A TOEFL score of not less than 500 (paper based) or 61 (internet based) meets this requirement, or an equivalent score from another test approved by UIS.

Admissions Decisions

Admission to the University of Illinois Springfield is competitive and the best qualified students from the pool of applicants will be offered admission. UIS uses a holistic approach when reviewing applicant files, which means that all of the factors listed above are considered when making an admission decision. Students who do not meet the minimum high school course pattern, but who otherwise have competitive applications, may be admitted conditionally and required to meet the deficiency. Although letters of recommendation are not required, if submitted by a person who can address the academic qualifications of the applicant, they will be reviewed. Students who request a review by the Honor's program may be asked to supply additional documents or be available for an interview.

Profile of 2009-2010 Class: Admitted Students

Averages	Middle 50%
ACT – 23	ACT - 20-26
GPA – 3.32	GPA – 2.91-3.75
Rank – 70%	Rank – 55-89%

Admissions Acceptance

Students who are admitted must formally accept the offer of admission by submitting the Admissions Acceptance form and $150 enrollment deposit by May 1 (postmark date). $100.00 of the deposit is applied directly to first term tuition/fees and $50.00 is applied to the cost to attend orientation. The fee is non-refundable after May 1. If, after May 1, it is apparent that enrollment demand is greater than available space, a wait list will be implemented. Options for wait list students may include deferral of admission to the spring semester.

II. Capital Scholars Honors Program Applicants

Students who are admitted to UIS as freshmen may also wish to be considered by the Honors Program. Applications are reviewed by the Honors Program for admission. Additional requirements to be admitted into the honors program include:

- Demonstrated potential for creativity and leadership;
- 2 years of one foreign language (cannot replace with fine arts); and
- Letters of recommendation from faculty and/or phone interviews may be requested.

Undergraduate International Applicants: English Proficiency Requirement

In addition to meeting all entrance requirements for undergraduate admissions, applicants whose native language is not English must submit official documents which demonstrate English Language proficiency. A TOEFL score of not less than 550 (paper based) or 79 (internet based) meets this requirement, or an equivalent score from another test approved by UIS.

III. Freshman Transfer Applicants

Freshman Transfer students are those who have between 12 and 29 semester hours of transferable college credit. They must submit all documentation required of freshman applicants in addition to all college transcripts. They undergo the same holistic review and decision making process as traditional freshman applicants, with the exception that they may be admitted in any semester.

Undergraduate International Applicants: English Proficiency Requirement

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IV. Transfer Applicants

Students who have 30 or more hours of transferable college credit may be admitted as transfer students. Transfer students may apply for admission to any semester, and decisions are made on a rolling basis.

To be considered for admission, students are required to submit a completed application for admission, a non-refundable application fee, and official college transcripts from all colleges/universities attended. Admission will be granted to students who have:

- At least 30 semester hours of transferable credit; and
- A cumulative 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Undergraduate International Applicants: English Proficiency Requirement

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V. Additional Admissions Requirements for Specific Undergraduate Majors

Many of our undergraduate major programs have no special entrance requirements beyond those required for admission to UIS. However, there are a few undergraduate programs which have additional requirements based on program accreditation or type. All undergraduate majors and the teacher education minor are listed in the table below, with any separate admissions requirements specified. All references to GPA assume a 4.0 scale. ***NOTE: Only transfer students are eligible for admission to online programs.***

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Accountancy BA	**on campus** (Springfield & Peoria)	No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria	Minimum GPA of 2.00 in ACC 211 and ACC 212, ECO 213, MAT 113 or other calculus, ECO 201 and ECO 202 or ECO 315, and a behavioral science course (psychology or sociology) Foundational knowledge in computer applications recommended	Not Applicable	N/A	N/A

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Biology BS	**on campus**	No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria	8 to 10 semester hours in general chemistry with lab 5 to 8 semester hours of biology courses (including general biology with lab) college algebra	Not Applicable	N/A	N/A
Business Administration BBA	**on campus** ---------- **online**	No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria ---------- *Additional Application Materials Required:* Statement of Intent, with demonstrated ability to write in English language at baccalaureate level *Additional Admission Criteria:* Minimum overall GPA 3.00 Priority given to students who effectively demonstrate inability to attend regularly scheduled on-campus class sessions Access to and experience in use of Internet and specified software	Minimum GPA of 2.00 in ACC 211 and ACC 212, ECO 213, MAT 113 or other calculus or finite math equivalent, ECO 201, and ECO 202 or ECO 315, and a behavioral science course ---------- same as on campus	Not Applicable ---------- CBM Online Director	N/A ---------- TBD	N/A ---------- TBD

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Chemistry BS	**on campus**	No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria		Not Applicable	N/A	N/A
Clinical Laboratory Science BS	**on campus**	*Additional Application Materials Required:* CLS Program application Written statement of academic and professional goals Contact information for two college science instructors (preferably one biology and one chemistry) for use as references A personal interview may be required *Additional Admission Criterion:* Selection is made on a competitive basis, due to limited program capacity; admission to UIS does not guarantee admission to the Clinical Laboratory Science program	90 quarter hours or 60 semester hours of lower-division courses UIS gen ed requirements, including comparative societies if at least one gen ed deficiency exists in humanities or social sciences 2 semesters of general chemistry 1 semester of organic chemistry 2 semesters of biological sciences, with at least one semester of anatomy and physiology preferred 1 semester of statistics or higher mathematics 1 semester of microbiology with lab 1 course in genetics and 2nd semester of organic chemistry recommended	Department Chair in consultation with Dept Faculty	Yes, all CLS admissions are contingent on successful completion of prereqs	TBD

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Communication BA	**on campus**	Students whose native language is not English must achieve a score of 580 or above on the paper-based TOEFL, or the equivalent on the computer-based or internet-based TOEFL tests.		Not Applicable	N/A	N/A
Computer Science BS	**on campus** ---------- **online**	No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria ---------- *Additional Application Materials:* Submit an uncompressed, non-executable electronic copy of the following documents to the UIS Office of Admissions: Statement of Purpose for obtaining the degree (two-page, double-spaced, in 10-point font) Java Source Code from an intermediate or advanced Java programming course assignment, or newly written	1 semester each of calculus, discrete mathematics, and statistics ---------- same as on campus, plus 2 semesters Java programming or equivalent experience	Not Applicable ---------- Department Chair & Online Program Coordinator	N/A ---------- Yes	N/A ---------- TBD
Criminal Justice BA	**on campus**	*Additional Admission Criterion for* ***Transfer Students****:* Minimum overall GPA of 2.50 for full admission		Department Chair	Yes	No

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Economics BA	**on campus**	No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria	Minimum GPA of 2.00 in ACC 211 and ACC 212, ECO 213, MAT 113 or other calculus or finite math equivalent, ECO 201 and ECO 202, and a behavioral science course	Not Applicable	N/A	N/A
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	online	*Additional Application Materials:* Statement of Intent, with demonstrated ability to write in the English language at baccalaureate level *Additional Admission Criteria:* Minimum overall GPA 3.00 60 hours of completed college credit Priority given to students who effectively demonstrate inability to attend regularly scheduled on-campus class sessions Access to and experience in use of Internet and specified software	Minimum GPA of 2.00 in ACC 211 and ACC 212, ECO 213, MAT 113 or other calculus or finite math equivalent, ECO 201 and ECO 202, and a behavioral science course	CBM Online Director	TBD	TBD

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English BA	**on campus**	*Additional Admission Criteria*: Minimum overall GPA 3.00 30 semester credit hours at lower-division level	Six semester hours of English composition with the second English composition course passed with a "C" grade or better Two literature courses (for a total of 6-8 semester hours) passed with a grade of C or better	ENG Faculty & Online Program Coordinator	Yes	TBD
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	online	*Additional Application Materials*: Statement of Intent, 750 words or less, discussing academic and work experiences, rationale for becoming an online ENG major, plans for progress toward and completion of degree, and pertinent life experiences *Additional Admission Criteria:* same as on campus, plus access to the Internet, computer skills necessary to study online	same as on campus	same as on campus	same as on campus	TBD
Global Studies BA	**on campus**	No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria		Not Applicable	N/A	N/A

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History BA	**on campus**	No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria	Two courses (6 semester hours) selected from the following categories: World History (HIS 106, HIS 201); Comparative Religion (HIS 150); Europe (HIS 202); United States (HIS 203); Middle East (HIS 160); East Asia (HIS 176, HIS 177); Ancient Civilizations (HIS 119). Equivalent transfer courses from accredited institutions allowed.	HIS Faculty, Dept Chair, & Online Program Coordinator	Yes	N/A
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	online	*Additional Application Materials:* Statement of intent (500 words maximum) discussing academic background; rationale for pursuing a degree in history; rationale for wanting to complete the degree online at UIS; plan for progress toward, and completion of degree; and other relevant experience *Application Deadline*: Review begins in February. For best consideration, all information must be submitted by April 1 *Additional Admission Criteria*: Minimum overall GPA 3.20 Minimum of 45 credit hours at the lower-division level Must reside outside 50-mile	same as on campus	same as on campus	same as on campus	TBD

		radius of UIS campus, or have a documented disability Access to the Internet, and computer skills necessary to study online				

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Legal Studies BA	**on campus**	No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria; students enter major at junior level.	Completion of at least 6 semester hours of English composition, 6 semester hours of humanities, and 3 hours of statistics, with grades of C or better Completion of 1 course in American government and 1 course in American legal system	Not Applicable	N/A	N/A
Liberal Studies BA	**on campus** ---------- **online**	No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria; however, a written request to the department is required to enter the major. ---------- *Additional Application Materials*: A written statement including the following: • clear, concise academic and/or professional goals • why a non-traditional, interdisciplinary program is the pathway to these goals • a discussion of things that the applicant has been taught outside of an academic environment • a discussion of online and/or technical skills	Completion of general education curriculum ---------- One year (two semesters) of college-level composition	Not Applicable ---------- Online Program Coordinator	N/A ---------- TBD	N/A ---------- TBD

		• discussion of the skills and/or resources that the applicant possesses that will help them to succeed as an online student, as well as the challenges that may interfere with their success (including time management, access to a computer and the Internet, or other factors) Strong background in required general education curriculum; must be within 4 courses of completing the gen ed curriculum *Additional Admission Criterion:* Selection is made on a competitive basis, due to limited program capacity				

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Management BA	**on campus** (Springfield & Peoria)	No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria	Minimum GPA of 2.00 in ACC 211 and ACC 212, ECO 213, MAT 113 or other calculus or finite math equivalent, ECO 201 and ECO 202 or ECO 315, and a behavioral science course	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematical Sciences BA	**on campus**	*Additional Admission Criterion*: Completion of entrance assessment test (MAT 330) Ability to write computer programs in a procedural language	3 semesters of calculus	Department Chair & Online Program Coordinator	TBD	TBD
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	online	*Additional Admission Criteria*: Same as on campus, plus: Earned a minimum of 30 credit hours at the lower-division level Minimum GPA of 2.0 (from a regionally accredited Illinois college or university)	same as on campus	same as on campus	TBD	TBD

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Philosophy BA	**on campus**	No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria	2 college-level courses (6 semester hours) in philosophy, at least one in the area of critical thinking or logic	PHI Faculty, Online Program Coordinator, & Dept Chair	Yes	TBD
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	online	*Additional Application Materials:* Brief sample of applicant's writing, preferably on a philosophical topic Brief Statement of Purpose, of 300 to 500 words, presenting reasons for selecting PHI major online at UIS Recommended materials: 1 to 3 reference letters from individuals who can attest to the applicant's ability for successful academic study *Additional Admission Criterion:* Priority consideration will be given to applicants with an overall grade-point average of 3.00, and to those who have taken higher division courses from an accredited college or university. Applicants wishing to be evaluated on characteristics and accomplishments beyond the grade-point average or previous coursework in philosophy, should address the	same as on campus	same as on campus	same as on campus	TBD

		diverse ways they might contribute to the UIS Philosophy Department in their entrance essays and present reasons why they believe they would be successful as a philosophy major. Consideration will be given to students with backgrounds and strong abilities in philosophy as documented by writing samples, statements of purpose, and letters of recommendation.				

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Political Science BA	**on campus**	No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria		Not Applicable	N/A	N/A
Psychology BA	**on campus**	*Additional Admission Criteria*: For Full Admission to Major: Earned a minimum of 30 or more credit hours Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 For Conditional Admission: Earned a minimum of 30 or more credit hours GPA between 2.00 and 2.49	Completion of PSY 201 or equivalent with a grade of C or better, **or** Advanced Placement Psychology Examination score ≥ 4, **or** Introductory Psychology CLEP test score ≥ 50	Not Applicable	N/A	N/A
Social Work BSW	**on campus**	*Additional Application Materials:* A separate SWK program application is required A personal interview and writing sample may be required. *Application Deadline*: Complete applications should be submitted during the semester that precedes enrollment. The curricular sequence begins in the fall or spring of each year.	Coursework in general psychology, sociology/ anthropology, political science, and statistics. Students should contact the Social Work Department office for details.	Department Chair	TBD	TBD

		Additional Admission Criteria: Combination of previous academic record, personal development, and motivation for service in the field.				

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Sociology/ Anthropology BA	**on campus**	No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria		N/A	N/A	N/A
Teacher Education (minor)	**on campus**	*Additional Application Materials:* A separate TEP program application is required Fingerprint criminal background check. *Additional Admission Criteria:* Minimum overall GPA 2.50 Complete minimum of 30 hours service learning in educational setting. Students must have passed the basic skills part of the Illinois Certification exam	Coursework in educational psychology, child development (elementary) or adolescent psychology (secondary) TEP 201, or its equivalent TEP 202 or documentation of at least 30 hours of work with school-age children in an educational setting	Department Faculty & Chair	Yes	N/A
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	online	same as on campus	same as on campus	same as on campus	same as on campus	N/A
Visual Arts BA	**on campus**	No additional admission requirements beyond the general UIS criteria	It is strongly recommended that majors complete all lower-division prerequisites by the end of their sophomore year. The prerequisite courses include the following courses, or their equivalents: ART 261 and ART 262; ART 102 and ART 112; ART 113; and one introductory level art course in a specific	N/A	N/A	N/A

			discipline. Examples of introductory courses include the following: Introduction to Painting (ART 211); Introduction to Ceramics (ART 203); and Introduction to Digital Media (ART 236).			

[1] All application materials must be submitted in English.

[2] *Not applicable* = no appeal process other than the campus general admission appeal process.

TBD = To be determined as part of AY 2009-10 admissions process review as specified in the UIS Admissions Reform Recommendation Report, Recommendation 7. See Transparency of Processes. Completion date: December 2009

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