

## **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-



appropriate for the first-year college student. (CAP courses are open only to Capital Scholars.)

- 200-299 Open to any student who has completed the 100-level prerequisites, if any. (CAP courses are open only to Capital Scholars.)
- 300-399 Generally intended for juniors and seniors, but others may register if they have completed 200-level prerequisites, if any.
- 400-499 Advanced undergraduate, as well as master's students.
- 500-599 Master's and doctoral students.
- 600-699 Doctoral students

Courses ending in 99 are tutorials. When a course number ends in 91 to 98, the course is experimental and not yet included in the regular curriculum. Courses with numbers ending in 0 (for example, ENG 480) are generally topics courses in which the subject matter changes in successive semesters. You may repeat these courses but may not receive credit for the same topic more than once.

## **UNDERGRADUATE ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT**

All incoming undergraduate students are required to

participate in an entry- and exit-level assessment process during their first and last semesters of attendance. Capital Scholars participate in assessment designed by the Capital Scholars Program.

**Baccalaureate Skills Assessment** The assessment process for you as a transfer student at UIS is designed to ease your transition to baccalaureate education and to evaluate your learning while at UIS. As an incoming undergraduate and again as an exiting senior, you will be assessed on your mastery of skills in reading, writing, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking, and UIS requirements. The intent of entry assessment is to provide you with information about your learning skills to help you and your adviser plan a program that will achieve your academic goals. You are encouraged to begin the assessment process before your first semester at UIS; however, you must sign up for a testing session by the midpoint of your first semester. If you fail to do so, you will not be allowed to enroll for the next semester, and you will be charged a \$25 late fee.

Exit assessment provides you and the institution with a measurement of your academic growth as a result of your course work at UIS. You must take the

exit assessment test before the midpoint of your last semester.

**Assessment in the Major** In addition to the general assessment described above, your academic program will assess your ability to meet program objectives. These objectives are determined by each program and will differ, as will the means of assessment. You are required to participate in program assessment. Contact your academic adviser for more information.

## **ACADEMIC ADVISING**

**Transfer Students** For most programs you can receive initial academic advising from an admissions counselor or from faculty in your chosen academic program. During your first semester, you will be formally assigned a faculty adviser from your program. Faculty advisers work with you to see that you are making satisfactory progress toward your degree as well as toward your personal and career goals. You can change advisers at any time by completing a Selection of Faculty Adviser form with your newly selected adviser.

In recognition of the maturity of upper-division and graduate students, UIS entrusts you with substantial initiative in the academic advising process. You

should arrange appointments with your adviser before each registration, particularly your first, and 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 you have met all graduation requirements.

**Capital Scholars** If you are interested in the Capital Scholars Program, you should contact the program office as soon as possible to discuss details. The program has both limited enrollment and requirements for admission that exceed general UIS requirements. Capital Scholars are assigned an initial adviser in their first semester.

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR'S DEGREE

To earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Springfield, you must fulfill the following requirements:

- Earn a minimum of 120 credit hours, with 48 of those hours earned at the upper-division level.
- Earn a minimum of 30 semester hours credit in residence at UIS.
- Satisfy general education requirements through

completion of the Capital Scholars curriculum, completion of the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education requirements, or completion of UIS minimum general education requirements. (See page 33.)

- Satisfy UIS requirements of at least 12 semester hours from among public affairs colloquia, liberal studies colloquia, and applied study term.
- Complete an entrance assessment before the midpoint of your first semester and an exit assessment before the midpoint of your last semester.
- Receive certification of adequacy in communication skills from the program conferring your bachelor's degree.
- Complete course work with a cumulative UIS grade-point average of at least 2.00.
- Fulfill all requirements in a major.
- Complete the graduation contract.
- Pay a graduation fee of \$20 (subject to change).

### CAMPUS RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT (minimum UIS hours)

To receive a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Springfield when you are transferring with upper-division credit, you must earn a minimum of 30 semester hours at UIS. Twelve of these hours must satisfy campus requirements in the areas of public affairs

colloquia, liberal studies colloquia, and applied study. You must also fulfill all specific requirements of your chosen degree program.

### CATALOG REQUIREMENTS

You may choose to meet the academic program requirements of the catalog in force at the time of your admission to the campus as a degree candidate or of any catalog in force during a period after your admission, not to exceed seven years for bachelor's candidates. If you are unable to complete graduation requirements within seven years, you may, at the discretion of your academic program, be held responsible for requirements of the catalog in force during your graduation year.

### UIS REQUIREMENT

UIS requires you to complete an upper-division general education requirement that supports the campus' long-standing commitment to liberal arts learning and public affairs. To meet this requirement, you must complete a minimum of 12 hours in the areas of 1) liberal studies colloquia, 2) public affairs colloquia, and/or 3) applied study – whether you enter UIS as a Capital Scholar or as a transfer student. Since one in-