



— designed to meet the needs of its widely diverse student population. The programs range from traditional disciplines such as history, psychology, and biology to more career-oriented offerings such as business administration and management information systems. Interdisciplinary programs such as environmental studies and communication are also offered.

The campus is ideally situated to fulfill its mission in public affairs. Located in the capital of Illinois, UIS allows students first-hand access to state government and public service through special courses, research projects, and an enviable selection of internships. These activities encourage students to develop an active understanding of how public policy meshes with the many and varied problems facing today's changing society. UIS' commitment to providing hands-on experiences extends to the private sector as well, with numerous agreements with business and industry to help prepare students for a global economy. UIS: preparing students for lives of meaningful work, and lives of meaning.

GOVERNANCE AND ACCREDITATION

The University of Illinois at Springfield is one of three campuses governed by the U of I Board of Trustees.

The other campuses are the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign and the University of Illinois at Chicago. The U of I campuses are among 12 public university campuses in the state, all coordinated by the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Internally, UIS is governed by the chancellor with advice from administrators and from the Campus Senate.

UIS is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Contact the Higher Learning Commission at 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504, phone (312) 263-0456 or (800) 621-7440. Fax (312) 263-7462. E-mail info@hlcommission.org, or visit the website at www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org.

CAMPUS POLICIES

Note: An overview of various campus policies, including the Campus Safety Policy, is available at www.uis.edu/humanresources/policy/policy.htm.

Affirmative Action UIS is committed to affirmative action through 1) the intensified recruitment and retention of students, faculty, and staff, 2) the elimination of any discriminatory policy/practice within the

institution, and 3) the promotion of diversity in the various departments, programs, and activities of UIS. You can direct questions or complaints about equal opportunity and affirmative action at UIS to the Office of Access and Equal Opportunity, PAC 583, (217) 206-6222.

Policy on Religious Observances The University of Illinois at Springfield will provide reasonable accommodation for your religious observances. Alternative dates for examinations or major assignments will be provided when you are unavailable as a result of religious observances. If you believe that you have been unreasonably denied an educational benefit due to your religious belief or practices, you may seek redress under the grievance process provided for in the UIS Student Code.

Sexual Harassment Policy The purpose of the University of Illinois at Springfield's sexual harassment policy is three-fold: to foster an environment free from sexual harassment, to encourage victims to come forward, and to provide for corrective action to be taken when necessary. You may obtain copies of the UIS sexual harassment policy from the Office of Access

and Equal Opportunity, PAC 583, (217) 206-6222 or go to www.uis.edu/aeo/.

Drug and Alcohol Policy The University of Illinois at Springfield has established standards of conduct that prohibit the use and distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on premises owned or controlled by UIS and during any activity conducted or sponsored by UIS. Sanctions for violating this policy range from a written reprimand to expulsion from UIS or termination of employment. The complete policy is available from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (SAB 23, 206-6581) or from the Office of the Assistant Vice President for Human Resources (HRB 30, [217] 206-7020).

Possession of Weapons UIS policy prohibits the unauthorized possession or storage of any weapon in or on buildings or land belonging to the University. Anyone wishing to keep a weapon on campus properly must first submit a written request to the chief of the campus police department and must receive written permission in return. For the complete text of the possession of weapons policy or for more information, contact the UIS police department at (217) 206-6690.

THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

THE CAMPUS

The University of Illinois at Springfield's spacious 746-acre campus is located on the southeast side of the capital city, near Lake Springfield. The campus is composed of several major buildings, a number of smaller structures, and housing accommodating approximately 700 students.

The Norris L Brookens Library was completed in December 1975. A major learning/resource center of exceptionally high quality designed to support the campus' academic programs, the library also houses classrooms and faculty office space.

The Public Affairs Center opened in October 1980. The building includes Sangamon Auditorium, which hosts more than 120 music, theater, and dance performances annually. The PAC also houses a studio theater, a cafeteria and restaurant, offices, television studio, classrooms, and conference rooms.

The Health and Sciences Building opened in 1992 and is the home of UIS' biological and physical sciences and its mathematics and computer science programs. The building includes instructional labs, classrooms, and offices, as well as the campus' art gallery.

A new classroom and office building is scheduled to open in fall 2004.

The remainder of the campus, made up of smaller attractive modern buildings in well-landscaped settings, reflects the open operating style and spirit of UIS.

The campus is easily reached from Interstate 55. If you are coming from the north, take Exit 94 (Stevenson Drive) and follow the directional signs on Stevenson Drive to West Lake Drive and south to the campus. If you are arriving on I-55 from the south, take Exit 90 East (Toronto Road).

Springfield derives much of its character from its location in Illinois' rural heartland. Located less than 100 miles from St. Louis and less than 200 miles from Chicago, however, the city also offers area residents convenient access to the cultural and commercial life of these large urban centers.

SPRINGFIELD AS CAMPUS

At UIS, the campus includes the community. Academic programs are structured to make maximum use of the capital city's resources, particularly state and federal agencies that provide internship, experiential, and research opportunities for study in areas such as human