

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-