



services, criminal justice, and environmental studies.

As a UIS student, you have access to the deliberations of the General Assembly and to committee hearings where the state's legislative policies are debated. Legislators and other elected officials, lobbyists, agency heads, and commissioners are a vital part of the Springfield scene and comprise an incomparable human resource. You can study politics in all forms in Springfield, from the day-to-day functioning of regulatory commissions, legislative committees, or local government bodies to special interest groups demonstrating on the Statehouse lawn.

Programs in the health field capitalize on downtown Illinois' largest medical center, including Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, three hospitals, and many physicians and nursing homes.

Community resources, such as Sangamon and Menard counties' rich collection of historic sites and museums, offer students in the humanities opportunities for study and research. Specialized libraries supplement these community-based learning opportunities. Available to students, these resources include the Illinois State Library, the Illinois State Archives, the Illinois State Historical Library, the Supreme Court Library, the SIU Medical School Library, and the Abraham Lincoln

Presidential Library and Museum. Springfield also hosts three additional institutions of higher education: Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield College in Illinois, and Robert Morris College.

DISTANCE LEARNING

Several alternatives are available for those transfer students who cannot attend classes at UIS' Springfield campus. These options include online degree programs and courses, off-campus classroom instruction, telecourses, and instruction via interactive compressed video.

University of Illinois Online Broad access to the Internet has created a new medium for distance education and new opportunities for placebound learners. University of Illinois Online, a University-wide umbrella organization, was established to provide coordination and support to the three U of I campuses as they expand and transform their off-campus educational and public service offerings to take advantage of this highly interactive medium. All courses, certificate programs, degree programs, and public service resources offered under the University of Illinois Online umbrella are grounded firmly in the academic pro-

grams of the three campuses, taught and managed by the same faculty, and subject to the same quality controls. For more information about U of I Online, visit www.online.uillinois.edu.

UIS Online UIS currently offers two online undergraduate degree completion programs: the bachelor of arts in liberal studies, and the bachelor of arts in English. The campus also offers two graduate degrees completely online: the master of science in management information systems and the master of arts in educational leadership with a concentration in master teaching and leadership. Along with these degree programs, UIS offers a minor in philosophy, a certificate in career specialist studies, and many individual online courses. Contact the Office of Technology-Enhanced Learning at (217) 206-7317 for details, or visit the website at <http://otel.uis.edu>. Information about UIS' online programs and courses and a course directory are available at <http://online.uis.edu>. Information about online degrees is also available in the individual program descriptions.

Illinois Virtual Campus To support its online instruction, UIS is also participating in the Illinois Vir-

tual Campus, an electronic catalog of online and distance learning courses available from 40 colleges and universities in Illinois. IVC Student Support Centers, located on the campuses of participating community colleges, provide general student advising, access to computers, library access, technical assistance, and test proctoring. You can access Illinois Virtual Campus at www.ivc.illinois.edu.

Peoria Center UIS has been serving the educational needs of transfer students in the Peoria area for more than 25 years from the campus of Illinois Central College. Students can take a variety of program and elective courses, including those leading to the bachelor's degree in accountancy, criminal justice, or management. Academic minors are also available in accountancy, criminal justice, and management information systems. For more information, contact the UIS Peoria Center at (309) 694-5546, or the individual departments.

In addition to the offerings at the Peoria Center, the master of business administration is offered by cohort in an accelerated weekend format on the campus of the U of I College of Medicine at Peoria. For more information, contact the director of MBA Programs at (217) 206-7916.

In Decatur and Jacksonville, UIS offers courses leading to the master's degree in educational leadership at Millikin University and Jacksonville High School. However, you cannot complete this degree without taking course work at UIS' main campus in Springfield. More information about UIS' Decatur or Jacksonville option is available from the Office of Admissions and Records at (217) 206-4847 or from the off-campus instruction and outreach office at (217) 206-7818.

Telecourses and interactive compressed video technology Telecourses are another important component of UIS' off-campus educational endeavors. UIS is a member institution of the CONVO-COM network of public television stations: WMEC-TV 22 Macomb, WQEC-TV 27 Quincy, and WSEC-TV 14/65 Jacksonville/Springfield. Each semester telecourses are aired during regular broadcast hours, affording you the opportunity to earn college credit at home. Copies of each telecourse series are available on videocassette in Brookens Library and at specified off-campus learning resource centers. For more information, contact the UIS off-campus instruction and outreach office at (217) 206-7818.

UIS also offers off-campus instruction using inter-

active compressed video technology to several sites in Illinois. Contact Educational Technology at (217) 206-6550 for more information.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT UIS

As outlined in the campus' mission statement, UIS emphasizes public affairs instruction, research, and service carried out through community partnerships. Many of the campus' public affairs activities are coordinated and administered through the College of Public Affairs and Administration.

Public Affairs Colloquia Students are encouraged to adopt a public affairs perspective through a unique series of courses called public affairs colloquia (PACs). For more information on PACs see p. 42 and p. 63.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies conducts research, training, and other public service activities designed to enhance governmental effectiveness and citizens' knowledge of public