

GENERAL INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

MISSION STATEMENT

The University of Illinois at Springfield has as its primary mission providing excellence in teaching. UIS strives to produce an educational environment where you can acquire 1) a solid foundation for lifelong learning, 2) a keen appreciation of intellectual and aesthetic achievements, 3) an enhanced capacity for critical thinking and oral as well as written communication, 4) a practical preparation for pursuing fulfilling careers, 5) a sound basis for informed and concerned citizenship, and 6) a productive commitment to improving your world.

UIS emphasizes public affairs instruction, research, and service carried out through community partnerships that contribute to social progress, governmental effectiveness, educational excellence, and economic development. UIS is committed to addressing the needs of both traditional and nontraditional learners and reflecting cultural diversity in both the curriculum and the campus community. UIS encourages innovative approaches appropriate to fulfilling these institutional aims.

VISION STATEMENT

A brief overview The UIS of the future will be a

place where teaching remains the central function and excellence in teaching continues as the overriding goal. It will be a place where faculty are teacher-scholars, with greater recognition of and support for scholarship than at present. Public affairs will continue as a unifying theme of teaching, scholarship, and service, but in the future UIS' commitment to public affairs will be understood as the campus' distinctive contribution to the land-grant mission of the University of Illinois.

The UIS of the future will continue to offer undergraduate curricula in both traditional liberal arts disciplines and in professional fields and will serve students from the first years of college through completion of the baccalaureate degree. Professional education at the master's level will continue to be a major feature of the campus' curricular commitments, with quality and distinction being the principal determinants of graduate program offerings. Doctoral work will be in the area of public affairs.

UIS will continue to pursue modest, controlled enrollment growth and to serve many types of students, but the mix of students will be different. The campus will draw more students from outside central Illinois

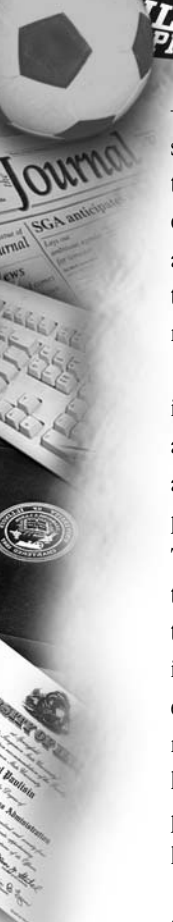
and will, concomitantly, serve a larger proportion of full-time undergraduate and graduate students. To best nurture students, the UIS of the future will be a place where the centrality of a lively extracurricular intellectual, social, and cultural life is recognized and supported as being critical to students' learning experiences.

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

The University of Illinois at Springfield is one of three campuses of the world-class University of Illinois. UIS is located on 746 picturesque acres on the southeast side of Springfield. The campus marked its 30th anniversary in 2000.

UIS is a comprehensive university, enrolling first year students through those seeking a doctoral degree. Student enrollment exceeds 4,500 and is comprised of traditional residential students and full- and part-time non-traditional students — those returning to school to finish a degree and working adults seeking advanced or second degrees or professional programs.

UIS offers a range of academic and professional programs — 20 bachelor's degree, 18 master's degree programs, and the doctorate in public administration



— 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