



experiences; and 3) demonstration of competency in the areas of general education plus 12 elective hours of general education. You can earn these 12 hours by either completing the required courses in general education or by achieving an appropriate score on the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests. You must also submit official transcripts from all colleges or universities where you attempted/earned credit. You will be expected to participate in undergraduate assessment activities. Contact a UIS admissions counselor for additional information.

SENIOR LEARNERS ADMISSION

The senior learners program is open to you if you have reached your 62nd birthday by the relevant registration day. There are two options.

For non-degree credit, you can audit courses of special interest as a senior learner and enjoy campus library privileges for \$10 per term, plus parking fees. In addition, senior learners are responsible for all course-related fees, including online course fees. This program does not offer academic credit and does not require graded tests or papers. To register, contact the Office of Admissions and Records.

For degree credit, there is a tuition waiver pro-

gram available for persons 65 or older with incomes of less than \$12,000 per year. This program allows you to earn undergraduate or graduate credit by paying only UIS fees; tuition is waived. You must meet regular class expectations to earn academic credit. This program must be arranged through the financial assistance office.

UNDERGRADUATE NON-DEGREE ADMISSION

The University of Illinois at Springfield encourages interested persons to enroll for individual courses. The non-degree category permits registration in individual courses without the regular admissions procedures and without a commitment to a particular degree program. A non-degree student may be someone who has not received a college degree but has noticed a course of particular interest, someone who wants to take a particular course for a career update, someone curious about an area which he/she did not have the opportunity to study in his/her earlier college work, or someone thinking about returning to school for a degree but who is not ready to make that commitment or is unsure as to what area of study to pursue.

Non-degree seeking students are not required to file all documents necessary for admission to a degree

program. A non-degree student will be asked for clarification of his/her educational intent before exceeding 16 semester hours as an undergraduate or 12 semester hours as a graduate. Non-degree students are subject to the same probation and suspension policies as degree-seeking students.

Students who later choose to become a candidate in a degree program will be required to meet all admission requirements. With the degree program's approval, up to 16 semester hours for undergraduates or 12 semester hours for graduates taken as a non-degree student may count toward the degree. **Please note:** Some programs do not allow hours taken as a non-degree student to be counted toward their degrees. In addition, non-degree students typically are not eligible for financial assistance.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION

The campus seeks to maintain a cosmopolitan atmosphere consistent with its focus on literacy, public affairs, problem solving, and lifelong learning. To that end, the University of Illinois at Springfield admits international transfer students whose academic preparation is equivalent to at least 45 semester hours of U.S. college-level credit and whose educational and

personal goals indicate they will be successful in completing the UIS curriculum.

For undergraduate admission as an international student, you must have completed the equivalent of 45 semester hours of college or university course work with an average of C or above. If your previous course work did not include general education requirements (See page 33), you may have to take them as part of the graduation requirements for your degree from UIS. If so, these courses may extend the credit hours required for your bachelor's degree. Your intended degree program may also have other requirements for admission of international students. Refer to the program section of this catalog for information.

If you are not a U.S. citizen, you must have a tuberculin skin test done at the Campus Health Service before registering and, if the test is positive, you must also have a chest x-ray. If you have been treated for tuberculosis disease or infection, you must provide medical records, which must be accompanied by a certified English translation. *There are no exemptions from this requirement.*

For maximum consideration, you should plan to have your application to UIS by the following dates: June 1 for the fall semester, November 1 for the spring semes-

ter, and April 1 for the summer session. For further information, contact the Office of Admissions and Records, University of Illinois at Springfield, One University Plaza, MS SAB 20, Springfield, IL 62703-5407, phone toll-free (888) 977-4847, or e-mail admissions@uis.edu.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Applicants whose native language is not English must submit official international TOEFL scores. A score of not less than 500 (paper based) or 173 (computer based) will fulfill the English proficiency requirement for undergraduate admission. If you have earned an associate's degree in the United States with a GPA of 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale, you are not required to submit international TOEFL scores. If you fail to meet this English language requirement, you may enroll at an ESL Language Center. Proficiency certification by ESL meets the English language requirement for admission.

If your native language is not English and you have not earned an associate of arts or associate of science degree in the U.S., you will be required to take an English proficiency test on campus the week before registration. This requirement applies to all students — U.S. citizens, resident aliens, and nonresident aliens

alike. Test results do not affect your admission to UIS but will be used to determine your need for an English as a Second Language class.

If you need to satisfy UIS' English composition requirement, you must take UNI 490 Writing/Speaking for International Students during your first term of attendance. This course will not count toward your UIS degree.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT

Illinois law, Public Act 85-1315, requires that everyone entering a four-year public or private institution of higher education provide proof of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, and tetanus. You are exempt from this requirement if you were born before 1957, are taking online classes *only*, or are registered *only* for classes outside Sangamon County. You may request an exemption based on religious grounds by providing documentation to that effect. Medical exemptions require documentation by a physician describing the contraindication and the date the exemption is expected to end.

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