

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

A student with a bachelor's degree should be able to comprehend written and spoken communications — from simple narrative to scholarly exposition, novels, and poetry — and should be able to use and apply abstractions, principles, ideas, or theories to concrete situations. Content as well as form is important to a baccalaureate education. The student should have broad familiarity with the social sciences, humanities, sciences, mathematics, and English. In addition, the University of Illinois at Springfield mandates a special understanding of public affairs in the broadest and most humanistic sense.

The student receiving a bachelor's degree will —

1. Be able to recognize significant terminology, facts, theories, issues, findings, abstractions, universals, principles, and generalizations within a discipline; as well as have a familiarity with ways of organizing, studying, judging, and criticizing relevant knowledge in a chosen field, including methods of inquiry, patterns of organization, and standards of judgment.

2. Be able to use the relevant knowledge within a discipline through reading, interpreting, and evaluating the appropriate literature; analyzing data; under-

standing implications; and formulating and defending conclusions.

3. Demonstrate a mastery of appropriate skills within a chosen discipline and an ability to apply such knowledge and skills, and demonstrate an ability to apply abstractions in concrete situations.

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

Undergraduate admission to the University of Illinois at Springfield includes a limited number of highly qualified first-year students (the Capital Scholars Program) and to transfer students who have earned 45 or more transferable semester hours at community colleges or other regionally accredited institutions of higher learning. In addition, the campus offers alternative admissions, a senior learners program, and special admission for students not seeking a degree. You will find each of these admission options discussed in detail below, along with other important admission requirements. Write to the Office of Admissions and Records, University of Illinois at Springfield, One University Plaza, MS SAB 20, Springfield, IL 62703-5407, to request an application form, or submit one online from the website at www.uis.edu. The toll free number is (888) 977-4847.

Please note: Admission to UIS does not constitute entry into a particular degree program. Some programs have special entrance requirements; others have limited enrollments. You should check program descriptions in this catalog to learn of special requirements, prerequisite course work, and/or enrollment limits.

CAPITAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Capital Scholars Program provides academically well-prepared high school graduates a unique opportunity to develop creative thinking, problem solving, and leadership skills through a high-quality education based in the liberal arts. The integrated core curriculum features interdisciplinary and collaborative learning and is designed to develop your talents through small classes that provide lively exchange between students and teachers. You will learn actively, applying your skills to real community concerns. The Capital Scholars Program works in combination with any of UIS' majors to create an exceptional four-year baccalaureate experience. The academic experience is enhanced through the living-learning experience in Lincoln Residence Hall, where all first- and second-year Capital Scholars live. In living together, students