

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-



ment of this requirement is to ensure that you receive a broad, well-rounded education, a distribution requirement states that you must take at least four hours of course work in at least two of these three areas.

Academic programs may determine which of the three areas are appropriate for their students. If your academic program does not specify, you should work with your adviser to decide how to distribute your required 12 hours. This should be done before completing 30 hours of upper-division work. Program requirements, equivalent course work, and equivalent learning from prior experience will be used in reaching this agreement. Liberal studies colloquia, public affairs colloquia, and applied study terms are discussed below.

Liberal Studies Colloquia (LSC) The liberal studies colloquia are multidisciplinary courses that engage important issues using points of view and value systems that extend beyond the usual cultural and disciplinary boundaries and contexts. Whenever possible, you will study and discuss primary works that have significance beyond a single discipline. As part of the course content, each LSC emphasizes the enhancement of writing skills. Each semester several colloquia are offered. None have

prerequisites. While the choice of an LSC is yours, you are encouraged to select LSCs with focuses outside your major program. Descriptions are published each semester in the course schedule.

Public Affairs Colloquia (PAC) Public affairs colloquia are designed to increase your awareness of contemporary public issues and to provide you with a wider understanding through a multidisciplinary approach to these issues. Each semester several different colloquia are offered. There are no prerequisites for any PAC. Like the LSC, the choice of a PAC is your prerogative; however, you are encouraged to select PACs with focuses outside your major program. Descriptions are published each semester in the course schedule.

Applied Study and Experiential Learning Term (AST) The applied study and experiential learning term (AST) stresses practical experience, professional development, and self-directed learning. The AST fulfills this role by providing an academically sponsored learning experience (internship) that gives you an opportunity to learn from the community. Many internships are paid; others are voluntary. You must be a degree-seeking UIS student to participate.

The campus and AST faculty recognize the diversity of backgrounds and academic and career needs of students. To support these needs, internships are available at local businesses, nonprofit organizations, health service organizations, state agencies and legislative offices, and educational institutions. Some programs (e.g., social work and clinical laboratory science) have their own experiential component integrated into the program's curriculum. Under special circumstances, you can design an AST at your place of employment. The variety of AST curricular options are described more fully in the AST section of this catalog.

If you plan to participate in the applied study term, you should consult with your academic adviser and the AST faculty after completing at least three core courses in your current declared major at UIS. Some programs have their own, additional prerequisites for AST. Check with your academic adviser. The AST faculty will assist you in securing an AST placement. Consultations should be scheduled the semester before the AST.

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING (CPL)

Credit for prior learning enables you (if you are qualified) to receive academic credit for college-level learn-