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UIS joins organization of liberal arts colleges

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The University of Illinois at Springfield has been invited to join the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges.

COPLAC consists of liberal arts colleges that tend to have smaller student populations, class sizes and faculty-to-student ratios.

UIS, the only COPLAC college in Illinois, has been working on the accreditation for three years, said spokeswoman Cheryl Peck. The goal is part of UIS efforts to set itself apart from other public colleges by promoting its small size and liberal-arts emphasis.

"This is a milestone for UIS and yet another indication of our growing national stature," Chancellor Richard Ringeisen wrote in an e-mail distributed Monday. "We have now taken our place alongside institutions that are recognized for being leading small public liberal arts universities."

There are 26 COPLAC colleges, including Truman State University in Missouri, the University of Wisconsin at Superior, New College of Florida and the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

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