



## General Transfer Information

### Admissions

The University of Illinois offers more than 150 degree programs in ten undergraduate divisions. Applicants must apply to one specific program. Each applicant must submit transcripts from *all* colleges attended for the application to be complete. A high school transcript or GED certificate will be required as part of the admissions process to verify high school graduation or GED completion. Students frequently meet the foreign language requirement for admission through high school coursework. We review high school performance if the applicant has fewer than 30 graded transferable hours at the time of application. Application fee is \$40 for domestic applicants and \$50 for international applicants.

Admissions decisions are based on several criteria:

- Course prerequisites for specific program
- Transferable cumulative grade point average (GPA) and sometimes technical GPA
- Number of transferable credit hours required for specific program
- Additional information supplied in the student's application essays

Students may be able to petition under special circumstances - check with an Illinois admission counselor. The transferable GPA is based on all transferable courses attempted; if a course is retaken and both grades appear on the transcript, the grades are averaged.

Students who previously attended Illinois must talk to the specific college that they wish to enter to determine that college's re-entry policy.

### Graduation Requirement

All students, including transfer students, are required to complete for graduation at least 60 semester hours of credit at the University of Illinois of which 21 hours must be 300/400 level.

### Foreign Language Graduation Requirements

As part of the campus-wide foreign language graduation requirement, all students will have to complete the third level of one foreign language (*American Sign Language can be used to meet this requirement*). Students can finish through the third high school year or the third college semester to meet the language requirement. The Colleges of Liberal Arts & Sciences and Business require the completion of the fourth level for graduation.

Transfer students can meet the foreign language transfer requirement through high school coursework or college work. Transfer students are encouraged to go beyond the transfer admission requirement and complete the graduation requirement for foreign language prior to transfer.

Transfer students who have taken foreign language in high school but did not take any in college and will be taking foreign language at Illinois will need to take a placement exam. Information concerning the exam will be sent to the student after admission.

Students who have not completed foreign language coursework in high school and/or college but who believe they are fluent in a language other than English may be able to petition using the optional application essay to explain this deficiency. Proficiency exams in the languages Illinois teaches are available after matriculation.

### Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI)

If a student began college in summer 1998 or later, all IAI-approved courses will be transferable whether or not the entire IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) is completed.

If a student transfers to Illinois prior to completion of the GECC, course-to-requirement credit (and often course-to-course credit) for Illinois' lower-division campus general education requirements will be given. Each undergraduate college is responsible for evaluating credit for degree completion. Students should know that Illinois has some additional General Education requirements (see: <http://illinois.edu/goto/gened>) beyond those required by IAI. Many majors have prerequisite course patterns that must be met to be eligible for admission.

## Illinois Basic Skills Test

Every student interested in applying to a teacher certification program is required to pass the Illinois Certification Testing System Basic Skills test before admission can be granted. Suggested test date is one year before transfer.

## Housing

About one-fourth of all transfer students choose to live in the University Residence Halls during their first year at Illinois. Students are matched, when possible, with roommates who are juniors and seniors in the same major or college. Illinois created the Transfer Student Cluster to ease the transition of incoming upper-division students. Conveniently located near the Quad and library, the cluster gives transfers a unique opportunity to get acquainted with the campus and community. Information about the University Residence Halls and other types of certified housing is included with the Notice of Admission packet.

To learn more about University Residence Halls, visit [www.housing.illinois.edu](http://www.housing.illinois.edu), or contact Housing Information Office at 217.333.7111 or [housing@illinois.edu](mailto:housing@illinois.edu).

Private Certified Housing offers an array of comfortable and attractive living accommodations in a wide range of prices and sizes. These 16 facilities are part of the University's housing program and are certified by the University of Illinois for all students. For more information, visit [www.certified.housing.illinois.edu](http://www.certified.housing.illinois.edu).

For transfer students planning to live in an apartment, the Tenant Union is available to answer questions about landlord complaint histories, housing types, locations and options. They can also help with the review of lease contracts. All services of this fee-supported program are free. The Tenant Union can be reached at 217.333.0112 or at [www.tenantunion.illinois.edu](http://www.tenantunion.illinois.edu).

## Financial Aid

For need-based financial aid, students should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Students who have missed the University preferential deadline (March 15) can still apply and be considered for state and federal student financial aid programs that have later deadlines. See: [www.osfa.illinois.edu](http://www.osfa.illinois.edu).

# Important Dates and Deadlines

Students are encouraged to apply online at [www.apply.illinois.edu](http://www.apply.illinois.edu).

### Spring 2009 Semester

**Application dates: Sept. 1 – Oct. 15**

**Notification date: December**

- After that date, applications are taken on a space-available basis only.
- All collegiate and high school transcripts must be postmarked by October 15, 2009.
- *Note that the application close date is earlier than past years.*

### Fall 2010 Semester

**Application dates: Sept. 1 - March 1**

**Notification date: mid-to late April**

- After that date, applications are taken on a space-available basis only.
- All collegiate and high school transcripts must be postmarked by March 1, 2009
- *Students applying in fall may not receive decisions until spring.*
- *The March 1 deadline is not as likely to be extended.*

## Visiting Illinois

A Transfer Visit Day is tentatively planned for **Saturday September 19, 2009**.

Students can always contact the Admissions Office at 217.333.0302 to schedule an individual appointment with a counselor to get specific questions answered. It is recommended that the student bring an unofficial transcript to help the counselor advise the student.

## Online Information

Admissions home: [www.admissions.illinois.edu](http://www.admissions.illinois.edu)

Transfer information: [www.admissions.illinois.edu/future/apply/requirements\\_transfer.html](http://www.admissions.illinois.edu/future/apply/requirements_transfer.html)

# College Updates

University of Illinois considers transfer applications for sophomore and junior transfer.

Applicants who will have earned 60 or more transferable hours prior to enrollment will be considered for junior status. All programs are available for junior transfer except bioengineering and the 'general' programs in Art, Business, Education, General Studies, Media, and Theatre.

Sophomore-level transfers (less than 60 transferable hours prior to enrollment) will need to submit their high school credentials to help determine admissibility. All programs except Bioengineering and Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering consider students at the sophomore level. Students applying with fewer than 50 transferable hours to Business, Education (except Special Education), or General Studies need to select the 'general' program.

Students can only apply to one program; however, they will automatically be considered for other related majors if they are not selected for admission to their first choice.

## College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

- Completion through the third level of one foreign language in high school or through the second level in college will be required for admission.
- For most programs the minimum grade point average is 2.5 (4.0 = A). Exceptions: Agricultural and Consumer Economics: 3.0 (averages for some concentrations are 3.5-3.7; GPA in major-related courses is considered); Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Dietetics, and Human Nutrition: 3.0; Agricultural Education: 2.75.

## College of Applied Health Sciences

- Completion through the third level of one foreign language in high school or through the second level in college is required for admission.
- Applicants must have 30 semester hours of transferable credit by the term of entry.
- A 3.0 (4.0 = A) grade point average is required for applicants who have fewer than 60 hours of transferable credit. A 2.8 grade point average is required if the applicant has 60 or more hours of transferable credit.
- Health—a new interdisciplinary pre-professional program for a range of biomedical careers including medicine, dentistry, physical or occupational therapy, and public health—was recently approved. Three concentrations are Health & Aging; Health Behavior Change; Health Diversity.

## Institute of Aviation

- Aviation is not currently open for transfer.

## College of Business

- Completion through the third level of one foreign language in high school or through the second level in college is required for admission.
- Last year's admitted applicants' GPA range was 3.13-4.00 (A = 4.0); the average GPA was 3.8.
- Students interested in accounting are *encouraged* to (1) complete the equivalency of Economics Statistics I (Economics 202) before transferring, and (2) to apply for summer to continue fall so as to finish Economics Statistics II (Economics 203) before starting in the fall. This will enable them to immediately begin the 300-level accountancy sequence.
- Calculus I and II are the *preferred* math Business pre-requisites; however, acceptable alternatives are business calculus and finite mathematics. *Students considering Economics (LAS) as an alternative must complete Calculus I and II.*
- Leadership and activities outside of the classroom are considered when making admissions decisions.

## College of Education

- Completion through the third level of foreign language in high school or through the second level in college is required for admission. However, completion of the language graduation requirements is *strongly encouraged* prior to transferring. The completion of the third level of one foreign language is required for graduation.
- Elementary and early childhood education require a math grade from transfer applicants.
- Special education encourages sophomore applicants due to the sequencing of the required courses needed for graduation. The student's high school academics will also be evaluated in these cases.
- Applicants must document 50 hours of experience working with children, preferably in the age group they wish to teach.

## College of Engineering

- Students need to complete through the second level of the same foreign language in high school or college for admission. It is highly recommended that students complete the *graduation* requirement of the third level in high school or college prior to transferring to free up space in their schedule for other courses.
- Engineering expects to admit at a minimum cumulative and technical grade point averages of 3.0 (4.0 = A) for most majors. Mechanical and Aerospace are more competitive as a result of capacity issues. Students applying to those majors are encouraged to provide an alternative choice; other majors do have capacity.
- The technical grade point average is derived from the grades earned in the math, physics, and chemistry courses.

## College of Fine and Applied Arts

- Completion through the third level of one foreign language in high school or through the second level in college is required for admission to all curricula.
- All programs require a Quantitative I Reasoning course and completion of English composition for transfer.
- Urban & Regional Planning requires a minimum grade point average of 2.75 (A = 4.0), but most transfer students that are admitted have a grade point average over 3.0.
- Landscape Architecture is a very good opportunity with both admission capacity and high employer demand.
- Art and Music Education students will be required to pass the Illinois Basic Skills Test prior to admission.

## Division of General Studies

- Completion through the second level of one foreign language in high school or through the second level in college is required for admission. English composition is also an admission requirement.
- The Division of General Studies (formerly LAS General Curriculum) is the advising hub for University of Illinois students who wish to explore their options before declaring a major.
- Transfer students can ultimately move into majors in every college at Illinois once they have met the required transfer criteria with the exception of majors in the College of Business and the Bioengineering major.
- DGS only accepts transfer students who have completed no more than 50 transferable hours (not including test-based credit hours such as Advanced Placement exams or International Baccalaureate exams) by time of entry.

## College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Completion through the third level of one foreign language in high school or through the second level in college is required for admission.
- Students interested in secondary education should apply to the LAS in the area of study that they wish to teach.
- Psychology requires a GPA of 3.0 (4.0 = A); admission is competitive. Applicants are encouraged to indicate an alternative major. Those interested in counseling might wish to consider Human Development & Family Studies (ACES).
- Chemical Engineering, Math & Computer Science, and Statistics & Computer Sciences require a GPA of 3.2.

## College of Media (formerly College of Communications)

- Completion through the third level of one foreign language in high school or through the second level in college is required for admission.
- Freshman composition and an introductory statistics course are required for admission. Additional requirements include two semesters of economics, introduction to political science, introduction to sociology, and two semesters of history beginning with Fall 2010 applicants.
- The minimum GPA required for admission is a 3.25.
- Cinema Studies is moving from Liberal Arts and Sciences to Media and will be part of the Media Studies major.
- The essays will carry significant weight in the admissions decision.

\*For complete listings of programs and prerequisites, please refer to our Transfer Handbook:  
([www.TransferHandbook.illinois.edu](http://www.TransferHandbook.illinois.edu))



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