

TRANSFER POINTERS . . . plan your transfer to



Major Selection: Transfer applicants may select a second choice major on the admission application. Be certain to also meet the second-choice major's transfer requirements and essay (refer to UIUC's [Transfer Handbook](#)). Selecting a second choice does not disadvantage a student for consideration to their first choice. If not selected for admission to their first choice, the applicant will be considered for their second choice. UIUC strongly encourages applicants applying to competitive majors to list a second choice so consideration of the second choice will not be delayed. Some majors are not available as a second choice.

UIUC offers comprehensive [transfer resources](#) to help you apply, including the [Transfer Handbook](#) to verify you've met the admission, GPA and course prerequisites for both of your major choices. You're also encouraged to work with a BHC advisor and UIUC transfer counselor for help preparing your application materials.

Transfer Open and Closed Programs. [Verify](#) that your intended major(s) are accepting applications for the term you wish to transfer.

Transfer Guarantee program available for the University of Illinois System (University of Illinois campuses in Chicago, Springfield, and Urbana Champaign)
[University of Illinois System - Transfer Guarantee](#) is to the university (not to a specific academic college or major).

Division of Exploratory Studies: Students still exploring academic options before declaring a major might qualify for admission through the [Division of Exploratory Studies](#). Complete no more than 4 full-time semesters and no more than 50 transferable hours prior to enrolling at UIUC. Preference is given to students with 30 hours or less. Completion of ENG 101 and ENG 102 is required.

Admission

Visit the [UIUC Transfer Admissions](#) website for admission criteria and application process.

Criteria (if not qualified for admission under the Transfer Guarantee):

- Course prerequisites for a specific program
- Number of transferable credit hours required for a specific major
- Transferable cumulative GPA (based on all transferable courses attempted; if a course is retaken, all grades that appear on the transcript will be factored into the student's GPA)

- Involvement and work experience
- Additional information supplied in the application essay

Poor Past Performance: It's recommended that students who started college without focus or maturity and do poorly, leave, and then return with substantially better performance, point that out on their admission application. Such students are very often admitted even if their cumulative GPA may be weak and not representative of their current performance.

Acceptance of AA and/or AS degree and comments on General Education

Students can meet a substantial level of lower division general education requirements by completing the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) within the AA degree. Completing the GECC within the AS degree requires two additional courses (see a BHC advisor for course options).

However; because of UIUC's native general education requirements, all courses are articulated individually by the department for which the student is admitted. Completing the IAI GECC is recommended for students exploring educational options, but **students with a specific UIUC major in mind are better served following major-specific program requirements, working with academic advisors, and consulting the UIUC Transfer Handbook. Students should consult their advisors about selecting the general education courses which best fit their programs of study.** For course and credit requirements by UIUC major, see <https://catalog.illinois.edu/degree-programs/>

With advisors, determine how much general education should be completed before transfer.

Courses are noted as fulfilling one or more of the following UIUC categories:

- [Composition I](#) (consists of parts I and II).
 - Take RHET 105 at UIUC, or
 - ENG 101 & ENG 102 at Black Hawk, or
 - by [Placement or Proficiency Testing](#)
ATTENTION Transfer Students: If you have earned partial college-level composition credit in an academic writing course but not enough credit to fulfill the General Education 'Composition I' requirement, and if you are not required to take the English Placement Test (EPT), you have the option of enrolling in RHET 233. Successfully completing RHET 233 satisfies both your 'Composition I' requirement and your 'Advanced Composition' requirement. Please discuss course enrollment options with your academic advisor.
[certain majors may still require a specific course to satisfy Advanced Composition. Seek UIUC advisement]
- Advanced Composition (generally a course built into a student's program of study as required coursework)
- Humanities and the Arts: Literature & the Arts or Historical & Philosophical Perspectives
- Natural Sciences and Technology: Life Science or Physical Science
- Quantitative Reasoning, including Quantitative Reasoning II or an additional Quantitative Reasoning I course
- Social and Behavioral Sciences

- Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures, Non-Western Cultures, and US Minority Cultures
- LOTE – Language Other Than English

For a list of current UIUC courses approved for General Education credit by UIUC category, see the [Course Explorer](#).

Use [Transferology](#) to see how BHC courses align with various UIUC General Education categories. View the Transferology how-to video [here](#).

General Education Abbreviations

ACP - Advanced Composition

HUM - Humanities and the Arts

HP - Historical and Philosophical Perspectives

LA - Literature and the Arts

SBS - Social and Behavioral Sciences

BSC - Behavioral Sciences

SS - Social Sciences

NAT - Natural Sciences and Technology

LS - Life Sciences

PS - Physical Sciences

CS - Cultural Studies

NW - Non-Western Culture(s)

US - US Minority Cultures

WCC - Western/Comparative Culture(s)

QR - Quantitative Reasoning

QR1 - Quantitative Reasoning I

QR2 - Quantitative Reasoning II

Acceptance of Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses

In general, CTE courses do not transfer well to UIUC. Use Transferology for course transferability to the university. The university will evaluate courses individually for possible applicability to the student’s major.

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI)

UIUC is a full IAI participant. Prior to transfer, students who have completed the IAI GECC by itself or within the AA or AS degree should request that their BHC transcript indicate IAI GECC compliance. The IAI GECC may be completed after transfer if 30 or more hours of transfer credit have been earned.

Credits and Residency

Minimum Credit Hours to Apply as a Transfer Student	A minimum number of credit hours are not required for a majority of majors. There may be a minimum number of credit hours required for
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	some majors. A high school transcript or proof of high school completion is also required as part of the admissions process.
Maximum transfer credits accepted from community colleges	Applicants with over 80 hours may be subject to review for admission.
Maximum transfer credits accepted from all schools attended	Applicants with over 80 hours may be subject to review for admission.
Residency	All students must meet the academic residency requirement of 45 credits. No matter how many credits you have at time of transfer, you still need to take at least 45 credit hours at UIUC.
Minimum upper division credits (300- and 400-level courses) required to graduate	21
Minimum upper division credits required to be taken with the transfer school	21
Taking BHC courses after transfer	Contact UIUC

Grades

“D” grades are accepted if the course is accepted by the University as transferable credit. Some departments may require specific coursework with grades of “C” or above, as well as minimum GPA’s (both cumulative and technical). Students should check the requirements for their major in the UIUC Transfer Handbook.

- ❖ The transferable cumulative GPA is based on all transferable courses attempted; if a course is retaken, all grades that appear on the transcript will be factored into the student’s GPA.

Second Language (Language Other Than English – LOTE)

Many colleges don’t require language for admission, but UIUC strongly encourages students to complete the graduation requirement prior to transferring. See the requirements chart below.

At BHC, levels one and two are Elementary I and II, levels three and four are Intermediate I and II. Students who can read, write, and speak another language fluently can take a proficiency test once enrolled at UIUC. Four years of a LOTE will be awarded to a student if they have completed at least one full academic year of study (including middle school) in a non-English speaking institution.

- Most majors in the College of LAS require completion of the fourth level of one LOTE, or completion of the third level in two LOTEs to satisfy graduation requirements.
- All other colleges require completion of a 3rd level of one LOTE to graduate.
- A level is defined of one year of instruction in high school or one semester of instruction in college.

See chart on next page

College	Admission	Graduation
College of Agricultural, Consumer, & Environmental Sciences	–	Level 3
College of Applied Health Sciences	–	Level 3
College of Education	Level 2	Level 3
College of Fine & Applied Arts	Level 2	Level 3
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences	–	Level 4
College of Media	Level 2	Level 3
Gies College of Business	Level 3 if completed in high school, Level 2 if completed in college	Level 3
Grainger College of Engineering	–	Level 3
School of Information Sciences	–	Level 3
School of Social Work	–	Level 3

Additional Pointers

AP Credit, IB Credit and CLEP Exams: UIUC accepts scores of 3 or higher on every Advanced Placement (AP) exam for students enrolling at UIUC; scores of 1 or 2 in Calculus AB & BC exams may be used for course placement, <https://admissions.illinois.edu/Apply/Freshman/college-credit-AP>. UIUC also awards credit for score of 4 or higher on any International Baccalaureate (IB) exam (Higher or Standard Level) for students enrolling at UIUC, <https://admissions.illinois.edu/Apply/Freshman/college-credit-IB>. UIUC does not award credit for any College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams.

BHC prepares Transfer Pointers as a service to students. The information is subject to change by the transfer school. Students should work with their BHC advisor and the transfer school to stay informed. Students are responsible for confirming transfer school requirements and policies.

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