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Fall 2011 Transfer Updates
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS



Admission

The University of Illinois offers more than 150 majors within 11 academic communities. Applicants apply to one specific program and 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. We review high school performance and ACT or SAT scores if the applicant has fewer than 30 graded transferable hours at the time of review. The application fee is \$50 for domestic applicants and \$60 for international applicants.

Admissions decisions are based on several factors:

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

Transfer applicants will be able to select a second choice major on the application for admission. If not selected for admission to their first choice, the applicant will be considered for their second choice.

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 should not submit a transfer application but should talk to the specific college that they wish to enter to determine that college's re-entry policy.

Graduation Requirement

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

Language Admission Requirement

Completion through the second level in high school or through the first level in college of one language other than English is required for admission to the College of ACES.

Completion through the second level in high school or through the second level in college of one language other than English is required for admission to the Colleges of Education, Engineering, Fine & Applied Arts, Media, and the Division of General Studies.

Completion through the third level in high school or through the second level in college of one language other than English is required for admission to all other colleges.

Language Graduation Requirement

As part of the campus-wide language graduation requirement, all students will have to complete the third level of one language other than English (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.

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 are available in the languages Illinois teaches.

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 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 Test of Basic Skills

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. The suggested test date is one year before transfer.

Housing

University Housing offers traditional residence halls, including a transfer block for students who want to be on a floor with other transfer students and have a Resident Advisor (RA) who is a transfer student. When possible, students are matched with roommates who are juniors and seniors in the same major or college. Students can also look into Graduate Housing, which is open to undergraduates at least 20 years old, and Ashton Woods apartments, which are open to undergraduates with 30 or more credit hours. For more information, visit www.housing.illinois.edu.

Private Certified Housing is also available. These residence halls are owned and operated by private entities and meet University standards for providing student services that fully support residents. One of the halls, Illini Tower, offers a transfer floor. For more information, visit www.certified.housing.illinois.edu.

Many transfer students decide to live in apartments off campus. The Tenant Union (www.tenantunion.illinois.edu) is a valuable resource for reviewing lease contracts and answering questions about landlord complaint histories, housing types, locations, and other options.

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.



Application Dates and Deadlines

Students are encouraged to apply online at www.apply.illinois.edu.

Spring 2011:

September 1 – October 15, 2010
(post mark date)
Notification: By December

Fall 2011:

September 1, 2010 – March 1, 2011
(post mark date)

Notification: By mid to late April

**Please note that although fall transfer students are welcome to apply one year in advance, we encourage them to wait until one semester prior to transferring to apply.*

Visiting Illinois

Students are welcome to contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office at 217.333.0302 to schedule an individual appointment with a counselor to answer specific questions. It is recommended that the student bring an unofficial transcript to help the counselor advise the student.

Transfer Visit Day is held on Sept. 25 (for students) and Transfer Articulation Day on Sept. 24 (for counselors). Transfer Information Sessions are also offered the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. You can schedule one online at www.visit.illinois.edu.

Important Websites

Undergraduate Admissions:

www.admissions.illinois.edu

Transfer information:

www.admissions.illinois.edu/apply/requirements_transfer.html

Transfer Handbook:

www.transferhandbook.illinois.edu

Open/Closed List:

www.admissions.illinois.edu/apply/openclosed_transfer.html

Transfer Requirement Directory:

www.admissions.illinois.edu/apply/transfer/Default.aspx

College Updates

Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES)

- » The average GPA for students admitted to ACE programs for 2009-2010 was 3.5 and varied by concentration. Grades in major-related courses are considered.
- » Agricultural Education is now open to spring transfer applications.
- » Chemistry is no longer required for Agricultural Leadership Education or Agricultural Education concentrations.

Applied Health Sciences (AHS)

- » 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 is an interdisciplinary pre-professional program for a range of biomedical careers, including medicine, dentistry, physical or occupational therapy, and public health. Three concentrations are health and aging; health behavior change; and health diversity.

Business (BUS)

- » Last year's admitted applicants' GPA range was 3.13-4.00 (A = 4.0); the average GPA was 3.8.
- » Calculus for Business and Linear Algebra (or Finite Math) is the preferred math sequence. Calculus I and II are also acceptable. Students considering Economics (LAS) as an alternative must complete Calculus I and II.
- » If an equivalent of CS 105 is not offered, students may substitute for equivalent of Illinois' ACE 161.
- » Leadership and activities outside of the classroom are considered when making admissions decisions.

Education (EDU)

- » 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.
- » Sophomore transfers with the goal of Elementary or Early Childhood Education will apply to the Pre-Teacher Curriculum within the College of Education.

Engineering (ENG)

- » Engineering expects to admit, at a minimum, cumulative and technical grade point averages of 3.0 (4.0 = A) for most majors. Aerospace, Civil, and Mechanical are more competitive as a result of capacity issues. Students applying to those majors are encouraged to provide an alternative choice.
- » Technical grade point average is derived from grades earned in math, physics, and chemistry courses.

Fine and Applied Arts (FAA)

- » Art and Music Education students will be required to pass the Illinois Basic Skills Test prior to admission.

Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS)

- » A computer science course is now required for Math and Actuarial Science majors.
- » Physics requires Calc I, II and a course equivalent to Illinois' Physics 211 for sophomore level admission.

Media (COM)

- » 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.
- » Cinema Studies has moved to the College of Media and will be a part of the Media and Cinema Studies major.
- » The essay will carry significant weight in the admissions decision.

Division of General Studies (DGS)

- » The Division of General Studies is the advising hub for Illinois students who wish to explore their options before declaring a major.
- » Transfer students can 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.

School of Social Work (SSW)

- » It is only open to junior level transfers.
- » The GPA required for admission is 2.5.
- » Applicants must complete 50 hours of volunteer or paid work experience in a social service agency within the past two years and submit the School of Social Work BSW Personal Statement.
- » An introductory statistics course, completion of the Composition I requirement, and an introductory communications course are now required for admission.