

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS Division of General Studies

TRANSFER INFORMATION

The Division of General Studies serves undergraduate students who are in the process of determining an academic path, are considering multiple majors or have a strong professional interest (such as pre-health or pre-law) without a specific undergraduate major in mind. We assist students through a combination of individual advising, mentoring and programmatic resources. **Applicants who are no longer exploring major options will be best served by applying directly to a major of interest rather than applying to DGS.**

Students who transfer to the University can ultimately transition into nearly all of the Illinois majors, but must meet required criteria in order to do so. Requirements and procedures for declaring Illinois majors are detailed at: <http://provost.illinois.edu/programs/advising/ICTTOC.html>.

- In regard to transfer admissions, the Division of General Studies is intended for students who have not yet completed the equivalent of three full-time semesters of college study. For this reason, students who have completed two semesters or fewer of college study will be given preference. Illinois students are expected to transition to a declared major by the start of their fifth semester. Transcripts will be reviewed to determine the number of semesters each transfer student will be permitted to remain in DGS. **We base our admission decisions in part on whether your academic goals and the criteria required to declare your intended major(s) can be achieved realistically or in a timely manner. Admission priority will be given to transfer applicants who have completed fewer than 35 transferable hours and two semesters or fewer of college study, by the term of entry to DGS. Students must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.00 (A=4.00) in all completed transferable coursework at the college level. Meeting the minimum GPA requirement does not guarantee admission.**

Please note that the following majors are closed or impact progress toward graduation for transfer students:

- Transfer students to DGS **may not declare a Grainger College of Engineering** major.
If you have an interest in an Engineering major, you must apply directly to the Grainger College of Engineering.
- Transfer students to DGS **may not declare a Gies College of Business** major.
If you have an interest in a Business major, you must apply directly to the Gies College of Business.
- Transfer students to DGS who plan to pursue **Art + Design, Music, Special Education or Theatre** should anticipate that additional semesters may be required for degree completion.
Some courses specific to these majors are heavily restricted to students already in the major. Interested students should consider applying directly to these majors rather than DGS.

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DGS transfer student admission decisions are based on a thorough review of your submitted application information. Meeting all or most of the following criteria makes your application much stronger:

- For transfer applicants who **have not completed 30 hours** at the time of application, the earned grade point average must also be at least **3.00 (A=4.00)** in all completed transferable coursework at the college level. Additionally, a final high school transcript and ACT/SAT scores are required for review. Meeting the minimum GPA requirement **does not guarantee admission.**
- Have completed the equivalent of no more than three full-time semesters (not including summer semesters) prior to enrolling at the University of Illinois.
- For students who have completed part-time semesters, you must have earned **no more than 50** transferable hours prior to enrolling at the University of Illinois. Please note that our assessment of completed hours does not include test-based credit hours such as Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams.
- Your application essay helps us understand if and how you would benefit from our explorative mission. Your essay may include subjects or fields that interest you, academic programs you are considering, career or pre-professional goals or relevant experiences that have influenced your academic and career interests. **We base our admission decisions in part on whether your academic goals can be achieved realistically or in a timely manner by enrolling in DGS.**
- ***Language Other Than English:*** There is no longer a language requirement for transfer admission. Completion through the third or fourth level of one language other than English, either in high school or college, is required to be **graduated** from the different colleges and School of Social Work on this campus. It is strongly recommended that transfer applicants complete this graduation requirement for the college of choice prior to the term of enrollment at the University of Illinois. Early completion of this graduation requirement will allow time to complete other degree requirements, e.g., General Education coursework. If the Language Requirement for graduation is not completed prior to enrollment, the length of time to graduation may increase.

Completion of equivalent transfer coursework to the following University of Illinois course and degree requirement listed in ***bold, red italics*** is **highly recommended** prior to transfer:

- ***RHET 105, Writing and Research***¹
- ***Language Other Than English***
- ***Additionally, completion of courses required for majors and/or minors of interest is very important.***
 - Requirements to declare majors at Illinois are listed at: <http://provost.illinois.edu/programs/advising/ICTTOC.html>
 - Requirements to complete Illinois majors and minors are listed at: <http://admissions.illinois.edu/discover/academics/majors>

Transfer course articulation information is available at the following website:
<https://www.transferology.com>.

¹ At most institutions, the equivalent usually requires a two-course English composition sequence.

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Incoming transfer students who earned at least a 3.8 grade point average (A=4.00) at their previous institution will receive an invitation to self-nominate (for their first semester on campus). Additionally, any incoming transfer student who provides documentation showing membership to their previous institution's academic honors program will also be welcomed into the DGS James Scholar Program.

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