

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS College of Media

Transfer Information for All Programs

To be eligible for transfer admission, the prospective transfer student must have completed at least **30**, but **no more than 90** semester hours (**no more than 65 semester hours for Computer Science + Advertising or Advertising majors**), of transferable credit and present evidence of an aptitude for and interest in a career in Media. The College of Media places great importance on the essay to be completed as part of the application. Applicants should use the essay to demonstrate their interest and abilities within their chosen major and detail any pertinent extracurricular activities or internships. **A GPA of 3.00 (A=4.00) or better is required** for all programs except **Advertising**, which is a **3.25 minimum** and **Computer Science + Advertising**, which is a **3.5 minimum**. Please note that completion of required coursework and attainment of a specific GPA **does not** guarantee admission. Candidates for second bachelor's degrees are **not** admitted due to space limitations. Students, minimally, must earn **60** hours of University of Illinois course credit to earn a degree. Students who would require more than nine total semesters of overall college or university enrollment to complete their degree may be denied admission due to space limitations. Students must be able to complete their College of Media degrees within **seven** semesters of joining this college as **sophomore transfers** (with 30 to 59 transferable hours) or within **five** semesters of joining this college as **junior transfers** (with 60 to 89 transferable hours). A minimum of **five** semesters within this college is required for students admitted as **sophomores**. A minimum of **three** semesters within this college is required for students admitted as **juniors**.

During their freshman and sophomore years, students should complete basic courses in composition and general education coursework, including: economics, psychology, sociology, statistics, and in one language other than English. (See General Education requirements below.) Admissions evaluators tend to pay particular attention to how well students perform in courses involving writing and, particularly for Advertising and Computer Science + Advertising applicants, applied mathematics.

Most required courses in Advertising, Computer Science + Advertising, Journalism and Media and Cinema Studies must be completed at the University of Illinois. Students may test their interest in the Media field. However, a maximum of **nine hours** of transferable Media courses are allowed toward the 124-hour graduation requirement.

Students must complete at least **30** semester hours of transferable credit, and all required courses for transfer should be completed by the end of the semester prior to enrollment. Applicants will **not** be permitted to complete coursework to fulfill the **30-hour** rule or required prerequisite coursework **during the summer prior** to fall enrollment, unless specifically asked to do so by the College of Media Admission's Dean.

General Education Requirements

Students who plan to graduate from the College of Media must complete the following campus General Education requirements before graduation: **Composition I, Advanced Composition** (must be satisfied by completion of University of Illinois coursework), **Quantitative Reasoning I and II, Cultural Studies (three courses), Language Requirement**, and a minimum of six semester hours each in qualifying **Humanities & the Arts, Social & Behavioral Sciences and Natural Sciences & Technology** courses. Please refer to the Campus' General Education Course List at <https://courses.illinois.edu/gened> for categories and lists of qualifying courses.

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All transfer students are required to complete equivalent transfer coursework to the following campus General Education categories **prior to entry: Composition I, Quantitative Reasoning I and Social & Behavioral Sciences**. The prerequisite courses required by major for the categories previously listed are displayed in *bold, red italics*. Transfer students also must be making substantial progress toward completion of the College of Media's General Education **Language Requirement**.

Language Requirement: For admission to all programs in the College of Media, transfer applicants must have completed, at a minimum, **two years** of one language other than English in **high school** or through the **second level (two semesters)** of one language other than English in college by the end of the semester prior to enrollment. Completion of **three years** of one language other than English in high school or through the **third level (three semesters)** in college satisfies this college's graduation requirement.

James Scholar Honors Program

Transfer students who are interested in being considered for the College of Media's James Scholar program should review admission and requirement information at <https://media.illinois.edu/james-scholars>. Those students who have at least a 3.75 transfer GPA at the time of their University admission are invited to join the program. Students should inform their academic advisor during New Student Registration about their interest in joining. Note, students must complete at least one Honors project each academic year and a minimum of five projects to graduate as a James Scholar. The fifth project must be completed during the fall term of their graduation year, REGARDLESS of the student's graduating semester (fall, spring, or summer). As a transfer into the program, students will need to make up one or two Honors activities in order to graduate with a minimum of five projects.

Advertising

Please refer to “Transfer Information for All Programs” and “General Education Requirements” on the first page of the College of Media section of the Transfer Handbook. Note, advertising applicants should have a minimum of a **3.25 GPA** at the time of application.

Equivalent transfer coursework to the University of Illinois courses and requirements listed in *bold, red italics* must be successfully completed by the end of the semester **prior** to enrollment. Prerequisite coursework may **not** be completed during the summer prior to a fall enrollment.

Sophomore-level transfer admission *requires* completion of transfer course equivalents to the following University of Illinois courses and requirement:

RHET 105, Writing and Research¹
SOC 100, Introduction to Sociology
STAT 100, Statistics (with a "B" or better)
Language Requirement²

Sophomore-level transfer admission *strongly recommends* completion of transfer course equivalents to the following University of Illinois courses:

ADV 150, Introduction to Advertising
ECON 102, Microeconomic Principles

Junior-level transfer admission *requires* completion of all of the requirements listed above for **Sophomore-level transfer admission** and the completion of equivalent transfer coursework to the following University of Illinois course:

PSYC 100, Intro Psych

Junior-level transfer admission *strongly recommends* completion of equivalent transfer coursework to the following University of Illinois course:

ECON 103, Macroeconomic Principles

Due to the sequential nature of the advertising major, failure to complete the above pre-requisite coursework, particularly STAT 100, can significantly delay time to degree. Students are not admitted at any level without completion of STAT 100.

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

² Please refer to Page 2 for *Language Requirement* information concerning transfer admission and graduation.

Completion of as many transfer course equivalents as possible to the following University of Illinois' General Education categories listed below prior to transfer is **highly recommended**:

Cultural Studies: Non-Western Culture(s) – (General Education Requirement)¹
Cultural Studies: U.S. Minority Cultures – (General Education Requirement)¹
Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Culture(s) – (General Education Requirement)¹
Humanities & the Arts – (General Education Requirement)¹
Language Requirement (through third level)²
Natural Sciences & Technology – (General Education Requirement)¹
A transfer course equivalent that satisfies a Quantitative Reasoning II General Education Requirement¹

Transfer course articulation information is available at the following website:

<https://www.transferology.com>

Consultation with the transfer institution's advising staff is strongly recommended.

¹ For information about the University of Illinois' General Education requirements and courses, please refer to the following web link: <https://courses.illinois.edu/gened>

² Please refer to Page 2 for **Language Requirement** information concerning transfer admission and graduation.

Computer Science + Advertising

Please refer to “Transfer Information for All Programs” and “General Education Requirements” on the first page of the College of Media section of the Transfer Handbook. In addition to the **3.5 GPA** requirement, applicants are expected to earn a **minimum grade of “B” in each Computer Science and Mathematics course taken.**

Due to course sequencing, students admitted as juniors into this major as off-campus transfers should expect to spend no less than four semesters at Illinois. While the Computer Science and Advertising program is open for intercollegiate/interdepartmental transfer, students who are not directly admitted to the major must be admitted to Computer Science and Advertising by the student’s sixth term of enrollment, including terms completed at other institutions of post-secondary education. If you have questions about this policy, or the intercollegiate/interdepartmental transfer process, please consult the College of Media.

Equivalent transfer coursework to the University of Illinois courses and requirement listed in ***bold, red italics*** must be successfully completed by the end of the semester **prior** to enrollment. Prerequisite coursework may not be completed during the summer prior to a fall enrollment.

Sophomore-level transfer admission *requires* completion of transfer course equivalents to the following University of Illinois courses and requirement:

CS 124, Intro to Computer Science I or CS 125, Intro to Computer Science¹
MATH 220/221, Calculus/Calculus I
RHET 105, Writing and Research²
SOC 100, Introduction to Sociology or PSYC 100, Intro Psych Language Requirement³

Sophomore-level transfer admission *strongly recommends* completion of transfer course equivalents to the following University of Illinois courses:

ADV 150, Introduction to Advertising
ECON 102, Microeconomic Principles

Junior-level transfer admission *requires* completion of all of the requirements listed above for **Sophomore-level transfer admission** and the completion of equivalent transfer coursework to the following University of Illinois courses:

CS 173, Discrete Structures⁴ or MATH 213, Basic Discrete Mathematics
MATH 231, Calculus II
MATH 225, Introductory Matrix Theory
CS 225, Data Structures

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¹ CS 124, Intro to Computer Science I or CS 125, Intro to Computer Science is preferred. If a transferable equivalent is not available, a transferable equivalent to CS 101, Intro Computing: Engrg & Sci may be substituted. CS 101 may be substituted for admission purposes only. Students will then need to complete CS 124 upon enrolling at Illinois. Due to course sequencing, in this situation, it is possible that graduation could then be extended by one additional semester.

² At most institutions, the equivalent requires a two-course English composition sequence.

³ Please refer to Page 2 for ***Language Requirement*** information concerning transfer admission and graduation.

⁴ It is highly recommended that an equivalent transfer course to CS 173, Discrete Structures be completed prior to transfer; however, transfer will be considered without completion of an equivalent course.

Junior-level transfer admission strongly recommends completion of equivalent transfer coursework to the following University of Illinois courses:

CS 128, Intro to Computer Science II
ECON 103, Macroeconomic Principles

Due to the sequential nature of the Computer Science + Advertising major, failure to complete the above pre-requisite coursework, particularly CS 124/125 and MATH 220/221, can significantly delay time to degree.

Completion of as many transfer course equivalents as possible to the following University of Illinois' General Education categories listed below prior to transfer is **highly recommended**:

Cultural Studies: Non-Western Culture(s) – (General Education Requirement)¹
Cultural Studies: U.S. Minority Cultures – (General Education Requirement)¹
Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Culture(s) – (General Education Requirement)¹
Humanities & the Arts – (General Education Requirement)¹
Language Requirement (through third level)²
Natural Sciences & Technology – (General Education Requirement)¹

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Consultation with the transfer institution's advising staff is strongly recommended.

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² Please refer to Page 2 for **Language Requirement** information concerning transfer admission and graduation.

Journalism

Please refer to “Transfer Information for All Programs” and “General Education Requirements” on the first page of the College of Media section of the Transfer Handbook.

Students in Journalism must complete a campus approved minor, one 18-hour specialization, or two 9-hour specializations before they graduate. Introductory courses in an area of the student’s choice would be a good beginning for this requirement.

Transfer coursework equivalent to the University of Illinois courses listed in *bold, red italics* must be successfully completed by the end of the semester **prior** to enrollment.

Sophomore-level and Junior-level transfer admission *requires* completion of transfer course equivalents to the following University of Illinois courses and requirement:

*RHET 105, Writing and Research*¹
STAT 100, Statistics or STAT 107, Data Science Discovery
*Language Requirement*²

Sophomore-level and Junior-level transfer admission *strongly recommends* completion of transfer course equivalents to the following University of Illinois courses and requirements:

JOUR 200, Introduction to Journalism
Cultural Studies: Non-Western Culture(s) (General Education Requirement)³
Cultural Studies: U.S. Minority Cultures (General Education Requirement)³
Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Culture(s) (General Education Requirement)³
Humanities & the Arts (General Education Requirement)³
Natural Sciences & Technology (General Education Requirement)³
A transfer course equivalent that satisfies a Quantitative Reasoning II General Education Requirement³

If students are able, additional course study in subjects not required as pre-requisites is encouraged.

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² Please refer to Page 2 for *Language Requirement* information concerning transfer admission and graduation.

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Media & Cinema Studies

Please refer to “Transfer Information for All Programs” and “General Education Requirements” on the first page of the College of Media section of the Transfer Handbook.

Students in Media & Cinema Studies must complete a minor or **9 hours of study** in an approved specialized area outside the College of Media before they graduate. Introductory courses in an area of the student’s choice would be a good beginning for this requirement.

Transfer coursework equivalent to the University of Illinois course and requirement listed in ***bold, red italics*** must be successfully completed by the end of the spring semester prior to fall enrollment.

Sophomore-level and Junior-level transfer admission *requires* completion of transfer course equivalents to the following University of Illinois course and requirement:

RHET 105, Writing and Research¹
Language Requirement²

Sophomore-level and Junior-level transfer admission *strongly recommends* completion of transfer course equivalents to the following University of Illinois courses and requirements:

Cultural Studies: Non-Western Culture(s) (General Education Requirement)³
Cultural Studies: U.S. Minority Cultures (General Education Requirement)³
Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Culture(s) (General Education Requirement)³
Humanities & the Arts (General Education Requirement)³
Natural Sciences & Technology (General Education Requirement)³
A transfer course equivalent that satisfies a Quantitative Reasoning I General Education Requirement³
A transfer course equivalent that satisfies a Quantitative Reasoning II General Education Requirement³

Transfer course articulation information is available at the following website:

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Consultation with the transfer institution’s advising staff is strongly recommended.

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

² Please refer to Page 2 for ***Language Requirement*** information concerning transfer admission and graduation.

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