

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS School of Information Sciences

School of Information Sciences: <https://ischool.illinois.edu>

The School of Information Sciences leads the way in shaping the future of information. This success is the result of a commitment to research, education, engagement, and a long history of innovation. Our school consistently earns recognition as one of the best destinations for professional studies in the information sciences.

In today's tech-centered job market, there is a high demand for informational professionals. The Bachelor of Science degree in Information Sciences and Bachelor of Science degree in Information Sciences + Data Science will provide a competitive edge by teaching undergraduate students how to:

- Design information systems and services
- Organize, manage, and evaluate information for diverse users
- Interpret data for real-world application and collaboration

Graduates will be information specialists that understand the human perspective, social context, and policy implications of information in society. In addition, graduates will have taken courses in programming, database concepts, and research methods while also learning about broader social issues, such as information equity and ethics.

Transfer Information

The majors in the School of Information Sciences welcome transfer students from a variety of majors and areas of interest, especially if there is an interest in information, technology, and people.

For transfer course information, prospective transfer students should consult the [Transferology](#) website, as well as communicate directly with the iSchool's enrollment management team via phone (217) 333-3280 or email (bsis-admissions@illinois.edu) to determine if transfer coursework has known equivalencies at Illinois. If equivalent courses are not available, students intending to transfer beyond their sophomore year may need to extend the time to degree completion to satisfy the degree requirements at the University of Illinois. **The iSchool will enforce a ten-semester limit on enrollment, which includes enrollment in all post-secondary institutions attended (i.e., all previous and future enrollment at the iSchool). If a transfer applicant is projected to exceed this 10-term limit, applicant will be considered inadmissible.** Transfer students are also limited to two course substitutions for IS electives for Tech related courses.

Information Sciences

The Information Sciences degree program requires a **minimum grade point average of 3.00 (A = 4.00)** for admission.

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

RHET 105, Writing and Research (requires a two-course English composition sequence at most schools)

Completion of transfer coursework equivalent to the following University of Illinois courses and graduation requirement prior to transfer is **highly recommended**:

Language Other Than English through the third level:

The School of Information Sciences requires completion through the third level of one language other than English, either in high school or college, to graduate from the college. It is strongly recommended that transfer applicants complete this graduation requirement prior to the term of enrollment at the University of Illinois. Length of time to graduation may increase if the Language Requirement for graduation is not completed prior to enrollment.

A Programming course and/or Information Sciences courses: CS 101, Intro Computing: Engrg & Sci, **or** CS 105, Intro Computing: Non-Tech, **or** CS 124, Introduction to Computer Science I

Information Sciences (IS) and/or Informatics (INFO) courses in a variety of subjects

General Education courses

Additionally, completion of transfer coursework equivalent to [University of Illinois General Education courses](#) (including the Language other Than English requirement) is recommended. **Time to degree is determined by completion of program requirements via transferable coursework.**

- Cultural Studies: Non-Western Culture(s) – (General Education Requirement)
- Cultural Studies: U.S. Minority Cultures – (General Education Requirement)
- Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Culture(s) – (General Education Requirement)
- Humanities & the Arts – (General Education Requirement)
- Language Requirement*** (see above)
- Natural Sciences & Technology – (General Education Requirement)

Information Sciences + Data Science

The Information Sciences + Data Science degree program requires a **minimum grade point average of 3.67 (A = 4.00)** for admission. A **minimum grade of B+** is required on each Computer Science, Data Science, Information Sciences, Mathematics, and Statistics course taken.

Sophomore-level transfer is preferred due to the length of time it will take to complete all of the graduation requirements.

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

RHET 105, Writing and Research (requires a two-course English composition sequence at most schools)
MATH 220, Calculus; or MATH 221, Calculus I; or MATH 234, Calculus for Business I

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