

your guide to **MAJORS & REQUIREMENTS**



Wherever you are in the process, this handout breaks down key requirements, open access majors and online programs, and important policies to help you plan your transfer to Illinois.



Transfer Handbook

TRANSFER HANDBOOK

Our Transfer Handbook is your go-to guide. It's important to consult it when considering your transfer options to make sure you meet specific course and GPA requirements as they vary by major. You can search programs alphabetically or by college to find majors of interest.

Tip: All grades earned in transferable coursework will be factored into transferable and cumulative GPA at Illinois. Other institution's grade replacement or grade forgiveness policies do not apply.

OPEN ACCESS MAJORS

These majors do not have specific course requirements for admission. It is expected that applicants to the majors below will have the minimum GPA met and demonstrate clear interest in their respective program through their application essay and coursework.

Minimum GPA: 2.7

African American Studies
Anthropology
Art History
Asian American Studies
Classics
Communication
Comparative & World Literature
Creative Writing

Earth, Society, and
Environmental Sustainability
East Asian Languages & Cultures
English
French
Gender & Women's Studies
Geography & Geographic
Information Science
Geology

Germanic Studies
History
Interdisciplinary Studies:
Jewish Studies or
Medieval Studies
Italian
Latin American Studies
Latina/Latino Studies
Linguistics

Linguistics + Teaching English
as a Second Language
Philosophy
Political Science
Portuguese
Religion
Russian, East European &
Eurasian Studies
Slavic Studies

Minimum GPA: 2.8-3.0

Community Health
Interdisciplinary
Health Sciences
Recreation, Sport,
and Tourism
Speech and Hearing Science

Looking for flexibility?

Illinois offers online transfer-friendly degree programs. View more information in our Program Explorer. Filter to search for 'Online Programs.'

- Early Childhood Professional Education (*licensure and non-licensure*)
- Earth, Society, and Environmental Sustainability
- Media
- Social Work (*required completion of 60 graded, transferable credit hours to enroll*)



Program Explorer

LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE)

LOTE “levels” refers to the level of a language studied. For example, a student who completes AP Language in high school would satisfy the 4th level of LOTE. Requirements vary. Use the chart below to see what’s expected for your intended college/school.

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I be the strongest applicant?

The strongest applicants to all majors are those who exceed the minimum GPA requirements and have required courses completed at the time of application.

Do I have to have recommended courses completed before transfer?

It is strongly encouraged that you complete as many of the recommended courses as possible to strengthen your application and stay on track for your degree.

What is the Transfer Guarantee?

Students are guaranteed admission to campus if they graduated from an Illinois high school, have a 3.0+ college GPA and 36 or more graded, transferable credit hours at the time of application, and meet English language proficiency.



Is the Transfer Guarantee a major-specific guarantee?

The Transfer Guarantee guarantees admission to campus, but not a particular college/school or major. You should be applying to majors for which you satisfy admission requirements.

Can I change my major once on-campus?

Many of the colleges/schools allow you to change majors once on campus through an Intercollegiate Transfer (ICT), but the Gies College of Business and The Grainger College of Engineering require direct admission and are not available through ICT. View all ICT requirements using the provided QR code.



QUESTIONS?

We’re here to help you take the next step. Reach out to our transfer team at transfer@illinois.edu or schedule a transfer 1-1 appointment.

