

## UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS College of Business

At the University of Illinois, the College of Business has an agenda when selecting students for admission. Simply put, the college strives to select students who will be successful graduates of our college and become leaders in their chosen field. There is no magic formula for determining success, so instead the College of Business relies on several different criteria. Even if you have an excellent academic record, please note... admission to the College of Business is extremely competitive. Not every qualified student is accepted. Second bachelor degree applications are **NOT** accepted due to space limitations.

While review of your academic qualifications is of major focus, the two essays you complete in the application offer a better indication of why you want to study business at the University of Illinois and the goals you have for your future. Your statements should include:

- Interest or experience in business
- Employment or volunteer activities
- State or national recognition for talent, creative ability, leadership, or academic achievement
- An ethnic or cultural background or an age group that will add diversity to this campus
- Extenuating circumstances that significantly affected an otherwise exceptionally good academic record
- Any other information that you feel would complete your profile

### Review Process and Transfer Requirements

The college will utilize a holistic review process which will assess the entire student record (academic performance, demonstrated analytical and critical thinking skills, leadership ability, work experience, and the included essays). Ultimately, the criteria for admission (grade point average, etc.) will be determined by the pool of applicants. The College of Business requires a prospective applicant's transfer GPA to be between 3.00 and 4.00 (A=4.00). However, the average transfer GPA is based on that of the applicant pool; the GPA range for the fall 2009 accepted applicants was **3.13-4.00**.

### College Requirements

**The prerequisite coursework in *red italics* must be completed by the end of the spring semester prior to enrollment in the following fall semester.**

All supporting documentation (transcripts, etc.) must be received by the Office of Undergraduate Records before the application will be reviewed.

***Language Requirement:* All transfer applicants must have completed either three years of one language other than English in high school or through the second level (2 semesters) of one language other than English in college by the end of the spring semester prior to the fall term of enrollment.** It is **strongly encouraged** that transfer applicants complete the College of Business' Language Requirement prior to transfer. This college's graduation requirement is satisfied by completion through the **fourth year** of one language other than English in high school or through the **fourth level** (4 semesters) of one language other than English in college. If this college's **Language Requirement** for graduation has been completed, it is **highly recommended** that coursework equivalent to other College of Business' programmatic requirements, e.g., University of Illinois General Education requirements or other coursework, be completed prior to transfer. **Consultation with the transfer institution's advising staff is strongly recommended.**

## **Accountancy; Business Process Management; Finance; Information Systems & Information Technology; Management; Marketing; and Supply Chain Management**

The College of Business accepts lower and upper division transfers with 24-50+ semester hours of transferable coursework. Students who have completed less than 30 semester hours of credit in college prior to application are evaluated primarily on the following criteria: grades in college; courses in college; high school academics; ACT or SAT scores; and essays with transfer admission preference given to students who would have been admitted as freshmen.

Transfer applicants to the College of Business must have successfully completed equivalent coursework to the University of Illinois courses and requirements listed below in *red italics* by the end of the **spring** semester prior to fall enrollment. The required hours and courses **must be completed** or be in progress by the term of application. (**Applicants will not be permitted to complete admission hours or course requirements during the summer prior to fall enrollment.**) If transfer students have completed or have in progress at the time of application six or more semesters of college coursework or 90+ semester hours of transferable coursework, transfer applicants are subject to review based on available space. Priority is given to students who can complete the College of Business' degree requirements in no more than nine total semesters of college (excluding summer sessions).

**Admission requirements** for transfer students with **24-49** graded, transferable semester hours of credit include completion of equivalent coursework to the following University of Illinois course(s) and requirement(s):

*ECON 102, Microeconomic Principles*  
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*MATH 234, Calculus for Business and MATH 125, Linear Algebra*<sup>1</sup>  
**or** *MATH 220, Calculus (or MATH 221, Calculus) and MATH 231, Calculus II*  
*RHET 105, Principles of Composition*<sup>2</sup>  
*Language Requirement*<sup>3</sup>

**Admission requirements** for transfer students with **50+** graded, transferable semester hours of credit include **all of the required coursework listed above and completion of equivalent coursework to the following University of Illinois courses:**

*ACCY 201, Accounting and Accountancy I*<sup>4</sup>  
*ACCY 202, Accounting and Accountancy II*  
*CS 105, Intro Computing: Non-Tech*<sup>5</sup>

Completion of equivalents to the following University of Illinois courses prior to transfer is **highly recommended.**

CMN 101, Public Speaking  
ECON 202, Economic Statistics I<sup>6</sup>  
PSYC 100, Intro to Psych<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> If the transfer institution offers no equivalent course to the University of Illinois' MATH 125, Elementary Linear Algebra, an equivalent to the University of Illinois' MATH 124, Finite Math, is an acceptable substitute.

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

<sup>3</sup> Please refer to Page 1 for the explanation of the Language Requirements for transfer admission and graduation for all programs of study in the College of Business.

<sup>4</sup> Or an approved two or three-course sequence which includes one or more Financial Accounting and one Managerial Accounting course.

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<sup>5</sup> Or a three semester hour programming course in 'C', C++, Visual Basic, or Java (not Java Script). If the transfer institution does not offer an equivalent to CS 105, Intro to Computing for Non-Technical Majors, an equivalent to ACE 161, Microcomputer Applications, may satisfy this requirement. Please check with the contact person listed below.

<sup>6</sup> ECON 202, Economic Statistics I, is not a transfer requirement, but is strongly recommended, especially for accountancy majors.

<sup>7</sup> Business Administration majors are strongly advised to take PSYC 100, Introduction to Psychology, because it is the prerequisite for PSYC 201, Introduction to Social Psychology, a degree requirement.

## **General Education Requirements for Graduation**

The Campus General Education Course List at <http://illinois.edu/goto/gened> provides approved University of Illinois General Education categories and courses and completion of equivalent coursework to coursework on that list will satisfy programmatic requirements for the College of Business. The General Education categories are as follows:

### **Humanities and the Arts (3 courses)\***

Historical & Philosophical Perspectives 1-2 courses

Literature and the Arts 1-2 courses

\*At least one of the courses in the Humanities and the Arts area must be an equivalent to a University of Illinois 200 level or higher course listed on the General Education list.

### **Cultural Studies (2 courses)\*\***

Non-Western Cultures/U.S. Minority Cultures 1 course

Western/Comparative Cultures 1 course

\*\*It is recommended that students select courses from this list that *also* fulfill the Humanities and the Arts area.

### **Natural Sciences and Technology (2 courses)\*\*\***

Life Sciences 0-2 courses

Physical Sciences 0-2 courses

\*\*\*It is recommended that one course be taken in each area.

### **Social and Behavioral Sciences (1 course)**

Business Administration majors must complete **PSYC 100**, Introduction to Psychology, or an equivalent because it is the prerequisite for the University of Illinois' PSYC 201, Introduction to Social Psychology, a major's requirement.

### **Composition I & Advanced Composition**

All students at the University of Illinois must complete the University of Illinois' **Composition I and Advanced Composition** General Education requirements. Usually, completing an equivalent two-course composition sequence from a transfer institution satisfies the Composition I requirement. The Advanced Composition requirement normally must be completed on the campus of the University of Illinois.

### **Credit/No Credit**

Equivalent transfer courses to the University of Illinois' General Education and Business core coursework cannot be completed using either the **credit/no credit** or **pass/fail** options for this college and must be completed for letter grades.

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