

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS Division of General Studies

TRANSFER INFORMATION

The Division of General Studies serves undergraduate students interested in exploring academic options, pursuing pre-professional curricula, or finding a major that fits well with their career goals. Combining advising and mentoring, our academic advisors are uniquely qualified to guide students as they make informed academic decisions and craft their future goals.

Because our undeclared program is unique from most other campuses, we encourage you to visit our website to learn more about the benefits and programs we offer in DGS: <http://dgs.illinois.edu>.

DGS does not grant degrees but prepares students to move into one of the many majors on campus. Our transfer students can ultimately move into most majors in every college at the University of Illinois once they have met the required transfer criteria. **Please note the few majors either closed or restricted for DGS transfer students:**

Programs that are not available to DGS transfer students include:

- All majors in the College of Business
- Bioengineering

Programs that are temporarily closed or very difficult to declare include:

- Architectural Studies
- Mechanical Engineering

DGS transfer student admission decisions are based on a thorough review of your application package. For a stronger application package, you should meet all or most of the following criteria:

- Have completed the equivalency of the University of Illinois' Composition I requirement, usually a two-course English composition sequence at most other institutions.
- Students who have 30 or more hours (completed and in-progress) at the time of application must have earned at least a **2.70** GPA in all completed coursework at the college level.
- Students who do not have 30 hours (completed and in-progress) at the time of application are required to submit ACT/SAT scores. Additionally, a final high school transcript is required for review. These students should have earned B- or higher grades on all completed coursework at the college level.
- Have completed no more than 50 transferable hours (completed and in-progress) at the time of application (not including test based credit hours such as Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams).
- **Language Requirement:** Transfer admission requires at a minimum **completion of 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.** As a graduation requirement, students will ultimately need to complete three or four years of one language other than English in high school or through the third or fourth level of one language other than English in college, depending on the transfer student's eventual declared program of study.
- Your application essays help us understand how you would benefit from our explorative mission. Your essays 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.

For more information about DGS please refer to the contact information listed below at the bottom of each page.

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Admission requirements for **sophomore** transfer include completion of equivalent coursework to the following University of Illinois course(s) or requirements(s) listed in *red italics*:

RHET 105, Principles of Composition¹
Language Requirement²

Recommended courses that can be completed prior to transfer:

None are specifically required for entry into DGS; however, transfer students are encouraged to make course progress towards their ultimate major goals or progress towards exploring a variety of majors.

Completion of equivalent transfer coursework to the following University of Illinois' General Education³ categories prior to transfer is **highly recommended**:

- Cultural Studies: Non-Western/U.S. Minority Culture(s)
- Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Culture(s)
- Humanities & the Arts (two subcategories)
 - Historical & Philosophical Perspectives
 - Literature & the Arts
- Natural Sciences & Technology (two subcategories)
 - Life Sciences
 - Physical Sciences
- Quantitative Reasoning I & II
- Social & Behavioral Sciences (two subcategories)
 - Behavioral Sciences
 - Social Sciences

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

² Please refer to Page 1 for the explanation of the Language Requirement for transfer admission to the Division of General Studies.

³ To learn more about the University of Illinois' General Education requirements and courses, please refer to the following web link: <http://illinois.edu/goto/gened>.