

## UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

### **Transfer Information**

As the largest undergraduate college at the University of Illinois, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) currently offers approximately 50 majors under the Sciences and Letters curriculum, 5 specialized curricula, and 12 programs preparing for teacher certification for secondary schools. The necessary core courses are available for students planning to pursue a career in law or health professions. Information concerning all Programs of Study is now located at this website:  
<http://admissions.illinois.edu/academics/majors.html>.

University of Illinois course information to determine the applicability of certain courses toward career goals may be found at: <http://courses.illinois.edu/cis/2009/fall/catalog/index.html>. Staff members within the College are available to answer specific student questions.

Enrolling transfer students are required to participate in the Summer Registration Program. This will enable them to talk to an experienced adviser, to plan a program of study, and take part in programs designed to answer their questions.

### **MAJORS WITH SUPPORTING COURSEWORK**

In addition to the Composition, Language Requirement, and General Education requirements in LAS, students in the Sciences and Letters curriculum are required to study an academic discipline in some depth. At the University of Illinois, this study in depth is called a major and will include core courses in the subject itself and supporting coursework. This major may be oriented around a single discipline, or may be interdisciplinary (e.g., Humanities, Latin American Studies, or Religious Studies). A major will normally consist of 40-60 hours of coursework designated by the department and approved by the faculty of the College of LAS. Of these hours, approximately 12-20 will be in supporting coursework. Descriptions of the requirements for each of the 50 majors in the Sciences and Letters curriculum may be found in the University of Illinois' [Transfer Handbook](#) (Liberal Arts and Sciences section). The prerequisite coursework and requirements are listed in *red italics* for each of the programs.

Normally, a major is not conceived as having a vocational focus or orientation. A major may or may not be directly related to vocational goals. In all LAS programs, however, it is expected that students will obtain methods of study and approaches to problems to aid them in achieving specific vocational goals. Students with special professional goals, such as law school and medical school, may successfully follow any number of undergraduate programs. For example, there are students with pre-law interests in many fields including political science, mathematics, economics, and English. There are students with pre-medical interests concentrating in English or history as well as biology or chemistry.

### **Allied Health Programs**

Students planning to enter an associated medical science program should consult the College of Associated Health Professions, University of Illinois at Chicago, or the appropriate offices at other institutions in order to prepare for the degree in their programs.

### **Individual Plans of Study (IPS)**

A unique curricular program at the University of Illinois called **Individual Plans of Study (IPS)** assists motivated students to design personalized and innovative programs of study under the guidance of faculty sponsors. As an alternative to the conventional major, IPS features sponsorship by a faculty advisor and program approval by the IPS Advisory Committee. IPS students must meet the regular LAS requirements in Composition, General Education, Language Requirement, and advanced hours. Students desiring further information about IPS should inquire at 270 Lincoln Hall, Champaign, IL, 61820, Phone 217/333-1703.