

## UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS Gies College of Business

Gies College of Business is home to approximately 3,100 undergraduate students, 11 undergraduate majors, and three minors. Admission requirements are the same for all Gies undergraduate majors.

Transfer admission into Gies is very competitive, based on the number of spaces available, the number of applications received, and the strength of the applicant pool. Therefore, it is in the student's best interest to review all information carefully to build the strongest application.

### **Application Timeline and Considerations**

**Fall 2024 Admission Filing Period:** January 15, 2024 – April 5, 2024

**Major Options:** Accountancy; Finance; Information Systems; Management; Marketing; Operations Management; Strategy, Innovation, & Entrepreneurship

- Gies Business only accepts applications for fall enrollment; spring admission is not available.
- Transfer students must apply to and be directly admitted to Gies to pursue a Gies undergraduate degree. They are not able to apply and enroll in another campus program outside of Gies Business, including the Division of General Studies, and then transfer into Gies at a later date.
- Students can only choose one Gies Business major on their application; however, they may be able to pursue multiple majors within Gies once admitted. Incoming transfer students can discuss their options with a Gies academic advisor upon enrollment.
- Students interested in the Supply Chain Management major should apply for sophomore-level admission into one of the other majors. Once enrolled in Gies, students can apply for this program, but admission is not guaranteed, as it is a competitive application process for all Gies Business students.
- Due to curricula sequencing, the three Gies "+Data Science" majors will not be open for off-campus transfer admission consideration.

### **Admission Eligibility and Requirements**

**Minimum GPA of 3.0 (A = 4.00) or higher.** For Fall 2023, the average GPA for admitted students was 3.8.

**First bachelor's degree-seeking student.** Second bachelor's degree applications are not eligible due to space limitations.

**Required coursework: Listed coursework must be completed by end of Spring 2024 semester. Courses taken in Summer 2024 do not meet admission requirement timelines.** The required courses are part of the Gies core curricula and allow a student to keep pace in knowledge and course sequence.

Required courses could be met through two ways: AP/IB test scores or courses at another institution. There is no universal award system for AP/IB exam scores at all colleges and universities. Even if AP/IB exam scores award credit on a student's transcript at their current institution, it does not guarantee credit will be awarded in the same manner at UIUC. Therefore, to use AP/IB exam scores for admission consideration and college credit, students must refer to the UIUC score cut-offs listed here:

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<https://giesbusiness.illinois.edu/admissions>

[www.admissions.illinois.edu/Apply/Freshman/college-credit](http://www.admissions.illinois.edu/Apply/Freshman/college-credit) . For classes taken at another institution, use [www.transferology.com](http://www.transferology.com) to check current transfer course articulations.

All sophomore and junior entry-level applicants

- **ECON 102**, Microeconomic Principles
- **ECON 103**, Macroeconomic Principles
- One of the following: **MATH 115**, Preparation for Calculus **or** **MATH 220**, Calculus **or** **MATH 221**, Calculus I **or** **MATH 231**, Calculus II **or** **MATH 234**, Calculus for Business I, **or** **STAT 100**, Statistics<sup>1</sup>
- **RHET 105**, Writing and Research<sup>2</sup>
- **CS 105**, Intro Computing: Non-Tech<sup>3</sup>
- **Language Other Than English** (LOTE)<sup>4</sup>

Additional required courses for junior entry-level applicants

- **ACCY 201**, Accounting and Accountancy I<sup>5</sup>
- **ACCY 202**, Accounting and Accountancy II<sup>5</sup>

If you are unable to complete all required courses by the end of spring term, please provide an explanation for each missing course within your application.

CMN 101, Public Speaking, is strongly recommended, as well as other courses that meet general education requirements. See the [Gies Business General Education Requirements](#) for guidance. Students should work with their current academic advisor to determine appropriate coursework.

## **Review Process**

The admissions committee uses a holistic review process to assess academic and non-academic factors. Completion of required coursework and overall academic performance are heavily considered in the admission decision.

Students who have completed the required courses will have the strongest applications. The probability of admission for those who are missing required coursework is extremely low, based on the historical strength of the applicant pool.

See the next section for details on the review process based on level of college credit completion.

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<sup>1</sup> Students considering other majors should check the Transfer Handbook for specific requirements. Many majors outside Gies Business have other math coursework requirements.

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

<sup>3</sup> In addition to CS 105, Gies Business would also accept an equivalent of the following options:  
CS 101, Intro Computing: Engrg & Sci **or** CS 124, Intro to Computer Science I.

<sup>4</sup> LOTE admission requirements can be met through a brief statement of fluency in a language other than English on the application in the 'optional essay' section, showing the completion of either three levels of one LOTE in high school or through the second level (2 semesters) of one LOTE in college. Gies Business requires completion of a LOTE to the third level in high school or college for graduation. Therefore, students are strongly recommended to have LOTE completed prior to enrollment; it is very challenging to schedule a LOTE class in conjunction with Gies courses.

<sup>5</sup> Students must take a Financial Accounting course and a Managerial Accounting course to transfer applicably.

## **Class Standing Requirements**

**Students with fewer than 36 graded, transferable semester hours of college coursework, post high-school completion, at the time of application:** Because fewer than 36 graded college credits is not enough to provide a solid academic history, application review will be based on the college courses and grades, as well as high school courses and grades, ACT/SAT scores (optional), listed activities, and essay questions. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Students with 36+ graded, transferable semester hours of college coursework, post high-school completion, at the time of application:** Application review will be based on college courses and grades, listed activities, and application essays. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Students with 70+ graded college credit hours (not including credit earned in high school via dual enrollment or AP/IB exam scores) or more than four full-time fall/spring college semesters will be under special admission review based on space limitations.** Reasons:

- A student must complete at least 60 graded college credit hours from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in order to receive a degree.
- Gies Business students are limited to nine terms of full-time enrollment to complete all degree requirements. **This limitation includes terms completed at other institutions.** Summer and winter terms are not included in this limitation.

The admissions committee is considering the potential success of the student, as well as graduation timelines and required credit hours. While students with high levels of graded credit hours can be competitive applicants based on academic performance, it's in their best interest to be open to other campus programs that can move them forward appropriately with degree completion.

Therefore, students who have five or more graded college semesters or a high level of graded hours are recommended to consider other options, such as pursuing a different UIUC undergraduate degree and then pursuing a [Gies Master's degree program](#).

Students should submit a second choice major and essay on the transfer application if interested in other majors at UIUC outside Gies Business. As a reminder, students who are admitted into their second choice major, including students admitted to the Undeclared program in the Division of General Studies, and enroll at UIUC will not be able to transfer into Gies Business at a later time.

## **Advising Opportunities**

**Work closely with your academic advisor** at your current institution to learn more about transfer requirements and course registration.

**Reach out to Gies Undergraduate Admissions if you have questions.** While we cannot provide a full degree audit or a review of all potential courses, we are happy to assist you when possible. Direct contact with Gies Admissions will be the best way to get your questions answered.

**Attend a transfer information session.** Gies offers admissions meetings to discuss requirements as well as academic programs, resources, and opportunities. Attendance is neither required nor a factor in a student's admission decision. See [Gies Business visit options here](#).

## **Honors**

Students who are in an honors program or society at their current institution and are directly admitted to Gies will be invited to apply to our James Scholars Honors program after admission decisions are released. Students should note their honors program or society as an honor on their application.