

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS Gies College of Business

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

Transfer admission into Gies Business 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

Spring 2021 Admission Filing Period: September 1, 2020 – October 15, 2020

Admission decision notification: *November 2020*

Majors within the Gies College of Business are open for the spring 2021 term as an exception due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students who were admitted to Gies for fall 2020 and were unable to attend due to the pandemic will be given preference in admission review, but admission is not guaranteed based on very limited available spaces. Gies will resume being closed to spring admission for 2022.

Fall 2021 Admission Filing Period: December 15, 2020 – March 1, 2021

Fall 2021 Priority Admission Filing Period: *December 15, 2020 – February 1, 2021*

Admission decision notification: *March – April 2021*

Major Options: Accountancy; Finance; Information Systems; Management; Marketing; Operations Management; Strategic Business Development & 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.
- Applicants are encouraged to submit and complete their application by the February 1 priority deadline due to enrollment constraints.
- Students can only choose one Gies Business major on their application; however, they may be able to pursue a different major or multiple majors within Gies once admitted. Incoming transfer students can discuss their options with their 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.

Admission Eligibility and Requirements

Transfer GPA of 3.0 (A = 4.00) or higher. For Fall 2020, the average transfer 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.

Completion of listed prerequisite courses by the conclusion of the spring semester. Applicants are not permitted to complete prerequisites in the summer term preceding enrollment. Gies Business undergraduate programs have very specific curricula, and these courses are a part of the foundation for upper-level coursework. Having these courses completed by the end of the spring semester preceding enrollment shows that a student could step right into curricula without being behind in knowledge and course sequence.

Prerequisite courses are considered met by completing an equivalent course at a student's current institution or having AP/IB test score credit awarded by University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. See www.transferology.com for current transfer course articulations and www.admissions.illinois.edu/Apply/Freshman/college-credit for AP/IB score awards.

All applicants

- **ECON 102**, Microeconomic Principles
- **ECON 103**, Macroeconomic Principles
- **MATH 234**, Calculus for Business I, **or MATH 220**, Calculus, or higher¹
- **RHET 105**, Writing and Research²
- **CS 105**, Intro Computing: Non-Tech³
- **Language Other Than English** (LOTE)⁴

Applicants with 50+ graded college credits by end of the spring term

- **ACCY 201**, Accounting and Accountancy I⁵
- **ACCY 202**, Accounting and Accountancy II⁵

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.

Aside from the required courses above, students should work with their current academic advisor to determine other appropriate coursework. Students can consider taking CMN 101 (a Business Core curriculum requirement) and/or other classes to meet general education requirements or elective credits. See the [Gies Business General Education Requirements](#) for guidance.

¹ Students considering other majors should check the Transfer Handbook for specific requirements. Many majors outside of Gies College of Business do not accept MATH 234 for the Calculus I requirement.

² At most institutions, the equivalent requires a two-course sequence.

³ In addition to CS 105, Gies Business would also accept an equivalent of the following options:

CS 101, Intro Computing: Engrg & Sci or CS 125, Intro to Computer Science.

⁴ LOTE admission requirements can be met through a statement of fluency in a language other than English on the application, or the completion of either three levels of one LOTE in high school or through the second level (2 semesters) of one LOTE in college by the end of the spring semester prior to the fall term of enrollment. To graduate, LOTE must be completed through the fourth level of one LOTE in high school or college; the third level in two LOTEs; or demonstrated proficiency in another language through proficiency examination. Therefore, transfer students are strongly recommended to have LOTE graduation requirements completed prior to enrollment due to curricula sequencing.

⁵ Students must take ACCY 201 and ACCY 202 at the same institution for them to transfer applicably.

Review Process

The Gies College of Business admissions committee uses a holistic review process to assess the entire student record (academic performance, listed activities, and included essays). Completion of and academic performance in the required courses listed above is heavily considered in the admission decision.

Students who have graded courses or college credit for the prerequisites listed in this document will have the strongest applications. The probability of admission for those who have not completed all prerequisites at the conclusion of the spring semester is extremely low, based on the historical strength of the applicant pool. Ideally, transfer students will have 24-70 graded college credit hours by the end of the spring semester.

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

Class Standing Requirements

- **Students with fewer than 30 graded college credits at the time of application:** Because fewer than 30 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, listed activities, and essay questions.
- **Students with 30+ graded college credits at the time of application:** Application review will be based on college courses and grades, listed activities, and application essays.
- **Students with more than 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 at Urbana-Champaign in order to receive a degree.
 - Students in the Gies College of Business 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.

Therefore, students who want a Gies Business degree and have more than five or six graded college semesters and/or 70+ graded hours are recommended to consider other options, such as pursuing a different undergraduate degree here at Illinois and then pursuing a [Gies Master's Degree program](#). Submitting a second choice major outside of Gies and corresponding essay on the transfer application is needed if the student wants to be considered for alternate undergraduate programs at Illinois.

The admissions committee is considering the potential success of the student, while being cognizant of graduation timelines and completion of required credit hours. While students with more than 70 graded credit hours can be very competitive applicants based on their academic performance in the classroom, it's in their best interest to be open to other campus programs that can move them forward appropriately with degree completion.

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 you with a full degree audit or discuss your entire list of completed or desired courses, we are happy to assist you as much as possible through the transfer admissions process. Direct contact with Gies Undergraduate Admissions will be the quickest and most efficient way to get your questions answered.

Attend a transfer information session. Gies offers admissions meetings for prospective transfer students to discuss admission requirements and to learn more about 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.