

## UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS College of Media

### Transfer Information for All Programs

To be eligible for transfer admission, the prospective transfer student must have completed at least **30**, but **no more than 90** semester hours (**no more than 65 semester hours for Advertising majors**), of transferable credit and present evidence of an aptitude for and interest in a career in Media. The College of Media places great importance on the essay to be completed as part of the application. Applicants should use the essay to demonstrate their interest and abilities within their chosen major and detail any pertinent extracurricular activities or internships. **A GPA of 3.00 (A=4.00) or better is required** for all programs except **Advertising** which is a **3.25 minimum** and **Computer Science + Advertising** which is a **3.5 minimum**. Please note that completion of required coursework and attainment of a specific GPA **does not** guarantee admission. Candidates for second bachelor's degrees are **not** admitted due to space limitations. Students, minimally, must earn **60** hours of University of Illinois course credit to earn a degree. Students who would require more than nine total semesters of overall college or university enrollment to complete their degree may be denied admission due to space limitations. Students must be able to complete their College of Media degrees within **seven** semesters of joining this college as **sophomore transfers** (with 30 to 59 transferable hours) or within **five** semesters of joining this college as **junior transfers** (with 60 to 89 transferable hours). A minimum of **five** semesters within this college is required for students admitted as **sophomores**. A minimum of **three** semesters within this college is required for students admitted as **juniors**.

During their freshman and sophomore years, students should complete basic courses in composition and general education coursework, including: economics, psychology, sociology, anthropology and in one language other than English. About two-thirds of a student's academic program should be in social sciences and humanities. (See General Education requirements below.) Admissions evaluators tend to pay particular attention to how well students perform in courses involving writing and, particularly for Advertising and Computer Science + Advertising applicants, applied mathematics.

***Most required courses in Advertising, Computer Science + Advertising, Journalism and Media and Cinema Studies must be completed at the University of Illinois.*** Students may test their interest in the Media field. However, a maximum of **nine hours** of transferable Media courses are allowed toward the 124-hour graduation requirement.

Students must complete at least **30** semester hours of transferable credit and all required courses for transfer should be completed by the end of the semester prior to enrollment. Applicants will **not** be permitted to complete coursework to fulfill the **30-hour** rule or required prerequisite coursework **during the summer prior** to fall enrollment, unless specifically asked to do so by the College of Media Admission's Dean.

### General Education Requirements

Students who plan to graduate from the College of Media must complete the following campus General Education requirements before graduation: **Composition I, Advanced Composition** (must be satisfied by completion of University of Illinois coursework), **Quantitative Reasoning I and II, Cultural Studies (3 courses), Language Requirement**, and a minimum of six semester hours each in qualifying **Humanities & the Arts, Social & Behavioral Sciences and Natural Sciences & Technology** courses. Please refer to the Campus' General Education Course List at <https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/2019/fall> for categories and lists of qualifying courses.

**All transfer students** are required to complete equivalent transfer coursework to the following campus General Education categories **prior to entry: Composition I, Quantitative Reasoning I and Social & Behavioral Sciences**. The prerequisite courses required by major for the categories previously listed are displayed in ***bold, red italics***. Transfer students also must be making substantial progress toward completion of the College of Media's General Education **Language Requirement**.

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***Language Requirement:*** For admission to all programs in the College of Media, transfer applicants must have completed, at a minimum, **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 by the end of the semester prior to enrollment. Completion of **three years** of one language other than English in high school or through the **third level (three semesters)** in college satisfies this college's graduation requirement.

## Advertising

Please refer to “Transfer Information for All Programs” and “General Education Requirements” on the first page of the College of Media section of the Transfer Handbook. Note, advertising applicants should have a minimum of a **3.25 GPA** at the time of application.

Equivalent transfer coursework to the University of Illinois courses and requirements listed in *bold, red italics* must be successfully completed by the end of the semester **prior** to enrollment. Prerequisite coursework may **not** be completed during the summer prior to a fall enrollment.

**Sophomore-level admission requires** completion of transfer course equivalents to the following University of Illinois courses and requirement:

*ECON 102, Microeconomic Principles*  
*RHET 105, Writing and Research*<sup>1</sup>  
*SOC 100, Introduction to Sociology*  
*STAT 100, Statistics (with a "B" or better)*  
*Language Requirement*<sup>2</sup>

**Junior-level transfer admission** requires completion of all of the requirements listed above for **Sophomore-level transfer admission** and the completion of equivalent transfer coursework to the following University of Illinois courses:

*ECON 103, Macroeconomic Principles*  
*PSYC 100, Intro Psych*

**Due to the sequential nature of the advertising major, failure to complete the above pre-requisite coursework, particularly STAT 100, can significantly delay time to degree. Students are not admitted without completion of STAT 100 at any level.**

Completion of as many transfer course equivalents as possible to the following University of Illinois’ General Education categories listed below prior to transfer is **highly recommended**:

Cultural Studies: Non-Western Culture(s) – (General Education Requirement)<sup>3</sup>  
Cultural Studies: U.S. Minority Cultures – (General Education Requirement)<sup>3</sup>  
Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Culture(s) – (General Education Requirement)<sup>3</sup>  
Humanities & the Arts – (General Education Requirement)<sup>3</sup>  
*Language Requirement* (through third level)<sup>2</sup>  
Natural Sciences & Technology – (General Education Requirement)<sup>3</sup>  
A transfer course equivalent that satisfies a Quantitative Reasoning II General Education Requirement<sup>3</sup>

Transfer course articulation information is available at the following website: <https://www.transferology.com>

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<sup>1</sup> At most institutions, the equivalent requires a two-course English composition sequence.

<sup>2</sup> Please refer to Page 2 for *Language Requirement* information concerning transfer admission and graduation.

<sup>3</sup> For information about the University of Illinois’ General Education requirements and courses, please refer to the following web link: <https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/2019/fall>

## Computer Science + Advertising

Please refer to “Transfer Information for All Programs” and “General Education Requirements” on the first page of the College of Media section of the Transfer Handbook. In addition to the **3.5 GPA** requirement, applicants are expected to earn a **minimum grade of “B” on each Computer Science course taken.**

While the Computer Science and Advertising program is open for intercollegiate/interdepartmental transfer, students who are not directly admitted to the major must be admitted to Computer Science and Advertising by the student’s sixth term of enrollment, including terms completed at other institutions of post-secondary education. If you have questions about this policy, or the intercollegiate/interdepartmental transfer process, please consult the College of Media.

Equivalent transfer coursework to the University of Illinois courses and requirement listed in ***bold, red italics*** must be successfully completed by the end of the semester **prior** to enrollment. Prerequisite coursework may not be completed during the summer prior to a fall enrollment.

**Sophomore-level admission requires** completion of transfer course equivalents to the following University of Illinois courses and requirement:

***CS 125, Intro to Computer Science<sup>1</sup>***  
***ECON 102, Microeconomic Principles***  
***MATH 220/221, Calculus/Calculus I***  
***RHET 105, Writing and Research<sup>2</sup>***  
***SOC 100, Introduction to Sociology or PSYC 100, Introduction to Psychology***  
***Language Requirement<sup>3</sup>***

**Junior-level transfer admission** requires completion of all of the requirements listed above for **Sophomore-level transfer admission** and the completion of equivalent transfer coursework to the following University of Illinois courses:

***CS 173, Discrete Structures OR MATH 213, Basic Discrete Mathematics***  
***ECON 103, Macroeconomic Principles***  
***MATH 231, Calculus II***  
***MATH 225, Introductory Matrix Theory***  
***CS 225, Data Structures***

**Due to the sequential nature of the computer science + advertising major, failure to complete the above pre-requisite coursework, particularly CS 125 and MATH 220, can significantly delay time to degree.**

Completion of as many transfer course equivalents as possible to the following University of Illinois’ General Education categories listed below prior to transfer is **highly recommended**:

Cultural Studies: Non-Western Culture(s) – (General Education Requirement)<sup>4</sup>  
Cultural Studies: U.S. Minority Cultures – (General Education Requirement)<sup>4</sup>  
Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Culture(s) – (General Education Requirement)<sup>4</sup>  
Humanities & the Arts – (General Education Requirement)<sup>4</sup>  
***Language Requirement*** (through third level)<sup>3</sup>  
Natural Sciences & Technology – (General Education Requirement)<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> CS 125, Intro to Computer Science is preferred. If a transferable equivalent is not available, a transferable equivalent to CS 101, Intro Computing: Engrg & Sci, may be substituted.

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

<sup>3</sup> Please refer to Page 2 for ***Language Requirement*** information concerning transfer admission and graduation.

<sup>4</sup> For information about the University of Illinois’ General Education requirements and courses, please refer to the following web link: <https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/2019/fall>

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## Journalism

Please refer to “Transfer Information for All Programs” and “General Education Requirements” on the first page of the College of Media section of the Transfer Handbook.

Students in Journalism must complete a minor of **18 hours** of study in a specialized area outside the College of Media and communication departments before they graduate. Introductory courses in an area of the student’s choice would be a good beginning for this requirement.

Transfer coursework equivalent to the University of Illinois courses listed in *bold, red italics* must be successfully completed by the end of the semester **prior** to enrollment.

**Sophomore-level transfer admission requires** completion of transfer course equivalents to the following University of Illinois courses and requirements:

*ECON 102, Microeconomic Principles*  
*RHET 105, Writing and Research*<sup>1</sup>  
*SOC 100, Introduction to Sociology*  
*STAT 100, Statistics*  
*Language Requirement*<sup>2</sup>

**Junior-level transfer admission** requires completion of all of the requirements listed above for **Sophomore-level transfer admission** and the completion of equivalent transfer coursework to the following University of Illinois courses:

*ECON 103, Macroeconomic Principles*  
*CS 105, Intro Computing: Non-Tech*  
*PSYC 100, Intro Psych*

Completion of as many transfer equivalents as possible to the following University of Illinois’ General Education categories listed below prior to transfer for Junior-level transfer admission is also **highly recommended**:

Cultural Studies: Non-Western Culture(s) – (General Education Requirement)<sup>3</sup>  
Cultural Studies: U.S. Minority Cultures – (General Education Requirement)<sup>3</sup>  
Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Culture(s) – (General Education Requirement)<sup>3</sup>  
Humanities & the Arts – (General Education Requirement)<sup>3</sup>  
*Language Requirement* (through third level)<sup>2</sup>  
Natural Sciences & Technology – (General Education Requirement)<sup>3</sup>

If students are able, additional course study in subjects not required as pre-requisites is encouraged. Transfer course articulation information is available at the following website: <https://www.transferology.com>

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<sup>2</sup> Please refer to Page 2 for *Language Requirement* information concerning transfer admission and graduation.

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## Media and Cinema Studies

Please refer to “Transfer Information for All Programs” and “General Education Requirements” on the first page of the College of Media section of the Transfer Handbook.

Students in Media and Cinema Studies must complete a minor or **9 hours of study** in an approved specialized area outside the College of Media before they graduate. Introductory courses in an area of the student’s choice would be a good beginning for this requirement.

Transfer coursework equivalent to the University of Illinois course and requirement listed in *bold, red italics* must be successfully completed by the end of the spring semester prior to fall enrollment.

**Sophomore-level transfer admission requires** completion of transfer course equivalent(s) to the following University of Illinois course and requirement:

***RHET 105, Writing and Research***<sup>1</sup>  
***Language Requirement***<sup>2</sup>

Completion of transfer course equivalents to the following University of Illinois courses prior to transfer **for Sophomore-level transfer admission is highly recommended:**

A transfer course equivalent that satisfies a **Quantitative Reasoning I** General Education Requirement<sup>3</sup>

A transfer course equivalent that satisfies a **Quantitative Reasoning II** General Education Requirement<sup>3</sup>

**Junior-level transfer admission requires** completion of the **Sophomore-level transfer admission** requirements and recommended course listed above and completion of equivalent transfer coursework to the following University of Illinois courses is **highly recommended:**

Cultural Studies: Non-Western Culture(s) (General Education Requirement)<sup>3</sup>

Cultural Studies: U.S. Minority Cultures (General Education Requirement)<sup>3</sup>

Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Culture(s) (General Education Requirement)<sup>3</sup>

Humanities and the Arts (General Education Requirement)<sup>3</sup>

Natural Sciences and Technology (General Education Requirement)<sup>3</sup>

A transfer course equivalent that satisfies the Quantitative Reasoning II General Education Requirement<sup>3</sup>

***Language Requirement*** (through third level)<sup>2</sup>

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