Spring 2020 Intercollegiate Transfer (ICT) Process for Fall 2020 Enrollment

Due to space limitations, a competitive application process is used for intercollegiate transfer to Gies Business from other academic units on campus.

Application timeline & eligibility
Current freshmen at Illinois can apply between March 1 and May 1, 2020, for ICT admission consideration to Gies Business for fall 2020. Students who have completed more than two semesters at Illinois or who were admitted as off-campus transfer students into Illinois from another institution are not eligible to apply. Admission notification will occur in late June.

Prerequisite courses that must be completed by the end of the Spring 2020 semester:*
- Economics – ECON 102: Microeconomics and ECON 103: Macroeconomics
- English – RHET 105: Principles of Rhetoric or other Composition I requirement
- Math – MATH 234: Business Calculus or MATH 220: Calculus I

Optional recommended courses:*
- Communication – CMN 101: Public Speaking
- Language other than English – Gies Business has a graduation requirement of four years of a language other than English in high school or through the 4th level of a language other than English in college, or three years of two languages between high school and college. Therefore, we recommend working with your academic advisor and taking courses your freshman year if you have not yet reached this requirement.

*These requirements may be met through coursework, ACT/SAT/AP/IB test scores, or other avenues. See the website below for possible credit or course substitutions. Consult with your current academic advisor prior to any final course selections.

Admission review committee considerations:
- Prerequisite course completion, grades in required coursework, and cumulative college GPA
- Professional résumé
- Personal and academic statements
- Campus or community involvement and engagement
- Optional essay to explain missing required courses, low grades, or personal circumstances

Advising opportunities:
- Talk with your current academic advisor
- Visit a Gies Business advisor at walk-in advising hours**
- Attend one of the ICT information sessions led by Admissions each semester**

**Dates, times, and locations are found on the web site listed below

For all details and to apply, visit: go.gies.illinois.edu/ICTadmissions
For questions, email: ICTinfo@business.illinois.edu
Looking to pursue a business degree at Illinois?

Consider these proactive steps to make the most of your time here as a freshman in college!
—Rebecca, Admitted ICT Gies Business student

#1. Research all business majors here on campus. The University has business majors in Gies Business, as well as other academic units on campus. The Division of General Studies has great online major exploration tools: dgs.illinois.edu/major-selection.

#2. Reflect on your professional goals. Most likely, more than one major could lead to your ideal career. Network; go to career fairs across campus; and review professions through books, websites, RSOs, etc. Keeping an open mind about various majors will allow you to see all possible avenues toward a career in your desired field.

#3. Talk with your current academic advisor. Whether you are in DGS or enrolled in a specific major, your advisor can be a very helpful resource. Don’t be nervous to talk to them about your desire to ICT to any program; they can provide support in understanding and complying with ICT requirements, and maybe even introduce you to a major you hadn’t considered before.

#4. Make a plan to complete the Gies ICT prerequisite courses. Those classes can be applied toward any degree at Illinois, and completion of those courses by the end of spring semester freshman year is required to have a strong application.

#5. Seek out various opportunities through Registered Student Organizations, employment, volunteering, community involvement, etc. This will help you prepare for interviews and internships, as well as give you unique experiences and interesting stories to tell. While taking a workshop from the Leadership Center or participating in a one-day volunteer opportunity is positive, be encouraged to engage in multiple facets to give back to your communities and expand all your interest areas.

#6. Start early on your application essays. No need to feel rushed if you have plenty of time to complete them! Be sure to have others proofread your essays to avoid typos or other errors.

#7. Use the optional essay if needed. This is your opportunity to discuss why you haven’t completed a required course, received a low grade in a course, or other personal information not covered in your application but the admissions review committee should know. Acknowledging these items show maturity and understanding, and provides further insight for admission consideration.

#8. Get your résumé reviewed by the Campus Career Center so it accurately portrays your college involvement and past experiences. ICT admission is competitive, and your résumé can be a strong factor in your admission decision.

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