

## Transfer Handbook

Gies College of Business is home to approximately 3,100 undergraduate students, 8 undergraduate majors, and two minors. Admission requirements are the same for all Gies undergraduate majors.

Off-campus 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 & Considerations

Fall 2020 Early Action Admission Filing Period: *December 15, 2019 – February 1, 2020*

Admission decision notification: *March – April 2020*

**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 or 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 adviser 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 2019, the average transfer GPA for admitted students was 3.8.

**First bachelor's degree-seeking student.** Second bachelor 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 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](http://www.transferology.com) for current transfer course articulations and [www.admissions.illinois.edu/Apply/Freshman/college-credit](http://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, or MATH 220, Calculus I, or higher<sup>1</sup>
- RHET 105, Writing and Research<sup>2</sup>
- CS 105, Intro to Computing: Non-Tech<sup>3</sup>
- Language Other Than English (LOTE)<sup>4</sup>

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

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

Aside from the required courses above, students should work with their current academic adviser to determine other coursework. See the Gies Business General Education Requirements for guidance.

## 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). 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 for 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.

<sup>1</sup>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.

<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; CS 102, Little Bits to Big Ideas; or CS 125, Intro to Computer Science.

<sup>4</sup>LOTE can be met 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. This is a requirement for graduation and therefore strongly recommended for transfer students to have completed prior to enrollment due to curricula sequencing.

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

## 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, and essay questions. Transfer admission preference will be given to students who would have been admitted as freshmen directly to Gies.
- **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 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 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 5 or 6 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 adviser** 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 one of the off-campus transfer information sessions led by University Admissions.** You can request to add on a Gies transfer-specific session for prospective families. Information sessions last 30 – 45 minutes, and all sessions provide the same information. Attendance is neither required nor a factor in a student's admission decision. See the University Admissions transfer student visit day options to see the available dates and times.