



# SUPPORT

**Admissions Guide for School Counselors**

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO**



# TRANSFORM

Making good on the promise to transform education.

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UIC is breaking down barriers with innovative initiatives that promise to transform education in Illinois. From free tuition to state-of-the-art facilities, discover how we're helping empower the next generation of student leaders.

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# IMPORTANT UPDATES

This is a guide for counselors who support students interested in UIC. Along with admission requirements, these are the accolades that show our commitment to the future and success of Illinois, Chicago, and our undergraduates.





## **Free Your Mind with UIC Aspire**

### **UIC'S FREE TUITION PROGRAM**

Now entering its second year, UIC is continuing this initiative for Fall 2026. UIC Aspire is a free tuition program for Illinois families earning less than \$75,000 a year. This initiative ensures that students can pursue their academic goals without the financial burden of tuition cost. For more information and eligibility, visit **FREE.UIC.EDU**.

## **Igniting Innovation**

### **UIC'S NEW COMPUTER SCIENCE HUB**

UIC's new, state-of-the-art computer science building opens this fall. The new facility is equipped with the latest facilities and increased capacity to support our growing computer science programs, aimed at empowering the next generation of innovators.

## **Application Updates**

### **APPLICATION FEE**

Starting with the 2025–2026 cycle, UIC's undergraduate application fee has increased from \$60 to \$70. This change helps support the systems, staffing, and resources that ensure timely application review and student support. Fee waivers remain available for eligible students.

### **EARLY APPLICATION TIMELINE**

Fall first-year applicants must apply Early Action between August 1 and November 1. Regular Decision opens after the Early Action deadline with a final deadline of February 1. Students applying in the Early Action period receive priority consideration for scholarships.

### **TRANSFER APPLICATION**

The fall transfer application will open on December 15.

## **Program Updates**

### **STAY UP TO DATE WITH PROGRAM CHANGES**

UIC frequently develops new undergraduate majors and minors.

Explore all of our current undergraduate programs at **MAJORS.UIC.EDU**.

**LINGUISTICS** is now offered as an undergraduate major.

**NURSING** is now offered as a first-year entry undergraduate major.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE + LINGUISTICS** is now offered as an interdisciplinary undergraduate major.

# FIRST-YEAR ADMISSIONS

## Who is considered a first-year student?

All students enrolled in high school when they apply, including those taking dual credit courses. Students who have graduated from high school and have not enrolled in credit-bearing coursework since are also considered first-year applicants.

## Applying as a first-year student

Students who are first-year applicants must use the Common Application to apply, which is available on August 1 of every year. UIC's first-year applicants choose from two decision periods:

### EARLY ACTION

#### Deadline: November 1\*

UIC offers a nonbinding Early Action (EA) process.

Those who apply by the November 1 EA deadline will receive a decision or deferral to the regular admissions process by December 15 and will have maximum consideration for scholarship programs.

Students who are deferred or don't receive a decision by late January are strongly encouraged to submit their seventh semester grades.

### REGULAR DECISION

#### Deadline: February 1\*

Our Regular Decision process has rolling notifications for admission, with decisions sent from January to March. The timing of the decision depends on the program or college the student applies to and the overall strength of the application.

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### FACTORS CONSIDERED

While we place an emphasis on a student's academic history, we also pay attention to non-academic aspects:

Rigor of secondary school record	Very Important
Grade point average	Very Important
Standardized test score	Very Important and optional
Choice of major <sup>1</sup>	Important
Application essay	Important
Class rank	Important
Extracurricular activities	Important
Recommendations	Considered and optional

<sup>1</sup> Students can select second and third choice majors on the Common Application.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

First-year applications must meet these core requirements to complete an application:

- Use the Common Application
- Submit a \$70 nonrefundable application fee or application fee waiver
- Provide an official high school transcript and a Common Application School Report
- **Optional:** Send SAT/ACT scores, submitted electronically or printed on official transcripts

## Special Programs

### HONORS COLLEGE

First-year applicants may apply to the Honors College as an option on the Common Application. Admission into honors programs is determined by a combination of GPA, test scores, rigor of coursework, letters of recommendation, and an interview process.

**HONORS.UIC.EDU**

### GUARANTEED PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM ADMISSIONS (GPPA)

GPPA is a competitive program that allows academically talented first-year applicants to secure their seat in a professional or graduate degree program. Some tracks include the University of Illinois College of Medicine, UIC Law, and programs in UIC's business, engineering, and science colleges.

**GPPA.UIC.EDU**

### BUSINESS SCHOLARS

UIC Business Scholars is a leadership development honors program. Working closely with faculty and business professionals, Business Scholars receive a solid foundation in business coupled with in-depth knowledge and technical skills to ensure they excel in the competitive world of international business.

### TOP 4 PERCENT

UIC guarantees qualifying Illinois residents admission to the academic college of their choice if they are a first-year applicant in the top four percent of an accredited high school class of 25 or more students or if they have an unweighted 3.9 GPA or higher at schools that do not rank.

## Key Admissions Dates

- **NOVEMBER 1**  
Early Action deadline
- Guaranteed Professional Programs Admissions (GPPA) deadline\*\*
- Honors College priority deadline
- Priority scholarship date
- **DECEMBER 15**  
Early Action decision released by this date
- **FEBRUARY 1**  
Regular Decision deadline
- **MAY 1**  
Intent to Enroll deadline
- **AUGUST 24**  
Fall 2026 classes begin

\* Please note, in cases where a deadline falls on a weekend, we will extend the deadline to the immediately following Monday.

\*\* The GPPA deadline is a hard credentials deadline — the application must be complete, with all materials received.

# TRANSFER ADMISSIONS

## Who is considered a transfer student?

Has attended a college or university after graduating from high school or obtaining a GED.

### TRANSFER APPLICATION DEADLINES\*

Transfer applicants can apply through the UIC web application. Applications for admission are available in both the fall and spring semesters.

All undergraduate programs are available for fall enrollment, while a selection of majors are available for spring enrollment.

Spring deadline:	October 15
Fall deadline:	April 1
Nursing fall deadline:	January 15
Pharmacy fall deadline:	March 1

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Transfer applicants must meet these three core requirements to complete an application:

- Use the UIC web application
- Submit a \$70 nonrefundable application fee or application fee waiver
- Send official transcripts from each post-secondary institution the applicant has attended

### INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

Along with the requirements listed above, international transfer students must also submit the following:

- \$100 credit evaluation fee for international credits
- An English translation of the transcript(s) if original is not in English
- Evidence of English proficiency with a TOEFL, IELTS or PTE score or qualified waiver

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### FACTORS CONSIDERED

We place primary emphasis on a transfer applicant's academic history and coursework but consider all of the following:

Cumulative grade point average	Very Important
Program-specific course requirements	Very Important
Choice of major	Important
Total hours completed	Important
Application essay	Important

### APPLICANTS WHO HAVE EARNED LESS THAN 24 CREDIT HOURS MUST ALSO INCLUDE:

- Official high school transcript

## Transfer Tools

Online resources are available to advise and guide prospective transfer students at **TRANSFER.UIC.EDU**

### TRANSFER GUIDES

Our program-specific transfer guides give an overview of the transfer requirements, including required classes and minimum competitive grade point averages.

### TRANSFEROLOGY

Transferology is a tool that shows you how classes from a particular institution will transfer to a UIC program.

## Special Programs

### HONORS COLLEGE

Transfer applicants may apply by indicating their interest during the regular application process. The strongest transfer applicants will have 24 credit hours completed, a 3.4 cumulative GPA and at least 4 remaining semesters of college.

### TRANSFER GUARANTEE PROGRAMS

UIC and the U of I System maintain a partnerships between participating community colleges in Illinois to guarantee transfer admission to select majors.

**UIC Transfer Admissions Guarantee (TAG)**  
**TAG.UIC.EDU**

**UI System Transfer Guarantee**  
**GO.UIC.EDU/UI-TRANSFER**

## Key Admissions Dates

- **OCTOBER 15**  
Spring 2026 application deadline
- **DECEMBER 1**  
Spring 2026 Intent to Enroll deadline
- **DECEMBER 15**  
Fall 2026 Application opens
- **JANUARY 15**  
Fall 2026 - Nursing (BSN) application and materials deadline
- **MARCH 1**  
Fall 2026 - Pharmaceutical Sciences application and materials deadline
- **APRIL 1**  
Fall 2026 application deadline
- **JUNE 1**  
Fall 2026 Intent to Enroll deadline

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# RATES AND RESOURCES

## Financing College

The total billable expenses a student incurs varies depending on their residency status and whether they choose to live on campus. UIC students are not required to live on campus, though nearly half of first-year students do. The chart below details costs based on 2024–2025 rates.

### How much does UIC cost?

In-State Tuition and Fees  
**\$16,390**

Out-of-State Tuition and Fees  
**\$32,492**

Note: Tuition and fees are direct costs that are billed by the university. Some programs have additional tuition differentials. They're based on the 2024-25 academic year, and are typically updated in January.

### Estimated Variable Expenses

Books and Supplies  
\$1,400

Housing and Food Expenses  
\$14,400

Personal Expenses  
\$4,500

Transportation  
\$1,526

### Total Estimated Cost of Attendance

Total In-State  
\$38,216

Total Out-of-State  
\$54,318

Note: Estimated costs are used to determine financial aid and for planning purposes. Housing and food expenses are only billed if students choose to live in on-campus housing. For more information, visit [discover.uic.edu/#calculator](https://discover.uic.edu/#calculator)

## Counselor Website

### **ADMISSIONS.UIC.EDU/COUNSELORS**

Counselors can visit the portal to view announcements from UIC, request a group visit, and check a student's application status, including missing requirements and decisions.

## Merit-Based Scholarships

The undergraduate application for admission is used for most merit-based scholarships. In general, students will receive notification at point of admission, but some students may receive department specific awards later. First year students should apply in the Early Action period to receive priority consideration.

## Need-Based Aid

To be considered for need-based aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Our priority date to apply for need-based aid is March 15. For more information, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid at **FINANCIALAID.UIC.EDU**



## Free Tuition Program

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## Resources for Special Populations

### **UNDOCUMENTED**

A resource guide with topics including how to qualify for Illinois resident tuition rates, apply for scholarships and find advocacy organizations is available at **DREAM.UIC.EDU**

### **VETERANS**

Information on benefits, referrals, and veteran student life is available at **GO.UIC.EDU/STUDENTVETERAN**

### **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The Disability Resource Center facilitates student access to all things on campus through consultation with faculty and campus departments and the provision of reasonable accommodations. Visit **DRC.UIC.EDU**

### **INTERNATIONAL**

Credits earned at foreign institutions must meet the core first-year requirements. Applicants must share evidence of English competency and financial certifications. For all international admission requirements, visit **ADMISSIONS.UIC.EDU/INTERNATIONAL**

### **LGBTQIA+**

The Gender and Sexuality Center creates a more inclusive campus and promotes positive social change through programs, initiatives, events, and workshops. Visit **GSC.UIC.EDU**

### **SUCCESS AND BELONGING**

This office offers a network of support that enhances academic success, retention, and a sense of belonging, while empowering students to achieve personal growth, reach their educational objectives, and complete their degrees on time. Visit **OSSB.UIC.EDU**



# STAY INFORMED

## Events and Resources

### PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND APPLICANTS

We have two main visit gateways — **DISCOVER.UIC.EDU** for prospective students and **BOUND.UIC.EDU** for admitted students. At both sites, visitors can contact admissions counselors, sign up for in person and online events, schedule appointments, or browse on-demand presentations.

Join us for our premier event — Head to **SPARKFEST.UIC.EDU** to register for UIC's premier campus visit program, where guests can design their own day from over 50 options. Join us on **Saturday, September 20**.

## Upcoming Events

### FIRST-YEAR, TRANSFER, AND COUNSELORS

#### 2025

- **SparkFest**  
: September 20
- **Fall Advisor and Counselor Conference**  
: September 26
- **CPS Middle School Summit**  
: October 3
- **UIC Preview**  
: October 13
- **Virtual Financial Aid Night**  
: October 21
- **UIC Preview**  
: November 11
- **Virtual Financial Aid Night**  
: November 18
- **UIC Flames Financial Aid Symposium**  
: March 28
- **UIC Preview**  
: March 31
- **Flames Placement Assessment Day**  
: April 2
- **LARES Family Day**  
: April 4
- **Virtual Financial Aid Night**  
: April 7
- **Virtual Financial Aid Night**  
: April 10
- **Ignite - Admitted Student Welcome**  
: April 18
- **Virtual Financial Aid Night**  
: April 21

#### 2026

- **Firestarter - Admitted Student Welcome**  
: January 24
- **Virtual UIC Transfer Day**  
: February 20
- **Black New Student Welcome**  
: March 21
- **UIC Preview**  
: March 24
- **Flames Placement Assessment Day**  
: April 23
- **Virtual Financial Aid Night**  
: April 28
- **UIC Preview**  
: May 2

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

### Applied Health Sciences

ahs.uic.edu

Biomedical Visualization

Disability and Human Development

Food Science

Health Information Management ONLINE

Kinesiology

Life Science Visualization

Nutrition

Nutrition Science

Occupational Therapy

Physical Therapy

Rehabilitation Sciences

### Architecture, Design, and the Arts

cada.uic.edu

#### SCHOOL ARCHITECTURE

Architectural Studies

Architecture

#### SCHOOL OF ART AND ART HISTORY

Art

Studio Arts

Photography

Moving Image

New Media Arts

Art Education

Art History

Interdisciplinary Education in the Arts

Museum and Exhibition Studies

#### SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Computer Science + Design

Design Studies

Graphic Design

Industrial Design

#### SCHOOL OF THEATRE AND MUSIC

Acting

Music

Music Education

Music—Business

Music—Jazz Studies

Music—Performance

Theatre

Theatre and Performance

Theatre Design, Production, and Technology

### Business Administration

business.uic.edu

Accounting

Business Administration ONLINE

Business Analytics

Entrepreneurship

Finance

Corporate Finance

Financial Planning

Investments and Capital Markets

Human Resource Management

Information and Decision Sciences

Business Analytics

Management Information Systems

Supply Chain and Operations Management

International Business

Leadership

Management

Leadership and Managerial Competencies

Management Consulting

Managerial Logistics

Management Information Systems

Marketing

Data-Driven Marketing

Digital Marketing and Promotions

Innovation and Design Thinking

Retail and Services Marketing

Sales Leadership

Professional Sales and Relationship Management

Real Estate

Sports Management

Supply Chain and Operations Management

### Dentistry

dentistry.uic.edu

Dental Medicine

### Education

education.uic.edu

Early Childhood Education

Education

Educational Studies

Human Development and Learning

Instructional Design and Training

Instructional Leadership

Language, Literacies, and Learning

Measurement, Evaluation, Statistics, and Assessment

Science Education

Special Education

Urban Education (Elementary)

### Engineering

engineering.uic.edu

Biomedical Engineering

Chemical Engineering

Biochemical Engineering

Energy and Environment

Entrepreneurship

Nanotechnology

Polymers and Molecular Engineering

Process Automation

Civil Engineering

Computer Engineering

Computer Science

Computer Systems

Human-Centered Computing

Software Engineering

Computer Science + Design

Data Science

Bioinformatics

Business Analytics

Computer Science

Data Processing Science and Engineering

Health Data Science

Industrial Engineering

Social Technology Studies

Statistics

Urban Planning and Public Affairs

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Electrical Engineering

Engineering Management

Engineering Physics

Environmental Engineering

Industrial Engineering

Information Technology

International Studies

Materials Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

### Graduate College

grad.uic.edu

### Honors College

honors.uic.edu

### Law

law.uic.edu

Law

### Liberal Arts and Sciences

las.uic.edu

Anthropology

Arabic

Biochemistry

Biological Sciences

Evolution, Ecology, and Environmental Biology

General Biology

Molecular, Cellular, and Organismal Biology

Black Studies

Central and Eastern European Studies

Central and European Studies

Polish Studies

Russian Studies

Chemistry

Chinese

Classical Studies

Communication

Comparative Cultural Studies

Computer Science and Linguistics

Criminology, Law, and Justice

Earth and Environmental Sciences

Economics

English

Literatures in English

Creative Writing (Fiction, Poetry, or Nonfiction)

Film, Media, Performance, and Pop Culture

Professional Writing and Publishing

Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Multiethnic English

Studies

Rhetoric, Public Engagement, and Language Studies

French and Francophone Studies

Gender and Women's Studies

Germanic Studies

Global Asian Studies

Global Middle East Studies

History

Integrated Health Studies

Behavioral Health

Health and Science

International Studies

Italian and Italian American Studies

Latin American and Latino Studies

Law and Society

Liberal Studies

Linguistics

Logic, Argumentation, and Writing

Mathematics

Mathematics and Computer Science

Algorithms and Theory

Computational Mathematics

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Moving Image Arts <sup>U</sup>

Neuroscience <sup>B</sup>

Philosophy <sup>U</sup> <sup>B</sup>

Physics <sup>U</sup> <sup>B</sup>

Polish Studies <sup>U</sup>

Political Science <sup>U</sup> <sup>B</sup>

Law and Courts  
Urban Politics

Professional Writing <sup>U</sup>

Psychology—Applied <sup>B</sup>

Psychology—General <sup>U</sup> <sup>B</sup>

Religious Studies <sup>U</sup>

Russian Studies <sup>U</sup>

Social Justice <sup>U</sup>

Sociology <sup>U</sup> <sup>B</sup>

Data and Analytics  
Health and Medicine  
Professions, Occupations, and Work  
Sociology for Social Work

Spanish <sup>U</sup> <sup>B</sup>

Spanish for the Professions

Spanish for the Professions <sup>U</sup>

Statistics <sup>B</sup>

Applied Statistics

Statistical Theory and Methods

### Liberal Arts and Sciences

#### SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Teaching of English <sup>U</sup> <sup>B</sup>

Teaching of French <sup>B</sup>

Teaching of German <sup>B</sup>

Teaching of History <sup>B</sup>

Teaching of Mathematics <sup>B</sup>

Teaching of Spanish <sup>B</sup>

### Medicine

medicine.uic.edu

Medicine <sup>©</sup>

### Nursing

nursing.uic.edu

Nursing <sup>B</sup> <sup>©</sup> | <sup>B</sup> <sup>ONLINE</sup>

### Pharmacy

pharmacy.uic.edu

Pharmaceutical Sciences <sup>B</sup>

Pharmacy <sup>©</sup>

### Public Health

publichealth.uic.edu

Public Health <sup>U</sup> <sup>B</sup> <sup>©</sup>

### Jane Addams College of Social Work

socialwork.uic.edu

### Urban Planning and Public Affairs

cuppa.uic.edu

Civic Analytics <sup>U</sup> <sup>©</sup>

Geographic Information Systems <sup>U</sup>

Nonprofit Management <sup>U</sup>

Public Administration <sup>©</sup>

Public Policy <sup>U</sup> <sup>B</sup>

Research Design and Data Analysis <sup>U</sup>

Sustainable Cities <sup>U</sup>

Urban Planning and Policy <sup>©</sup>

Urban Studies <sup>U</sup> <sup>B</sup>

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### Pre-professional Programs

las.uic.edu

UIC's pre-professional tracks complement your major and help you prepare for admission to master's and doctoral programs. Each one outlines recommended courses to guide your academic path—no specific major required.

#### PROGRAMS OFFERED

Pre-Dentistry

Pre-Health Information Management

Pre-Law

Pre-Medicine

Pre-Nursing

Pre-Nutrition

Pre-Occupational Therapy

Pre-Pharmacy

Pre-Physical Therapy

Pre-Public Health

Pre-Veterinary Medicine

### Honors College

honors.uic.edu

UIC's Honors College offers an enriching academic experience, personalized advising, research opportunities, and a supportive community, preparing students for leadership and success in their careers.

### Transfer Partnership Programs

tag.uic.edu | go.uic.edu/ui-transfer

UIC and the University of Illinois system maintain partnerships between participating community colleges in Illinois to guarantee transfer admission to select majors.

### Joint Programs

catalog.uic.edu

Joint programs let students earn two degrees with shared course hours, reducing the total time compared to pursuing each degree separately.

#### PROGRAMS OFFERED

BS/MS in Chemical Engineering

BS/MS in Computer Science

BA in Public Policy or Urban Studies/MPA

BA in Public Policy or Urban Studies/MPP

BA in Public Policy or Urban Studies/MUPP

BA in Public Policy or Urban Studies/MSCA

BS or BA in Public Health/MPH

### Graduate Entry for Nursing

nursing.uic.edu

This program is for non-nurses with a bachelor's degree in another field who want to enter the nursing profession at an advanced level.

### Guaranteed Professional Program Admissions (GPPA)

gppa.uic.edu

GPPA secures high achieving first-year students placement in one of over 30 graduate and professional programs. Some programs require enrollment in the Honors College.

#### APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

MS in Biomedical Visualization

MS in Kinesiology

MS in Nutrition

BS in Health Information Management

Doctor of Occupational Therapy

Doctor of Physical Therapy

#### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MS in Accounting

MS in Business Analytics

MS in Management Information Systems

#### DENTISTRY

Doctor of Dental Medicine<sup>1,2</sup>

#### EDUCATION

Master of Education

Early Childhood Education

Instructional Leadership

Language, Literacies, and Learning

Measure, Evaluation, Statistics, and Assessment

Science Education

Special Education

#### ENGINEERING

MS in Engineering

Biomedical Engineering

Chemical Engineering

Civil Engineering

Computer Science

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Industrial Engineering

Materials Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

#### LAW

Juris Doctor

#### MEDICINE

Doctor of Medicine<sup>1,2</sup>

#### PHARMACY

Doctor of Pharmacy<sup>1</sup>

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

Master of Public Health

#### URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Masters in Civic Analytics

Masters in Public Administration

Masters in Public Policy

Masters in Urban Planning and Policy

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[go.uic.edu/counselors](https://go.uic.edu/counselors)  
[discover.uic.edu](https://discover.uic.edu)  
[bound.uic.edu](https://bound.uic.edu)

# CONNECT

## VISIT OUR COUNSELOR PORTAL

Head to the **Counselor Resource Page** to view opportunities to visit through several types of educational programs, including our annual counselor lunch.

The page is also where counselors can request access and view the UIC Application Status portal and request in-person or virtual group visits.

Visit **[GO.UIC.EDU/COUNSELORS](https://go.uic.edu/counselors)** for more information.



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