



# Illinois Board of Higher Education

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Illinois Public University Provosts

FROM: Stephanie Bernoteit, Executive Deputy Director

DATE: April 23, 2021

RE: Public Act 101-0654

In accordance with the amended statute (Public Act 101-0654) listed below, IBHE has provided a template to gather the required and recommended courses for 2021-2022 undergraduate admissions as stated in your university's policy and used in the admissions process. Above and beyond the course requirements and recommendations for general admissions, please provide any programs/majors/departments/colleges **that have additional requirements and recommendations** stated in policy and used in the undergraduate admissions process. Please include reference as to where the requirements or recommendations can be found (i.e., catalog or website). Also, list all required and recommended courses for admissions that you **will add** for the 2022-2023 academic year. **Please return the survey by May 28, 2021** to Gretchen Lohman at [lohman@ibhe.org](mailto:lohman@ibhe.org) and contact her if you have questions.

### **Legislation: Amends the School Code and the Board of Higher Education Act (Public Act 101-0654)**

(110 ILCS 205/9.40 new) Sec. 9.40. Review of university admission coursework.

- (a) On or before May 1, 2021 and as needed thereafter, the Board of Higher Education shall compile a review that identifies, for each public university in this State, all courses the university will require or recommend a high school student take to be admitted to the university as an undergraduate for the following school year. The review shall also include any required coursework or recommended coursework for undergraduate admission into a specific academic major, college, or department of the university for the following school year. In order to allow public school districts, sufficient time to fulfill their obligations under subsection (c) of Section 2-3.183 of the School Code, the review must also identify any new courses that each public university in this State will add to the review the following year. No new required or recommended coursework may be added to a review that has not been identified in the previous year's review. (b) The Board of Higher Education shall make the review compiled under subsection (a) available to the public on its Internet website. (c) The Board of Higher Education may adopt any rules necessary to implement this Section.

Public University: <u>Governors State University</u>	
	General Admission
Course Requirements	<p>GSU Course Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earned a high school diploma or its equivalent.</li> <li>• Show successful completion of the minimum high school subject requirements of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 years of English,</li> <li>• 3 years of Math,</li> <li>• 2 years of Lab Sciences,</li> <li>• 2 years of Social Sciences,</li> <li>• 2 years of Fine Arts or 2 years of a Foreign Language, and</li> <li>• 2 years of Elective Academic Units.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Links	<p><a href="https://www.govst.edu/freshman/">https://www.govst.edu/freshman/</a> and <a href="https://www.govst.edu/templates/policies/policies.aspx?id=tt">https://www.govst.edu/templates/policies/policies.aspx?id=tt</a> Undergraduate Admission Policy 34</p>
Course Recommendations	<p>GSU Recommended Coursework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 years of English,</li> <li>• 4 years of Math,</li> <li>• 3 years of Lab Sciences,</li> <li>• 3 years of Social Sciences,</li> <li>• 2 - 3 years of Fine Arts or 3-4 years of a Foreign Language, and</li> <li>• 2 years of Elective Academic Units.</li> </ul>
Links	<p><a href="https://www.govst.edu/About/Why_GSU/">https://www.govst.edu/About/Why_GSU/</a> Undergraduate Student Guide</p>

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	Colleges	Departments	Programs	Majors	Notes
<p>First year students at GSU do not declare a major. They are all enrolled as General Studies students until completion of their first semester their sophomore year, at which time they declare their major. They are placed into Focus Areas based on their intended major (<a href="https://www.govst.edu/GeneralEducationAdvising/">https://www.govst.edu/GeneralEducationAdvising/</a> and <a href="https://catalog.govst.edu/content.php?catoid=8&amp;navoid=691">https://catalog.govst.edu/content.php?catoid=8&amp;navoid=691</a>). Advising guides identify the specific courses within the General Education areas of Communications, Humanities and Fine Arts, Mathematics, Physical and Life Sciences, and Social and Behavioral Sciences that are specific for the intended majors. GSU Admission requirement is a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, and SAP minimum is 2.0. Some programs have specific GPA requirements beyond SAP requirements, to be admitted, but application to the programs does not occur until first semester sophomore year.</p>					
<b>Name:</b>  <b><u>Teacher Education Programs</u></b>	Education And Arts and Sciences	COE – Division of Education CAS – Division of Science, Mathematics, and Technology and Division of Arts and Letters	Elementary Education Early Childhood Education Secondary Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics, and Social Sciences	<a href="#">Elementary Education</a> <a href="#">Early Childhood Education</a> <a href="#">Secondary Biology</a> , <a href="#">Chemistry</a> , <a href="#">English</a> , <a href="#">Mathematics</a> , and <a href="#">Social Sciences</a>	Students do not enroll in these majors until second semester sophomore year – after they have completed the required GSU Focus Area/ General Education requirements; Admission to the programs is higher than the 2.0 admission and GE requirement. Catalog pages from 20-21 catalog are hyper-linked to program name.
<b>Course Requirements</b>				See linked catalog page – but these are all courses only taken at GSU or transferred in from the community colleges. Those lower division/transfer	NONE

				courses include a Foundations of Education, Intro to Educational Technology, Educational Psychology I, and Special Education Survey of Students with Exceptionalities	
<b>Links</b>				Hyperlinked above	
<b>Course Recommendations</b>				NA	
<b>Links</b>				NA	
<b>Name:</b> <b><u>Communication Disorders, BHS</u></b>	Health and Human Services	Communication Disorders	BHS Communication Disorders	BHS Communication Disorders	<b>Students do not declare major until second semester sophomore year</b>
<b>Course Requirements</b>			Not a course requirement as much as it is a different GPA to get admitted – must be a 2.75/4.0 <a href="https://catalog.govst.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&amp;poid=2001&amp;returnto=679">https://catalog.govst.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&amp;poid=2001&amp;returnto=679</a>		
<b>Name:</b> <b><u>Health Informatics, BS</u></b>	Health and Human Services	Health Administration	BS Health Informatics	BS Health Informatics	<b>Students do not declare major until second semester sophomore year</b>
<b>Course Requirements</b>			Requires a higher high school GPA minimum (2.5/4.0) than University Admission (2.0/4.0) <a href="https://catalog.govst.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&amp;poid=2029&amp;returnto=679">https://catalog.govst.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&amp;poid=2029&amp;returnto=679</a>		

List all required and recommended courses for undergraduate admissions that you will add for 2022-2023 AY.

	General	Colleges	Departments	Programs	Majors
<b>2022-2023</b> <b>(New Course Requirements)</b>	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
<b>2022-2023</b> <b>(New Course Recommendations)</b>	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE