ACADEMIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Intellectual Integrity

Because intellectual honesty is essential for the health of an academic community and the achievement of its objectives, any attempt on the part of students to submit work which is not their own, or to assist someone else in doing so, cannot be tolerated. A Statement on Intellectual Integrity, printed in the Student Handbook (Blue Book), includes the basic policies, the penalties for violations, and recommended procedures for avoiding violations.

Full-time Status

Students must register for a minimum of 12 semester hours to be considered full-time. The normal schedule is 16 hours each semester, although schedules range from 12 to 20 hours. Permission to take more than 20 hours must be obtained from the Provost. Full-time status is required to be eligible to live in the residence halls and to be eligible for and to maintain participation in extracurricular activities. Adding a course after the tenth day of classes requires permission of the instructor.

Part-time/Special Status

Students taking a course load less than 12 hours for credit are designated as part-time or “special” students. A course load fewer than six hours is “less than half-time.” Special students may or may not be degree candidates and must maintain the following grade point averages in order to remain in good standing regardless of how many courses are taken: after the first semester 1.500, after the second semester 1.700, after the third semester 1.900, thereafter 2.000. Special students who are not in good standing are governed by the same regulations with respect to probation, dismissal and readmission as full-time students. A special student who is a degree candidate and who has never enrolled in the College as a full-time student, but otherwise meets all requirements for graduation, may receive the earned degree provided the student has attended a number of convocations equal to one-quarter of the number of credit hours earned at Illinois College up to a total of 30 convocation attendances.

A student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may participate in organized practice sessions while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student is enrolled in the final semester of the baccalaureate program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements, as determined by the faculty of the institution. (See NCAA Rule 14.1.8.1.3.) Illinois College requires a minimum of 4 credit hours for students enrolling under this special status. However, the minimum number of hours is subject to change. Students must consult with the Office of the Registrar and the Athletic Department if they intend to enroll under this special status.

Grades, Quality Points and GPA

The achievement of each student is recorded in terms of letter grades carrying quality point values. Beginning with the fall 2007 semester, Illinois College uses the following numerical grade points:

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Grade point average (GPA) is determined by dividing the total number of quality points by the total number of credit hours attempted. Only course work which has been completed at Illinois College is included in determining grade point average. Credit hours for a grade of F are counted in determining grade point average but are not counted in determining hours toward graduation.

Academic Honors And Awards

IC SCHOLARS HONORS PROGRAM
IC Scholars, the honors program at Illinois College, is designed to encourage academic achievement by providing opportunities for research, interdisciplinary learning, and creative challenges through enhanced coursework, supervised research, and travel. We ask students to enter a community of scholars willing to take intellectual risks and engage with the complex global issues confronting our diverse world. Admitted students will be considered for the IC Scholars program based upon academic achievement in high school and an interview with faculty during the Bright Blue scholarship program.

Successful completion of the IC Scholars program includes completion of an honors First-Year Seminar Learning Community in the first semester; completion of four honors-designated course assignments by the end of junior year; completion of an honors project during senior year; and maintaining a 3.5 GPA.

Students will be eligible for a fully-funded BreakAway in their junior or senior year if they are in good standing and have completed requirements to that point. Contact the IC Scholars director for more information.

DEAN’S LIST
Each semester students who have completed and received graded credit for at least 14 hours with a grade point average of 3.5 or above, have no grade below ‘C’, have no more than one ‘C’ grade, and no ‘Incomplete’ grades are placed on the Dean’s List.

GRADUATION HONORS
The grade point standards for graduating from Illinois College with honors are:

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The cumulative grade point will be based on grades received at Illinois College alone and must cover at least four semesters of full-time attendance. Students with fewer than four semesters at Illinois College are not eligible for graduation honors. (Note: These standards are effective for all students who graduate in the academic year 2020-21 and later.)

PHI BETA KAPPA
Phi Beta Kappa is a national honor society that recognizes high scholarship. The first chapter was formed at the College of William and Mary in Virginia in 1776. Colleges merit a local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa on the basis of their high scholastic attainments, and membership in the society is a mark of distinction. Four universities and seven colleges in the state of Illinois have chapters of Phi Beta Kappa; the Illinois College chapter is the Epsilon of Illinois. During the second semester of each year the faculty members of the chapter, who are solely responsible for selection, elect to membership a limited number of graduating seniors whose scholastic records show marked attainment and promise in the liberal arts and sciences tradition of Phi Beta Kappa. Grades in internships, field work and the professional semester are not included. Students entering in fall 2003 or later must have a broad program in the liberal arts and sciences, including at least 90
hours of liberal arts coursework, successful completion of a language course at the 200-level or beyond and successful completion of a mathematics course at the 200-level or beyond, and must have completed at least 75 semester hours at Illinois College to be considered as candidates. Membership in Phi Beta Kappa is the highest scholastic distinction which undergraduates can receive.

STUDENT MARSHALS
Two juniors are selected on the basis of high scholarship and effective leadership in College activities to serve as Student Marshals in the academic processions at commencement and other special occasions.

Satisfactory Academic Progress, Warning, Probation and Suspension

Illinois College requires that students earn the bachelor’s degree within 10 semesters of full-time enrollment (pro-rated for part-time enrollment). The College requires students enrolled in 3-2 programs to earn the Illinois College bachelor’s degree within 12 semesters of full-time enrollment including semesters of study at the cooperating institution. Students with special circumstances may make written appeals to the Educational Policy Committee for exceptions to these requirements. The following policy was approved by the Illinois College Faculty on February 3, 2014.

In accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 1965, as amended by Congress in 2008, Illinois College has established a minimum Standards of Academic Progress (SAP) Policy. When a student accepts financial aid, he or she also accepts the responsibility for making satisfactory academic progress towards a degree. In order to maintain eligibility for financial aid funding, a student must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards stated below.

A student will be considered to be making satisfactory progress if he or she meets ALL of the following standards. Failure to comply with any ONE of the standards will affect Academic Standing and may result in a loss of financial aid eligibility. Satisfactory Academic Progress is evaluated after the completion of each semester.

All federal, state, and institutional financial aid programs administered by the Illinois College Office of Financial Aid are covered by this policy.

This policy replaces all previous SAP Policies and beginning in Fall Semester 2014 goes into effect for all students.

STANDARDS OF SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)

1. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)
   Unless a student is placed on SAP warning, an undergraduate student must maintain the minimum cumulative GPA as displayed in the chart below in order to remain in good academic standing and to receive financial aid. A student must achieve a 2.0 cumulative GPA by the end of the fourth semester and maintain it every semester thereafter. GPAs are calculated to the fourth decimal place and will not round up. Transfer students should refer to the section at the end of this policy for additional information.

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2. Completion Rate
All students in their first year at Illinois College must successfully complete 66% of all attempted credit hours. After the first year, a student must reach a cumulative Completion Rate of 75% of all attempted credit hours. The Completion Rate is calculated by dividing the cumulative number of earned hours the student has successfully completed by the cumulative number of hours the student has attempted. These percentages will be calculated to two decimal places and will not round up.


b. Course grades of F and NCR will be considered attempted and unsuccessfully completed.

c. Course grades of CR (credit) will be considered attempted and successfully completed, but they will not affect the student’s grade point average.

d. Course grades of I (incomplete) indicate a student has not yet completed the course, and therefore, will not be considered as successfully completed. An incomplete grade does not earn credit or influence the grade point average. However, an incomplete grade will count toward total credits attempted. If an “I” grade is later changed to a grade, the student’s progress will be re-evaluated.

e. Course grades of W (withdrawn from class) do not earn credit toward graduation or toward satisfying the minimum credit hours requirement; however, these credits will count toward the total attempted credits and the Maximum Timeframe requirement (see below). Within the drop/add period (the first ten days of a term), a student may drop courses without a grade. These courses are removed from the academic record and will not count as attempted hours.

f. Repeated courses will be considered as additional attempted credits. However, for any successfully completed course (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, CR grade), only one repetition of the course is allowed to be funded with financial aid. Additional repeats of the course must be paid for by the student. Any unsuccessfully completed course (F, NC or NCR grade) may be repeated until successfully completed. It should be noted that continuous repeats make it hard for the student to reach the 75% Completion Rate. Continuous repeats may be denied in a SAP Appeal review and may negatively impact the Maximum Timeframe requirement. Repeatable courses, such as CO 388 where the topic varies by semester, and music lessons and ensembles are permitted if the student does not exceed the maximum times repeatable per the departmental rules in the Illinois College catalog.

g. Audit courses (AU) are not counted as either attempted or completed credits and are not eligible for financial aid funding.

h. Credit hours from another institution that are accepted at Illinois College must count as both attempted and completed hours.

3. Maximum Timeframe Rule
In addition to the two measures of academic progress, a student must complete their program of study within 150% of the standard timeframe required to earn their degree. With 120 hours needed to complete degree requirements, an Illinois College student must complete a degree within 180 attempted hours. If a student will go over 180 hours in their last semester, they must appeal to the Office of Academic Affairs to obtain an exception to this rule.

FINANCIAL AID GOOD STANDING STATUS
A student who is meeting all of the SAP Standards above is considered in good standing and is eligible for financial aid funding.
SAP WARNING
If a student fails to meet either the cumulative GPA standard or the Completion Rate standard, he or she is placed on Academic and Financial Aid warning requiring that he or she must meet the GPA and Completion Rate standards by the end of the following semester. Warning status lasts for only one semester during which the student remains in good academic standing and may continue to participate in intercollegiate athletics and to receive financial aid funds. A student who fails to make satisfactory progress after the warning period loses his or her aid eligibility unless he or she successfully appeals and is placed on probation.

SAP PROBATION STATUS
A student who fails to meet SAP Standards is placed on Academic Suspension, but may appeal to have his or her financial aid eligibility reinstated for one additional semester. A student who successfully appeals is placed on Academic and Financial Aid Probation.

A student who is placed on probation is not in good academic standing and is not eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics until he or she meets the SAP standards.

During the probationary period, a student has one semester to satisfactorily meet the SAP Standards unless his or her Academic Plan allows otherwise. An Academic Plan may be developed with the student by the Office of Academic Affairs to ensure the student will be able to meet all SAP Standards within a given period of time. The Academic Plan may set individual goals for a student which do not bring the student into compliance with SAP at the end of the semester but do move the student toward timely graduation. If SAP standards are met at the end of the probationary period, the student returns to Good Academic and Financial Aid standing for the next semester of enrollment. If the goals of an individual Academic Plan are met, without attaining the SAP standards, the student will stay on SAP probation and remain eligible for financial aid. If neither SAP standards nor the Academic Plan goals are met at the end of the probationary period, the student will be placed on SAP suspension.

A student can be placed on or continue SAP Probation under the following circumstances:
1. If, after one semester of SAP warning, the student does not meet the SAP standards, he or she may be placed on SAP Probation if he or she successfully appeals his or her SAP Suspension for not meeting the SAP standards.
2. If he or she meets the goals of a customized Academic Plan while on probation in the previous semester but is still not achieving the SAP standards.

SAP SUSPENSION STATUS
A student who earns less than a 1.2 semester GPA or fails to meet the SAP standards or fails to meet the goals of an Academic Plan while on SAP Probation will be immediately placed on SAP Suspension. As long as a student is on suspension, he or she is not eligible for any financial aid funding at Illinois College. A student may appeal this status; however, submitting an appeal does not guarantee approval.

SAP REINSTATEMENT
A student who loses financial aid eligibility because he or she is not meeting SAP Standards may restore his or her eligibility in one of the following ways:
1. Successfully appealing the loss of eligibility. To appeal, the student must submit a Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Appeal with supporting documentation to the Office of Academic Affairs. If, based on the appeal, the Office of Academic Affairs determines the student should be able to meet the SAP standards by the end of the subsequent semester; he or she may be placed on probation without an academic plan for one semester only. A progress review is required at the end of that semester. If, based on the initial appeal, the student will require more than one semester to meet progress standards; he or she may be
placed on probation with an Academic Plan that ensures the student is able to meet the SAP standards by a specific time. A progress review at the end of one semester is required of a student on probation status to determine if the student is meeting the requirements of the Academic Plan. If the student is meeting the requirements of the Academic Plan, the student is eligible to receive financial aid as long as the student continues to meet those requirements and is reviewed every semester according to the requirements specified in the plan. If the conditions of the Academic Plan are not met, the student will no longer be eligible to continue at Illinois College or to receive financial aid funding until such time as SAP Standards are met. A student must also appeal to change their plan. He or she must explain what has happened to make the change necessary and how he or she will be able to make academic progress.

2. By completing one full-time semester or two full-time quarters at another college/university which allow the student to achieve the SAP standards. Keep in mind that credits taken elsewhere will not resolve the Cumulative GPA component of SAP, except under certain conditions, but may be used to resolve the Completion Rate requirement. Courses taken must be chosen in consultation with the Dean of Student Success. Simply sitting out of school for a semester or two will not restore eligibility for a student who has lost eligibility to receive financial aid funding due to not meeting SAP Standards. A student who has been suspended from Illinois College by the Academic Affairs Office, but is subsequently given permission to re-enroll is not automatically eligible to receive financial aid funding. Readmission decisions are separate from funding decisions.

Other than when a student is placed on financial aid warning or probation or has agreed to an academic plan as outlined above, he or she can regain eligibility only by taking action that brings him or her into compliance with satisfactory progress standards. However, neither paying for classes with the student’s own funds nor simply sitting out for a term affects a student’s academic progress standing. It is necessary to make changes to the GPA or Completion Rate that achieve the SAP standards to reestablish aid eligibility.

SAP APPEAL PROCESS

A student who fails to meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards has the right to appeal the suspension of their financial aid funding. The appeal cannot be based upon the student’s need for assistance or student’s lack of knowledge that his or her funding was in jeopardy. Appeals must be based on some type of extenuating circumstance (death, illness, accident, natural disaster, activation into military service, previously undiagnosed learning disability, etc.) that impacted negatively upon student’s ability to meet the required standards and based on what has changed in the student’s situation that would allow the student to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress at the next evaluation. The SAP Appeal process is a two part process. Submitting an appeal does not guarantee approval. The appeal process is a request for an exception to the SAP Policy. Not all circumstances will warrant an exception to the SAP Policy. The student must submit a Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal to the Provost including a detailed statement explaining the extenuating circumstance(s) along with third party documentation (doctor’s statement, death certificate, police report, activation papers, etc.) verifying his or her claim. In addition, the appeal must address what has changed in the student’s situation that would allow the student to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress at the next evaluation. The appeal will be reviewed and a determination of whether or not the appeal has merit will be made. Appeals submitted without all required documents will be considered incomplete and denied due to lack of sufficient evidence.

Keep in mind that due to the limited amount of time between semesters, a complete review of all financial aid recipients’ SAP standards may not be possible before financial aid funds are credited to the student account or bills are due; therefore, a student who is subsequently determined to be ineligible under the SAP Standards will have their funds returned to the appropriate federal and/or state agency and the student will be billed for the amount owed to the college.
NOTIFICATION
A student will be notified of decisions regarding their Satisfactory Academic Progress through his or her Illinois College email.

RE-ADMISSION WITHOUT FINANCIAL AID
At the discretion of the Office of Academic Affairs, a student may appeal for re-admission to the college without financial aid.

TRANSFER STUDENTS
A transfer student who enrolls at Illinois College with 24 credits or more must meet the standards listed above with the exception of their first semester at Illinois College as a full-time student. For this first semester, the standard for good academic standing is a GPA of 1.7 or above, the standard for being placed on SAP warning is 1.69 or less. Fifteen hours of transfer work count as one semester for calculating the number of semesters.

Completing Out-of-Residence
In completing their graduation requirements, students are required to take at least 36 hours, including 24 of their final 32 semester hours, at Illinois College. For sufficient cause, a waiver of this policy may be obtained through petition to the Educational Policies Committee. Seniors will ordinarily not be permitted to take more than their last eight credit hours out-of-residence. Students granted permission to complete graduation requirements out-of-residence must normally do so within one calendar year after the end of the last semester in residence. Students completing out-of-residence during the second semester of an academic year must have their work completed and the grade recorded in the institution’s records office at least one week prior to Illinois College’s commencement date in order to be considered for graduation that academic year. Failure to do so may result in their graduation being held over to the following academic period. This policy does not apply to students who are enrolled in a program established by an articulation agreement (3-1, 3-2 programs) with another college or university, or to students who are enrolled at Illinois College while studying off-campus.

Class Registration
Illinois College has an open add-drop period of five class days at the beginning of each semester to allow students to make any necessary adjustments to their schedules. During this period, schedule changes may be made using the online system through Connect2. After the fifth class day, all enrollment changes must be made using the paper add-drop form which is submitted in person to the Office of the Registrar. The forms are available on Connect2 and in the Office of the Registrar.

With advisor approval, students may add courses to their schedule through the fifth class day of the semester without the instructor’s approval. Adding a course after the fifth class day and prior to the end of the tenth class day of the semester is permissible if the course’s instructor and the student’s advisor sign a paper add form. Students will not be penalized for any absences that occurred prior to their enrollment in the course. They also will be allowed to complete any missed homework, quizzes, or projects, or any substitute work that the faculty member agrees to accept, from that period. However, should they choose not to make up the work, they will receive zeros or failing grades on that work.

Students who withdraw from a course prior to the end of the tenth day can remove the course from their schedule without a “W” appearing on their transcript. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure their enrollment is correctly listed on Connect2 by 4:30 p.m. on the tenth day of classes.
Withdrawals

In courses in which a grade has not already been filed, students may withdraw from a full-term course until Monday of the tenth week of classes with a grade of ‘W’. If a student withdraws from a repeated course, the ‘W’ does not replace a grade in the previous course. See Satisfactory Academic Progress (page 165) for the impact of withdrawals.

Students intending to withdraw from the college must report their intent to withdraw to the Office of Academic Affairs on the second floor of Tanner Hall. Students who withdraw from the College after the tenth day of classes and before the Monday of the tenth week of classes will receive a grade of ‘W’ (withdraw) in all courses for which a grade has not already been filed. Students withdrawing from the College prior to the seventh week of classes will receive a partial refund of tuition as stipulated on page 194. Students who withdraw from the College must receive permission to return from the Provost before re-enrolling.

Credit/No Credit Registration

Certain courses have been approved for Credit/No Credit registration by the departments or programs concerned. Students may enroll in one such approved course, outside their major, each semester instead of registering for the normal letter grade. Students enrolled on a Credit/No Credit basis must fulfill all course requirements including attendance, assignments, classroom participation, papers and examinations. Credit is given if the semester grade is D or above. If the semester grade is F, it is recorded as NC and is included in hours attempted but not hours completed. Credit/No Credit registration must be completed in the Office of the Registrar by the tenth day of classes and may not be reversed thereafter. Credit/No Credit courses count as hours attempted.

Repeat Courses

During the term in which the course is being repeated, credit hours earned in the first attempt will still be in the student’s total hours. The student must remember that additional hours will not accrue for courses that previously earned credit hours. When a student repeats a course, the previous credit and grade are canceled upon completion of the subsequent attempt with the more recent grade becoming the grade of record. The earlier attempt remains on the transcript with an asterisk or parentheses around the grade to show that the course has been repeated. Subsequent attempts are marked with an ‘R’ for repeat. Improving a course grade of F will affect both grade point average and hours counted toward graduation, whereas improving a grade of D or above will affect grade point average only. Repeated courses count as additional hours attempted.

Incomplete Grades

In consultation with the Dean of Student Success, an instructor may award the grade of Incomplete (I) when extenuating circumstances make successful completion of course requirements impossible. A grade of incomplete must be made up no later than the end of the first six weeks in the subsequent semester at which time the grade defaults to an ‘F’ unless a Course Completion Contract is filed with the Provost specifying an alternative time table and default grade. If a student has incomplete course work, all federal and state financial aid, including loans, cannot be renewed until all incomplete work has been completed.
Summer Study on an Individual Basis and Internships

With faculty supervision, students may register for credit for an independent study or participate in college-approved internships during the summer. Internships for academic credit must include summer assignments, opportunities for reflection on the activities of the internship, and a culminating project. Approval by a faculty supervisor and the Office of Career Services is required by June 1 each year. The internship learning contract, available from Career Services, is required. (See page 157 for more information on internships.)

Transfer Credits

In most cases, Illinois College accepts transfer credits from regionally accredited institutions of higher education for coursework equivalent to coursework offered at Illinois College. In general, undergraduate academic coursework with a grade of ‘C-‘ or better is transferrable to Illinois College while vocational and graduate course work is not because Illinois College does not offer work in these areas. Official transcripts from an accredited college are required before transfer credit can be evaluated, accepted, or recorded. Copies issued to the student, even sealed copies, are not accepted as official. Transfer credits are evaluated by the Office of the Registrar in consultation with the relevant academic departments. Application of the coursework within each major is determined by that academic program. Acceptance of transfer courses for credit does not automatically guarantee that those courses will substitute for particular Illinois College courses in meeting general education requirements or within majors or minors. Transfer courses normally receive the semester hour equivalent of the credit value of the institution where the courses were taken, whether higher or lower than the equivalent Illinois College course. The grades earned on transfer work do not count toward the grade point average at Illinois College.

Illinois College accepts credits earned by dual-enrollment, provided the credits are presented on the transcript of an accredited institution of higher education. Illinois College also accepts Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, CLEP and other work based on testing, based on its evaluation of the test scores. In no case does Illinois College allow double-dipping (e.g., credit for both the AP test results and a dual-credit high school course in the same area would not be allowed). Illinois College also accepts military education credits which meet the same equivalence standards as other transfer work.

No more than 66 hours of transfer work from two-year colleges or equivalent institutions may be counted toward an Illinois College degree. Students must earn at least 36 semester hours of academic credit at Illinois College, with 24 of the last 32 completed in residence.

For students already enrolled at the College, the Transfer Credit Approval form for pre-approval of courses to be taken out of residence is available from the Office of the Registrar, the Illinois College Web site and Connect2 and is highly recommended for all transfer work. Applicability for general education or major/minor credit should be documented by completion of this pre-approval form. Courses taken by students already enrolled at Illinois College that employ alternative delivery methods such as correspondence and online courses require special approval from the Registrar and department chair. No more than 12 semester hours of courses that employ alternative delivery methods will be accepted for transfer.

Policies for Transfer Students Seeking to Satisfy BLUEprint Requirements

1. Students may transfer approved courses into Illinois College to substitute for BLUEprint (General Education) courses. In most cases, departments will collaborate with the Office of the Registrar to approve courses from other institutions of higher learning to meet the standards of various BLUEprint requirements. In cases for which there is no appropriate department or program to approve such a course, students may petition the Educational Policies Committee (EPC) for approval.
2. Oral Communications: Students who satisfy the Oral Communications requirement by taking an approved course away from Illinois College will be considered to have completed the Ethical and Responsible Actions and Speaking Extensive experiences normally satisfied by the Communications 101 course at Illinois College.

3. Written Communications: Students who satisfy the Written Communications requirement by taking an approved course away from Illinois College will be considered to have completed the Writing Extensive and Information Literacy experiences normally satisfied by the English 121 course at Illinois College.

SEMINAR COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS:

Students who transfer to Illinois College with less than 15 credits must take the First-Year Seminar (FYS) or the Transfer-Student Seminar (TSS). Students who transfer to Illinois College with at least 15 credits from another institution of higher education are strongly encouraged to take the Transfer-Student Seminar (TSS). The Transfer-Student Seminar, along with Oral and Written Communications, make up the set of Foundations requirements for transfer students who enter Illinois College with at least 15 credits.

Transfer students entering Illinois College with an associate's degree (AA or AS) are exempt from all Foundations and Explorations requirements, as well as one pair of connected courses. They remain responsible for other BLUEprint requirements.

TRANSFER STUDENT SEMINAR

The Transfer Student Seminar is designed to help transfer students fulfill BLUEprint requirements. Successful completion of TSS also guarantees credit for three embedded experiences: Community/Civic Engagement, Ethical and Responsible Actions, and Information Literacy.

Successful completion of TSS and a science lab course taken either at Illinois College or elsewhere will together satisfy the Exploration requirement of Science in Society with lab.

Successful completion of TSS and a language course (at the level of 102 or above) taken either at Illinois College or elsewhere will together satisfy the language-related requirement for a pair of Connected Courses.

In recognition of the experiences that transfer students carry with them from other institutions along with their increased understanding of important connections through the Transfer-Student Seminar, students who successfully complete the Transfer-Student Seminar will be exempt from the SEE, WEE, U.S. Diversity and Global Awareness, and Community/Civic Engagement requirements that are satisfied in the First-Year Seminar.

Students who do not successfully complete a First-Year Seminar or a Transfer-Student Seminar are still responsible for completing all the embedded experiences required by the BLUEprint. Students may transfer into Illinois College courses which meet the embedded experience requirements.