

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

General Requirements

It is important that all students familiarize themselves with all of the academic requirements of their specific program. These requirements must be fulfilled before the student can receive a degree. Advisors are available to assist the student in understanding these requirements, but the student is responsible for completing them.

All students under twenty-three years of age carrying four or more hours must live in the residence halls unless married or living with a parent or guardian. IBCS reserves the right to approve the housing of all students.

Educational Preparation

High School

The usual requirement for admission to the undergraduate program is graduation from high school. Applicants must demonstrate that they have successfully completed a minimum of sixteen units of high school work. The sixteen completed units should not include Bible. Applicants must also produce an official transcript or GED which details their successful completion of a high school degree.

GED

Applicants who have successfully completed the General Education Development Test (GED) are usually considered as having sufficient basis for college admission. IBCS reserves the right to review the results of this test and to make admissions recommendation based upon them.

Home School

IBCS supports the rights of parents to educate their children at home and recognizes that education as a viable option. IBCS will admit a student based on the transcript, produced by a parent or a home school agency. An official transcript including courses taken, grades earned, a grade point average for each year, a cumulative grade point average, and date of graduation is required.

CLEP Testing

IBCS accepts up to 18 CLEP credits (College-Level Examination Program) if the credit is in an equivalent subject area in the IBCS curriculum. CLEP testing should be completed generally before the end of the student's first year. The minimum score of accepted subject tests is 50.

Dual Enrollment Students

A dual enrollment student is one who has participated in an academic program where both high school and college courses are completed simultaneously. Courses are taught according to the standards of higher education. These standards include, but are not limited to, faculty credentials, credit hours, course work, textbooks, classroom discussion, and classroom instruction. Acceptance of dual enrollment credits will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the IBCS Registrar.

Acceptance of Transfer Credits

Credits taken at prior institutions may be accepted at IBCS as Transfer Credits. A student seeking to transfer credits must request that all schools involved send official transcripts directly to IBCS. These documents need to include a statement and/or represent good standing from the institution of prior attendance.

Students transferring fewer than twenty-six hours (26) of college-level work may be required to submit scores from an ACT or an SAT. These results will be forwarded to IBCS automatically when the student specifies IBCS's **ACT number (0178)** or the **SAT number (5461)**.

Transfer Credits need to be credits awarded by institutions of Higher Education, from military courses, standardized test scores (CLEP), and/or dual enrollment courses. Transcripts will be evaluated based upon the institution's accreditation; the course number, contents, philosophy, outside requirements; and the student's earned grade.

Credits can be transferred only for courses that are similar in scope and content to **IBCS** courses. In some cases, the transferred courses must also be similar in philosophical perspective, such as ministerial classes or missions classes. Courses from other institutions that are not similar to any courses in **IBCS**'s curriculum may be transferred as electives.

Institutions transferring credits to **IBCS** must be accredited by an agency approved by the U.S. government or approved through **IBCS** administrative procedure. Only a portion of the total credits required to complete the desired **IBCS** degree can be transferred from another post-secondary entity.

All undergraduate courses transferred must have a minimum grade no lower than 71% (C-).

All graduate courses transferred must have a minimum grade no lower than 74% (C).

Students transferring into **IBCS** with a cumulative GPA of less than 2.00 will be placed on academic probation (see the Academic Probation and Satisfactory Academic Progress sections).