HOW TO BE A SALUKI
A STUDENT’S GUIDE.
CONGRATULATIONS!
WELCOME TO SIU CARBONDALE.
RUN WITH US!

WELCOME.SIU.EDU
LET’S GET STARTED!
Inside, you’ll find simple instructions to help you:
» Claim your Network ID.
» Apply for financial aid with the FAFSA.
» Submit your housing contract.
» Sign up for New Student Orientation.
» Register for classes.
» Submit your Immunization Compliance Form.
» Submit your final transcript(s).

Remember: We’re always here to help you.
Email us: admissions@siu.edu
Call: 618/536-4405
ONLINE AND READY.

Claim your Network ID.
This step is essential (especially when it comes to financial aid) and simple. Go to netid.siu.edu for complete instructions.

Now you’re ready to log on to SalukiNet.
- Complete your enrollment
- Track your financial records, financial aid and scholarships
- Upload your ID photo
- Follow campus news

salukinet.siu.edu

If you need help, contact Information Technology at 618/453-5155.

Send your final transcripts.
After you graduate from high school – or, if you’re transferring, after your last college semester – arrange to have your final, official transcripts sent to SIU. If you have questions, you can call 618/536-4405 or visit admissions.siu.edu.

Mail high school transcripts to:
Undergraduate Admissions
Mail Code 4710
SIU Carbondale
1263 Lincoln Drive
Carbondale, IL 62901

Mail college transcripts to:
Articulation and Evaluation
Mail Code 4725
SIU Carbondale
1263 Lincoln Drive
Carbondale, IL 62901

Make it easy on yourself.
Have your high school or college send your transcripts electronically through an approved electronic transcript service such as Parchment or National Student Clearinghouse.
SPOILER ALERT! WHAT TO EXPECT AS A SALUKI.

New Student Orientation
NSO is a one-day program for incoming SIU students. It’s required for freshmen, strongly recommended for transfer students. Families are encouraged to accompany their new Salukis! We’ve been doing this a while and we’ve discovered that students who attend orientation often have higher first semester GPAs and a deeper connection to campus.

What’s so great about NSO? For starters, we’ll help you register for classes. When you sign up for NSO, we’ll assign you an academic advisor who will help you make sense of prerequisites, core curriculum and major requirements.

What else? NSO removes the “oops, I forgot” and the “I wish I had known” factors by helping you take care of all the details for your first day as a student. And you’ll meet the heart of SIU – fellow new students, students who’ve been here a bit, faculty and staff.

You’ll also find out details about day-to-day student life and academic support, including setting up your Debit Dawg account, student employment opportunities, registered student organizations and more. And you’ll get your student ID. This is a “get in free” ticket to many campus events.

TRANSFER STUDENTS - We have New Student Orientation sessions just for you – consider it a shortcut to getting to know campus. Check the dates at orientation.siu.edu.

SALUKI STARTUP is extended orientation for new students. It takes place in the fall after move-in. The Downtown Scavenger Hunt helps you get to know the Carbondale community. The Late Night Bash and the Watermelon Fest introduce you to fellow Salukis. Saluki Success Days offer workshops on all aspects of college life.

Get details about New Student Orientation and Saluki Startup at orientation.siu.edu or call 618/453-1000.

DAWG DAYS Number of lectures: zip. Number of zip lines: 2. A four-day retreat at SIU’s Touch of Nature Environmental Center where your mission is to have fun and make friends. You’ll stay in cabins, zip-line and kayak, beat other teams in broomball and canoe battleship, and join the whole camp for movies and mixers with upperclassmen. You’ll learn about Saluki-life by living it. Did we mention you get SIU and Dawg Days swag? 99% of last year’s participants give Dawg Days the “paw of approval.” Registration covers transportation, all meals, lodging and all the yay! too. Dawg Days is not required -- but it is a really cool thing to do. dawgdays.siu.edu
SUITE LIFE. A room of your own. One suitemate. No roommate. Now that’s a sweet deal at no additional cost.

Housing policy. SIU requires all single students under the age of 21 not living with their parents or legal guardians, and with fewer than 26 credit hours earned after high school, to live in on-campus residence halls.

Are you local? We ask that first-year students commuting from home submit a Housing Policy Verification Form, which is available online.

Living Learning Communities. Living Learning Communities (LLCs) are residence halls reserved for students in similar majors or areas of academic interest. Living in an LLC means you’ll find your pack right away! Proven benefits include higher GPAs on average, more positive campus experiences and higher graduation rates. To learn more about your LLC options, housing.siu.edu/residence-halls/communities or call 618/453-2301.

How to contract for a residence hall. You can complete your University Housing contract through the Housing Portal at housing.siu.edu with a prepayment of $150.

- Students entering SIU in the fall 2020 semester: Contracting usually begins in December. The earlier you contract, the earlier you can select your room in the summer.
- Students entering SIU in the spring or summer 2021 semesters: Visit housing.siu.edu for more information and contract dates.

Dining. Enjoy our latest addition -- Trueblood's Mongolian Grill! You’ll also have access to: home-style cooking • made-to-order meals • soup and salad bars • pasta bar • vegan and vegetarian entrées • desserts • special diet accommodations. The Saluki Anytime Dining Plan is included with a traditional residence hall contract. Our Nutrition Team is available to work individually with residents to accommodate most dietary needs. Contact us at 618-453-1701 to speak to a registered dietitian. Dining plans are available to commuters. To learn more about Culinary & Nutrition Services University Housing Dining, visit our website at housing.siu.edu/dining.
Transfer students. Depending on eligibility, transfer students live in on-campus apartments, traditional residence halls or off campus. For on-campus housing information, visit our website to take a virtual tour and discover the many features and amenities designed to suit your every need. Like traditional halls, SIU apartment rent can be paid by applying your financial aid. So you don’t have to make a separate payment.

On-Campus Apartments
• Wall & Grand Apartments: This all-inclusive and conveniently located complex offers furnished apartments, a beautiful patio and courtyard. (Eligibility: SIU sophomores, juniors, seniors or graduate students of any age, or freshmen age 21 or older.)

• Evergreen Terrace Apartments: Enjoy the scenic southwest campus location overlooking Evergreen Park. Students with children will appreciate the popular Unity Point School District and family programs. (Eligibility: married students, domestic partners, students with children, single graduate students and single undergraduate students age 21 and older.)

Applications
1. Meet eligibility requirements. More information is available online.
2. Apply online early. Contracts are offered based on application date and space availability.
3. If offered a contract, sign and return the contract with prepayment.

Remember that you’ll want to contract for housing online as soon as possible. For fall 2020, the process begins Dec. 1, 2019. That way, you can enjoy top priority when selecting your room. For more information, visit housing.siu.edu.
Financial aid made easy. Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.ed.gov. It’s the first step in exploring your college financing options. Note that online filing begins in October. You’ll need to include SIU’s federal school code, which is 001758.

Complete the FAFSA by Dec. 1 to receive priority consideration. Starting in January, the Financial Aid Office will notify students, detailing each student’s package of awards – a combination of grants, scholarships, loans and work-study programs. To learn more, or to check your status, call 618/453-4334 or visit fao.siu.edu.

Installment payment plan. SIU offers an interest-free monthly payment plan with flexible payment options. You’ll be charged a $30 nonrefundable enrollment fee per semester. To enroll, go to salukinet.siu.edu and find the ‘Installment Payment Plan’ task. (Remember, you must re-enroll each semester.) For more details, including sign-up deadlines, call 618/453-2221 or visit bursar.siu.edu.

Scholarships. Once admitted, you should complete a General Scholarship Application to be considered for academic scholarships. Do not assume you don’t qualify. Our top scholarships include the Chancellor’s Scholarship covering tuition, mandatory fees and housing and dining for four years, and the Provost’s Scholarship, covering tuition and mandatory fees for two years for transfer students. Find out about our available scholarships at scholarships.siu.edu.

All academic scholarship offers are made electronically – be sure to check your email frequently and respond promptly to any offers.

It’s a Saluki Nation!
We’ve eliminated out-of-state tuition for most undergraduate students residing in the U.S.

Lock down your tuition rate. Your tuition rate locks in for four years. Even if tuition increases, your rate does not. Is one or both of your parents or guardians a Saluki? Check our Legacy Tuition Rate.

let’s talk money

siu.edu/legacy

2020-2021 costs: Rates available online soon.

Nearly 90% of our students receive financial aid.

Standard 2019-2020 costs:
Tuition and fees: $14,904
Housing and meals: $10,622
Total: $25,526
Rethinking your semester of entry?
Plans change. We get that. If you prefer to switch your semester of entry to a term other than the one for which you’ve been admitted, no problem. Simply inform SIU Undergraduate Admissions before the start of the term for which you originally were admitted. After that term starts, you’ll need to reapply, so make sure you let us know early. For additional details, contact Undergraduate Admissions at 618/536-4405 or email admissions@siu.edu.

We’d love to meet you. If you haven’t been here already, arrange for a visit. See for yourself why many of our students say visiting campus was love at first sight! visit.siu.edu
A FEW IMPORTANT DETAILS.

So many questions you aren’t sure where to begin? The Student Services Building includes admissions, financial aid, career services and more. We’ll help. That’s why we are here. Call 536-4405 or visit admissions@siu.edu.

Undecided major? Exploratory Student Advisement can help you find the major that is a best fit for you. exploratory.siu.edu

Veterans Services. Our military veteran Salukis are an important part of our college community. Veterans Services can help you with financial aid and admissions questions, and health, housing and academic resources. Find out about our Student Veterans of America student group. veterans.siu.edu

Non-traditional students. College students returning to school full time after a gap year or time out for career, family or other reasons bring an important perspective to SIU. We want to make sure you feel as welcome as you are! nontrad.siu.edu

We’ll meet your needs. We are committed to students with disabilities, whether the challenges are physical, emotional or cognitive. With SIU’s Disability Support Services paving the way, there’s nowhere you can’t go. disabilityservices.siu.edu

Wellness matters. Review your health insurance coverage. Part of your semester fee includes a student insurance fee. You are eligible for a refund of this fee if you’re covered under another comparable health insurance policy. Refund applications must be submitted by the second Friday of the fall and spring semesters, and by the first Friday of the summer session. To learn more, call 618/453-3311 or visit shc.siu.edu.

Immunization Form. Submit your immunization form to the Student Health Center. The Illinois College Immunization Code requires enrolling students to provide proof of immunizations for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella. Additional proof of Meningococcal conjugate is needed for students under 22 years of age. For the specific requirements, Immunization Compliance Form, and further information, visit immunizations.siu.edu

You can obtain your immunization records from your physician, local health department, high school, or previous university. You may email immunizations@siu.edu, fax 618/453-4452, or mail your documents before the start of the semester. Students not compliant by the 10th day of enrollment will have a registration hold placed on their accounts until compliant.
CHECK IT OFF.
FALL 2020, SPRING 2021, SUMMER 2021
FRESHMEN AND TRANSFER STUDENTS

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