YOUR DESTINATION FOR EVERY JOURNEY!

GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
TOP-RANKED!

• SIU is a Tier One university offering world-class academics
• US News and World Report ranks us highly in many categories.
• Top 4% of higher education institutions
• Fourth-ranked rehabilitation counseling graduate program. Many other graduate programs are in the top 100 including fine arts, education, social work, sociology, physician assistant and English.
• Graduate Workforce Education Program one of top 10 specialty programs in the U.S.
• The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching ranks SIU among the top 5 percent of all U.S. higher education institutions for research
• The Princeton Review named us one of the “Best Midwestern Colleges.”
• The National Science Foundation places us in the top 4 percent of higher education institutions.
• Our students are on USA Today’s All-USA College Academic Team
• Accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International puts our College of Business among the top five percent of business schools in the world. And, having the rare double AACSB accreditation for the college and our accounting program places us in a group including less than one percent of the programs in the nation.
• Nationally recognized automotive and aviation programs. Both are housed in our new, technologically advanced, 230,000-square foot Transportation Education Center.
• We have been in the business of inventing the future for more than 40 years and we have received 53 patents just since 2000.
• SIU is the home of the Consortium for Embedded Systems, the only National Science Foundation-funded national consortium of electronics research.
• Our business students may join the Saluki Student Investment Fund, an investment management group managing a $1 million portfolio for the SIU Foundation.
WE ARE HERE FOR YOU
Our Center for International Education is here just for you. We know our international students are a long way from home so we give them plenty of support and nurturing. CIE will help with every detail of your SIU life from pre-arrival concerns through post-graduation details. The center offers all of the resources and support international students need to succeed including:
• Arrival assistance and orientation
• Housing assistance – temporary and permanent
• Campus and community programs and cultural orientation
• Our Center for International Education is here just for you.
• The International Friends Club, founded in 1950, includes a host family program, a loan closet, regular international coffee hours, a mother care program, and English language mentoring.

And that’s just part of the support we offer.

WE ARE YOUR PATHWAY TO SUCCESS
WITHIN 1 YEAR OF GRADUATION:
• 90 PERCENT OF OUR GRADUATES ARE EMPLOYED
• 72 PERCENT ARE WORKING IN AREAS RELATED TO THEIR MAJORS
• 91 PERCENT REPORT JOB SATISFACTION
• 92 PERCENT MAINTAIN A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH SIU
SIU IS A TOP-RANKED RESEARCH UNIVERSITY WHERE EVERY STUDENT IS IMPORTANT.

YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME
SIU is a beautiful 8,474-acre campus with all the amenities of home and then some. We offer a number of housing options right on campus or very close by! We require all freshmen under age 21 to live on campus and welcome all students as residents. Living with other students offers a number of benefits, including extra support and social opportunities. Located in close proximity to where you will live, you will find:

- Laundry facilities
- Meals/dining options
- A modern and well-equipped Student Health Center
- Our state-of-the-art Student Recreation Center (membership is covered by student fees) with ball courts, weight rooms, tracks, swimming and diving pools, a dance studio and much more
- Numerous recreational opportunities, including boat docks with paddleboats and canoes and a 2.2-mile exercise/walking path.
- More than 450 registered student organizations, including the International Student Council. These groups give students the chance to get valuable experience in their majors, expand their networks and get involved.
- Stores, coffee shops, businesses and entertainment opportunities.

Although a vital and intrinsic part of the city and region, SIU is a community within itself offering virtually anything you will need. It’s a friendly atmosphere with all of the advantages of a metropolitan area.

Carbondale also offers bus and train service connecting our students to a number of larger cities located just a few hours away, including Chicago and St. Louis.
SIU SHOULD BE YOUR NEXT STEP TOWARD SUCCESS.

How do you apply if you are an undergraduate?

Find the online application form at cie.siu.edu (click on “apply now”).

Send us:
• Completed application form (paper or online)
• Transcripts
• Financial statement
• Application fee (payable by mailing a check or money order, wiring a draft or online via credit card)

Send original documents to:
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Center for International Education
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
425 Clocktower Dr. - Mail Code 4333
Carbondale, IL 62901 USA

What are the SIU admission requirements?

Minimum undergraduate admission requirements:
• 2.0 GPA from high school if a freshman applicant
• 2.0 GPA from all university work if a transfer applicant
• Financial statement (see website for current dollar amount)
• Score of 68 on TOEFL or 6.0 on IELTS (for direct admission)

SIU also offers conditional admission to students who have not yet taken or passed the English language requirement. This allows you to study English before beginning your regular course of study at SIU.

If you are a graduate student:
You must meet minimum graduate school standards. But, be aware that each department sets its own admission guidelines, and some may be more stringent than our general admission requirements.

The minimum requirements for a master’s program are:
• 2.7 GPA on a grading school where 4.0 = A, it is approximately a B- average
• 3.0 GPA (approximately a B average) on all previous graduate work

For admission to a doctoral program you must have a 3.0 GPA (approximately B+ average) on all previous graduate level course work.

Satisfy our English language requirement with score of:
• 550 on the paper-based TOEFL
• 5.0 on the iTep Academic Plus Exam
• 80 on the Internet-based TOEFL
• 6.5 on the IELTS

Each department sets its own deadlines and admission requirements. The Graduate School Admissions Office (gradschl@siu.edu) determines if the English language requirements are met.

WE CREATE POSSIBILITIES THAT HELP OUR GRADUATES EXCEL EVERYWHERE.

BRIDGING ANY LANGUAGE BARRIERS

Our Center for English as a Second Language (CESL) assures that language won’t be a barrier to your success. We have been a member of the University and College Intensive English Programs for more than 45 years. Highly qualified faculty members, each with a Master’s degree or beyond, staff our program.

We help you improve your English communication and research skills and assist you in advancing within your field of study. To learn more visit cesl.siu.edu.

Our intensive language program includes:
• Four 8-week terms between mid-August and mid-May and one 8-week term during the summer. Find details at cesl.siu.edu.
• Intensive courses meeting 20-25 hours weekly.
• A full curriculum to help students improve their reading, writing, speaking, listening and grammar skills.
• Cultural and academic skill enhancement components.
• Special courses and preparation for graduate students and for graduate teaching assistants.
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