



Welcome to SIU Carbondale! We look forward to meeting you and having a great time at orientation this semester. We have created a checklist below to help you get started with the arrival process.

First, you need to know that the official mascot of SIU is the Saluki, one of the earliest dog breeds that rose to prominence during the 18th dynasty of Egypt. Southern Illinois is often referred to as "Little Egypt", and, in 1952, the student body adopted the mascot *Salukis*. You are now a proud Saluki. The next step is to claim your student ID, or as we call it here at SIU, your *DAWG TAG*.

POST-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST



☐ 1. CLAIM YOUR STUDENT/NETWORK ID

Follow the instructions here: [DAWG TAG / Network ID](#).

☐ 2. CHECK IN WITH CIE

Check in with [Center for International Education \(CIE\)](#) office.

☐ 3. FIND HOUSING

If you plan to live on campus, it is important that you contact [University Housing](#). Undergraduate students are required to contact University Housing for any information on housing [policies](#).

☐ 4. MEET YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Make an appointment to meet up with your [Academic Advisor](#) or Graduate Program Coordinator for course advisement.

☐ 5. REGISTER FOR CLASSES

After meeting your Academic Advisor or Graduate Program Coordinator, register for classes on [SalukiNet](#).

6. COMPLETE IMMUNIZATION COMPLIANCE

For more information check [immunizations](#). It is important to complete [Immunization Compliance Form](#) **before the deadline** to avoid registration holds.

7. LOOK OVER HEALTH INSURANCE

For information on health insurance, review the [health insurance requirement](#). SIU health insurance covers the minimum required for [J-1 visa](#) holders.

8. OPEN A US BANK ACCOUNT

To be able to obtain housing, buy books, and pay fees you will need to open a bank account. For more information check [Banking and Bringing Money](#).

9. GET A US PHONE NUMBER

This can be a good way to stay in contact with friends and family members back home, and there are many options to choose from.

10. TRANSPORTATION AND GETTING A DRIVER'S LICENSE

You can use the [Saluki Express](#) as an SIU student for free. For information regarding driver's license and eligibility, you can click [here](#).

11. MAINTAIN YOUR VISA / IMMIGRATION STATUS

As an international student, it is important to always maintain legal status. Make sure you review the visa status maintenance [requirements](#) regularly.

12. LEARN MORE ABOUT CARBONDALE

Visit www.explorecarbondale.com. Make the most out of your spare time and find [things to do](#)!

13. GET INVOLVED

SIU offers a variety of ways for you to engage in [campus life](#), such as [career development](#), [volunteerism](#), [recreation](#), [athletics](#), and the [student center](#).

14. JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Stay connected. Follow us on social media:

