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: [DAWGTAG / Network ID](#).

2. **CHECK IN WITH CIE**
   If you haven’t yet, complete the online international student orientation and immigration check in. Log in to D2L to access the orientation course [here](#).

3. **FIND HOUSING**
   It is important to do this step as soon as possible, since availability might be limited. For more information check out [Housing in Carbondale](#).

4. **MEET YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR**
   Make an appointment to meet up with your [Academic Advisor](#).

5. **REGISTER FOR CLASSES**
   After meeting your Academic Advisor, register for classes on [SalukiNet](#).
6. COMPLETE IMMUNIZATION COMPLIANCE
For more information check immunizations. It is important to complete immunization compliance before August 27th 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: