

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Welcomes International Students

SIUE

Office of International Student Services



Why Consider SIUE?

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is a mid-size institution offering 44 undergraduate degree majors and 70 graduate and professional degrees. SIUE offers one of the lowest tuition rates in Illinois and is located only 20 miles from downtown St. Louis, Missouri, a major metropolitan city. The campus is located on 2,660 acres of rolling hills, woodlands and lakes that offer a beautiful setting. SIUE has an average class size of 25 with a 17-1 student-faculty ratio. SIUE is known for its welcoming and friendly environment and offers strong support for international students with admissions, immigration, academic advising, career placement and cultural integration. These services are offered through:

- Center for International Programs and International Support Services
- Office of Graduate and International Admissions
- Career Development Center
- International Hospitality Program

In addition, SIUE is host to over 200 student organizations including an active International Student Council, several country-based student organizations, and a Muslim Student Association that offer many opportunities for international students to showcase their culture on campus. Annual events at SIUE include International Week, Africa Night, India Night and Global Awareness Week.

SIUE Vision

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, as a premier Metropolitan University, will be recognized nationally for the excellence of its programs and development of professional and community leaders.



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SIUE Facts

Location

SIUE has a beautiful campus on 2,660 acres of rolling hills, woodlands and lakes. Metropolitan St. Louis, Missouri, is just 25 minutes from SIUE and Lambert International Airport is 30 minutes away.

Seven Academic Units

(siue.edu/academics/degrees.shtml/)

- College of Arts and Sciences
- School of Business
- School of Dental Medicine
- School of Education
- School of Engineering
- School of Nursing
- School of Pharmacy

Diversity of Students

- Students from Illinois and 44 other U.S. states
- 332 International students from 48 nations around the world

Top Five Countries Represented

- India
- Turkey
- China
- Nepal
- Iran

Class Size/Instruction

- Student/Faculty Ratio: 17:1
- Median Class Size: 25 students

Campus

- Four residence halls
- Cougar Village Apartments
- 13 core campus buildings

Enrollment

- Total Enrollment: 14,133
- Undergraduate: 11,500
- Graduate: 2,500

International Admission English Language Requirements

- TOEFL: 79 internet / 213 computer
- IELTS: 6.5

Students outside the U.S. Deadlines (for most programs)

- Fall Semester: June 1
- Spring Semester: October 1
- Summer Session: March 1

Support Services for International Students

International Student Services

International Student Services provides a variety of services and programs to assist international students in their educational and professional objectives and to make their visit to this country as pleasant and productive as possible. Admitted students will receive pre-arrival information that explains all the services provided.

International student advisors are available for assistance with:

- Visa and Immigration Process
- Personal and Cultural Adjustment
- Academic Success
- Employment Regulations

The office also provides free airport pickup the weekend before classes begin from St. Louis, Missouri, at Lambert International Airport.

The International Hospitality Program (IHP)

The International Hospitality Program is a local community volunteer organization that welcomes and helps international students at SIUE. Members sponsor welcome events, picnics, dinners and holiday gatherings, and assist with temporary housing. This tradition of the Edwardsville community welcoming international students to SIUE dates back to the 1960s.

Estimated Undergraduate Student Expenses

for Prospective International Students *(based on 2010-2011 rates, subject to change)*

Fall & spring (2 semesters), 12 hours

Tuition & Mandatory Fees	\$15,281
Living Expenses, Books, Health Insurance, Misc. (12 months)	\$12,217
Total	\$27,498

Tuition for summer session courses is \$517 per credit hour. Mandatory fees are approximately \$311 per 3 credit-hour course for summer.

Undergraduate students must enroll in 12 or more credit hours in fall and spring semesters. Any exceptions to this must be approved by an International Student Advisor.

Estimated Graduate Student Expenses

for Prospective International Students *(based on 2010-2011 rates, subject to change)*

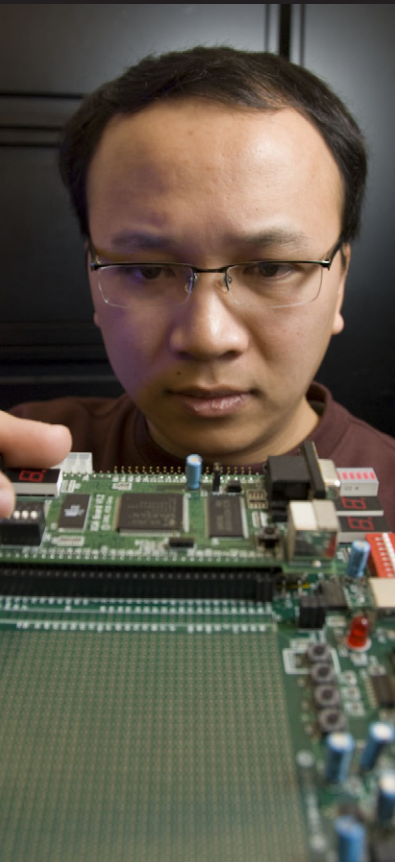
Fall & spring (2 semesters), 9 hours

Tuition & Mandatory Fees	\$13,391
Living Expenses, Books, Health Insurance, Misc. (12 months)	\$12,917
Total	\$26,308

Tuition for summer session courses is \$627 per credit hour. Mandatory fees are approximately \$334 per 3 credit-hour course for summer.

Graduate students must enroll in 9 credit hours in fall and spring semesters (6 for Graduate Assistants). Any exceptions to this must be approved by an International Student Advisor.





National Recognition

- *Washington Monthly*, a national magazine, has ranked Southern Illinois University Edwardsville among the Top 50 master's granting colleges and universities in the nation, with SIUE coming in 14th among public institutions on that list.
- *The Daily Beast*, a nationally recognized online news magazine, has ranked SIUE 21st in the nation among its Top 50 Safest Colleges.
- For the fifth consecutive year, *U.S. News & World Report* has listed SIUE in the senior capstone experience category, among 17 universities—including Yale, Harvard, MIT and Princeton—for its comprehensive program measuring the competency of graduating seniors. And, *U.S. News* continues to name SIUE among America's Best Colleges because of this assessment program, which engages students and enriches their academic experience.
- SIUE has been cited by its peers and reported in *U.S. News & World Report* as an "up and coming school firmly focused on improving the job they're doing today."
- SIUE is among the top 15 public universities in *U.S. News'* Midwest-Master's category for the third consecutive year and also is in the top one-third of all public and private Midwestern universities. *U.S. News* bases its overall scores on the academic preparedness of students, graduation rates, faculty characteristics and the reputation of SIUE in higher education.

SIUE is accredited by the North Central Association. Many academic programs are further accredited, e.g., School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB); School of Engineering is accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Please see the website for the full list of accreditations.

Financing your Education at SIUE

SIUE has numerous financial aid opportunities for international students at the graduate level. Currently, 70% of the international students at SIUE have some form of financial aid.

On Campus Jobs

On-campus jobs are available on a competitive basis. Salaries are set at the U.S. minimum wage. Government regulations allow F-1 visa holders to work 20 hours per week in an on-campus position.

Competitive Graduate Awards

New graduate students admitted to a classified degree program may apply for a Competitive Graduate Award. There are approximately 20 CGA awards per academic year. Recipients receive a monthly stipend and a waiver of tuition. siue.edu/graduate/prospective/awards.shtml

Graduate Assistantships

Applicants to the Graduate School are eligible to apply for graduate assistantships, which are awarded by individual departments or administrative units. A graduate assistantship provides a semester tuition waiver and a monthly stipend. Appointees are required to work for 10-20 hours per week. Assignments may be teaching, research, or general duties.

International Scholarship for Undergraduate Freshmen

Special tuition rate for new freshmen enrolling in August, awarded on the basis of academic merit. www.siue.edu/internationalstudents/pdf/siue_undergrad_scholarship2012.pdf

Internships and Cooperative Education

International students at SIUE may be eligible for paid internships during the second year of study. The internships/co-ops are available through the Career Development Center's Cooperative Education Program and the International Student Services Office. The co-op assignment allows students to work for a U.S. business in jobs related to their academic program.

Optional Practical Training

The United States Government allows students to apply for work experience in their field of academic study. This form of employment usually is deferred until graduation and allows work permission for 12 months. The application process is facilitated by an International Student Advisor.



Student Activities

The International Student Council and international student clubs are great opportunities for new students to engage with current students. Also, the University has more than 200 student organizations offering a wide range of interests from volunteer service to sports or academic study.

The Student Fitness Center offers recreation facilities including an indoor swimming pool, racquetball courts, weight room, aerobic exercise areas, several all-purpose courts, a rock-climbing gym, and an indoor jogging track. You may participate in a variety of intramural sports. The University's intercollegiate sports teams compete with regional rivals in men's and women's sports.

The University's 2,660 acres provide hours of enjoyment. The bike trails are ideal for biking, hiking, jogging, and leisurely nature walks. Students can enjoy the indoor pool, outdoor pool and tennis courts as well. Each year, the University sponsors on-campus programs that feature world renowned performers and lecturers from across the globe. In addition, the City of St. Louis provides many cultural and recreational opportunities.

A few examples of International Student Organizations

- International Student Council
- African Student Association
- Chinese Student Association
- Indian Student Association
- Iranian Student Association
- Korean Student Association
- Nepal Student Association
- Pakistan Student Association

Go to siue.edu/internationalstudents/clubs.shtml for a full list of student organizations.

Getting Started Checklist

- \$30 application fee (waived for international undergraduate applicants)
- Academic credentials/transcripts
- English Language Requirement
- Financial Verification
- Copy of Passport
- Evidence of sufficient financial resources to cover all living and educational expenses for 1st year.



SIUE excellence.



Need More Information?

International Admissions:

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