

Welcome to
SIUE!

Meet the Leaders!



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**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
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Launching Your Educational Journey

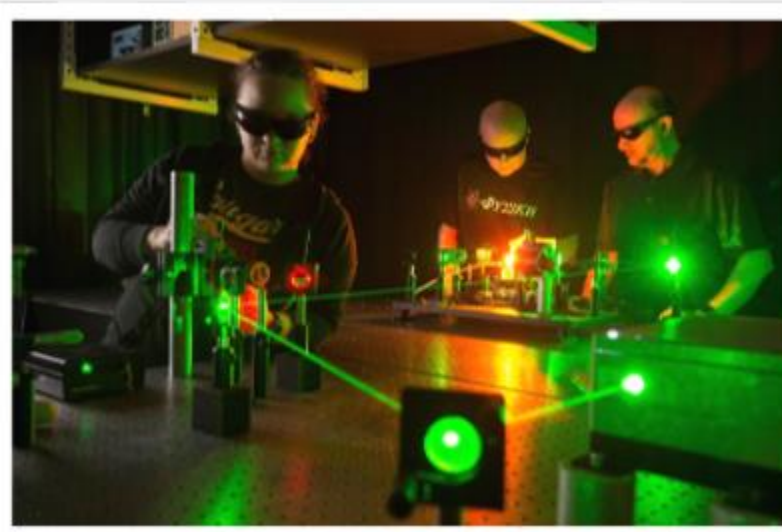
**An Introduction to
Academic Support and Success**

Academic Success

- How College is Different
- Succeeding in College
- Understanding Academic Degrees



Is it Different?



What's Different?

More
Independence

Class
Attendance

Learning
Environment

Course Load
and Time
Commitment

Time
Management

Participation
and
Engagement

Personal
Responsibility
and Motivation

Assignments
and Tests

New
Environment

Student Adjustments

Homesickness	Get involved/be active, routine, connections, comforts, talk it out.
Time Management	Use a planner, set priorities, get organized, schedule appropriately, stop procrastinating.
Study Skills	Prepare for and participate in class, follow up, set a schedule, ask for help, stay focused.
Academic Expectations	Responsible, organized, engage with faculty and peers.
Financial Issues	Budget or financial plan, revenues, expenses
Stress Management	Be active, self-care, get enough sleep, seek support.

University Support



- Academic Advising
- Career Development Center
- Success Coaches
- New Student Specific Course
- Learning Support Services
- ACCESS
- Counseling Services
- Kimmel Belonging and Engagement Hub
- Faculty
- Housing Staff

Family & Peer Support

- **Visit** your student.
- **Listen** objectively.
- **Engage** with student to understand their habits and behaviors.
- **Empower** your student to advocate for their needs.
- **Remind** your student about campus resources.
- **Reach out** directly to University personnel when you need to intercede.

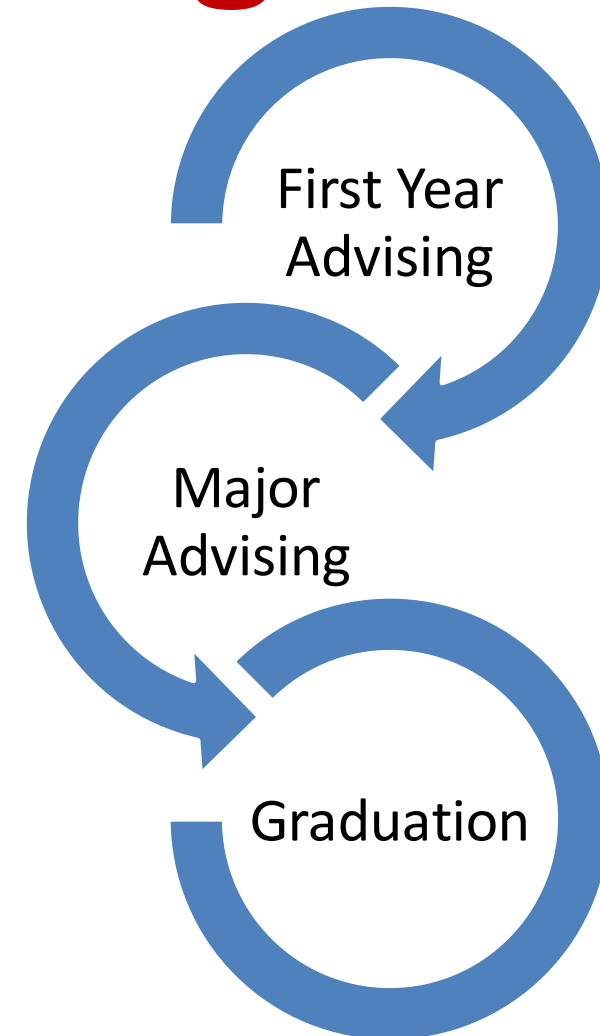
Academic Advising at SIUE

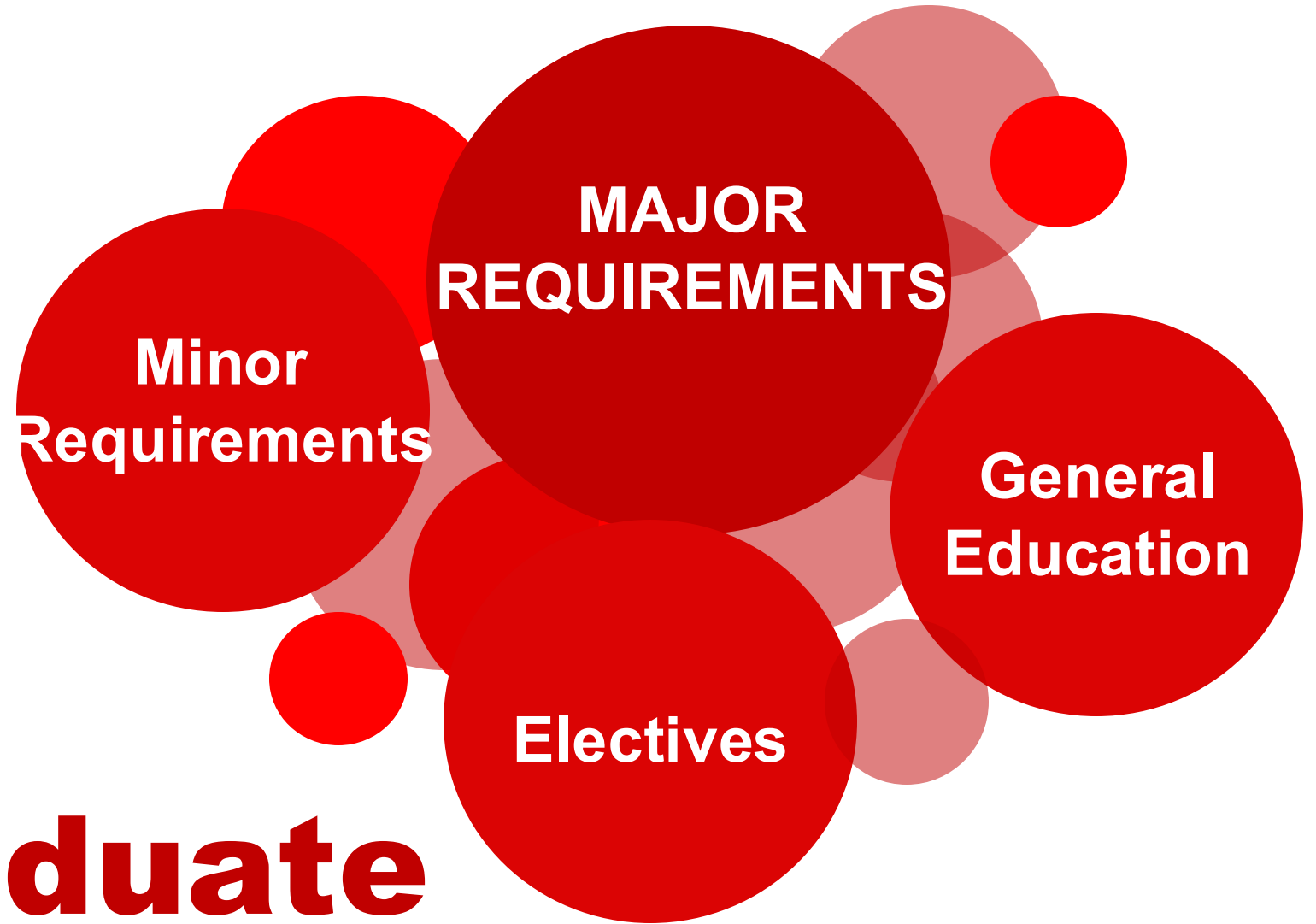
Advising is required at SIUE!

First-year students are supported by advising offices: **First-year and Transitional Advising, SOAR, Athletics, and Honors.**

First-year students: meet with your advisor at least **three times per semester**

Academic Advisors are partners on your academic journey.





Undergraduate **Degree Structure**

15 to finish.

Students who take 15 credit hours per semester or 30 credit hours per year stay on track to graduate in **4 years**.

What should my fall schedule look like?

- General education course(s)
- New student specific course
- Major related or required courses
- Electives or exploratory courses

Student Preparation

Use a planner

Put upcoming plans and schedules in a planner.

Check email

Check email twice a day to develop good habits.

Develop sleep schedule

You will know your academic schedule. Plan to develop a sleeping schedule so it is less difficult to transition.

Don't forget academics

Work on something academic so you don't get rusty.

Evaluate your career goals

If you are unsure of your major or want to confirm your decision, you can use the Career Development website to explore career outcomes.

Begin the pathway to SIUE

Be ready to make new friends and develop new networks at SIUE. Identify ways to stay in touch with family and longstanding friends. Don't expect to continue status quo.

Remember...

- Academic programs and expectations are different in college.
- Success is possible with support and your resources.
- Achieving results is within **your control**.
- This is a journey.



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PAYING FOR COLLEGE



Office of the Bursar and Office of Student Financial Aid

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
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What is the Bursar's Office?

The Bursar's Office manages the financial services for the university:

- Student Account Billing
- Payment Processing
- Refunds
- Tax –1098T information



STUDENT AUTHORIZING INFORMATION RELEASED



- **CougarNet**

- Proxy Access

- ☐ Bursar –Account Summary
 - ☐ Bursar – Tax Notification 1098T
 - ☐ Financial Aid – Aid Package
 - ☐ Student – Academic Transcript
 - ☐ Student – Grades
 - ☐ Student – Profile
 - ☐ Student – Week at Glance

Information boxes must be selected for that office in order for the information to be released to anyone other than the student.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COUGARNET BILL



- **Total Balance**

- Balance owed before Aid

- **First Payment Due:**

- **August 8, 2025**, by 4:30 pm

- **Balance After Aid**

- Pay in Full
- Pay 1st Installment

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At A Glance	
Total Balance:	\$6,661.75
Pending Aid:	-\$2,773.00
Payment due date is	
To Pay in Full:	\$3,888.75
To Pay Installment:	\$1,976.88
Anticipated Refund:	\$0.00
Financial Clearance:	Not Cleared

- **Pending Aid/Credits**

- Loans/Grants
- Scholarships/Waivers
- Military
- Agency/College IL

- **Anticipated Refund**

- Refund Friday before Term Starts

Bursar's Office

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COUGARNET BILLING DETAILS



- **Balance From Other Terms** →
- **Current Charges/Payments** →
 - Housing, Tuition, General student fees, Meal plans, Insurance, etc.
- **Total Balance** →
 - Sums up charges, payments and prior term balances

Description	Item Date	Charge	Payment	Balance
Balance From Other Terms:				\$5.00
Bluff Hall Housing	12-APR-2024	\$580.00		
Cougar Village Housing	12-APR-2024	\$1,100.00		
Cougar Village Housing	12-APR-2024	\$1,100.00		
General Student Fees	13-APR-2024	\$1,003.95		
Tuition Instate Rate (UG)	13-APR-2024	\$2,872.80		
Summer 2024 Subtotals:		\$6,656.75	\$0.00	
Total Balance:				\$6,661.75

PENDING CREDITS AND INSTALLMENT CHART



- **Authorized Aid** →

- Aid requirements complete

Description	Expected Payment
Federal Pell Grant	\$2,773.00
Authorized Financial Aid Total:	\$2,773.00

- **Memo Aid**

- Authorized Agency/College IL Payments
- Loans (could need action)

Summer 2024 Installment Plan

Description	Due Date	Amount
Installment Amount	May 17, 2024	\$1,941.88
Installment Plan Fee	May 17, 2024	\$30.00
Installment Amount	Jun 21, 2024	\$1,941.87
Installment Plan Total:		\$3,913.75

- **Installment Plan:** →

- Summer Term = 2 Payments + \$30
- Fall/Spring = 4 Payments + \$30

STUDENTS AUTHORIZING THIRD-PARTY PAYERS

- Click on Authorize Payers
 - Then Add New

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Message Board

Payment Profiles

Authorize Payers

User Preferences

View & Pay Accounts

Transaction History

Messages

Authorized Payers

NAME	LOGIN NAME	EMAIL	ACCOUNT STATUS	CREATION DATE	DELETE
No data to display currently					

+ Add New

- Enter Payer Information
 - Payer will receive email notice to log into QuikPay

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Add Authorized Payer

Required fields are marked with an *

Authorized Payer Information

Authorized Payer's First Name*:

Authorized Payer's Last Name*:

Authorized Payer's Email*:

Confirm Email*:

Save Cancel

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HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT



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View & Pay Accounts

Click here to view your account activity on CougarNet.

Details

Account Activity



Current Activity

Current Balance:

\$334.65

Minimum Balance Due:

\$197.33

Current Activity Details



Latest Statement Information

Statement Information Details

Statement Billing Date:

April 16, 2025

Statement Due Date:

May 16, 2025

Current Due:

\$2,897.10

Account Balance:

\$2,897.10

Make a Payment

Make Payment

1 Payment Information

2 Payment Method

3 Payment Confirmation

Select A Payment Method

Credit / Debit

Card transactions for Southern University Illinois Edwardsville are processed by Nelnet Campus Commerce, USA.

☐ Visa (**VISA** ending with 1111)

+ enter new credit / debit information

eCheck

☐ check (CHECKING ending with 0013)

+ enter new eCheck information

Payment Method Disclosure:

The following service fees apply to SIUE Bursar Payment:

- Credit / Debit Card - 2.85%

Make Payment

1 Payment Information

2 Payment Method

3 Payment Confirmation

Paying SIUE Bursar Payment

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Payment Amount *

\$ 0.00

Total amount to pay: \$334.65

Next - Payment Method

• Pay on campus in the Bursar's Office:

- Checks
- Certified Funds
- Cash

Bursar's Office

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HAVE YOU COMPLETED IN COUGARNET?

- ✓ Update address and phone number
- ✓ SSN (Tax Forms)
- ✓ Direct Deposit (Refunds)

IMPORTANT DATES



**Don't fall
behind, meet
the deadline!**

Wed. Jul. 16	Email notice sent to check bill on CougarNet, SIUE App and/or QuikPay
Friday, Aug. 8	First installment is due by 4:30 p.m. CST
Monday, Aug. 18	First day of classes, Fall 2025 term
Friday, Aug. 29	Last day to drop a 16-week fall class for a full refund
Friday, Sep. 26	Second installment payment deadline
Friday, Oct. 17	Third installment payment deadline
Friday, Nov. 7	Fourth installment payment deadline
Dec. 8 – 12	Final exam week
Saturday, Dec. 13	Textbook return due by 5 p.m. CST
Friday, Dec. 5	Spring 2026 - First installment due, pay by 4:30 p.m. CST

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Admissions
Academics
Student Life
Athletics
Maps
Research
Giving
About SIUE

Paying for College

Tuition & Fees

Tuition & Fees Estimator

Tuition & Fees Estimator

2025 - Fall

Undergraduate

Tuition*

First semester at SIUE

2025 - Fall

Residency

Illinois

Credit Hours

15 (full-time)

Special Programs & Course Specific Fees

Housing & Meal Plan

Parking

Financial Aid

Total Estimated Costs	\$7,941.00
Tuition	\$4,927.50
General Student Fees	\$1,722.00
Other Fees	
- Mandatory Health Insurance	\$1,291.50
Fee - May Be Waived	

*Required

Disclaimer: The tuition and fees estimator should not be considered your official bill or guarantee costs at SIUE. Fees are subject to change. [View the tuition and fees schedules in pdf form.](#) For a [video walkthrough of the estimator](#) or questions about your official bill, please contact the [Bursar's Office](#).

Learn more about the [mandatory health insurance and waiver process](#).

ESTIMATE YOUR COST FOR FALL

1. Registered for classes.
2. Use estimator to input your numbers to calculate fall charges.
3. Include financial aid offered amounts from CougarNet.
4. View installment plan.
5. Are you prepared to have a financially successful fall term?

Video Instructions

Bursar's Office

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Office of Student Financial Aid

2025-2026 Financial Aid



- There is still time to apply!
 - Studentaid.gov to file your FAFSA
 - Uses 2023 income information; contact us if this has changed significantly
- Check **CougarNet**, under Financial Aid:
 - Financial Aid Offer
 - Outstanding Requirements
- Students should check SIUE email for updates and deadlines

Understanding Financial Aid: M-O-N-E-Y



➤ **M** – Money Sources

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Grants/Scholarships/Loans/Student Employment
- Military/Tuition Waivers/College Savings Plans/Personal Savings

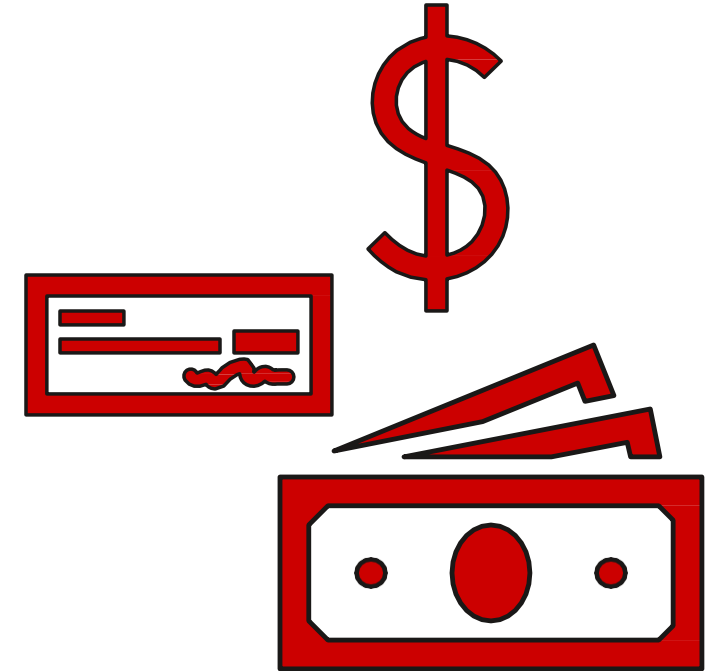
➤ **O** – Offer from the University

➤ **N** – Need (*Cost - Aid = Need*)

➤ **E** – Employment

➤ **Y** – Your Next Steps

- Finalize loans (student and parent)
- Check out the bill





WHAT MONEY IS AVAILABLE?

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Student Employment
- Loans
- Payment Plan
- Other
 - Military
 - Tuition Waivers
 - College Savings Plans, etc.



OFFER of AID



- Summary of aid offered
- Based on estimated Cost of Attendance, FAFSA results and available aid
- CougarNet
 - Financial Aid > Financial Aid Self-Service > Offer > Aid Year > 2025 -2026 > Accept Items > Submit
- Accept aid offer yearly
- Confirm your financial aid



DO I NEED MORE MONEY?

A. Yes

B. No

C. Maybe?

COST OF ATTENDANCE



- **Estimate your:**
 - Tuition and fees (**textbook rental included*)
 - Housing (we use Shared)
 - Meal plan (we use Meal Plan C)
- **Don't forget:**
 - Supplies
 - Transportation costs
 - Miscellaneous expenses
 - Parking pass (\$167 - \$237)
 - Health Insurance, if needed**

***Insurance Waiver can be submitted*

Description	Expense
Tuition (15 hrs/semester) and Fees*	\$13,299
Living Expenses (housing/meal plan)	\$12,711
Total Billed Items	\$26,010
Books/Supplies	\$1,034
Transportation	\$1,776
Personal Expenses	\$1,734
Loan Fees	\$82
Total Budget	\$30,636



COST - AID = NEED

■ ■ ■ ■ **Budget Worksheet and CougarNet**

1. **Do you have any of these?**
 - Grants (state, federal, institution)
 - Scholarships (institution and/or private).
Send private to Financial Aid – will be applied once the money is received.
2. **What is your leftover cost once you subtract grants and scholarships?**
3. **Will you use your offered student loans?**
4. **Do you still need more funding?**



EMPLOYMENT



- Student employment is available for all students
- Some students will qualify for the Federal Work Study program which has benefits when you file a FAFSA
- Jobs available now!
- Students earn a paycheck
- **Cougar Jobline** - Apply for a job:
 - siue.edu/student-employment/cougar-jobline



YOUR NEXT STEPS



1. Accept the aid you wish to use on your CougarNet account (See CougarNet handout)
2. If using student loans (subsidized and/or unsubsidized):
 - Be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours per term

[StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)



1. Complete Entrance Counseling

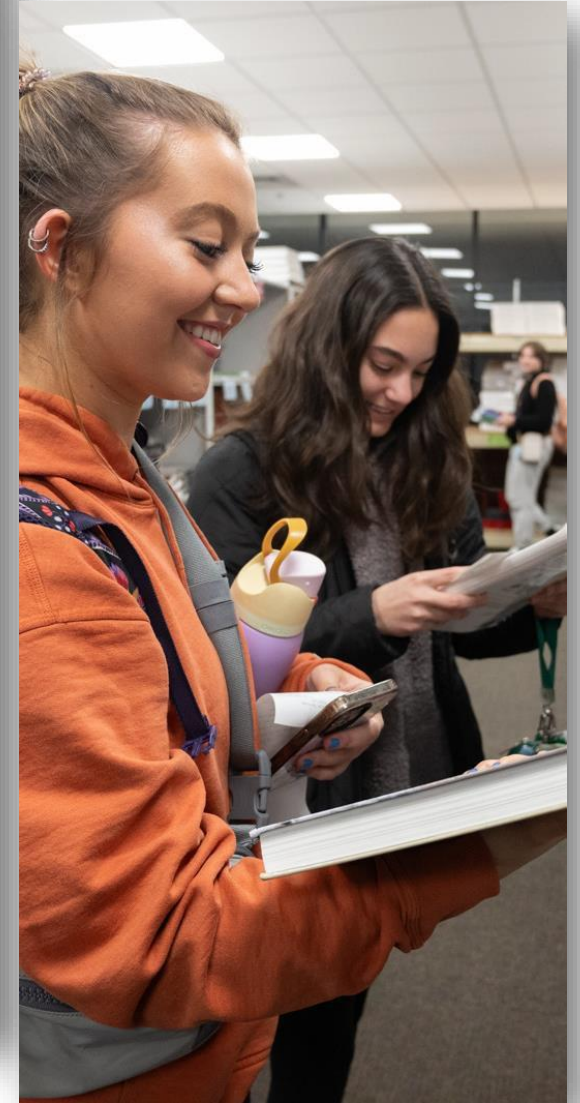
2. Sign Master Promissory Note

3. If additional aid is needed:
 - **Parent PLUS Loans:** apply at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
 - **Alternative Loans:** private loans through borrower's choice of lender are available to both students and parents/guardians

TIPS!



- Maintain cumulative GPA of 2.00 and complete at least 67% of coursework.
- Know your institutional scholarship renewal criteria.
- Monitor your CougarNet Account.
- Adding or dropping a class can impact your financial aid.
- Complete FAFSA each year. The 26-27 FAFSA will be available **October 2025.**



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Offices are open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

When sending emails please include **student's full name and **ID number**.**

Authorized guardian/individual include **name** and **email address** for verifying.

Virtual financial advising is available

And...


We're Off!



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Our Cougar Community

An Introduction to our Culture of Care

A large crowd of students is gathered outdoors on a sunny day. Many students are holding up their smartphones to take photos or videos. In the background, a large bronze statue of a bull is visible. The scene is set in a park-like area with trees and a clear sky. A semi-transparent red box is overlaid on the image, containing text.

“Creating an environment
where students feel
they truly belong can
positively impact their
educational journey.”

Dr. Terrell Strayhorn

A Culture of Care

Creating a community where you can thrive from the first time you walk on campus to the day you cross the commencement stage

What does it mean?

- Encourages a focus on relationships and creating an environment that is affirming
- Doing what is within one's own power to create a sense of belonging for each student who chooses to attend SIUE
- Attention to basic needs and being proactive when students need individualized support

Community Expectations

- Honor identity
- Listen deeply with an open mind
- Use “I” statements
- Practice empathy
- Remember each person is an expert in their own experience
- Engage authentically
- Nurture relationships



What is Campus Climate?

Engage in campus activity without concern for their psychological or physical safety

Feel valued and have opportunities to make valuable contributions to the campus.

Student Well-being

- Dean of Students Office
 - CARE Reports
 - Cougar Cupboard
 - Basic Needs
- Student Accountability
- Behavioral Intervention Team
- SIUE PD
- Health and Counseling
- Campus Recreation
- ACCESS Office
- Equal Opportunity, Access and Title IX Coordination

Student CARE

- Student Care and Advocacy Network
- Care Reports
- HOUSE Liaison and Benefits Navigation
- Basic Needs Support
- "Paw-fficers" (2 emotional support pups with SIUE PD)

Student ACCOUNTABILITY

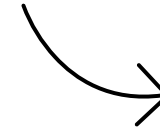
- Caring and productive members of SIUE community
- Student Code of Conduct
- University Policies
- Local, state, federal laws
- Living Guide (Housing facilities)

Student SAFETY

- SIUE Police Department
- Behavioral Intervention Team/Threat Assessment
- Crisis Intervention Team trained Officers
- Rave Guardian App
- Blue Lights
- E-Lert/Emergency Notification System
- Safety Escorts
- Motorist Assist Program
- Emergency Contact in CougarNet

Mental and Physical Health

Cougar Care Login



Campus Health Clinic

- Acute illness, physical exams, STI treatment, referrals, wellness care, labs, contraception management, allergy injections, TB and HIV tests, emergency contraception

Counseling Center

- Behavioral health consultations, same-day walk-in services, ongoing individual and group counseling, referrals to off-campus providers

TimelyCare App

- Up to nine virtual counseling sessions per year, 24/7 TalkNow access, health coaching, and self-care resources.



Office of Accessible Campus Community & Equitable Student Support (ACCESS)

- Dedicated to providing curricular and co-curricular accommodations for diverse learners with life impairments at SIUE, bridging classrooms to commencement.
- Policies and resources are designed to promote self-advocacy, independence, and remove barriers to all students.



Register now with ACCESS!

Campus cultural goals

- Promote full social integration
- Position disability as a social justice issue
- Position disability as diversity

Equal Opportunity, Access and Title IX Coordination

- Committed to the principle of equal opportunity for all students, faculty and staff
- Promotes and fosters an inclusive campus environment by ensuring campus-wide compliance with federal, state, and local fair employment laws and regulations
- Starting point for reporting sexual harassment, sexual violence, sexual misconduct, relationship violence, and protected identity (e.g. race, religion, age, etc.) harassment or discrimination
- Receive requests for religious and medical exemptions from mandated vaccinations
- Receive requests for religious accommodations in the classroom or workplace
- Support pregnancy accommodations for students

CircleIn



STUDY. TOGETHER.



Join your classmates by using the QR Code!

Connect with classmates without giving out your personal contact info

Provide feedback to your professors



Create...

- Flashcards
- Quiz Yourself
- Resources
- Class Notes
- Study Rooms
- Planner Tasks
- Anonymous Questions
- and more!

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