

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
EDWARDSVILLE**

Academic Checkpoint

Summer Orientation 2025



Hello!

I'm an Academic Advisor. I am here to help you:

- ✓ Understand how your academic advisor will help you succeed
- ✓ Become familiar with available academic tools
- ✓ Know what it takes to stay on track to graduation

Fact check #1

How many years do you think it will take you to graduate from SIUE?

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**.

How do I graduate in 4 years?

- Connect with your advisor regularly
- Ask for help
- Use SIUE's academic tools

SIUE's

Advising Model

Step

1

FIRST-YEAR & TRANSITIONAL ADVISING

HONORS

SOAR

ATHLETICS

SIUE's

Advising Model

**Next
Step**

**ACADEMIC ADVISOR IN
COLLEGE/SCHOOL**

What is an **Academic Advisor?**

- **Discuss goals**
- **Guide course plan**
- **Provide resources**
- **Help w/transition**
- **Support to graduation**

When to **Reach out.**

- First few weeks of the semester
- Mandatory advising and registration appointment
- Anytime you need support

Why to **Reach out to us.**

- To make a schedule change
- Considering/reconsidering your major or minor
- Need help and referral to academic support

How to Reach us?

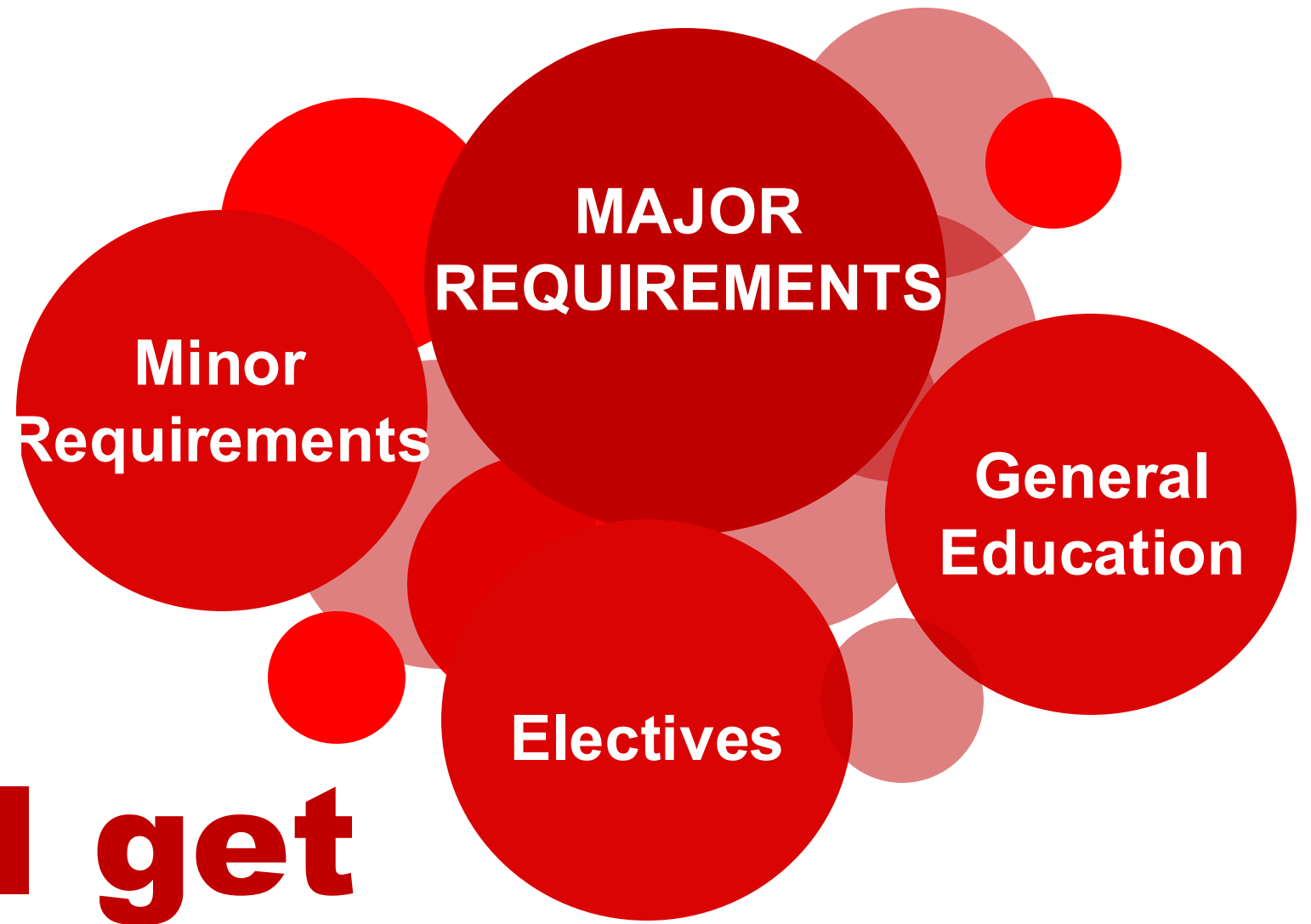
- Schedule an online appointment
- Email a question
- Call our office

Fact check #2

How many credit hours should I plan to take in order to graduate in 4 years?

120+ credits.

That's the number of credit hours you need to graduate from SIUE.



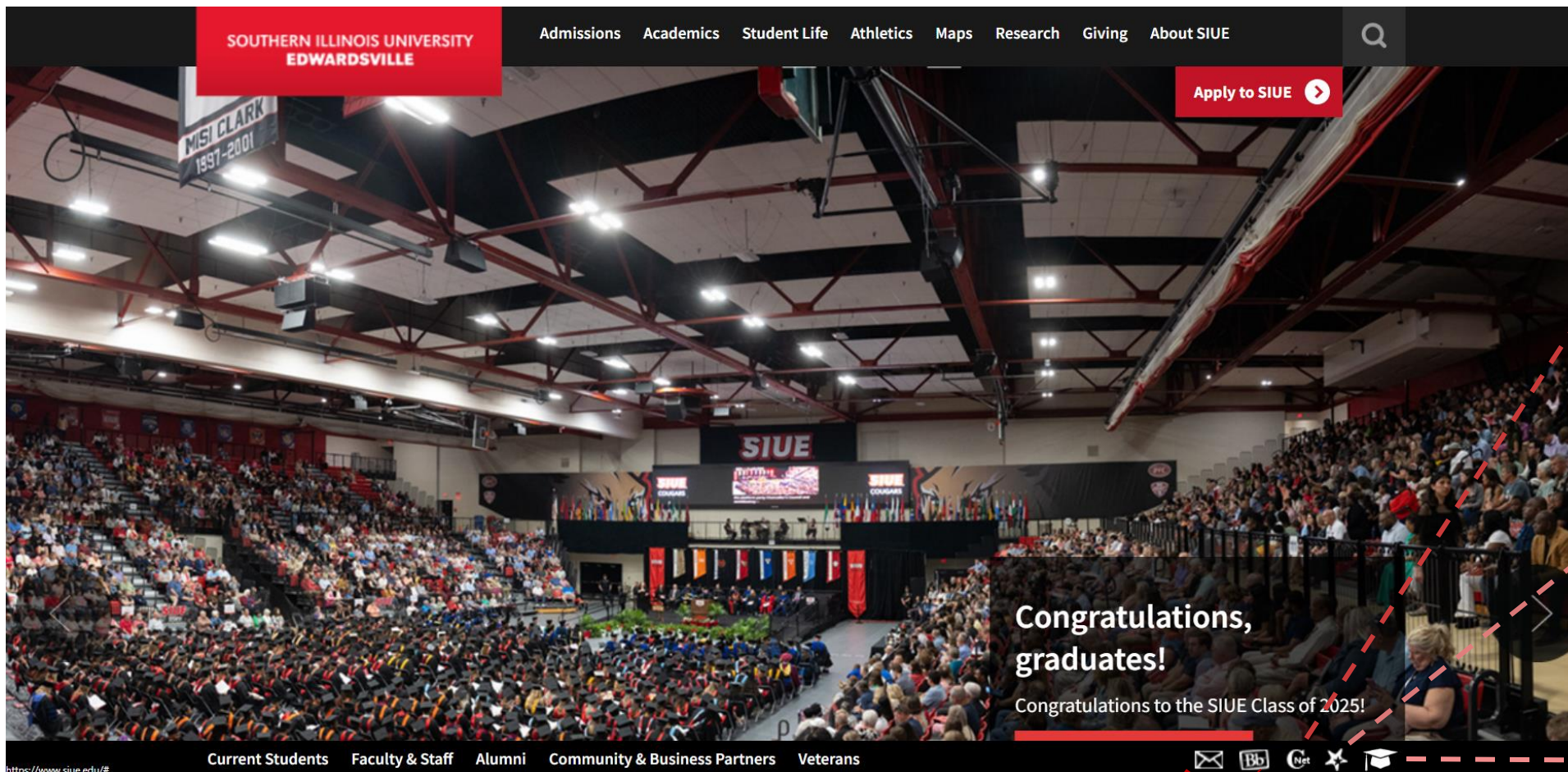
**How do I get
120+ credits?**

How do I **select my classes?**

**Academic
Advising**



Registration



Blackboard

Degree Works

Starfish

SIUE Email

CougarNet

Academic tools
@ siue.edu

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But what is BLACKBOARD?

- SIUE's learning management system
- Each course has a "course shell" with assignments, grades, syllabus, discussion boards, etc.
- Assignments submissions

What classes do I need to graduate on time?

Check Degree Works!

- See your educational plan
- Track courses taken or transferred that count toward your degree
- Plan courses to take in future semesters and where they "count"
- Use the "what-if" scenario to see impact of deciding on or changing major/minor

What is **STARFISH?**

- Student success portal
- Connection to your success network
- Online appointment scheduling
- Kudos, flags, and early alerts (oh my!)

**How do I know my
advisor's name?**

It's in STARFISH!

And

COUGARNET!

- Gateway to academic and financial records
- Course registration (after advisor meeting)
- Account "holds" (things you need to complete)
- Financial aid & student billing information
- Student records (transcripts, grades)

Fact check #3

Which academic tool helps easily connect you with your academic advisor for appointment scheduling?

Practice makes PROGRESS

- Navigate to siue.edu
- Find the icon for CougarNet
- Login with your e-ID and SIUE password

Find your **Fall Schedule**

- Navigate to siue.edu
- Find the icon for CougarNet
- Login with your e-ID and SIUE password
- Click the <<Class Schedule>> tile
- Click the <<Registration>> link

Final Review:

Fall Schedule

- How many credit hours do you have?
- When is your first class of the semester?
- Where will your first class meet?

What should my fall schedule look like?

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

Why might my friend's schedule different?

- Transfer credits
- Placement tests
- Different majors
- Different learning communities/cohorts
- Varied scheduling needs

Fact check #4

Who should you reach out to if you have concerns or need to adjust your Fall 2025 course schedule?

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