

# #CommuteSIUE



## A Roadmap for Off-campus Students

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# RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Exemption requests  
should be submitted as  
soon as possible before  
fall enrollment.



## On-Campus Living Requirement

- All first-year students who graduated high school in the last 12 months must live on campus.

## Exemption Request

- Students meeting approved exemption criteria (e.g., commuting from a parent/guardian's home within 60 miles) must submit an exemption request.

## Submit Request

- Visit [siue.edu/my-housing](https://siue.edu/my-housing) and log in with your SIUE email and password.

## Questions?

Contact the Central  
Housing Office at  
**618-650-3931** or  
[housing@siue.edu](mailto:housing@siue.edu).

*Or stop by the Resource  
Fair today and chat with  
them!*

# EXEMPTION CRITERIA

- Commuting from parent/legal guardian's permanent address less than 60 miles from campus
- Verified parent/guardian statement and a current utility bill or tax statement
- Other exemptions possible



# Question Break #1



From how far will you be commuting?

- Less than 10 minutes
- 11-29 minutes
- 30 or more minutes



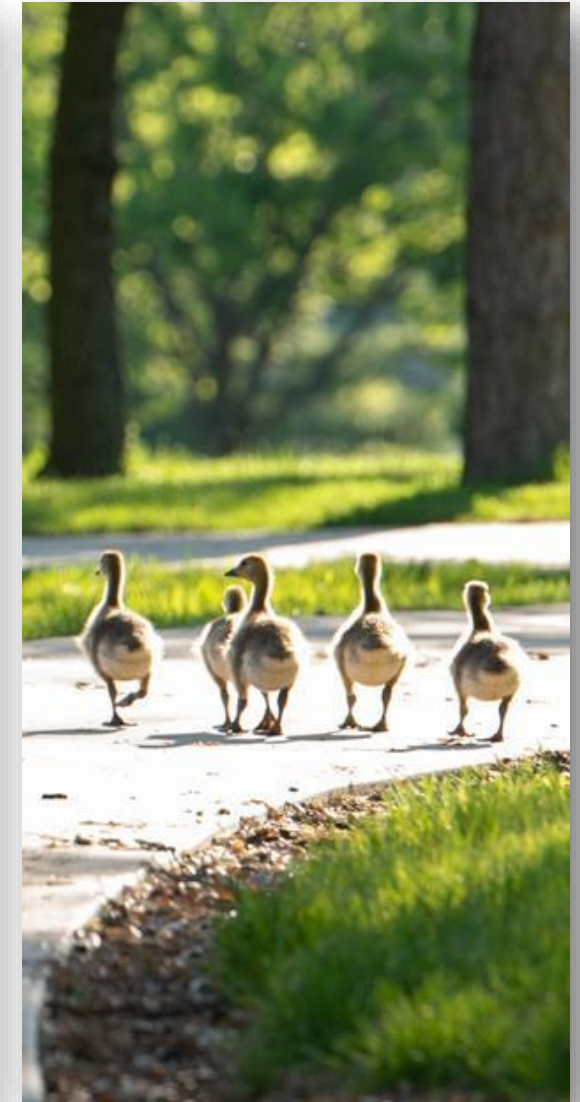
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# THE BASICS



- **Crosswalk Culture:** buses, pedestrians and geese, oh my!
- Getting to class on time
  - Leave early
  - Give yourself a 30–45 minute buffer
  - Consider time to park, walk, wait in line at Starbucks
- Elerts



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# PARKING



- Know which lots you can park in with your parking pass
- Pay-by-space parking
- Accessible spaces

## Open parking

- Monday-Thursday after 8 p.m.
- Friday after 4:30 p.m.
- All day Saturday and Sunday
- Lots A-G and 1-12

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## Question Break #2



Where will you be living?

- In my family home
- Renting with people I know
- Renting with people I DID NOT know
- Other



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# COUGAR BUCKS



- Funds can be added online or via the GET app
- Vending, printing, bookstore discount, meals, other places on campus, as well as off-campus vendors
- Purchases from SIUE dining locations - save 5%
- Unspent money refunded upon separation from the University by request



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## Meal Plan



- A la carte, you pay for what you eat
- Loaded onto cougar card
- Part goes towards fixed cost, food you buy is discounted
- Commuter 500: \$500/semester
- Commuter 1,000: \$1,000/semester
- Purchase through MyHousing portal

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# Welcome Weekend



August 14th-18th

- First Year First Night
- Meet Your Major and New Student Convocation
- Class Photo
- Hypnotist
- Glo Bingo
- Cougars in the Community
- Start Strong



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# GET CONNECTED



## Student Involvement

- [Getinvolved.siue.edu](http://Getinvolved.siue.edu)
- Social media
- Kimmel Belonging and Engagement Hub

## Student Employment

- [siue.edu/student-employment](http://siue.edu/student-employment)



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## ASK FOR HELP

- **Motorist Assistance Program (MAP)** helps with:
  - Dead batteries
  - Safety escorts
  - Lockouts
  - De-icing
- If services are needed, call University Police 24/7
  - **618-650-3324**

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# SPACES AND PLACES



- **Student Success Center**
  - Individual study lounges and group study rooms
- **Lovejoy Library**
- **Morris University Center**
  - Goshen Lounge
  - Study tables on upper level
  - Starbucks
  - Center Court
- **Student Fitness Center**
  - Freshëns
  - Study tables

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# KEYS TO SUCCESS

1. Get involved in at least one thing on campus to make connections.
2. Know how much time needs to be allocated for travel to arrive on time for classes.
3. Pack lunch or load Cougar Bucks for meals and snacks.
4. Budget for weekly expenses (gas, food, outings, parking, etc.).
5. Communicate with family members/roommates/cats/dogs your expectations.
6. Find a space on campus to spend down time in between classes.
7. Don't let living off campus stop you from doing the things you want to do.
8. Establish a routine.
9. Take your time. It's OK to not do everything at once.
10. Stay organized with balancing school and home responsibilities.
11. Use your campus resources.
12. Have fun and enjoy the college experience!



# QUESTIONS?