



**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
EDWARDSVILLE**

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 banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing a quote and a name.

“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

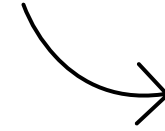
- Caring and productive members of SIUE community
- Student Code of Conduct
- University Policies
- Local, state, federal laws
- Living Guide (Housing facilities)

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 access, leveling the playing field for 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

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