

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
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Starting Strong at SIUE

How to Connect, Explore, and Set Yourself Up for Success


Who Is Here? and Morning Question




QR Sheet and Downloading Apps


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MUST-HAVE APPS & SITES
FOR NEW STUDENTS





SIUE App
This is our official app to help you connect with the SIUE community, access resources, and stay in the know about all things SIUE. Available on iOS and Android.







BlackBoard
This is the virtual learning platform SIUE professors are likely to use to share any assignments, grades, and more! Available on iOS and Android.







Outlook
This app can help you check your SIUE email on your phone! Available on iOS and Android.







DegreeWorks
DegreeWorks is a tool that helps you track your classes, see what you still need to graduate, and plan your degree at SIUE.







SIUE Admissions (RAFTR)
Access admissions info, events, and campus resources, chat with others, and explore student communities. It's also our Family Hub for supporters can receive updates and info when opted in by their student. Available on iOS and Android.







SIUE Starfish
Starfish is the website you use at SIUE to schedule appointments with advisors, get support, and stay on track to graduate. Can also be accessed from Blackboard.







CougarNet
CougarNet is SIUE's online portal where you register for classes, check financial aid, view your grades, and manage your student records.







TimelyCare
Virtual mental health and wellness visits via call or video, as well as 24/7 access to doctors, counselors, nurse practitioners. Free using SIUE account. Available on iOS and Android.







IMLeagues
IMLeagues is the app and website SIUE students use to sign up for intramural sports, fitness classes, and campus recreation events. Available on iOS and Android.







Group Me
A free group messaging app. Orientation/Welcome Leaders might use this app to communicate with you. Available on iOS and Android.







GET
GET is a mobile app and website that lets you manage your Cougar Card, including meal plans, Cougar Bucks, and card services. Available on iOS and Android.







CircleIn
Free study app where students collaborate, stay organized, and earn rewards for sharing and studying. Available on mobile and web. Available on iOS and Android.







NearPeer
Connect with fellow SIUE students through a private community that matches you with peers who share your major, interests, and more. Available on iOS and Android.







FlowBird
Pay for parking, extend time, and get reminders on your phone. Fast, easy, and stress-free parking tools on campus. Available on iOS and Android.






Rave Guardian App
Free safety app for the SIUE community allows users to share location, set safety timers, quickly contact campus safety or 911, and set guardians. Available on iOS and Android.





Goosechase
Used during orientation for interactive missions that help students explore campus and connect with others. Available on iOS and Android.





GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW COUGARS

- **Why Connections Matter:** Building friendships and networks early on is key to feeling at home here. Your peers will be an important part of your college experience!
- **Stay Connected:** Don't forget to share your contact info and join our GroupMe to stay in the loop with your new community.

CONNECTOR ACTIVITY



TO DO: STAY CONNECTED ON THE GO

Why Download the SIUE App?

The app give you access to many campus resources.

- You can see your class schedule
- check your bursar account
- open your email, see blackboard
- see on campus events
- More ...

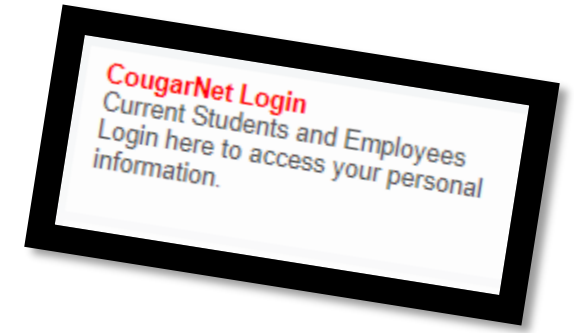
Why Download the Outlook Email App?

This is the main source of communication between you, SIUE faculty, and other students. This app allows you to see your emails on your phone!

*It nice to have when class is canceled



WHY COUGARNET MATTERS



Through CougarNet, you can:

- Access and manage your class schedules, grades, and transcripts.
- Register for classes and view academic calendars.
- Update your personal information and contact details.
- Access campus resources, including the library, student services, and financial aid.
- Set up your email and receive important notifications.
- Connect with professors, classmates, and campus departments.

Need Help?

*If you're unsure how to navigate CougarNet, don't hesitate to ask your **Orientation Leader** or reach out to **IT support** for assistance!*



TO DO: SIGN UP FOR ELERTS

Scan the QR Code to stay informed



REAL TALK: HONEST CONVERSATIONS

- **What's something** you wish you had known before starting at SIUE?
- What's the **biggest challenge** you've faced, and how did you **overcome** it?
- How do you stay **motivated** during tough times?
- What **campus resource** has helped you succeed?
- How did you get **involved** on campus, and what **opportunities** do you recommend?
- How do you **manage your time** between classes and personal life?
- What **advice** do you have for making friends and building relationships?



RESOURCE FAIR & RE-GROUP

RESOURCE FAIR

- **Visit Booths:** Explore campus resources and services.
- **Goosechase:** Go around to each booth and complete each mission
- **Learn & Ask Questions:** Gather info and connect with staff.
- **Swag Reward:** Once you complete your missions you will win a prize

AFTER LUNCH

- **Location & Time**
- Conference Cards
- **Purpose:** Regroup and get ready for the rest of the day's sessions.
- **Stay Together:** Know the spot and ask your Orientation Leader for help.