

WELCOME TO THE SALUKI SUCCESS INITIATIVE (SSI) PROGRAM



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STUDENT ADVISEMENT

2025

WHAT IS THE SSI PROGRAM?

A two-semester program designed to help support students entering SIU as freshman who:

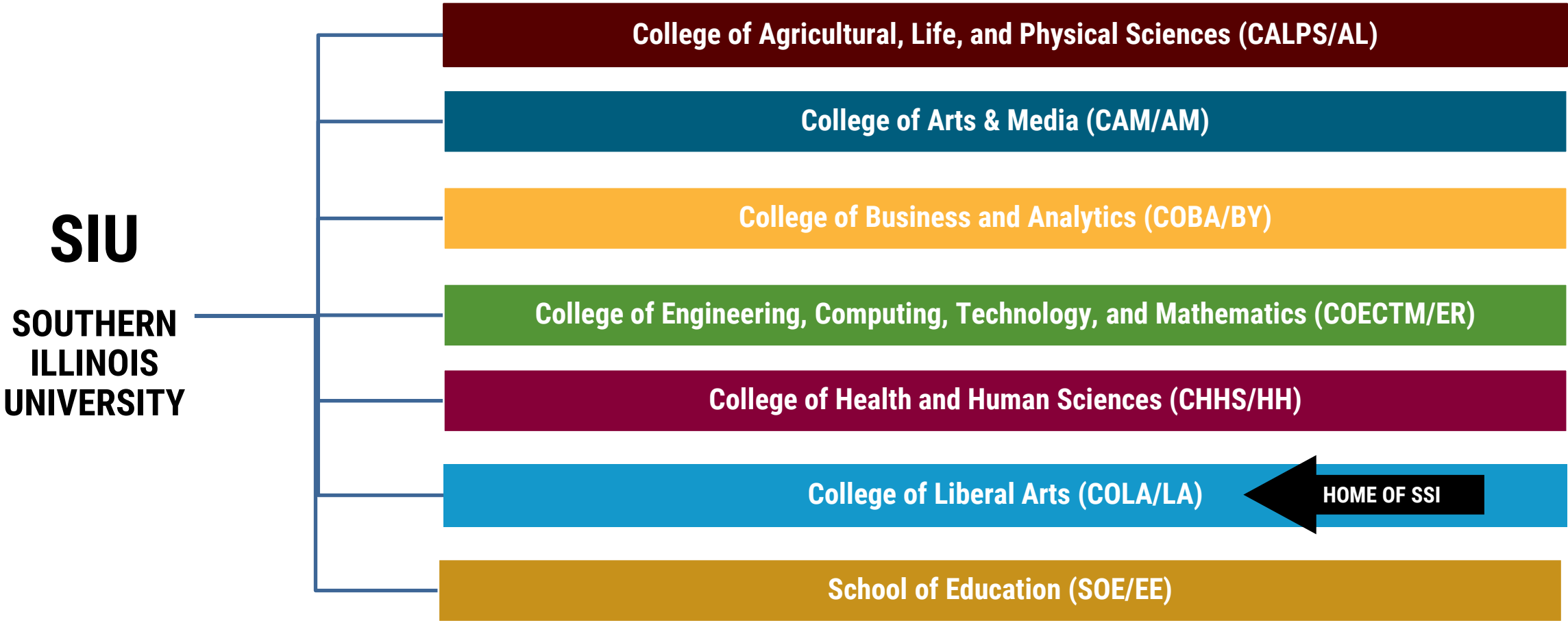
- Did not meet SIU's standard admission criteria (2.75 GPA)
- Were not admitted into [competitive admission programs](#) or missed application or acceptance deadlines



WHAT IS EXPLORATORY STUDENT ADVISEMENT? (ESA)

ESA is the office that supports the SSI program. It is the home for students who are in the major exploration and decision-making stage of their college career. We provide academic support to help ensure student success however we can. **The ESA Office and College of Liberal Arts (CoLA) partner to support the SSI program.**

ACADEMIC STRUCTURE



SIU ALSO INCLUDES: Graduate School | Simmons School of Law | School of Medicine



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CONTRACT TERMS

- Enroll in courses approved by Advisor
 - All changes must also be approved
- Complete the Success Certificate (see next slide)
- Complete the UNIV 101: Saluki Success course
- Meet with your 1) Saluki Success Coach, 2) Tutor or Academic Coach; 3) and Academic Advisor on a regular basis
- Honor SIU's Student Conduct Code
- **Regular attendance and completion of coursework is required!**



REQUIREMENTS FOR DECLARING YOUR MAJOR

- **GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING = 2.0 GPA*** (on 4.0 scale) after two standard semesters in SSI
- Earn your **SUCCESS CERTIFICATE**, samples include:
 1. Attend at least **6 WORKSHOPS**.
 2. Participate in at least **1 COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT** event related to your major or interest.
 3. Attend weekly **ACADEMIC COACHING SESSIONS**.
 4. Complete at least **10** sessions at the **TUTORING CENTER** or **WRITING CENTER**.
 5. Participate in at least **1 ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP** session (**2 sessions = 1 workshop**).

**Some special admission programs may have additional steps.*



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COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS

These programs require an additional screening process

Automotive Technology
Aviation Flight*
Aviation Management
Business and Administration
Engineering – Most Programs
Dental Hygiene
Music
Nursing*
Physical Therapist Assistant
Radiologic Sciences

These programs require you to submit additional materials

Aviation Management
Dental Hygiene
Physical Therapist Assistant
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** These programs have limited capacity and are highly competitive.*



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FROM UNDECIDED TO UNSTOPPABLE



RESOURCES FOR SALUKI SUCCESS

- Student Multicultural Resource Center
- Office of Access and Accommodations
- University Honors Program
- Career Development Center
- Writing Center
- First Saluki Center
- Study Abroad
- SalukiTech
- Tutoring Center



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FREE* ACADEMIC SUPPORT

TUTORING CENTER: <https://clss.siu.edu/>

- Academic Coaching
- Tutoring
- Online resources

WRITING CENTER: <https://write.siu.edu/>

- Any major
- Any assignment
- Any stage of writing
- Any kind of writing

OFFICE FOR ACCESS AND ACCOMMODATIONS: <https://access.siu.edu/>

- Support for physical, learning or other disabilities/challenges
- Temporary or Long-term support
- May help with testing to determine support needed

*THESE & OTHER
SERVICES ARE COVERED
IN THE FEES YOU PAY TO
THE UNIVERSITY.

**DON'T LET THAT
MONEY GO TO
WASTE!**



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FUTURE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Dr. Seymour Bryson Future Scholars program serves newly admitted students in the Saluki Success Initiative program for the summer and fall semesters. Students accepted to the Future Scholars summer program will take classes during the last 4 weeks of the summer semester in the month of July for **FREE**.

Students are given a chance to:

- Get an early start to their college career
- Register for summer and fall classes early
- Experience summer residence on the SIU campus with dining options included
- Attend classes 5 days a week and enrolling in up to 7 hours of University Core Curriculum courses
- Attend mandatory study table for tutoring and academic coaching services
- Learn about and explore campus resources early
- Attend workshops provided by campus partners

To learn more about the criteria, click [here](#) or you can contact our Director, Dr. Kris Marshall, at sheed@siu.edu.

[Apply Now](#) *You must have already submitted your contract and received your official acceptance email.*

Move-in: June 29, 2025

Move-out: July 26, 2025



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OTHER TIPS

- Ultimately, we want you to graduate in 4 years, get an awesome career and do amazing things... but that takes **hard work** and **dedication**.
- We are your **ADVOCATES** and your **TEACHERS**.
 - We are **NOT** your **PERSONAL ASSISTANTS**.
- Your dreams and goals will probably change... that's okay. We can guide you along the way.
- No one can force you to do anything you don't want to do, but our goal is to introduce you to every resource available to you.



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DON'T FORGET!

1. REVIEW SIU'S **INCOMING STUDENT CHECKLIST**
2. REGISTER FOR **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION (NSO)**
3. SCHEDULE YOUR **ADVISEMENT APPOINTMENT**

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