

WELCOME TO THE SALUKI SUCCESS INITIATIVE (SSI)



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
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EXPLORATORY
STUDENT ADVISEMENT

2025

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

You applied. We reviewed. We chose you!

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE SIU?

1. What are YOUR dreams?
2. What are YOUR Goals? Short-term and Long-term?
3. Are you doing this for you or for someone else?
4. What are your values?
5. What's more important to you? Money or Passion?
6. What are your biggest worries?
7. What are you most excited about?



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HIGHER EDUCATION BASICS

COMMON INSTITUTION TYPES

- 4-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY
 - PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
- COMMUNITY OR JUNIOR COLLEGE
- TRADE SCHOOL
- CONSERVATORY

DEGREE TYPES

- ASSOCIATE DEGREES
- BACHELOR'S DEGREES
- MASTER'S DEGREES
- DOCTORAL DEGREES

WHY CHOOSE ONE OVER THE OTHER?

- TIME COMMITMENT
- JOB POTENTIAL
- CURRICULUM
- COST



SIU AT A GLANCE

- Total Enrollment: 11,790 students
- 200+ majors, minors, and specializations
- 11:1 student to faculty ratio
- Current Salukis come from:
 - Every county in Illinois
 - 90+ foreign countries



OUR CAMPUS

- Campus Lake
- Thompson Woods
- Transportation Education Center
- Southern Illinois Airport
- University Farms
- Gower Translational Research Center



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SALUKI ATHLETICS

- 15 Athletic Teams
- NCAA Division I
- Missouri Valley Conference
- Free entrance to all campus sporting events with your student ID — covered by your fees!

Men's

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Swimming & Diving
- Track & Field

Women's

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving
- Track & Field
- Volleyball

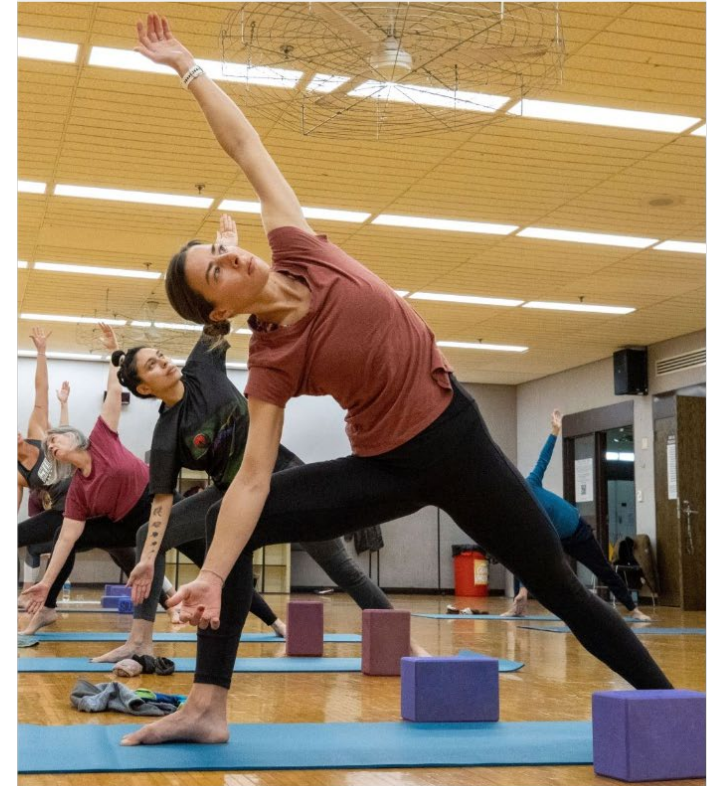


GET INVOLVED

- We have a Registered Student Organization (**RSO**) for you!
 - Student government
 - Special interest groups
 - Fraternities and sororities
 - Publication and media groups
 - Departmental clubs
 - Religious organizations
 - Honorary societies
 - Sports and recreation clubs

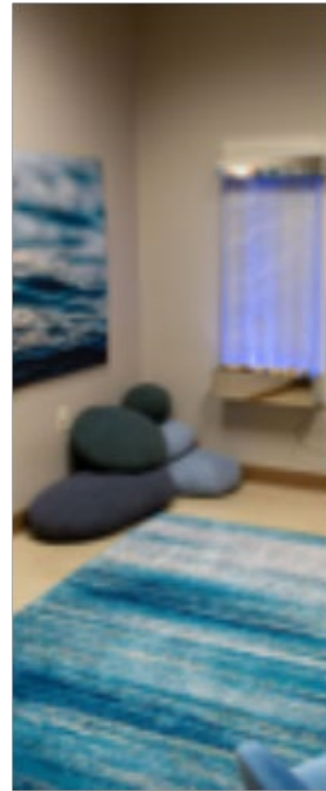
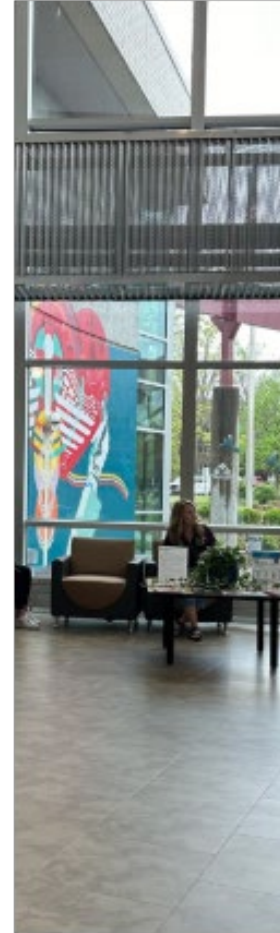
REC CENTER

- Weight rooms
- Indoor tracks
- Basketball courts
- Racquetball courts
- Pickleball courts
- Group fitness classes
- Rock-climbing wall
- Dance studios
- Martial arts
- Olympic-sized swimming pool



STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

- **Saluki Health Portal**
 - Schedule appointments online
- **Saluki Dawg Lounge**
- **Student Health Insurance Plan**
 - Not required to utilize services
- **\$10 Service Charge**
 - Laboratory
 - Counseling
 - Medical Clinic
 - Pharmacy
 - X-rays
 - And more



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

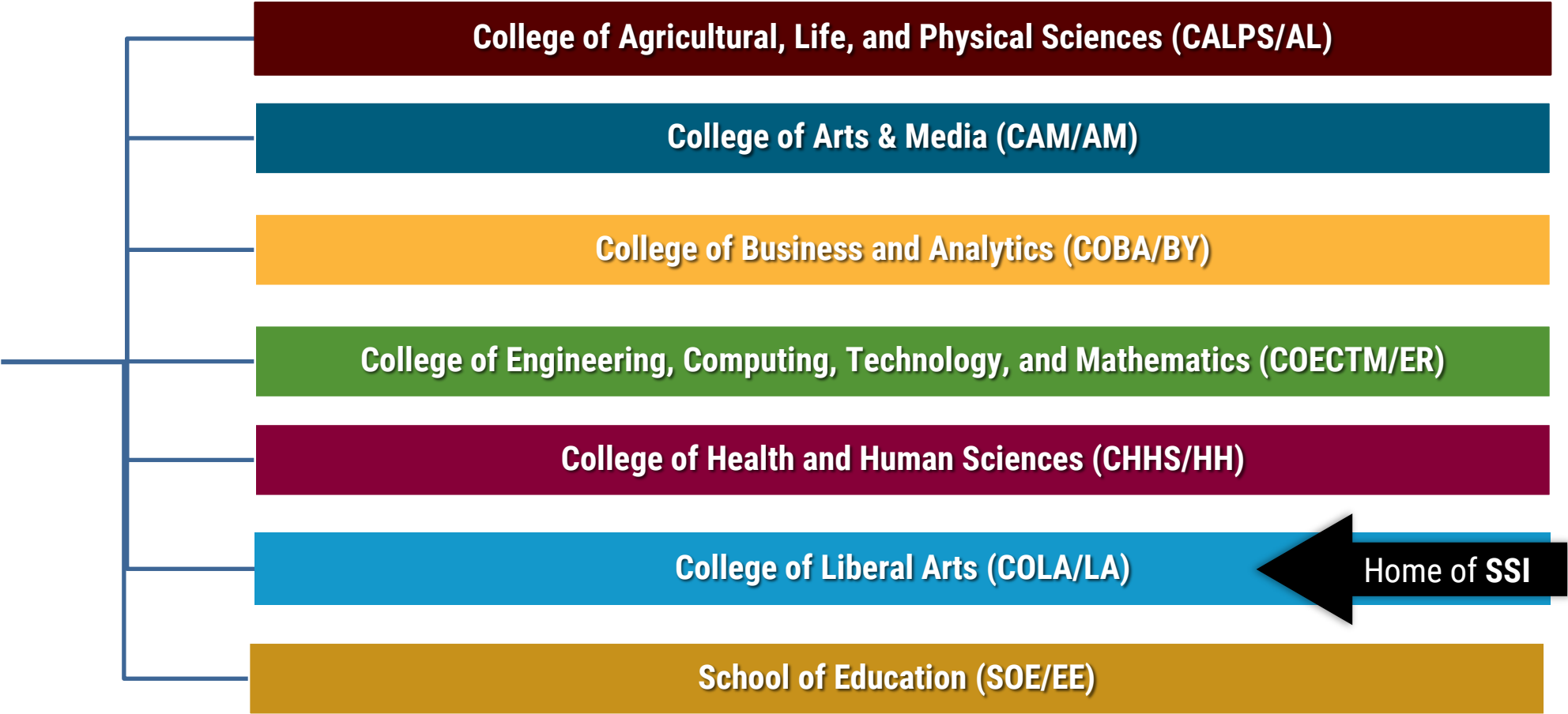


WHAT IS EXPLORATORY STUDENT ADVISEMENT? (ESA)

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
SOUTHERN
ILLINOIS
UNIVERSITY



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



Other Support Offices

Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Exploratory Student Advisement (ESA)

Home of **SSI**

Student Support Services (SSS/TRiO)

Student Multicultural Resource Center (SMRC)

Student Affairs

Counseling and Psychological
Services (CAPS)

First Saluki Center

Dean of Students

First Year Experience (FYE)

Student Rights & Responsibilities (SRR)

Student Success

Tutoring and Academic Coaching

Writing Center

RETENTION AND SUPPORT STAFF



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CONTRACT TERMS

- Enroll in courses approved by Advisor
 - All changes must also be approved
- Attend mandatory workshops each semester
- 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!**



[Saluki Success Initiative
Contract and Details](#)

[Student Conduct Code | Student Rights and Responsibilities | SIU](#)



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REQUIREMENTS FOR DECLARING YOUR MAJOR

- Be in **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**. Schedule with a Coach [here](#).
 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
Radiologic Sciences



[Undergraduate Curricula |
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** These programs have limited capacity and are highly competitive.*



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15 TO FINISH

- « **15 credit hours** per semester to stay on track for graduation in two or four years!
- « Your **ACADEMIC ADVISOR** will help guide you with any question, concerns, or setbacks along the way!

A MINIMUM OF **12 CREDITS**
IS REQUIRED TO BE
CONSIDERED **FULL TIME**.

Anything below 12 credits could
affect Financial Aid, Scholarships and
Housing eligibility.

NON-TRADITIONAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

1. ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) TESTS

- Order scores to be sent through College Board.

2. DUAL CREDIT

- High School classes offered by a community college for college-level credit. Official college transcripts are required for credit.

3. INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) CREDIT

- Must pass Standard Level (SL) and Higher Level (HL) exams with a minimum score of 4 and in some cases a 6 or 7.

4. COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP) TESTS

- College Level Examination Program (CLEP), select exams offered through College Board are eligible for college credit.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS*

- Avoid unnecessary **REGISTRATION HOLDS** on your SIU account
- 4 ways to submit:
 1. Upload to the Saluki Health Portal
 2. Email: immunizations@siu.edu
 3. Fax: (618) 453-4452
 4. Mail to:

Student Health Services
Immunization Compliance
374 East Grand Avenue - MC 6740
Carbondale, Illinois 62901



***YOU CANNOT
REGISTER FOR
SECOND
SEMESTER
WITHOUT THIS**

FROM **UNDECIDED**
TO **UNSTOPPABLE**



RESOURCES FOR SALUKI SUCCESS

- Career Development Center
- First Saluki Center
- HEROES: Housing and food insecurity, or other financial challenges
- Multicultural Resource Center
- Office of Access and Accommodations
- SalukiTech
- Study Abroad
- Tutoring Center
- University Honors Program
- Writing Center



[Student Resources](#)



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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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COLLEGE STUDENT BASICS

1	CHECK YOUR SIU EMAIL & SALUKINET	Daily! Learn how to skim and spot the most important ones. Especially from your advisor! You can find most things on Salukinet.
2	READ YOUR SYLLABI	Review the instructor's preferred contact methods. Read through all the policies. Pay special attention to attendance policies and academic dishonesty policies and consequences.
3	BE PREPARED FOR CLASS	Do you have the books you need? Other tools? There may be resources on campus to help. Are you mentally prepared to engage in class when you walk in the door?
4	GO TO CLASS	Have to miss due to illness or something else? Talk to your instructor. Find a buddy to share notes with if you have to miss.
5	BE ENGAGED	Ear buds out. Phones away unless asked to use it in class. Eye contact. Nod in agreement. A confused face is not the same as asking a question .
6	USE STUDENT DROP-IN HOURS	Don't be afraid of your teachers. They can be your best advocates. Building relationships with them could equal scholarship opportunities, recommendation letters, and internship and job leads.
7	LEARN HOW TO STUDY	Use Morris Library! Tutoring Center Writing Center Academic Coaches
8	COMMUNICATE	With Instructors, Saluki Success Coaches, Advisors, other support systems. Don't suffer in silence.
9	CHECK YOUR PROGRESS	D2L for course work. Degree Works for overall requirements. Ask your instructors.
10	CONSULT WITH YOUR ADVISOR	Every semester. And early whenever possible. Don't wait until the last minute.
11	KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR GPA!	Potential rewards and scholarship opportunities VS Potential Academic Probation or risk of not graduating. Don't let your GPA drop below a 2.0!

RECOMMENDED STUDENT APPS

	Handshake	STUDENT EMPLOYMENT & OTHER CAREER INFORMATION
	JAX GO	SIU & AREA BUS SCHEDULES
	LiveSafe	ACCESS TO SAFETY RECOURSES ON CAMPUS
	MS Outlook	SIU EMAIL
	MS OneDrive	CLOUD STORAGE YOU CAN ACCESS ANYWHERE
	MS Teams	INSTANT MESSAGING & VIRTUAL MEETINGS
	Nearpeer	MEET OTHER SALUKIS WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS & BACKGROUNDS

	Pulse	SHORTCUT TO D2L –MY COURSES
	Saluki Connect	INFORMATION ON CLUBS (RSOs)
	Saluki Superfan	SIU EVENTS & PRIZES
	SalukiNet	SHORTCUT TO SALUKINET
	Salukis	INFORMATION FOR ALL ATHLETIC EVENTS
	SIU REC	ACCESS TO REC CENTER & MORE
	WSIU	LOCAL PUBLIC TV & RADIO, POWERED BY SIU

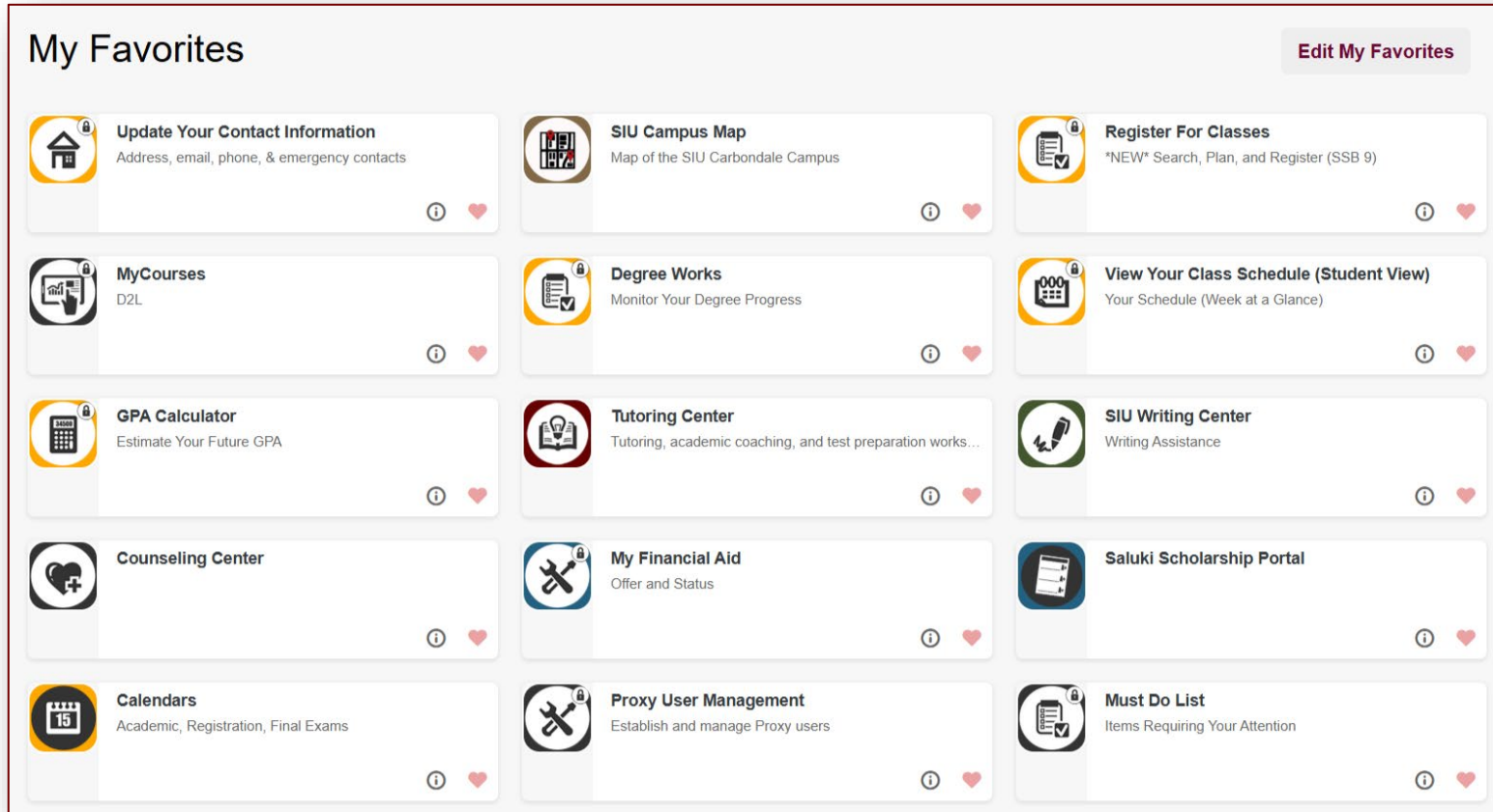


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RECOMMENDED SALUKINET FAVORITES



1. Update Your Contact Information
2. SIU Campus Map
3. Register for Classes
4. MyCourses-D2L
5. Degree Works
6. View Your Class Schedule
7. GPA Calculator
8. Tutoring Center
9. SIU Writing Center
10. Counseling Center
11. My Financial Aid
12. Saluki Scholarship Portal
13. Calendars
14. Proxy User Management
15. Must Do List



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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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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 enroll 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

[Dr. Seymour Bryson Future Scholars Program | Exploratory Student Advisement | SIU](#)



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