



Welcome Message from Graduate School Leaders

Greetings from Southern Illinois University Carbondale! You are now a member of a select group of people investing in themselves through graduate education. You will spend the next few years challenged and fulfilled as you become immersed in a transformative academic environment. You will expand knowledge, advance discoveries, and make original and substantial contributions to your discipline while being guided by faculty who are leaders in their respective fields. We encourage you to immerse yourself in our diverse community composed of artists, scholars, researchers, and educators.

Southern Illinois University's mission statement embodies our commitment to "... embrace a unique tradition of access and opportunity, inclusive excellence, innovation in research and creativity, and outstanding teaching focused on nurturing student success. As a nationally ranked public research university and regional economic catalyst, we create and exchange knowledge to shape future leaders, improve our communities, and transform lives." SIU Carbondale is a vibrant Carnegie Research 1 (R1) University, Very High Spending and Doctorate Production.

We encourage you to utilize every resource that SIU Carbondale has to offer. The Graduate School is here to help you succeed.

Use your time wisely. Work hard. Enjoy yourself. Improve the world!

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LET'S TALK GRADUATE STUDIES (LTGS)

Spring 2026

January 8	Graduate School New Student Orientation
January 12	First day of Spring 2026 semester
January 19	SIU closed – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 28	LTGS – How to Format and Submit Thesis, Dissertation, or other final paper to the Graduate School – with Dr. Rose Moroz, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, 12:00 – 1:00 pm, (virtual and in person)
January 29	Meet & Greet for new graduate students at the Student Center Bowling & Billiards, 1:30 – 3:30 pm (in-person)
February 1	Deadline to submit scholarship applications via siu.academicworks.com
February 6	Campus-wide 3MT (3-Minute Thesis) Competition, see your academic program to apply, SSB 150 at 2:00
February 12	LTGS – A.I. with Dr. Craig Engstrom
March 3	LTGS – Grant Writing with Dr. Karen Jones, Associate Dean and Director of the Graduate School, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, (virtual, https://tinyurl.com/muv53pwf)
March 7-15	SIU Spring Break – no classes
April 9	LTGS – Applying for Faculty Positions with Dr. Karen Jones, Associate Dean and Director of the Graduate School, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, (virtual, https://tinyurl.com/mwry6pcr)
May 4	Donut Dash into Finals, Graduate School office, Student Services Building, 8:30 - 10:30 am (in-person)
May 4-8	Final Exam week
May 9	Commencement

Visit [Graduate Student Resources](#) for more information.



The GRADUATE SCHOOL is here for you.

We are committed to your success and intellectual development. We promote innovative graduate education and research so you can develop your research, analytic, and critical thinking skills, to prepare you for a career in your chosen field and equip you to positively change the world. We are here to help you succeed.

MONETARY SUPPORT for ATTENDING CONFERENCES

The Graduate School will reimburse each student up to \$500 for expenses incurred while presenting at a conference/professional event. Visit <https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/funding-aid/professional-development/> for more information and to download the Graduate Student Professional Development Funding Request form.

In addition, the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) offers support through the GPSC Travel and Conference Award and Professional Development Award. Visit <https://gpsc.rso.siu.edu/programming/index.php> for details.

REGISTRATION

Having trouble registering? Contact these people for assistance:

1. Course instructor
2. Your advisor
3. The Director of Graduate Studies for your program
4. Graduate School Registration Office gradregistration@siu.edu

For quicker assistance, always include your dawg tag in the email.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS OFFERED

SIU Carbondale currently offers a variety of Certificate Programs. These short-term graduate programs provide a certification, not a degree, for specialized training in areas of interest. Visit <https://gradcatalog.siu.edu/grad-certificates/> for details about certificate programs. You can work toward a certificate while working toward a degree.

GRADUATE CATALOG

Review your program's requirements at <https://gradcatalog.siu.edu/>. Choose Graduate Curricula and then choose your program.

We're glad that you are part of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Visit <https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/academic-support/> for links to more resources.

How to locate information on the Graduate School website...

Visit **gradschool.siu.edu** and you will see the choices in the left column

Graduate School

Funding and Aid

Financial Aid

Graduate Assistantships

Graduate Scholarships

Fellowships

Graduate Student Professional Development Monetary Support

Satisfactory Progress Policy

Academic Support

Registration

Withdrawal

Thesis, Dissertation, Research Paper, Capstone Report

Graduation

Resources

Dates and Deadlines

Student Resources

FAQs and Terms

Forms

News, Publications, and Events

You will find the Graduate Catalog at **gradcatalog.siu.edu**

Graduate Curricula – find your program section for retention and graduation requirements

The Graduate School – find general degree requirements, regulations, procedures, etc.

GRADSCHOOL.SIU.EDU

RESOURCES for GRADUATE STUDENTS

<https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/academic-support/>

GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENT MANUAL

<https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/resources/student-resources/student-manual/>

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

<https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/academic-support/>

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

<https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/funding-aid/>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

<https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/funding-aid/professional-development/>

HEALTH & WELLNESS RESOURCES

<https://shc.siu.edu>

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT RESOURCES

<https://getinvolved.siu.edu>

SAFETY SERVICES AND RESOURCES

<https://solutionfinder.siu.edu/safety.php>

LEGAL RESOURCES

<https://studentlegal.siu.edu>

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

<https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/academic-support/registration/>

TUITION & FEES

<https://online.siu.edu/cost-aid/>

FINAL PAPER: DISSERTATION, CAPSTONE REPORT, THESIS, RESEARCH PAPER INFORMATION

<https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/academic-support/thesis-dissertation-research/etd/>

GRADUATION INFORMATION

<https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/academic-support/graduation/>

If you can't find what you're looking for, send an email to gradschl@siu.edu.

We are here to help!

GRADUATE SCHOOL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate School Website: <https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/>

Graduate Assistantships (GA):

GA Job Listings: <https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/funding-aid/grad-assistantships/job-posting.php>

GA Guidelines: <https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/funding-aid/grad-assistantships/>

Contact your academic program for other possible GA opportunities.

Fellowships: <https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/funding-aid/fellowships/>

(yearly, competitive awards – apply in January for the following academic year)

Master's Fellowship

Doctoral Fellowship

Dissertation Research Assistantship

Morris Fellowship (U.S. Citizen/Permanent Resident Only)

Graduate Dean's Fellowship

PROMPT Assistantship (U.S. Citizen/Permanent Resident Only)

Scholarships: <https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/funding-aid/grad-scholarships/>

Native American Scholarship: Offers scholarship to students who are of Indigenous ancestry. Apply by February 1st each year for the chance to be chosen for a \$1,000 award. <https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/funding-aid/grad-scholarships/>

Willis Swartz Graduate Student Scholarship: Offers \$1,000 scholarship to graduate students interested in research in all areas. Preference will be given to incoming (usually first or second semester), international students. Students must be nominated by their graduate program, by the end of the second Friday of October. <https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/funding-aid/grad-scholarships/>

Questions about any of these funding opportunities?

Send an email to gaoftice@siu.edu , and be sure to include your dawg tag!

Tips for Thriving in Graduate School

1. Be proactive! Take responsibility for your graduate school experience.
2. Make both short- and long-term goals. Strive to follow them.
3. If you've had to change your life to begin your graduate program, be patient with yourself as you re-adjust.
4. Know your program and the university. Double check deadlines, requirements, policies, etc.
5. The Graduate Catalog is your guide as you progress through your program. You'll find it online at <https://gradcatalog.siu.edu/>
6. Participate. Your ideas, talents, and skills benefit everyone when you share them. We're all here to learn from each other.
7. Do your own work with honesty and integrity. It always pays off to do the right thing, even when it is difficult.
8. Communicate with your faculty advisor, even if they aren't proactive with you.
9. Visit your course instructors during their office hours. There's always more to learn from them.
10. Get to know the other students in your classes and student organizations. Participate in study groups when possible. Graduate students can learn a lot from each other.
11. Accept feedback and criticism as learning opportunities.
12. Remember that you are a member of your greater academic field. In addition to your courses, attend optional lectures and events. Reach out to faculty and your fellow graduate students.
13. Mentor undergraduates in your field. Set a good example for them.
14. Care for your health. Strive for balance in your life between work and leisure.
15. Add leisure and professional development to your schedule by attending events and lectures, joining clubs and organizations, participating in community service, etc.
16. Keep humor and laughter in your life. Graduate school is important work, but we can't be serious all the time.
17. Keep going when you feel overwhelmed or frustrated. Persistence is key to meeting your goals.
18. If you encounter a problem, research solutions online and in course materials, and ask questions of the people who are on campus to assist you: your advisor, program staff, course instructors, Director of Graduate Studies, wellness counselor, Graduate School staff, etc.

Visit <https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/resources/student-resources/> for a comprehensive collection of resources for graduate students.

The Graduate School is here for you! Visit our website <https://gradschool.siu.edu/>; call 618-536-7791; email gradschl@siu.edu; or visit us in person on the third floor of the Student Services Building.

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