

Requirements and Expenses

This worksheet is designed to assist international students in understanding the overall cost of studying at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIU) over one academic year. Federal regulations require colleges and universities to verify that students entering the U.S. with temporary student visas have adequate financial resources to meet their educational expenses. Therefore, proof of finances must be submitted to receive a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019) from SIU, which is necessary for applying for your U.S. student visa.

International students must affirm their responsibility for paying all tuition, fees, and living expenses for the entire period of their intended study program. Students must document the estimated full cost of the first academic year of study following admission before the university can issue a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019) for F-1 or J-1 visa issuance. Financial support must be equal to or greater than the amounts indicated below for one year of study.

For current estimated costs of attendance, visit the [Tuition and Fees Calculator](#). For cost-of-living estimates, refer to the resource provided by the [Office of Financial Aid](#).

Cost of Attendance for 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR – Undergraduate Programs

		Without Assistance	High Achievers Alternate Tuition Rate	College of Business & Analytics Student	College of Business & Analytics ATR
1	Tuition	\$19,665	\$7,866	\$20,847	\$9,048
2	Fees	\$6,064	\$6,064	\$6,064	\$6,064
3	Living Expenses	\$16,182	\$16,182	\$16,182	\$16,182
	Estimated Total	\$41,911	\$30,112	\$43,093	\$31,294

Cost of Attendance for 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR – Graduate Programs

		Without Assistance	Alternate Tuition Rate	Business College	Alternate Tuition Rate
1	Tuition	\$21,555	\$8,622	\$22,848	\$9,915
2	Fees	\$5,113	\$5,113	\$5,113	\$5,113
3	Living Expenses	\$15,515	\$15,515	\$15,515	\$15,515
4	Estimated Total	\$42,183	\$29,250	\$43,476	\$30,543

Notes

The above estimates are based on minimum enrollment requirements over a 9-month academic year period. Living expenses are calculated using on-campus food & housing figures. ATR is used to describe [Alternate Tuition Rates](#) (ATR). Total costs typically increase by 5% per annum.

Dependent Support:

An F-1/J-1 student wishing to have his or her spouse and/or children accompany him or her must document the following amount for each family member per academic year of intended study. A copy marriage certificate must be provided for the dependent spouse. A copy of a birth certificate is also required for each dependent child. The minimum amount of financial support for each academic year is:

- \$5,000 for spouse
- \$2,500 for each child

Forms of Financial Documentation

This information is required for visa eligibility determination only. Support may come from any combination of sources, including personal funds, family contributions, or sponsored funds. Please ensure you provide documentation for each source of funding. All acceptable forms of documentation must be on the official letterhead from the institution that issued the document. Documents must be dated within one year of the anticipated date the student will commence studies. Documents can be clear photocopies, scanned, faxed (upon request) or original. All documents submitted to SIU Carbondale become the property of SIU Carbondale; they cannot be returned or forwarded to another person or institution.

Bank Letters	Acceptable
Bank Statements (Savings or Checking Accounts)	Acceptable
Certificates of Deposit (CD) Statements	Acceptable - maturity date must be earlier than anticipated enrollment date.
Chartered Accountant Statements	Not Acceptable
Employer Letters	Acceptable – if the employer serves as the financial sponsor.
Line of Credit Letters	Acceptable
Loan Letters	Acceptable
Provident (Retirement) Fund Statements	Acceptable - if fund permits early withdrawal; value will be calculated at 75 percent of face value (or as determined by terms of the fund).
Scholarship Letters (Private, Government, School, etc.)	Acceptable
Stock Market Statements	Not Acceptable
Valuation Statements (Jewelry, Gold, Property)	Not Acceptable