Southern Illinois University – Carbondale

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is ranked in elite company. SIU has received the Research 1 designation from the Carnegie Classification for Institutions of Higher Education. This means we are on the same level as the Ivy League and flagship universities. And that means more resources for research activities for our students.

SIU has also received the designation of Opportunity University from the Carnegie Foundation and American Council on Education. This is, in part, thanks to our mission of helping to bring access and opportunity to all students. Student success is what drives us, and we want to help you reach the finish line.

At **Southern Illinois University Carbondale,** we don't just prepare students for careers—we prepare them for life. We're located in the heart of beautiful Southern Illinois, surrounded by forests, lakes, and a community that's as down-to-earth as it is driven. SIU is a place for bold thinkers, hands-on learners, and future leaders who don't just sit back and watch—they get in and make it happen.

Real Majors. Real Experience.
Choose from **100+ degree programs** that connect what you learn in class to the real world. Here, you're not just studying theories, you're building projects, running experiments, making art, launching ideas, and making a difference from day one.
Explore majors in:

- Agricultural, Life, and Physical Sciences
- Arts and Media
- Business and Analytics
- Engineering, Computing, Technology, and Math
- Health and Human Sciences
- Liberal Arts
- Education

How Admission Works
First-year Direct Admission
If you're finishing high school and have at least a **2.75 GPA**, you're in. No test scores needed. No red tape.
Below a 2.75 GPA?
We understand numbers don't tell the whole story. Our **holistic review** process looks at your

experience, your drive, and your potential—not just your grades. We offer a program designed to support you through academic coaching, advising, mentoring and tutoring.

Transfer Direct Admission

If you've completed **30 or more college credits** with a **2.0 GPA or higher**, you qualify for **Direct Transfer Admission**.

It doesn't matter where you start. It matters how you finish. SIU is a transfer student-friendly institution and transfer students make up a large portion of our student population.

Special Programs

Some programs— like aviation, nursing, automotive, dental hygiene, radiologic sciences, physical therapist assistant, music— may require additional admissions materials and screening process. Be sure to check individual program requirements when you apply.

Why Choose SIU Carbondale?

- **Affordable and supportive** – We offer generous scholarships and a network of resources to help you thrive.
- **Inclusive and welcoming** – We're proudly diverse and focused on access, affordability, and belonging.
- **Nature meets innovation** – Campus is surrounded by forests, trails, and lakes, offering unmatched opportunities for research and recreation.

Have Questions? We're Here to Help.

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