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SPRING START UP.. BACK ON TRACK. . .

Whether you are working towards the final semester before graduation, in your second semester of your freshman year, or somewhere in between, the beginning of a new semester can be a confusing and difficult time. These tips can help you be less intimidated about new classes, new friends, new professors, and everything that comes with a college semester.

1. DON'T SKIP CLASS, READ THE SYLLABUS

You enrolled at SIU to get an education and attend class. It may seem easy to skip class during the first few days of the semester because you think there will be no new material to learn. It is important that you make it to these classes. The first few days of class are when you learn about what to expect for the semester and get to know the teacher. Professors take note of who makes it to the first class, and it can be a bad first impression if you skip.

Your syllabus reveals not only the important dates, but also what you will be learning and what your professor is expecting. Reading the syllabus is one of the first things you should do for any class, and most of your questions about a class can likely be answered. Put important dates from the syllabus into a calendar with reminders and alerts of upcoming assignments and tests.

2. GET INVOLVED: JOIN A STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Try something new this semester: join a student or Greek organization. You can get your friends involved, too. SIU has multiple student organizations that provide an opportunity to enhance your leadership capabilities. SIU also has fraternities and sororities that offer students the opportunity to become strong leaders, serve your community, and become part of the large Greek alumni to assist you in future endeavors.

3. RELAX

Don't overwhelm yourself in the first few weeks of the semester. Make sure to ease into the semester and take small steps into the workload. Relax and enjoy being back at school, but don't get too comfortable. Find time to work out or exercise, drink coffee with friends, go bowling at the Student Center, or check out the latest movies. Making time for YOU will help you get back on track and accomplish the goals you have set for the upcoming semester.

SIU Campus Resources

[SIU Police](#)

618-453-3771

[Parking Division](#)

618-453-5369

[Counseling Center](#)

618-453-5371

[Wellness Center](#)

618-536-4441

Student Health Services

618-453-3311

[Night Safety Transit](#)

618-453-2212

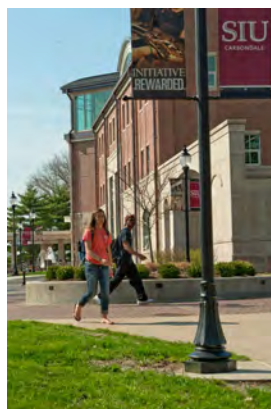
Carbondale Resources

[Carbondale Police](#)

618-457-3200

[Memorial Hospital](#)

618-549-0721



Services Provided

[Crime Prevention & Programs](#)

[Report Suspicious Activity](#)

[Campus Emergency](#)

[Response Guide](#)

[Campus Map](#)

[Parking Map](#)

[FOIA Request Form](#)

[SIU Campus Crime Report](#)

[Safety Awareness Facts and Educations](#)

CRIME OR INCIDENT REPORTING

There are several reporting options available for victims of crime. Criminal incidents including, but not limited to theft, burglary, and drug or alcohol use should be reported to law enforcement. For incidents of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking, individuals have additional reporting options.

If it's an emergency, dial 911 for immediate assistance.

Some individuals may wish to pursue justice through the legal system immediately, while others are interested in only seeking counseling and assistance in dealing with the trauma of the incident. The options for reporting sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking are available at any time, although reporting is encouraged as soon as possible following an incident. You are not required to select just one option – you may choose multiple options because each option may offer a different type of resolution. The links below will help to identify the options that best meet your needs.

- [1. Report to Law Enforcement](#)
- [2. Report to the University](#)
- [3. Seek Confidential Support](#)

Report to Law Enforcement	Report to the University	Seek Confidential Support	Pursue Protective/Court Orders
<p>Where can I go</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIU Department of Public Safety (SU Police) Local law enforcement (Carbondale Police, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police, etc.) 	<p>Where can I go</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office of Diversity and Equity – Davis Hall, Room 150 Tony R. Goodenow, Anthony Hall, Room 110 SIU Employees and Campus Security Authorities 	<p>Where can I go?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff at the Student Health Center Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Staff at the Student Health Center Medical Clinic 	<p>Where can I go</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIU Department of Public Safety and Local law enforcement Student Rights and Responsibilities Carbondale Women's Center Jackson County State Attorney
<p>What can I expect</p> <p>If it an emergency call 911, police can provide protection and initiate a criminal investigation.</p> <p>If police are called and you are not ready to file a report for criminal charges police can initiate an administrative report and explain what happens when a criminal report is completed.</p> <p>You can meet with an officer at the police department for a place of your choosing. A support person of your choice can come with you to make a police report.</p>	<p>What can I expect</p> <p>Meeting with staff at the Office of Diversity and Equity or the Title IX Coordinator will initiate a University investigation, provide resources, and begin interim protective measures.</p> <p>Campus Security Authorities of other university employees will submit an SIU Campus Crime Report and staff from the Office of Diversity and Equity will contact you.</p> <p>Staff will explain the investigation and admission process. A support person of your choice can come with you to make the report.</p>	<p>What can I expect</p> <p>Any information, oral or written, given to a counselor will be kept confidential, including the fact that you are receiving services. No one, inside or outside the university, will be told that you are a client here.</p> <p>CAPS offers group counseling, individual counseling, and couples counseling, case services and behavior therapy.</p> <p>Counselor in Residence is a new program offering counseling services with the residence halls. Staff is located in Goodell Hall, Room 106.</p>	<p>What can I expect</p> <p>Staff can assist you by talking about protective orders for sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking and harassment.</p> <p>The university may impose a temporary "No Contact" order restricting contact between individuals during the course of an investigation.</p> <p>A support person of your choice can come with you to meet these individuals.</p>

January Calendar

January 15th

Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday

January 16th

Semester Classes Begin

January 17th

7:00 P.M.– 9:00 P.M.

Men's BBall vs Badley

January 24th

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Men's BBall vs. Valparaiso

January 31st

7:00 P.M.– 9:00 P.M.

Men's BBall vs Missouri State

January 19th

6:00 P.M.– 8:00 P.M.

Women's Bball vs Indiana State

January 21st

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Women's BBall vs Evansville

Safety, Awareness, Facts and Education

		
GET HELP NOW	FILE A REPORT	AVAILABLE RESOURCES
		
STAY SAFE ON CAMPUS	CONSENT	POLICY INFORMATION

The **S.A.F.E** website was created as a resource for students, faculty, staff and visitors that contains information about campus resources, crime reporting, crime prevention, and safety. The SIU Campus Crime Report, Clery and Violence Against Women Act reporting is also available on this website. Additional information is available on the university reporting structure for incidents related to sexual violence, domestic and dating violence, stalking and sexual harassment.



Additional Resources

[Office of Equity and Compliance](#)

618-453-4807

[Dean of Students](#)

618-453-2461

[Student Rights and Responsibilities](#)

618-536-2338

[Saluki Cares](#)

618-536-2338

[Veteran Services](#)

618-453-1335

[The Clinical Center](#)

618-453-2361

Meet An Officer



PO Marzine Rafe

2023 DPS EMPLOYEE AWARDS

The Administration at the Department of Public Safety would like to congratulate all of the DPS employees who were recognized during the annual awards ceremony.

Director's Award: Todd Bryson

Life Saving Award: Lee Nguyen

Community Service Award: Jace Poskevich, Allie Cooper

Excellent Service Award: Nela Conner, Bernadette Barnes, Kevin Cox, Eric Smith, Allie Cooper, Justin Emery, Brandon Gibbs, Dustin Borum, Daniel Presley, Robert Applehans, Jason Russell, Jace Poskevich, Shawn Tuthill, Kendall Adermann.



DPS New Officer Hires



OFFICER NATHAN BRESSNER

Nathan Bressner was sworn in as an SIU police officer in August 2023. He completed his police training at Southwestern Illinois Police Academy in December 2023, where he was awarded as top cadet by the Southern Illinois Police Chief's Association.

Officer Bressner comes to us from the Jackson County Ambulance Services where he was employed for seven years. Officer Bressner will be assigned to the patrol division and begins his 16 week Field Training this month.



OFFICER AARON HISEY

Aaron Hisey was sworn in as an SIU Police Officer in August 2023. He recently completed his police training at Southwestern Illinois Police Academy in Belleville, Illinois.

Officer Hisey comes to us from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Officer Hisey will be assigned to the patrol division and begins his 16 week Field Training period this month.



OFFICER MICHAEL KERN

Michael Kern was sworn in as an SIU Police Officer in August 2023. In December 2023, he completed his police training at Southwestern Illinois Police Academy.

Officer Kern joins us from the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Officer Kern will be assigned to the patrol division and begins his 16 week Field Training period this month.