

# *Information for International Graduate Students*

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**Outstanding educational opportunities are available for international students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC)!**

The Graduate School invites you to explore its rich tradition of providing international students with a wide range of high quality educational opportunities and services at our University. Throughout its history, SIUC has believed that ethnic and cultural diversity are integral to excellence in education. Because of its commitment to the global community, the University has ranked consistently high in the nation in terms of international enrollment. Of its total graduate enrollment of approximately 4,000, there are more than 1,000 international graduate students representing over 100 countries. The first international graduate student was admitted in 1947, and in 1949, the first international graduate student completed degree requirements.

Carbondale is a small city with a friendly, informal atmosphere located approximately 100 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri, and 350 miles south of Chicago. Immediately south of Carbondale begins some of the most rugged and picturesque terrain in Illinois. Two state parks and four recreational lakes are located within ten miles of the campus, with much of the area part of the 263,000 acre Shawnee National Forest. In the midst of this small city setting lies SIUC, a dynamic international research University. The campus itself includes more than 3,290 acres, and has developed a 981 acre portion with woods and a lake as a site for its academic buildings and residence halls.

SIUC's Morris Library is among the top-ranked in the United States with over 2.6 million volumes, 3.4 million microforms, and approximately 12,000 current serial subscriptions. In addition, the computing environment at the University is designed to provide easy access and 24-hour availability to all SIUC students, faculty, and staff.

### **Research at SIUC**

As a Doctoral Research University – High Research Activity (Carnegie Foundation classification), SIUC ranks among the top 3.8% of U.S. higher education institutions and is the only major research university in the southern half of Illinois. We are home to nearly 5,000 graduate and professional students, out of a student population of just over 21,000. We offer master's degrees through 69 programs and doctoral degrees through 27 programs, as well as degrees in law and medicine (the latter through our medical school in Springfield).

Research and teaching strengths at SIUC include materials science, clean-coal technology and energy systems, plant biotechnology, aquaculture, water resources research, wildlife ecology, reproductive physiology, psychology, research on aging, rural health care, rehabilitation, workforce education, finance, anthropology and archaeology, radio/television, aviation and automotive technology, and many areas of the arts and humanities, such as creative writing, art and design, and American philosophy.

For more information about SIUC research, visit [www.siu.edu/~ovcr](http://www.siu.edu/~ovcr), or contact John Koropchak, Vice Chancellor for

Research and Graduate Dean, at koropcha@siu.edu or (618) 453-4526.

## **Services to International Students and Scholars**

In addition to serving as home to several hundred international graduate students, SIUC also hosts more than 200 in-



ternational faculty, researchers, and scholars each year. A comprehensive menu of services is available to international students and scholars from pre-arrival information to departure assistance. The university promotes international relations at the grass roots level by providing a variety of cultural and educational activities. These

serve the university's broad mission of fostering international understanding by bringing local and international people together to share cultures.

## **The International Student Council**

The International Student Council is an umbrella organization of 29 international student associations. Together they enhance cultural understanding through various events shared with the campus and the southern Illinois region. Annual events include an International Festival, soccer tournament, and international holiday celebrations.

## **The International Friends Club**

One of the strengths of SIUC's international programs is the sharing of resources between the university and the southern Illinois community. Through community programs, international

students and American volunteers are able to enjoy a variety of opportunities for multi-cultural exchange, gaining a uniquely personal perspective of global issues and establishing lasting friendships. At SIUC, diversity is a way of life—an important and exciting part of the fabric of our community, weaving the university together with the nation and the world.

Other on-campus services include graduate student housing, a health clinic, day care for children, a Recreation Center with excellent facilities for exercise and sports, and a Student Center with bowling, dining areas, and check-cashing services. In addition, there are musicals, plays, and concerts throughout the year, and a lake for swimming and boating activities. There is a campus transit bus system available for student use which also serves many locations in town. The community at-large offers several movie theaters, excellent restaurants, and other forms of entertainment that cater to almost any taste.

To assist in making that important choice about a graduate program, please read this booklet carefully and view our website at [www.siu.edu/gradschl](http://www.siu.edu/gradschl). In addition, the Graduate School staff is always available to assist with questions concerning application and admission procedures and financial assistance. ***SIUC is committed to providing international graduate students with an outstanding and rewarding educational experience. Please allow us to be your “home away from home.”***

## **DEGREES AND DEGREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE AT SIUC**

At SIUC, we have a wide variety of options available for pursuing graduate education.

### **DEGREES OFFERED**

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#### **Doctoral degrees**

We offer 27 doctoral degrees.

## **Master's Degree Programs**

We have 69 Master's programs and 4 Master of Fine Arts degrees

## **Graduate Certificate Programs**

We have 10 graduate certificate programs.

## **Concurrent Master's Degree Programs**

The following concurrent degree programs have been designed with cooperation between specific departments so that two degree programs can be pursued at the same time. Currently, these programs are offered:

- Master of Business Administration / Mass Communication and Media Arts (Telecommunications specialization)
- Master of Business Administration / Agribusiness Economics

You must be admitted to the program in which you have primary interest first, and may pursue the addition of the second program as soon as possible after your enrollment at SIUC. See the Graduate School catalog for details; contact Nancy Vorhees in Woody Hall B116 for more information.

## **A Master's Degree with a Double Major**

We also offer the option of obtaining one Master's degree with two majors. As an international student, you would have to be admitted initially to one primary program. However, after enrollment at SIUC, if you wished to combine your major with another Master's degree program, you may be allowed to do so if permission is given by the department you have been admitted to and by the program you wish to add as a second major. This is an opportunity to combine two degree programs in much less time than it would take to complete two separate Master's degrees. See the Graduate School catalog for details; contact Nancy Vorhees in Woody Hall B-116 for more information.

## **Direct Entry and Accelerated Entry into Ph.D. Programs**

A list of the departments approved to offer the Direct Entry and Accelerated Entry options is printed below. This option allows students to complete a Ph.D. in substantially less time than it would take to first complete a Masters degree and then enter and complete a Ph.D. program.

- **Direct Entry**

If the department wishes, they can choose to admit a student directly from a Bachelor's degree into a Ph.D. program. The student must have the appropriate grade point average on the last two year's of the Bachelor's degree which is normally required on all graduate work for Ph.D. admission, that is, a 3.25 (B+ average).

- **Accelerated Entry**

If the department wishes, it may first admit the student as a Master's student, and after one or more semesters, the department may request that the student be then admitted to the Ph.D. program. The student must have a 3.25 GPA on all graduate course work.

### **Departments Approved to Offer Direct Entry and Accelerated Entry**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Direct Entry</b>	<b>Accelerated Entry</b>
Anthropology	Yes	Yes
Business Administration	Yes	Yes
Chemistry	Yes	Yes
Economics	No	Yes
English	No	Yes
History	Yes	Yes
Molecular, Cellular & Systemic Physiology	Yes	Yes
Molecular Biology, Microbiology & Biochemistry	Yes	Yes
Pharmacology	Yes	Yes
Philosophy	Yes	Yes
Plant Biology	Yes	Yes
Political Science	Yes	Yes
Psychology	No	Yes
Sociology	No	Yes
Speech Communication	Yes	No
Zoology	Yes	Yes

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION**

#### **GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS**

**To be considered for admission to a graduate degree program, a student must meet the following minimum Graduate School requirements:**

## **Graduate Point Average (GPA) Requirements**

### **For admission to a Master's program:**

- **2.7** (on a 4.0 grading scale - approximately a B- average) **on the last two years of the Bachelor's degree**
- **3.0** (approximately a B average) **on all previous graduate work**

### **For admission to a Ph.D. program:**

- **3.25** (approximately a B+ average) **on all previous graduate level course work**

If an overall grade such as “Good”, “Very Good” or “Excellent” is given on a student's diploma, this grade will normally be used to determine admissibility. For most countries, an overall grade of “Very Good” or “Excellent” is required. In some cases, if the overall grade is low, but the grade point average on the last two years meets the above requirements, this will be taken into consideration.

**Please note that individual departments may have higher GPA requirements for admission into their own programs.**

In that case, you must meet both the Graduate School minimum GPA requirements and the higher departmental GPA requirements.

## **TOEFL Requirements**

The English language requirement may be met in several ways:

- A 550 on the paper-based TOEFL
- A 213 on the computer-based TOEFL
- An 80 on the internet-based TOEFL
  - SIUC's school code is 1726.
  - Students must submit an official TOEFL score report from ETS; scores must be no more than 24 months old from test date to date of admission.
  - If you have **recently** completed a bachelor's degree or a substantial number of hours of coursework at a U.S. school, you may be able to meet the English requirement in another way. English language requirements vary according to individual situations, especially if you have previous schooling in the U.S. What will satisfy SIUC's English requirement is always determined by the Graduate School Admissions Office, not the department.

**When you have met the above minimum general Graduate School requirements, you are eligible to apply to a department. Departments may have additional requirements of their own, which may include a higher minimum GPA and/or a higher minimum TOEFL.**

**Please note that the following departments require higher than a 550/213/80 TOEFL for admission to their programs:**

Applied Lings / TESOL	570/230/88
Anthropology	600/250/100
Engineering Science	600/250/100
History	600/250/100
Mass Comm & Media Arts	600/250/100
Plant Biology	600/250/100
Political Science	600/250/100
Speech	600/250/100

### **Financial Clearance Requirement**

Immigration requires that all international students provide proof of funding for their first year of studies in the U.S. Before an I-20 may be issued, the University is responsible for obtaining proper financial documentation. A “financial clearance” may be based on one of three sources:

- **Personal Sponsor**— If the student will be sponsored by a relative, friend or even himself/herself, two documents must be presented to verify funding:
  - A written statement from the sponsor saying that they agree to pay the student’s expenses for his/her first year of Graduate School at SIUC (it should specify the student’s name). It should have an original signature of the sponsor and should state his/her relationship to the student.
  - A bank statement should also be provided from the sponsor stated above, showing that such funding is available.
  - Students must prove that approximately \$22,000 is available. The above documents should be sent to the department with other application materials.

These will eventually be forwarded to Ms. Michelle Neill in the International Students and Scholars Office. She will evaluate the information provided. If additional documentation is required,

Ms. Neill will write to the student. In some circumstances where time is of the essence, faxed documents may be accepted if originals can be sent later.

- **Agency, Employer or University Sponsor** - A statement verifying the source of funding should be included in application materials, including the name of the person to be contacted for further information, their address, fax, etc. An email address is helpful.
- **SIUC Funding** - If the department admitting the student also will guarantee partial or full funding for the student's first year, requirements are as follows:
  - If the department provides a 50% assistantship for the student's fall and the following spring semesters, a financial clearance will be granted based on this funding.
  - If the department provides a 25% assistantship for the student's fall and the following spring semesters, the student must provide approximately \$9,000.00 of their own funding from another source.
  - Students starting school in the spring semester and being given assistantships for the spring semester and the following fall, may need to provide proof of some funding for the summer, as a tuition waiver for summer will not be included.
  - If the student is awarded a Graduate School fellowship, no additional funding is required.

Any questions regarding financial clearance requirements should be directed to Ms. Michelle Neill. *See contact information inside back cover.*

## **DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS**

Departments may have additional requirements of their own that must be met in addition to the above GPA and TOEFL requirements.

### **Graduate Tests**

It is up to the individual departments whether or not they require any of the graduate tests, such as the:

- **GRE** (Graduate Record Exam)
- **GMAT** (Graduate Management Admission Test)
- **MAT** (Miller Analogies Test)

Most of SIUC's departments require one of the above tests; often they do not require a particular score, but rather consider the test score as part of the entire application package. In almost

all cases, you must submit an official score report which is no more than 5 years old by your enrollment date.

### **Application Fees**

All departments will require a \$40 application fee beginning July 1st, 2006.

### **Letters of Recommendation**

Most departments require 3 letters of recommendation. These may be from current or previous professors or advisors, or in some cases, employers. They should be from persons who can recommend you as having potential for success as a graduate student. Check departmental application materials for details.

### **Statement of Purpose**

Some programs require that students submit a "Statement of Purpose," a one or two page statement explaining why the student wishes to pursue graduate studies, why they are particularly interested in that major, what they wish to do with their degree.

### **Deadlines For Applying**

While the Graduate School in general does not have an application deadline, many departments do. The earliest, for example, is currently December 1st, for the Fall semester. It is wise to obtain this information early in the application process so that sufficient time is allowed for admission consideration. It is always best to apply well in advance of your desired enrollment date. Nine to twelve months is recommended as ideal, although admission is often possible in a shorter period of time.

### **Beginning Dates for Specific Programs**

Some programs only admit students in the fall semester, some only in summer or fall. Others may admit students for any semester.

**Much of the information above can be obtained by checking a list of basic departmental admissions information on the Graduate School home page.** Go to [www.siu.edu/gradschl](http://www.siu.edu/gradschl), then click on "Degree Program Information."

**Once all of the required materials are submitted, it is up to the individual department to decide whether or not they wish to admit a student.** The decision may be made by the Director of Graduate Studies, the Chair, or by committee. They may admit or reject a student for whatever reason they see fit. Because one department has rejected you does not mean you cannot apply to another program. For example, students applying to the Psychology department will find a very selective admission process and early deadline. However, related programs can be found in the departments of Educational Psychology, Rehabilitation Counseling, and Behavior Analysis and Therapy. Students in the sciences will find related programs of study in Biological Science (a terminal Master's degree), Physiology (offering both Master's and Ph.D.'s) and the Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry (Master's and Ph.D.'s).

### **TO CHOOSE A DEGREE PROGRAM**

- The Graduate School home page is at [www.siu.edu/grad-schl](http://www.siu.edu/grad-schl). Click on “Academic Degree Programs” for a list of graduate degrees offered at SIUC. Click on the name of each program for access to the departmental web page.
- For basic information about each program, click on “Degree Program Information”. This will give you a chart listing degrees within each program, areas of specialization, tests required, terms of admission, application deadlines, etc. Within that chart, click on “Departmental Contact Information” – this will tell you the main secretary (or sometimes a faculty member) who is responsible for dealing with prospective students. This is the person you may contact for more information regarding the program and also the person to whom you send all application materials. Please address all materials to this specific address. If you would like more in depth information about the program, you should contact the Director of Graduate Studies for that department. Email [llyons@siu.edu](mailto:llyons@siu.edu) for the name / email / phone of that person.
- In the left hand column of the home page is a link to the Graduate School catalog, which is only online. Chapter two has program and course descriptions.

## **TO APPLY TO A DEGREE PROGRAM**

Once you have chosen the program or programs you wish to apply to, proceed as follows:

- Fill out the online generic Graduate School application at [www.siu.edu/gradschl](http://www.siu.edu/gradschl). A copy will go to your department and a copy will go to the Graduate School Admissions Office. If you are unable to use the online application, contact the person listed above under “Departmental Contact Information” and request a paper copy. Return that to the same person in the department.
- Check the departmental home page for application materials required by that particular program. If you are unable to find that information, contact the departmental secretary.
- **ALL application materials must be returned to the secretary in the department.**
- Materials normally required are:
  - Online Graduate School application at [www.siu.edu/gradschl](http://www.siu.edu/gradschl)
  - Departmental application form (requesting info specific to that program)
  - Application Fee – all fees will be \$40 beginning July 1st, 2006
  - 3 Letters of Recommendation
  - Copy of the page in your passport listing your name and date of birth
  - Graduate Test Score (GMAT, GRE, MAT); it is up to each department whether or not they require a test score. Most do NOT have a specific score that is required, but rather consider it with all of your application materials. Business and Accounting have a formula they use with the GMAT and GPA. Contact [lyons@siu.edu](mailto:lyons@siu.edu) for more information.
  - “Statement of Purpose” – a one or two page statement explaining why you want this particular degree, how you think it will help you, what you wish to do with your degree after graduation, etc.
  - TOEFL; Our school code is 1726. Your official score will be sent to the Graduate School Admissions Office and we will forward a copy to the department. Please also send a photocopy of your Examinee Score Report to the department, with a note that the original has been requested from ETS. If you are applying from overseas, the minimum score is 550 / 213 / 80. If you have recent

schooling in the U.S./ U.K. / Australia, an exception may be made. Contact llyons@siu.edu AFTER you have submitted an application and transcripts to the department.

- o Financial Statement and Bank Statement from your sponsor. The Financial Statement form may be downloaded from our home page at <http://www.siu.edu/gradschl/InternationalFinance.pdf> . If you must have funding from SIUC in order to enroll, check “YES” under “C” and just submit the form. If you are able to provide your own funding, submit the form signed by your sponsor and attach a bank statement from the same person. Contact mneill@siu.edu if you have questions.

### **HOW ADMISSIONS DECISIONS ARE MADE**

If admission is recommended by the department, you may receive a letter from that program stating that your admission has been recommended to the Graduate School. The paperwork is then sent to the Graduate School Admissions Office in Woody Hall, where the formal paperwork is done. You are not actually “admitted” and eligible to register until your paperwork has been approved and processed through the Admissions Office. The official admission letter, signed by the Associate Dean of the Graduate School, and the I-20 form are sent from our office. This process of paperwork may take several weeks, depending on the time of the year. If you apply online, you may also check the status of your application online.

### **ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION**

Before an admission can be processed and an I-20 issued for an international student, the following documents must have been presented to the department to which the student is applying, and forwarded by them to the Graduate School Admissions Office.

#### **India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal:**

Copies of all marksheets and diplomas for all university coursework and exams taken and degrees earned. Individual marksheets for each examination taken are required; consolidated marksheets are not acceptable. Marksheets and diplomas must be as issued by the university and certified by the university Registrar or Controller of Exams, or (for Indian documents) by the U.S. Educational Foundation in India. English translations are also required, but need not be certified.



**Europe, Eastern Europe, Russia and the newly Independent States, the Baltic Republics, South and Central America, French-speaking Africa and Canada:**

Transcripts and diplomas in the native language are required, and are considered the official documents to be used as the basis for admission. Photocopies of such documents in the native language should have an original school seal from the university registrar's office. English translations of the same are required, but need not be certified. Students from European Union countries now issuing transcripts and diplomas in English only may submit certified copies of those only.

**Mainland China:**

Students must submit copies of all transcripts and diplomas in Chinese, with grades listed numerically or in Chinese



characters. All copies of documents in Chinese must have an original school seal (red ink stamp or embossed school seal) from the Registrar's Office or the Controller of Exams. English translations of all transcripts and diplomas are also required, but need not be certified. Diplomas must state that you were "awarded" or "granted" a bachelor's / master's degree. Graduation "certificates" just stating that you completed the program are not sufficient.

**From most countries, diplomas in the native language are required** (exceptions are India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Iran and Arab countries).

From Ireland and the United Kingdom, documents issued in letter format must provide the results of the applicant's final examination.

## **CONDITIONAL ADMISSIONS**

Conditional admissions *may* be allowed, **when a student has not yet met the Graduate School's English language requirement. Before a conditional admission will be processed and a "conditional I-20" issued, the following requirements must be met:**

- **The specific department the student is applying to** must recommend the student's admission to their department and **must agree to use this means of admission** (they are not required to do so).
- All other paperwork normally required by the department, with the possible exception of a test score (GRE, GMAT, etc.), must have been submitted.
- All appropriate and official academic credentials must have been submitted, and the GPA requirements of the Graduate School and of the department met.
- The student must provide proof of funding, both for the first year of academic studies and for any English language courses which will be required. The student's financial statement must specify that the sponsor agrees to pay for both.
- **A recent TOEFL score must be submitted. Submission of these scores is required before a conditional admission can be processed.**
- Please note that departments which require a higher than 550/213/80 TOEFL for admission will not use this option.

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Listed below are sources of possible financial assistance available to international graduate students at SIUC:

### **GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS:**

Once admitted to a graduate degree program, all international students are eligible to apply for graduate assistantships. There are three types of assistantships:

- **Teaching** Assistantships (normally a student is expected to assist in teaching undergraduate classes, discussion groups or labs, or to assist a professor / instructor in grading).
- **Research** Assistantships

- **Administrative** Assistantships (these positions exist in many offices on campus, such as the Library, the Student Center, the Recreation Center).

Assistantships can be offered as either half-time (50%) or quarter-time (25%).

- A student with a **50%** assistantship is expected to work 20 hours per week
- A student with a **25%** assistantship is expected to work 10 hours per week

Anyone offered an assistantship will be required to sign a **contract**, for either a single semester; fall and spring semesters; fall, spring and summer semesters; or for a calendar year of 12 months (sometimes 11 months).

For whatever semesters you hold an assistantship, you will receive a **tuition waiver up to a certain number of credit hours**; in other words, you will not be charged tuition for that number of credit hours for that semester. Anyone holding a contract for a fall and the following spring semester (in that order) will receive a tuition waiver for the following summer, whether or not they have a contract for that term. However, **all students holding assistantships are required to pay fees** for the number of credit hours for which they register (see section on Expenses).

Students holding a half-time or 50% assistantship will receive a tuition waiver for up to 15 credit hours. Students holding a quarter-time or 25% assistantship will receive a tuition waiver for up to 9 credit hours; tuition for additional credit hours is the responsibility of the student. Summer tuition waivers are for 8 credit hours.

**Stipends**, or the monthly amount you are paid for the work you perform, vary from department or office. 50% contracts currently pay approximately \$1050-\$1400 a month; 25% contracts pay between \$525-\$700 a month.

If you hold an assistantship, you are required to register for 6 semester hours of **graduate credit** coursework during a fall or spring semester, and 3 semester hours of **graduate credit** during the summer.

If you are interested in working in the department to which you are admitted, you should make it clear in your application materials that you wish to apply for an assistantship within your department. **Please note that some departments require a test score (GRE, MAT, etc.) for funding consideration, when it is not required for admission.**

If you have not been awarded funding at the time of your arrival on campus, you may apply for any “Administrative” assistantship positions which are still available. These positions exist in many offices and departments on campus. There is a listing of positions which are currently open and for which you may apply on the following website - [www.siu.edu/gradschl/gaposting.htm](http://www.siu.edu/gradschl/gaposting.htm). Once you identify a position for which you are qualified, you should apply immediately, submitting a resume listing your work experience and any special skills you may have. Please note that international students are **not** eligible for Federal Work Study assistantships.

### **Graduate School Tuition Waiver Scholarships:**

Students who have been enrolled as graduate students (or undergraduate) at SIU and will have earned at least 18 semester hours of credit *by the term they are applying for the scholarship*, may apply for a Tuition Waiver Scholarship. International students must obtain applications from Ms. Carla Coppi at the International Students and Scholars Office, Northwest Annex, Wing B, Room 133.

- *Applicants must have earned at least 18 semester hours of credit for coursework at SIU by the term for which they are seeking the award, in the degree program in which they will be enrolled when the award is given.*
- Approximately a 3.5 minimum gpa is preferred on all coursework.
- Applications are handed out from March until early June only each year for the following school year beginning in *summer* and must be returned to Carla by early June.
- Awards are decided after the beginning of summer, fall and spring semesters.
- Additional awards for the **same applicants** may be awarded for the fall and / or spring semesters.
- Awards are granted for one semester at a time, but can

be received for up to three semesters.

- Scholarships grant a waiver of tuition only; there is no stipend.
- Students must be registered / enrolled at the time awards are decided.
- The primary determining factors in granting of awards are GPA and the number of credit hours at SIU.
- For more information, contact Ms. Coppi at the ISS Office.



### **Graduate School Fellowships:**

- Graduate School fellowships are available through a campus-wide competition for students with outstanding academic records. **Students must apply through their own departments. Their department must agree to “recommend them” for the fellowship. All applications are submitted at the discretion of the department and by the department (not the student) to the Graduate School.**
- If you feel that you meet the minimum requirements for a particular fellowship, **you may ask the Director of Graduate Studies or the Chair of your department if they “will consider recommending” you for a fellowship.** You should state that you believe you meet the requirements and why you feel you deserve such an award.
- If the department agrees to recommend you, you will be required to complete fellowship application materials, including the submission of separate recommendation letters. These letters may be from the same persons who recommended you for admission, but must specifically state why they are recommending you for the **fellowship.**

- Please note that there are strict deadlines for the submission and consideration of fellowship applications. In order to be considered for an award, you must have submitted all required admission application materials to the department well in advance of the fellowship deadline.
- **Fellowships are awarded beginning only in the fall semester and are granted for fall, spring and summer semesters. A tuition waiver is granted for all three semesters. Students are responsible for the payment of all fees owed. A monthly stipend is paid for 11 months. No work is required.**

**Master's Fellowship** (stipend is currently \$1030 per month)

- Requires an overall undergraduate gpa of at least 3.40 (A=4.00) **or**  
An undergraduate gpa for the last 2 years of at least 3.50 **or** a 75th percentile score on one of the graduate tests (GRE, GMAT, or MAT)
- Deadline to have completed the fellowship application process in your department is early February.

**Doctoral (PhD) Fellowship** (stipend is currently \$1,130 per month)

- Requires an overall undergraduate gpa of at least 3.0 **or** a 3.5 gpa on the last 2 years of Bachelor's **and** a 3.7 gpa on all graduate coursework **or** a 75th percentile score on one of the graduate tests.
- Deadline to have completed fellowship application process in your department is early January.

Please note: **All fellowships require the submission of a score on one of the graduate tests (GRE, MAT, GMAT), and that while you may meet the minimum requirements with either a high GPA or test score, to be competitive, both should be well above average.**

For more information and to obtain application materials for fellowships, contact your department and / or the Assistantship / Fellowship Office in Woody Hall B130. See the Graduate School catalog or Home Page for more information [http://www.siu.edu/gradschl/grad\\_fellowship.htm](http://www.siu.edu/gradschl/grad_fellowship.htm).

**PLEASE NOTE: SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF SIUC STUDENTS HOLDING GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF TUITION AT THE IN-STATE RATE. See tuition**

**rates below. Approval must be obtained from the Graduate School Registration Office, Woody Hall B104.**

**Student Work Positions:** International graduate students may also apply for student work positions (non Federal Work Study only). Pay is hourly at the minimum wage rate, currently \$6.50 per hour. Positions listed at <http://www.siu.edu/~fao/jobs/ethjob.htm>

## **EXPENSES**

**Please note that** the cost of living in Carbondale is relatively low compared to most other locations in the U.S., particularly larger metropolitan areas and the east and west coasts. One can easily navigate about campus and town on foot, by bicycle or by bus, without need for a car. Housing costs vary greatly, but fairly inexpensive housing can usually be found. Opportunities for work exist on campus.

## **Tuition**

- All international students pay out-of-state (nonresident) tuition unless they have an assistantship contract or graduate fellowship. International students not holding an assistantship are required to register for 9 hours of credit for the fall and / or spring semesters. Summer registration is not required unless it is the student's first semester of enrollment.
- Students holding graduate assistantship contracts do not pay tuition (within certain limits) but must pay fees. Such students are required to register for at least 6 graduate credit hours for fall and / or spring semesters, and 3 credit hours in the summer if holding a summer contract.

## **Tuition & Fees for Graduate Students new to SIUC for the Fall Semester 2006**

*(Please note that increases may be made for future semesters - see the Graduate School Home Page for accurate tuition and fee information for future terms at <http://www.siu.edu/gradschl/tuition&fees.htm>.)*

<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>Nonresident Tuition</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Total Nonresident Tuition and Fees</u>
6	\$3645.00	\$689.72	\$4334.72
9	\$5467.50	\$838.58	\$6306.08
12	\$7290.00	\$987.30	\$8277.30
15+	\$9112.50	\$987.30	\$10,099.80

Spouses and children of graduate students holding assistantships or fellowships are eligible for in-state or resident tuition:\*

Credit Hours	Resident Tuition*	Fees	Total Resident Tuition and Fees
3	\$729.00	\$540.86	\$1269.86
6	\$1458.00	\$689.72	\$2147.72
9	\$2187.00	\$838.58	\$3025.58
12	\$2916.00	\$987.30	\$3903.30
15	\$3645.00	\$987.30	\$4632.30

## Housing

Carbondale and the surrounding area offer a wide variety of housing opportunities. While many inexpensive rooms and apartments can be found off-campus, if you are looking well in advance of the beginning of the school term, the university also offers several choices of affordable accommodations.

### University-owned housing complexes:

- **“Southern Hills”** – This is housing designed for single and married graduate students. Furnished efficiency (one-room) (\$438 a month), one bedroom (\$475 a month) and two bedroom (\$505 a month) apartments are offered. Utilities are included in the rent except for phone expenses and cable TV, which must be paid by the renter. Close to campus in a wooded area.
- **“Evergreen Terrace”** – This is housing designed for married couples and for those with children. These are unfurnished two and three bedroom apartments which rent for \$454 to \$491 per month. Cost does not include electricity, phone or cable TV. This complex is located approximately one mile from campus near a lake and park area.
- **“Elizabeth Street Apartments”** – These are furnished efficiency apartments for single graduate students with no children. Very close to campus; these rent for \$477 per month.
- The Saluki Express bus system services all areas. Laundry facilities are available at all locations.
- **Applications should be submitted well in advance (at least 6 months). Applicants are placed on a waiting list based on the date of their application, and are notified in early summer if they will be offered a contract.**

All rent quotes are for Fall semester 2006 – Summer 2007. Costs for subsequent terms may be viewed at [www.housing.siu.edu/apartments/rates.php](http://www.housing.siu.edu/apartments/rates.php).

## Miscellaneous

- Textbook costs may range from \$400-\$600 per semester, depending on your program.

## INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

**Mascot:** The Saluki, a racing dog first bred in Egypt.

The southern Illinois region has been nicknamed “Little Egypt” since the 1800’s.

**Colors:** Maroon and white.

**Men’s Athletic Teams:** Basketball, football, baseball, swimming and diving, golf, tennis, cross-country, track and field and intramural soccer.

**Women’s Athletic Teams:** Basketball, volleyball, softball, swimming and diving, golf, tennis, cross-country, and track and field.

## **SEVIS Requirements – Student and Exchange Visitor Information System**

This is the electronic tracking system used to insure that international students are maintaining their correct legal status in the U.S. Being aware of and abiding by the basic regulations below will assure that you are in “good standing” with Immigration here. The basics are as follows:

- As an international graduate student, **you are required to register for 9 hours fall and spring semester, if you do not have a graduate assistantship.**
- You are not required to register for summer semester unless it is the first term for which your graduate school I-20 is issued. If you begin your enrollment in the fall or spring semesters, as a continuing student you are not required to register for summer semester.
- If you begin your enrollment in the summer, you are required to register for 3 hours.
- If you have a “graduate assistantship”, either 25% or 50%, you are only required to register for **6 hours of graduate credit** fall and spring, and 3 in the summer (if you have a contract in the summer).
- **You must be registered for the appropriate required number of hours by the 2nd week of each fall and spring semester; and by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> week in summer semester, if you are required to register for summer.**
- You must complete your degree program in the time allotted on your I-20. Some exceptions apply.

Know that at SIUC we make every effort possible to inform and monitor our international graduate students so that problems should not arise.

**Please contact me if you have any questions about the above regulations**, and ask in advance, before the issue has become a problem. You may contact me at:

Lu Lyons

Graduate School Admissions

Woody Hall B103

618-453-4512

[llyons@siu.edu](mailto:llyons@siu.edu)

**Please come!** We hope we have interested you in pursuing admission to the Graduate School at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. It is a wonderful campus in a moderately sized university town, located in the beautiful rolling hills of Southern Illinois. We have a temperate climate with few extremes. We feel we have much to offer international students and are proud of our international enrollment consisting of students from all over the world. We have a diverse offering of programs and means of combining different areas of study, are a friendly campus and welcome students from all walks of life.

Please contact us at [\*\*gradschl@siu.edu\*\*](mailto:gradschl@siu.edu) should you have further questions about our campus. We hope you will choose SIUC as the place you wish to pursue your graduate education. Best wishes in your pursuit of higher education. We hope to see you soon at SIUC.

# Degrees Offered

## **Please note:**

For a complete list of graduate degree programs offered at SIUC and basic information about the programs, such as

- Areas of specialization within each program
- Terms of admission
- Departmental Application Deadlines
- Departmental Application Fees
- Graduate Tests Required by Department
- Departmental Contact Information
- Access to Departmental websites

See the Graduate School homepage at [www.siu.edu/gradschl](http://www.siu.edu/gradschl) and click on “Academic Degree Programs” and “Degree Program Information.”

## **Doctoral Degrees**

**Anthropology**

**Applied Physics**

**Business Administration**

**Chemistry**

**Curriculum and Instruction**

**Economics**

**Educational Administration**

**Educational Psychology**

**Engineering Science**

**English**

**Environmental Resources and Policy**

**Health Education**

**Historical Studies**

**Mass Communication and Media Arts**

**Mathematics**

**Molecular Biology, Microbiology  
and Biochemistry**

**Molecular, Cellular and Systemic Physiology**

**Pharmacology**

**Philosophy**

**Plant Biology**

**Political Science**

**Psychology**

**Rehabilitation**

**Sociology**

**Speech Communication**

**Workforce Education and Development**

**Zoology**

- See Environmental Resources and Policy for Geography, Geology and Agriculture.
- See Molecular, Cellular and Systemic Physiology for Physiology.
- See Mass Communication and Media Arts for Journalism.
- See Applied Physics for Physics.

## **Master of Fine Arts Degree**

**Art**

**Creative Writing**

**Mass Communication and Media Arts**

**Theater**

## **Master's Degrees**

**Accountancy, M.Acc.**

**Administration of Justice, M.A.**

**Agribusiness Economics, M.S.**

**Animal Science, M.S.**

**Anthropology, M.A.**

**Applied Linguistics, M.A.**

**Behavior Analysis and Therapy, M.S.**

**Biological Sciences, M.S.**

**Business Administration, M.B.A.**

**Chemistry, M.S.**

**Civil Engineering, M.S.**

**Communication Disorders and Sciences, M.S.**

**Community Health Education, M.P.H.**

**Computer Science, M.S.**

**Curriculum and Instruction, M.S.Ed.**

**Curriculum and Instruction Secondary Education, MAT**

**Economics, M.A., M.S.**

**Educational Administration, M.S.Ed.**

**Educational Psychology, M.S.Ed.**

**Electrical Engineering, M.S.**

**English, M.A.**

**Food and Nutrition, M.S.**

**Foreign Languages and Literatures, M.A.**

**Forestry, M.S.**

**Geography, and Environmental Resources, M.S.**

**Geology, M.S./M.A.**

**Health Education, M.S.Ed.**

**Higher Education, M.S.Ed.**

**History, M.A.**

**Legal Studies, M.L.S.**

**Manufacturing Systems, M.S.**

**Mass Communication and Media Arts, M.A.**

**Mathematics, M.A., M.S.**

**Mechanical Engineering, M.S.**

**Media Theory and Research, M.A.**

**Mining Engineering, M.S.**

**Molecular Biology, Microbiology,  
and Biochemistry, M.S.**

**Molecular, Cellular and Systemic Physiology, M.S.**

**Music, M.M.**

**Pharmacology, M.S.**

**Philosophy, M.A.**

**Physical Education, M.S.Ed.**

**Physician's Assistant, M.S.**

**Physics, M.S.**

**Plant Biology, M.S.**

**Plant and Soil Science, M.S.**

**Political Science, M.A.**  
**Professional Media and Media Management Studies, M.S.**  
**Psychology, M.A., M.S.**  
**Public Administration, M.P.A.**  
**Recreation, M.S.Ed.**  
**Rehabilitation Administration and Services, M.S.**  
**Rehabilitation Counseling, M.S.**  
**Social Work, M.S.W.**  
**Sociology, M.A.**  
**Special Education, M.S.Ed.**  
**Speech Communication, M.A., M.S.**  
**Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, M.A.**  
**Workforce Education and Development, M.S.Ed.**  
**Zoology, M.S.**

- See **Mass Communication and Media Arts** for **Cinema and Photography, Interactive Multimedia, Journalism** and **Telecommunications**.
- See **Molecular, Cellular and Systemic Physiology** for **Physiology**.
- See **Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry** for **Biochemistry**.

#### **Graduate Certificate Programs**

[www.siu.edu/gradschl/certificates.htm](http://www.siu.edu/gradschl/certificates.htm)

Anatomy  
Art History  
Couple and Family Counseling  
Conflict Resolution  
Geology (Earth Science)  
Educational Administration  
Gerontology  
Medical Dosimetry  
Plant Ecology  
Systemic Biology  
Women's Studies



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*Best wishes in your academic career and  
thank you for your interest in SIUC!*

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**For additional information, contact the following offices:**

**International Students and Scholars Office (ISS)**

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The Northwest Annex, Wing B  
Mail Code 4333  
SIUC, Carbondale IL 62901 USA  
Website: [www.siu.edu/~world/](http://www.siu.edu/~world/)  
Email: [ois@siu.edu](mailto:ois@siu.edu)  
Phone: 618 453-5774  
FAX: 618 453-7660

For more information regarding financial clearances, contact:

Ms. Michelle Neill  
Phone: 618 453-7663  
Email: [mneill@siu.edu](mailto:mneill@siu.edu)

For more information regarding new student orientation activities, arrival and temporary housing, contact:

Ms. Naseem Ahmed  
Phone: 618 453-5774  
Email: [naseem@siu.edu](mailto:naseem@siu.edu)

**Center for English as a Second Language (CESL)**

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Mail Code 4518  
SIUC, Carbondale IL 62901 USA  
Website: [www.siu.edu/~cesl/](http://www.siu.edu/~cesl/)  
Email: [cesl@siu.edu](mailto:cesl@siu.edu)  
Phone: 618 453-2265  
FAX: 618 453-6527

**Housing:**

University Housing  
Mail Code 6716  
Washington Square, Building D  
SIUC, Carbondale IL 62901 USA  
Phone 618 453-2301  
FAX: 618 453-2090  
Website: [www.housing.siu.edu/family.htm](http://www.housing.siu.edu/family.htm)

- Evergreen Terrace — for married graduate students;
- Southern Hills — for married and single graduate students

Email: [schemoni@siu.edu](mailto:schemoni@siu.edu)

**Disability Support Services:**

Disability Support Services  
Woody Hall B150  
Mail Code 4705  
SIUC, Carbondale IL 62901 USA  
Phone: 618 453-5738  
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TTY: 618-453-2293  
Website: [www.siu.edu/~dss/](http://www.siu.edu/~dss/)  
Email: [DSSSIU@siu.edu](mailto:DSSSIU@siu.edu)