

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF LAW

2022-2023 ADMITTED LAW STUDENT GUIDE



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ADMITTANCE TO SIU LAW!

As a first-year student, you will receive a solid foundation in the basic principles of the law. You will participate in small classes designed for active learning in which you will practice a range of skills, including legal research and writing, client interviewing and counseling, and oral and written advocacy.

FIRST YEAR REQUIRED COURSES

Civil Procedure I
Contracts I & II
Criminal Law
Lawyering Skills I & II
Mastering Legal Education I & II
Property I & II
Torts I & II

The Academic Success Program helps you maximize your learning, hone your intellectual and professional capacities, and master lifelong professional learning strategies from the first year through post-graduation preparation for the bar exam. The Program includes a mandatory first-year Mastering Legal Education course and peer mentoring program, a second-year course for qualifying students, and individual mentoring for all. Third-year students may take a bar preparation course and benefit from post-graduation bar examination support.

Cover: Salukis are one of the earliest dog breeds, dating back to 3600 B.C., and are known for their speed, grace, and endurance. At SIU, the Saluki is a collective spirit that defines our culture in our hometown and in the hearts of our proud alumni.

Clinics

Our recognized legal clinics serve the southern Illinois region and offer students the opportunity to work with clinical faculty to represent clients in cases involving civil practice, domestic violence, juvenile justice, and veterans benefits appeals and discharge upgrades.

Externships

Our public-interest externship program allows students to earn course credit for work in a publicly funded law office, a nonprofit organization that has in-house counsel, or a federal, state or local agency that has attorneys on its staff. Students who are interested in working for a state or federal judge may enroll in a judicial externship.

Journal

The *Southern Illinois University Law Journal*, a student-led scholarly journal, focuses on a variety of legal topics and issues.

Moot Court

Students begin to hone their advocacy skills in our appellate and trial moot court programs. They compete successfully in regional and national competitions, where they regularly earn team and individual awards.

Joint Degree

We offer nine dual-degree programs through the SIU Carbondale Graduate School and the SIU School of Medicine that allow students to receive M.D. or master's degrees while pursuing a law degree.

PRACTICAL TRAINING

2022-2023 Annual Tuition and Fees

Based on required first-year curriculum (31 hours)

Tuition

\$16,957

University Fees

\$3,600

Health Insurance Fee*

\$2,182

Academic Support Fee**

\$998

* Students with comparable health insurance coverage may request a fee waiver.

** The Academic Support Fee provides all students with educational services and materials throughout their three years of law school and post-graduation bar preparatory program through Barbri.

Visit: tuition.siuc.edu

TYPES OF AID

Admissions Scholarships. Scholarships are awarded to incoming students who demonstrate a high aptitude for the study of law – up to full tuition. All applicants will receive full consideration, and no additional application is required.

Foundation Scholarships. Second- and third-year students may apply for additional scholarships through our foundation. Consideration is based on academic achievement, need, legal interest, and more.

STUDENT LOANS

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

Eligible up to \$20,500 each year; not based on need.

Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loan.

Eligible for the remainder of your costs not covered by other aid; a separate application and credit check are required.



STUDENT SERVICES

Disability Support Services. SIU offers academic support services for students with permanent or temporary disabilities. Visit: disabilityservices.siu.edu

Health Benefits. SIU requires all students taking on-campus courses to have health insurance. To meet this mandate, SIU Law students will be billed the student health insurance fee. Visit: shc.siu.edu

If you already have comparable health insurance coverage, you may request a fee waiver by completing the waiver process in accordance with university deadlines.
Visit: shc.siu.edu/health-insurance/index.php

Immunization Requirements. The Illinois College Immunization Code requires enrolling students to provide proof of immunizations for: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella. Additional proof of Meningococcal conjugate is needed for student under 22 years of age.
Visit: shc.siu.edu/immunizations

Morris Library. The campus library offers a wide range of services and provides access to I-Share, the statewide automated library system, and to a comprehensive array of databases and other electronic data files. Visit: lib.siu.edu

Non-traditional Students. Many students come to SIU Law to pursue a second career or to continue their education in pursuit of a professional career. You are not alone, and we're here to support you and share resources that may be helpful in transitioning to full-time studies. Visit: nontrad.siu.edu

Parking Services. Students intending to park on campus are required to purchase a parking sticker. SIU Law students should obtain a Red Commuter Parking Sticker.
Visit: parking.siu.edu

Student ID. All SIU students are required to obtain a university-issued photo ID card. Visit: studentcenter.siu.edu

Student Recreation Center. A 214,000 square foot facility offering a wide variety of services including intramural sports, sports clubs, personal trainers, therapeutic massage and aquatics, along with instructional programs such as yoga and pilates, dance, boxing and martial arts. Outdoor adventures, such as scuba diving, camping and boating packages, are also available. Visit: rec.siu.edu

University Housing. Offers three on-campus apartment areas for graduate and professional students.
Visit: housing.siu.edu

Veterans Services. Veterans Services is committed to making the transition from the military to SIU Carbondale a seamless process, including assistance with military education benefits.
Visit: veterans.siu.edu



Step 1: Pay Your Seat Deposit

To secure your seat in our incoming SIU Law class, you must submit a non-refundable deposit. Pay your seat deposit online at law.siu.edu. Refer to your welcome packet for your deposit deadline.

Step 2: Retrieve Your Dawg Tag

First, look up your Dawg Tag at netid.siu.edu. Then use your Dawg Tag to set up your Network ID. If you need assistance, contact SIU Information Technology at [618/453-5155](tel:6184535155).

Second, use your Network ID and the password you created to access your SalukiNet account. SalukiNet is an online resource to access your university records. Through SalukiNet, you can:

- Access your email
- Accept your financial aid award
- Access your schedule
- View your university balance and make an online payment
- Access our Class of 2026 page

Step 3: Apply for Financial Aid

Most SIU Law students use Federal Direct Loans to fund their legal education. If you plan to apply for federal educational loans, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov. **Be sure to include SIU's federal school code: 001758.**

- As a law student you are considered financially independent. No parental financial information is required.
- You may be eligible for up to \$20,500 annually through a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, which will accrue interest while you are in school.
- If you wish to apply for additional federal loan funding to cover the cost of attendance, you may apply for a Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan. A separate application and credit check are required. This loan also accrues interest while you are in school.

The SIU Financial Aid Office will process financial aid awards during the spring semester. Be sure to check your SIU email and your SalukiNet account for updated information.

Scholarships awarded at the time of admission are posted on your SalukiNet account upon receipt of your full seat deposit. You may be eligible to apply for additional scholarships through the SIU Foundation in your second semester.

BECOME A SALUKI

Step 4: Secure Local Housing

The majority of SIU Law students elect to live off-campus in Carbondale or other surrounding communities, such as Cambria, Carterville, Herrin, Murphysboro, Marion, or Anna-Jonesboro. Based on recommendations from our students, we have compiled a list of off-campus housing options to assist in your housing search. Visit: law.siu.edu/_common/documents/housing-guide.pdf

On-campus housing is also available for graduate and professional students. Visit: housing.siu.edu

Step 5: Submit Your Final Transcript

You will be required to provide a final, official undergraduate transcript to LSAC. The final transcript must list the degree you were awarded and the date it was awarded. If you have questions, contact Admissions at [618/453-8858](tel:6184538858) or lawadmit@siu.edu.

ARE YOU READY TO BECOME A SALUKI?

HAVE YOU:

- Paid your seat deposit
- Retrieved your Dawg Tag
- Viewed our Class of 2026 page
- Applied for financial aid
- Secured local housing
- Submitted your final transcript
- Returned your immunization compliance form
- Obtained your SIU Student ID card
- Purchased your parking sticker
- Viewed your class schedule on SalukiNet
- Joined our Class of 2026 Facebook Group

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is located in Carbondale, Illinois, a town of approximately 26,000. A classic university community, the population grows each fall with the addition of over 11,000 students.

Questions?
We're here to help!
Contact us at:
lawadmit@siu.edu
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