Southern Illinois University System

The Southern Illinois University (SIU) System is a multi-campus institution composed of two universities — Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville — serving more than 24,000 students. Chartered in 1869, Southern Illinois University, first known as Southern Illinois Normal University, opened its doors for instruction in Carbondale in 1874 in a one-building teacher training institution. In 1947, the name was changed to Southern Illinois University, reflecting the institution’s academic expansion. The university began offering off-campus academic courses in the metropolitan East St. Louis area, which led to development of SIU Edwardsville in 1957.

As the SIU system has grown and flourished, its campuses have developed programs of instruction, research and public service that have attracted and served students, faculty and staff from every county in Illinois, every state in the nation and more than 100 countries. In addition to more than 200 undergraduate degree programs, SIU Carbondale and SIU Edwardsville offer more than 110 academic programs leading to master’s degrees and 38 leading to doctorate degrees. Professional degrees also are available through SIU Edwardsville’s Schools of Nursing and Pharmacy in Edwardsville and School of Dental Medicine in Alton, and SIU Carbondale’s School of Law in Carbondale and School of Medicine in Springfield.

The instruction, research and service missions of the two campuses meet the needs of the geographic areas in which they are located, but SIU also is committed to serving statewide, national and international needs. This commitment is reflected in educational activities located off its main campuses, in interinstitutional agreements for research, and in training exchanges with international universities and student exchange programs. The SIU campuses have been recognized nationally and internationally for their excellence in academics, diversity, medical care, service, sustainability and commitment to students, especially veterans.

Southern Illinois University is governed by a nine-member board of trustees. Administratively, the university is headed by the president, who reports to the Board of Trustees. The chancellors of SIU Carbondale and SIU Edwardsville report to the president.

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Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Founded in 1869, SIU Carbondale prepares undergraduate, graduate and professional students to contribute to Illinois, the nation and a global society. More than 11,300 students from virtually every state and 100 nations take advantage of a comprehensive educational experience enriched by a full range of student services and numerous internship, externship and research opportunities.

The university’s six colleges and three professional schools offer more than 200 undergraduate majors, minors and specializations, three associate degrees, and graduate and professional education featuring 69 master’s degrees and 35 doctoral, medical and law degree programs. Since its founding, the university has awarded nearly 300,000 degrees and has about 356,000 living alumni throughout the world.

SIU Carbondale offers students a vibrant campus life that includes more than 250 registered student organizations, multiple performance venues, a Student Center, a Student Recreation Center, a Student Health Center and a modern Student Services Building. The university is a member of the Missouri Valley Athletic Conference, and its student-athletes compete in eight men’s and nine women’s sports.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching classifies SIU Carbondale as a doctoral institution with high research activity. External grants and contracts in fiscal year 2020 totaled more than $69 million. In 2015, the university earned the Carnegie Foundation’s prestigious Community Engagement Classification in recognition of the university’s service and outreach efforts. That same year, SIU Carbondale was named an Innovation and Economic Prosperity University by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities for its work with public and private partners to support economic development.

The many specialized research units include the Advanced Coal and Energy Research Center; the Center for Archaeological Investigations; the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders; the Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory; and the Center for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences, among others. In addition, the university is home to the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute and a School of Medicine in Springfield and Carbondale that houses the Center for Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders and the Simmons Cancer Institute.

Faculty, staff and students address topics ranging from endangered species monitoring to wetlands restoration, pharmaceuticals testing to computer neural network development for medical diagnostic devices, nicotine addiction to AIDS education, and biomechanical studies to studies of banking efficiency and regulation. University scientists are leaders in the study of noise-induced hearing loss, ovarian cancer, climate change, airport runway safety and flood mitigation, among other issues.

Many years of cooperative relations have resulted in more than 150 international linkages with educational institutions in 57 countries. American students from SIU Carbondale enroll in summer travel/study seminars or direct exchanges in numerous countries.

Notably, SIU Carbondale is home to both a medical school and a School of Law. The law school provides experiential learning programs that include public interest externships, judicial externships and the Immigration Detention Project. Services to citizens of southern Illinois are available through the School of Law’s award-winning civil practice/elderly, juvenile justice, veterans and domestic violence clinics.
Established in 1970, the School of Medicine enrolls almost 300 students and has graduated more than 3,000 physicians. SIU ranks nationally in the percentage of its graduates practicing in primary care specialties. Following a year of basic science courses on the Carbondale campus, medical students complete their clinical study in Springfield. The curriculum includes many active learning situations using written cases and simulated patients. An extensive residency program annually fills positions in a variety of medical concentrations and specialties. Family practice centers for training students and residents are located in Carbondale, Decatur, Quincy and Springfield.

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SIU Carbondale’s Student Services Building opened on campus in 2013.
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

SIU Edwardsville is a nationally recognized university that educates and develops professional and community leaders through its excellent faculty and academic programs. SIU Edwardsville is a fully accredited public institution offering a broad choice of degrees and programs ranging from liberal arts to professional studies. Since 1957, the university has conferred more than 110,000 degrees and contributed to the cultural and intellectual vitality, social health, and economic development of southwestern Illinois and the Greater St. Louis area.

The university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Its schools and programs have received specialized accreditation from a wide range of national associations. These accreditations, small class sizes, accessible faculty, and the successes of the students and graduates are evidence of the quality of education available at SIU Edwardsville. The university is recognized as one of the most affordable four-year public universities in Illinois and one of the best values in the Midwest. To further enhance affordability, the university awarded more than $160 million in scholarships and financial aid last year.

The university encourages diversity on campus through a number of initiatives devoted to cultural and social understanding, as well as academic support services for underrepresented students. SIU Edwardsville awards degrees in 67 bachelor’s and 49 master’s programs encompassing the arts, sciences, nursing, education, health, human behavior, business and engineering. The schools of Dental Medicine and Pharmacy award professional degrees in dental medicine (D.M.D.) and pharmacy (Pharm.D.). Doctoral degrees are available in nursing practice and educational leadership. Cooperative doctoral programs in history, engineering science and computer engineering are offered with SIU Carbondale.

Situated on 2,660 acres among the forests and hills of southern Illinois, the university enjoys proximity to the attractions of St. Louis, 25 miles away. SIU Edwardsville has been named to the American Institute of Architects’ “150 Illinois Great Places,” a list of the greatest architectural sites in the state.

SIU Edwardsville is the largest campus in the SIU System. Serving more than 2,800 students housed on campus, SIU Edwardsville is the fastest growing Illinois public institution during the past 20 years with enrollment at nearly 13,000 students. In the past 15 years, the university has completed more than $300 million in construction and infrastructure improvements, adding innovative state-of-the-art buildings and enhancing existing structures. These projects include the Science Building Complex, Art and Design Building expansion, Lukas Athletics Annex, and Engineering Building expansion.

The current core campus opened in 1965; however, the university traces its roots to the nearby cities of Alton and East St. Louis, where the Southwestern Illinois Campus of Southern Illinois University first offered classes in residential centers. The Alton campus later became the SIU School of Dental Medicine. The school is rated among top dental schools in the nation in final scoring on national board dental exams. Few facilities in the country provide the type of specialized and innovative dental instruction and patient care available at the school.

Once main operations were moved to the Edwardsville campus during the 1960s, the East St. Louis Center continued to offer educational opportunities to residents. Operating within the East St. Louis Higher Education Campus, SIU Edwardsville’s East St. Louis
Center elevates the quality of life for individuals and families through partnerships that mobilize resources to meet the needs of East St. Louis and Metro East-area communities. East St. Louis Center services include a nationally recognized Head Start/Early Head Start program, a charter high school, after-school educational programs, a dental care facility and a nurse-managed primary care clinic.

The university participates in NCAA Division I athletics as a member of the Ohio Valley Conference and the Mid-American Conference for both men’s soccer and wrestling.

During its first half-century, SIU Edwardsville has matured into a strong and distinctive source of educational opportunity, with a focus on research and creative activity, and continues to serve as a stimulus for regional growth and development.

**Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Administration**

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The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville campus is situated among the hills and forests of southwestern Illinois, 25 miles from St. Louis.