

First Week Checklist



Remember: You are not alone! The SOAR staff is here to help you. Don't hesitate to reach out to your SOAR advisor or the SOAR Office (618-650-3790).

WRITE THESE DATES IN YOUR PLANNER:

August 26:	Hispanic/Latin@x Student Welcome (4 p.m., Intramural Pavilion)
August 27:	Asian, Asian American, Arab American, Pacific Islander, and Desi American Student Welcome (4 p.m., Intramural Pavilion)
August 28:	Spill the Tea (3 - 5 p.m., Lovejoy Library Rm. 3021) Rainbow/LGBTQIA+ Student Welcome (Intramural Pavilion)
August 29:	Black Student Welcome (3 - 6 p.m., Stratton Quad)
August 30:	Deadline to drop class(es) with 100% credit of tuition and fees Last day to add class with permission Last day to drop a class or withdraw without receiving a grade
September 2:	Labor Day Holiday (University closed)
September 4:	B.L.A.C.K. M.E.N. Talking (5 - 6:30 p.m., MUC Maple/Dogwood Rm.)
September 6:	Deadline for Complete Term Withdrawal to receive 50% credit of tuition and 100% credit of fees (less \$100 administrative fee)
September 8:	Health insurance waiver deadline (Click here for details.)

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL) is built into biology and chemistry classes. These once-a-week sessions are mandatory just like going to class.
- Tutoring is different than it was in high school - it is not something that you engage in just because you are struggling or you fail a test. Good students utilize tutoring from the very start of the semester to help understand and retain the material and get a chance to ask questions and practice problems. Tutoring is available every day of the week. [Click here](#) to register for an account and view the schedule.
- Supplemental Instruction (SI) is offered for many science classes. If SI is offered for your class, you should be there! [View the SI schedule](#).
- It is very important not to fall behind on your classwork. Get started now on class readings and assignments. Don't procrastinate!
- You will meet with your SOAR advisor soon for a FRESH 101 appointment. Watch your email for the date and time and write it in your planner - you won't want to miss this!
- Your phone, tablet, or Chromebook may not always work for some classes. Don't have a computer? [View computer lab locations](#).
- [Click here](#) for information about using campus printers/copiers.

ADD SOAR INFO TO YOUR PHONE/EMAIL CONTACT LISTS SO IT'S EASY TO REACH US WHEN YOU NEED HELP:

(618) 650-3790 | Email: soaroffice@siue.edu | Website: siue.edu/soar
 Student Success Center Rm. 1259
 (Enter through the Academic Advancement Center)
 Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



SOAR Office

If you haven't done these things already, do them by Monday (8/26):

- Pick up your textbooks. You will not need any money. [Click here](#) for Textbook Service hours and location information.
- Purchase an academic planner and any additional supplies or books listed in your class syllabi. As a college student, a paper planner is a necessity!
- Read through the syllabus for each of your classes. Write all homework/assignment/project due dates as well as quiz/test dates, etc. in your planner. Ask your class instructors if you are unclear on any expectations.
- Find a way to make sure you check your SIUE email every day (write it in your planner!)
- Make sure your computer, printer, and/or other devices are ready to be used for classwork. Test your Wifi connection ([Eduroam](#)), and install [Microsoft Office 365](#) and [Microsoft Teams](#) on all your phone, computer, tablet, etc. If you need help, call ITS at (618) 650-5500 right away (phone calls are answered 24/7).
- If you had accommodations or an IEP in high school, contact the [ACCESS](#) office now. Don't wait to see if you will struggle in your classes - use every resource available to help you succeed!
- [Register](#) for a tutoring account (see "Things You Need to Know").

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COUGAR CARD: <https://www.siu.edu/cougar-card>



ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Accessible Campus Community & Equitable Student Support (ACCESS):
<https://www.siu.edu/access>

Supplemental Instruction (SI):
<http://siu.edu/lss/supplemental-instruction/schedule.shtml>

Textbook Service: <https://www.siu.edu/textbook>

Tutoring Resource Center: <http://siu.mywconline.com>



TECHNOLOGY

Information Technology Service (ITS): <https://www.siu.edu/its/continuity/students.shtml>

- Technical support phone calls are answered 24/7: (618) 650-5500

Computer Labs: https://www.siu.edu/its/labsclassrooms/computer_labs_new.shtml

Eduroam Wireless Network (Wifi): <https://www.siu.edu/its/wireless>

Microsoft Office 365 (Word, Outlook, etc.): <https://www.siu.edu/its/office365/install.shtml>

Microsoft Teams: <https://kb.siu.edu/page.php?id=87074>

Printing, Copying & Scanning: <https://www.siu.edu/its/labsclassrooms/printing/index.shtml>

GETTING AROUND CAMPUS

Campus Maps: <https://www.siu.edu/maps>

Parking: <https://www.siu.edu/parking>

Cougar Shuttle Bus: <https://www.metatsiu.org>

Policies Regarding Bicycles, Roller and In-Line Skates, Skateboards, Scooters, and Electric Powered Vehicles: <https://www.siu.edu/policies/6f5.shtml>

HEALTH INSURANCE/WAIVER:

<https://www.siu.edu/health-service/insurance/domestic-students-fall-2024.shtml>

