

University Environment

Our parent campus and two hometowns provide variety.

Southern Illinois University is a multi-campus university made up of two institutions. Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC) includes the School of Medicine in Springfield and Carbondale. The School of Law and the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute are both on the Carbondale campus. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) has Schools of Nursing and Pharmacy as well as the School of Dental Medicine in Alton and a center in East St. Louis. The two institutions annually enroll more than 34,500 students. SIU presents broad academic offerings including associate's, bachelor's, master's, specialist's, doctoral and professional programs.

The academic, research and service missions of the institutions reflect the needs of their geographic areas and the needs of the state. Educational activities, some provided at off-campus locations throughout the state, have expanded through world-wide research, training exchanges and exchange programs.

A nine-member Board of Trustees governs SIU. The president is the chief executive officer. The two University chancellors report directly to the president and are responsible for the operations of SIUC and SIUE.



Carbondale

Carbondale is the economic center of southern Illinois. A small city of 27,000, it is situated just minutes west of I-57 and a few hours south of St. Louis. The region hosts a growing retail, manufacturing and light industrial base. Those living in the area enjoy theaters, museums, two large shopping malls, art galleries, concerts and a science center. Schools are excellent and have received national recognition. The region continues to develop opportunities for tourists.

SIUC works closely with the city to find new business that fit with the region's goals. The University operates a business incubator on the south edge of the city and is building a business research park with the goal of attracting more high-tech startups to the greater Carbondale area.

Outside of the city, hikers, boaters, swimmers, campers, horseback riders and sightseers enjoy the spectacular Shawnee National Forest, the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge and Lake, and Giant City and Lake Murphysboro State Parks. Others enjoy visiting wineries and antique shops.



Springfield

For more than a century and a half, from the time young Abraham Lincoln held a seat in the Illinois House of Representatives, Springfield has been the Prairie State's capital.

Springfield annually hosts about one million visitors who tour the historic sites, attend conventions, or share the fun at festivals and fairs. There are 42 city parks as well as Lake Springfield with a 60-mile shoreline.

The seat of state government, Springfield is a banking and commercial center for central Illinois. Its consumer market extends into a 10-county region. The city has a large enclosed shopping center as well as hundreds of interesting stores, including antique and specialty stores.

Springfield's cultural offerings are numerous, including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. The 2,017-seat Sangamon Auditorium is home to the Illinois Symphony Orchestra and the Springfield Ballet. Theater and dance lovers can attend performances at the Hoogland Center for the Arts in downtown Springfield or outdoors at the Springfield Muni Opera or Theatre in the Park.

Among Springfield's educational institutions are the University of Illinois at Springfield, Robert Morris College, Springfield College in Illinois, a Benedictine Partner, and Lincoln Land Community College.