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Dear Friends,

We are pleased with your interest in Southern Utah University and trust that you will find the contents of this general catalog useful. SUU is a remarkable place. From its heroic founding more than one hundred years ago through its growth and maturity that have brought us forward, you will find an outstanding environment for learning and personal development. The faculty and staff of the university are committed to an uncommon level of excellence and personalized service. Academic programs are of high quality and provide outstanding preparatory opportunities for lives and careers. A splendid array of extracurricular activities brings exciting chances for personal involvement.



Southern Utah University is a regional university providing baccalaureate, applied technology and selected graduate education. As noted in our guiding document, "Our mission is to provide students a personalized learning environment to foster meaningful experiences involving the mind, heart and hands..." The beautiful SUU campus with its breathtaking scenery, facilities and grounds provides a marvelous setting for a quality educational experience.

In addition to our highly skilled faculty and staff, top leaders, educators and experts frequently come to SUU to share their expertise with our students and campus community. Students flourish in this dynamic environment. We invite you to further consider the benefits of an SUU educational experience. The school's initial faculty was given the charge, "Let this institution always be a sanctuary for the honoring of thought in all its finest forms." SUU personnel remain committed to this purpose. We are anxious to serve students well and we invite your inquiries.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven D. Bennion". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, personal style.

Steven D. Bennion, President
Southern Utah University

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POLICY INFORMATION

Any campus extension can be reached by dialing the campus operator at (435) 586-7700.

Southern Utah University is committed to policies of non-discrimination and equal opportunity, and pursues affirmative action in all programs, activities, and employment with regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, status as a disabled individual, religion, status as a disabled veteran or a veteran of the Vietnam era. Evidence of practices not consistent with these policies should be reported to the Office of the President of the University, 586-7702.

People with disabilities will not be subject to discrimination in any University educational program or service. Although identifying yourself as a person with a disability is voluntary, the University can only accommodate known disabilities. For more information, contact the Vice President for Student Services, who is the ADA coordinator for the University, at 586-7710.

Southern Utah University endorses the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, federal and state statutes for a drug- and alcohol-free workplace, and federal and state laws regarding access to government records. Concerns regarding specific practices not consistent with these statutes and the University’s policies implementing these statutes should be directed to the Office of the Vice President for Student Services, 586-7710.

Students are required to see an academic adviser at least once a year. Each student is responsible for assuring his/her own academic progress toward completing a degree or certificate. This catalog is not a contract between Southern Utah University and any person or entity.

All vehicles parking on campus must display a valid parking permit unless parked in a designated visitor area. Parking permits may be purchased at the Cashier’s Office and issued by the department of public safety. Areas that are specifically enforced include red curbs, fire lanes and hydrants, restricted and service areas, and handicap spaces.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How safe is the campus?

Although universities are not immune from community problems, SUU has been praised for its safety. Emergency call boxes with direct phone lines to the University Police are located across campus. The campus is well lit. All residence halls have locked entrances. The university's department of public safety patrols the campus.

What is your web address?

www.suu.edu

Can I apply for admissions on line?

Yes! On the web go to www.suu.edu and under Prospective Students, online applications, you will find the on-line application option.

Can I register for classes, view my grades and pay tuition & fees on line?

Yes! On the web go to www.suu.edu and under Current Students you will find the on-line registration option where grades can be viewed and class registration can be completed. In order to access your record you will need a Personal Identification Number (PIN). This number can be obtained by phoning the Registrar's Office at (435) 586-7715 or by a personal visit to the Registrar's Office. Upon completing the registration process, there is an option to pay charges using a Visa or MasterCard.

Are transcripts from previous institutions required before an admission decision can be made?

Yes! Students are required to submit transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended. High school transcripts are required from all students who have less than 30 semesters hours of college credit.

Are classes taught by professors or teaching assistants?

In nearly every instance, classes are taught by professors who have the highest terminal degree in their discipline.

How do I apply for housing on and off campus?

Housing information for on- and off-campus may be obtained by phoning the SUU Housing and Residence Life Office at (435) 586-7966. Web access is www.suu.edu/ss/housing

What kinds of activities are available?

There is a wide variety of activities for students on the SUU campus including more than 80 clubs and organizations, student government, the Student Body

Fitness Center, and intramural and club sports.

Are there fraternities and sororities?

Yes. The Greek "recruitment" process takes place a few weeks into the fall and spring semesters. Questions you may have can be directed to the Student Activities Office in the Sharwan Smith Center, Room 101.

Can I get an associate degree if I finish my general education classes?

No, SUU does not offer an associate degree in general education. However, if you are planning on transferring to another institution within the state system a letter of completion will be provided signifying that general education requirements have been met.

How many electives do I need to graduate?

Electives vary with every program. One hundred twenty two semester credits (122) are required to graduate. The difference between the 122 credits and the required credits for major, minor and general education equal the elective credit hours needed. See Degree Requirements section on page 23.

How is my class standing determined?

Class standing is based strictly on the number of credits earned. Freshmen = 0-29 credit hours, Sophomore = 30-59 credit hours, Junior = 60-89 credit hours and Senior 90 and above.

What time can I have my photo I.D./activities card picture taken?

See the Student Activities secretary, located in Room 101 of the Sharwan Smith Center, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily to have your photo I.D. taken.

Why do I have to show photo I.D. to get grades/transcripts/class schedules?

This requirement is a protection for students to assure that their school information is confidential. The Family Rights and Privacy ACT (FERPA) is a federal law which requires the above steps be taken to assure students privacy.

Why must I have permission to register for more than 21 credit hours per semester and who provides the required permission?

In general, 21 hours per semester is considered to be the optimum number of hours a student can successfully complete. Permission to register for 21.5 to 25 semester hours must be approved by the instructor and department head and the student must be willing to pay the additional tuition. The student must have at least a 3.0 GPA and cannot register for more than 21 hours until after the first week of classes.

Is student employment available?

Yes! Career Services can help students find jobs on and off campus. The office is located in the Sharwan Smith Center #201. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. M -F. Visit our web site at www.suu.edu/ss/career

What deadlines should I know?

Fall Semester Admissions deadline - One week prior to the beginning of the semester.

Spring Semester Admissions deadline - One week prior to the beginning of the semester.

Graduation Application Deadline - Dec. 1st

Continuing Student Scholarship deadline - Feb. 1st

New & Transfer Student Scholarship deadline - Feb. 1st

How can I find a professor's office and/or phone number?

The SUU campus operator will gladly provide the phone number of any faculty or staff member. The operator's number is (435) 586-7700. The web is also an excellent source for phone numbers. Phone numbers may be obtained on the web at: www.suu.edu under the faculty and staff listing.

How do I apply for graduation and how soon should I do this?

Applying for graduation can be completed in 5 easy steps:

1) Pick up a graduation packet at the Registrar's Office which is located in the Sharwan Smith Center or visit the Web site at www.suu.edu/ss/registrar/index.html Complete the worksheet and have it signed by your adviser and department chair and dean by November 15. Return the signed worksheet to the Registrar by December 1.

2) Pay the diploma fee to the SUU cashier by December 1.

3) Pay the cap and gown rental fee at the SUU Cashier's Office by February 1.

4) Visit the Alumni Office during the Graduation Fair on the Thursday or Friday before graduation to pick up cap and gown.

5) If you have a student loan, make arrangements to have a loan exit interview prior to commencement. Exit interviews are conducted by the loan officer who is located in the Administration Building, room 207.