



# Tips for Commuter Students



- 1. PLAN AHEAD:** Get your parking decal EARLY! Decals are available beginning July 1 of each year and can be obtained online at [parking.siu.edu](http://parking.siu.edu) or in person at the Parking Division office.
- 2. KNOW YOUR OPTIONS:** Commuters are typically eligible for a red or yellow parking decal. Commuters should be aware of parking rules on campus such as where to park and where not to park (**Tip:** Never park in visitor parking, even if there is a meter. Visitor parking is for visitors only). Visit [parking.siu.edu](http://parking.siu.edu) for details and decal rates.
- 3. ARRIVE EARLY AND BE PREPARED:** Prime parking spaces fill up quickly. If you have trouble finding a parking spot, be prepared by keeping a roll of quarters in your vehicle for metered parking if necessary (a few quarters costs much less than a parking ticket). Some lots now have pay stations allowing for cash or debit/credit card payment.
- 4. RIDE THE SALUKI EXPRESS:** Save your quarters. Even if you have to park far away from class, a Saluki Express stop is probably nearby. Hop on the Saluki Express, swipe your student ID, and ride to your destination. View routes in real time with the Mobile Dawg App.
- 5. DOWNLOAD THE MOBILE DAWG APP:** Stay informed about campus events, track the Saluki Express routes, or have a campus map at your fingertips.
- 6. SEEK OTHER TRANSIT OPTIONS:** If you live in Carbondale, a Saluki Express stop could be nearby. If you live in a surrounding community, transit options include daily routes to SIU from the north, south, east, and west. Visit [nontrad.siu.edu](http://nontrad.siu.edu) and select Commuter Tips.
- 7. CONNECT TO CAMPUS:** Whether it is a student organization, honor society, career development, study group, or campus program, there are lots of ways to connect. Commuter Connections packets are available at the start of the fall semester and are packed full of great information and campus discounts!
- 8. SEEK ASSISTANCE WHEN NEEDED:** Everyone needs help with a course from time to time. SIU has LOTS of resources including math labs, writing center, library resources, and so much more!!! If you have other challenges along the way, Saluki Cares ([salukicare.siu.edu](http://salukicare.siu.edu)) can connect you to the support you need.
- 9. TAKE A BREAK:** Have some fun! You have access to the Student Recreation Center and SIU Athletic events with your student ID. The Student Center also offers weekend movies and other great programs like Dawgs Nite Out...don't miss it!
- 10. MAKE CAMPUS YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME:** Don't just come to campus and then go home. Eat in the dining halls, study in the library, take a walk around campus lake, exercise at the Rec, cheer on the Salukis at an athletic event...the list goes on and on.

YOU ARE NOW PART OF THE SALUKI FAMILY!!

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