

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
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COMMUTER STUDENT RESOURCE GUIDE





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WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

Welcome Commuter Students!

Let's be real: being a college student is no walk in the park. As a commuter student, you will most likely run into obstacles that are different from those faced by resident students. While trying to balance coursework, commuting, working and having a social life may prove to be challenging, New Student and Transitional Programs is here to help make your experiences as a Screaming Eagle as invigorating as possible. It all begins here.

Our office provides various resources and opportunities for commuter students to make USI their home away from home. We support the transition and success of our commuter student population, emphasizing engagement and retention.

We have created this guide to serve as a resource about issues that relate to you—the commuter student. We can help you get started on your journey here at USI. For more information, visit us at USI.edu/newstudent.



TRAVELING TO CAMPUS

Whether traveling from near or far, it is best to plan ahead to get to campus. Here are some tips on traveling to campus, parking and services to help you and your vehicle stay safe.

GETTING TO CAMPUS

It's important to plan main and alternate routes to campus. Heavy traffic or an accident can bring traffic to a halt and you don't want to be late for class.

As you enter campus, you will need to navigate a roundabout. Make sure to slow down before entry, yield to the vehicles that are traveling in the roundabout and stay in your lane. This will help you safely travel through the roundabout.

PARKING

Commuter students may park in any University lot that does not require a parking permit or that is marked restricted. Most lots in the main part of campus are available for commuter students. Look for signs listing restrictions prior to parking. In housing locations, use the visitor parking spots. The campus map on the back cover indicates which lots are available to commuter students.

Plan extra time into your commute to find a parking space and to walk to class. Also, have some backup parking lots in mind if you come at busier times. There is an on-campus shuttle for farther lots.

Commuter students do not need a parking permit to park on campus.





PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

If you live near campus, consider taking the Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS) bus transportation to and from campus. This saves on finding a parking spot and using money on gas.

USI and METS provide bus transportation on campus and to the Eagle Plaza and Schnuck's Transfer Terminal for USI students. There is no charge for students providing a valid Eagle Access Card. Real-time tracking of the buses serving the USI campus is available courtesy of DoubleMap at mets.doublemap.com.

For more information go to: USI.edu/public-safety/bus-schedules.



ARCHIE'S TIP

For safety purposes, all students are encouraged to register their vehicle with the University.

Complete the registration form at:
USI.edu/security/parking/vehicle-registration.



CAMPUS SAFETY

USI Public Safety maintains 24-hour, seven-days-a-week security coverage of the campus. Security duties include traffic control, security of physical assets and safety of all employees, students and guests of the campus. In addition, all security staff serve as first responders and are trained in first aid and other emergency procedures.

OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES:

- **Vehicle Assistance:** USI Public Safety can help with vehicle assistance, such as jump starting a car, airing up tires or unlocking your car.
- **Security Escort:** Public Safety offers a free on-campus escort service to accompany you from one campus location to another. Contact Public Safety to arrange the service.
- For non-emergency calls to Public Safety, use **812-464-1845**
- For emergencies call **812-492-7777**

TITLE IX

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

USI is committed to creating and maintaining an educational and work environment free of all violence in which all members of the USI community are treated with respect and dignity. USI condemns all gender-based discrimination including sexual assault, rape, sexual harassment and all other forms of non-consensual sexual activity. To report a sexual assault, violence or harassment, contact Public Safety at 812-465-7777 or go online to USI.edu/deanofstudents.



ARCHIE'S TIP


Add Public Safety's emergency phone number to your phone: 812-492-7777. You also may dial 7777 from any campus phone.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS


USI and the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office have collaborated to create a unit of deputies assigned to patrol the USI campus on a full-time basis. They will respond to emergencies through Public Safety.

RAVE ALERT

USI RAVE Alert gives immediate notification via email, text message and voice message about emergencies and severe weather.

Rarely will bad weather close USI, but when that happens, USI will notify local radio and television stations, post a notification on the USI homepage and send a RAVE Alert if classes are canceled. We strongly suggest signing up to receive text message and voicemail notifications through the RAVE Alert system to notify you if campus is closed or to inform you of any other important information. This way you will know right away when something has happened or classes have been canceled. As a commuter student, you will automatically receive the email alerts, but **you must sign up** to receive the other forms of notification. To sign up, go to myUSI and click on  or visit [USI.edu/emergency](https://www.usi.edu/emergency).

RAVE GUARDIAN

USI has launched a free mobile App available for iOS and Android devices that allows students, faculty and staff access to a variety of safety features on their personal devices. The USI features of the app can be activated by anyone with an active USI directory listing. Rave Guardian is available in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. 





STUDENT SERVICES

Being well can help you do well inside and outside of the classroom. Self-care, including quality sleep, good nutrition and knowing how to cope with stress, all contribute to your ability to thrive as a USI student. Wellness is an active, continuous process of self-enhancement. Every day you make choices that influence your own wellbeing. From locating resources on campus to needing someone to talk to about challenges in life, the following offices will help you be successful during your time at USI.

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE (DOSO)

UNIVERSITY CENTER EAST, ROOM 1256

The DOSO staff is here to help students succeed at the University by connecting them to resources, assisting them as they navigate administrative processes with other University offices and serving as advocates when students face academic and personal challenges. To learn more visit USI.edu/deanofstudents or contact 812-464-1862.

DISABILITY RESOURCES (DR)

SCIENCE CENTER, ROOM 2206


DR coordinates services and academic accommodations for USI students with disabilities to ensure equal access to facilities, programs, services and resources at the University. For more information call 812-464-1961 or visit USI.edu/disabilities.

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

ORR CENTER, ROOM 1051

Students can attend individual, group and couples counseling sessions on campus free of charge. Learn more about Counseling and Psychological Services at USI.edu/counseling-and-psychological-services or call 812-464-1867.

TALKCAMPUS

Get instant support for your mental health any time of day and night through the TalkCampus app. Student life can be incredibly tough. At TalkCampus we're here for the moments when you just need a friend. Talk anonymously to students from universities and colleges around the world going through the exact same struggles you are any time of day or night. Visit www.talklife.com/university-of-southern-indiana.  TalkCampus

STUDENT WELLNESS OFFICE

RECREATION, FITNESS AND WELLNESS CENTER, ROOM 219

Throughout the year, wellness outreach events are offered for students. To get program information visit USI.edu/rfw/wellness or call 812-461-5483.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTER

HEALTH PROFESSIONS CENTER, ROOM HP0091

The Deaconess facility is located on campus to provide health services, women's health and immunizations. Commuter students can opt-into the Office Visit Plan to get unlimited free visits or the University Health Center will also take your medical insurance. For more information about services and the Office Visit Plan go to USI.edu/healthcenter or call 812-465-1250.

OFF-CAMPUS MEDICAL FACILITIES

If you need medical attention, the local medical facilities are Deaconess Clinic and Ascension St. Vincent Medical. Additional medical facilities are in the community. Make sure to check with your insurance provider for plan information, if necessary.



ARCHIE'S TIP

If you need support, reach out to get the help you need. If it is an emergency and you are on campus, call Public Safety at 812-492-7777. If you are off-campus, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.



EAGLE ACCESS CARD

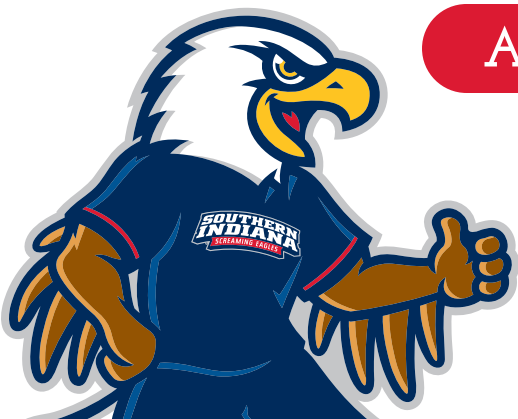
The Eagle Access Card is USI's photo identification card known as your student ID. In addition to serving as an ID card, the Eagle Access Card is a convenient, easy and safe way to access products and services without carrying cash. By activating the declining balance feature of the card, students make the ID card an on-campus debit card as well.

Use your Eagle Access Card to:

- Access the Recreation, Fitness and Wellness Center (RFWC), rent equipment and check in at Intramural activities
- Charge your books to your bookstore account at the Campus Store
- Check out or reserve materials at the Library
- Enter athletic events for free
- Receive discounts in the community
- Use print stations and copiers in campus computer labs
- Pay for printing and copying in the Copy Center
- Purchase food at an on-campus dining location if you have money on your card or are on a meal plan

Add money to your FLEX or Munch Money accounts on your Eagle Access Card through your myUSI account or visit the Eagle Access Card Office located in the lower level of University Center West. For questions, contact the Eagle Access Card Office at 812-465-1124 or visit USI.sodexomyway.com.





ARCHIE'S TIP

Make sure to carry your Eagle Access Card Student ID with you. Consider adding money to your FLEX or Munch Money accounts for making purchases on campus.

NEED CASH ON CAMPUS?

Get money from six ATMs located on campus:

- **EVANSVILLE TEACHERS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**
Redwood Lounge and Rice Library
- **FIFTH THIRD BANK**
University Center East
- **GERMAN AMERICAN**
University Center West
- **HERITAGE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**
Recreation, Fitness and Wellness Center and Residence Life Community Center



LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO EAT?

ON-CAMPUS DINING OPTIONS

UNIVERSITY CENTER EAST



UNIVERSITY CENTER WEST



OTHER LOCATIONS



(Eagle Express C-Store)



(Wright Administration)



(Various Locations)



STARBUCKS

(Rice Library)



Interested in a meal plan or adding money to your account to purchase food? There are options for commuter students. Visit the Eagle Access Card Office located in the University Center West on the lower level or go online to USI.sodexomyway.com.

FOOD BROUGHT FROM HOME

Commuter students can eat food brought from home in all dining seating areas. If you bring your lunch or dinner and are looking for a microwave, check out these spots:

- Business and Engineering Center (Lower level)
- David L. Rice Library (First floor)
- Health Professions Center (Lower level)
- Liberal Arts Center (First floor)
- Robert D. Orr Center (Lower level)
- University Center East (First floor)
- University Center East Student Involvement Center (Lower Level)



ARCHIE'S TIP

Downloading the GRUBHUB app lets you order your food ahead of time and eliminates waiting in line. If you bring your own food, plan ahead to get groceries you'll need for your meal.

GRUBHUB



OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO STUDY?

Use your time between your classes to work on homework, study for an exam, catch up with friends or attend a campus event.

David L. Rice Library: The Library provides many resources and services to assist with your academics. Find more information and library hours at [USI.edu/library](https://www.usi.edu/library).

Study Spaces: In between classes, find a favorite study space on campus. Besides the Library, there are lounges and study areas in the University Center, Recreation, Fitness and Wellness Center (RFWC) and in all academic buildings.

HOW TO USE TIME BETWEEN CLASSES

When you have time before, after or between classes, make sure you connect with campus by doing some of the following:

- Go to Rice Library and study
- Go to the University Center—it is the hub for campus events
- Relax down by Reflection Lake under the gazebo
- Run over to the RFWC to get in a quick workout or hang out in the game room
- Set up your hammock on the Quad
- Take a stroll down the Bent Twig Trails
- Use your meal plan or munch money to eat on campus





ON-CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY

COMPUTER LABS

USI's campus is equipped with 51 computer labs encompassing 1,165 computers. For a complete list of lab locations and hours visit: USI.edu/it/computer-labs.

PRINTING AND COPYING

Students must have Flex money on their Eagle Access Card to print or make copies. Most computer labs include printers. Color printing and copying is available in the Library. USI's Copy Services offers color printing, copying, large format printing and bindery services.

MICROSOFT OFFICE 365

All students can access Microsoft Office suite and can download free copies on up to five different devices by logging into myUSI.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

For on-campus wireless network, computer repair and technology questions, contact Information Technology Help Desk at 812-465-1080 or USI.edu/it.



ARCHIE'S TIP

Make sure to change your password frequently and don't share it with anyone!



GETTING INVOLVED

GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS

USI provides an endless amount of opportunities to get involved ranging from annual events, campus activities and student organizations. Getting involved not only allows you to meet other students with similar interests as yours, employers love to see students with leadership experience on their resumes.

ANNUAL EVENTS

USI is rich with tradition and holds signature events each school year. Be sure to mark your calendar for these events:

Student Involvement Fair: The second Wednesday of each semester

Labor Day at the Lake: Held each Labor Day (no classes)

Lighting a Tradition: Occurs before winter break

Late Night Breakfast: Occurs before finals week each semester

Welcome Back Weeks: In January
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Luncheon: In January

Homecoming: During the spring semester
Breakfast with the President: During the spring semester

SpringFest: In April

Student Government Elections: In April

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Explore the many ways to get involved on campus with the offices, departments and student programs below:

APB and Cinema USI

USI.edu/apb

Athletics

gousieagles.com

Center for Campus Life

USI.edu/campus-life

Center For International Programs

USI.edu/international

Dean of Students

USI.edu/deanofstudents

Fraternity And Sorority Life

USI.edu/fsl

Multicultural Center

USI.edu/mcc

O'Daniel Leadership Programs

USI.edu/leadership

Recreation, Fitness and Wellness Center

USI.edu/rfw

Religious Life

USI.edu/religiouslife


Student Government Association

USI.edu/sga

Theatre Department

USI.edu/theatre

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

USI has over 150 clubs and organizations that are social, service, academic, fraternities and sororities, and honorary in nature to serve the various interests of USI students. To find student organizations that fit your interest, attend the Student Involvement Fair at the start of each semester or log into myUSI and click on  to find the list of organizations.

Find out what is happening on campus at calendar.USI.edu.

COMMUTER STUDENT BUCKET LIST

- ✓ Attend a guest lecture or speaker on campus
- ✓ Celebrate MLK Jr. Day at the Memorial Luncheon
- ✓ Cheer on your Screaming Eagles at a sporting event
- ✓ Eat breakfast with the President
- ✓ Enjoy a theatre production in the Performance Center
- ✓ Go rock climbing at the RFWC
- ✓ Hammock on the Quad
- ✓ Hang out on the Fuquay Welcome Center roof top
- ✓ Join a student organization
- ✓ Listen to 95.7 *The Spin*, USI's campus radio station
- ✓ Make a s'more at Eicher Barn
- ✓ Participate in Homecoming events
- ✓ Play on an Intramural sports team
- ✓ Read *The Shield*, USI's school newspaper
- ✓ Take a photo with Archie, USI's mascot
- ✓ Try something for the first time
- ✓ Volunteer on or off campus
- ✓ Walk the USI-Burdette Park Trail
- ✓ Watch a Cinema USI movie in Forum 1
- ✓ Work at an internship or part-time job



ARCHIE'S TIP

Even though you are commuting to USI, find three opportunities to get involved: something in your academic area of study, something you have always enjoyed and something new. These experiences will enhance your college experience at USI. This is where you build friendships and grow as a person outside of the classroom.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

ACADEMIC SKILLS

USI.edu/university-division/academic-skills
812-464-1743
Education Center 1111

ADVISING CENTERS

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

812-465-7028
RCOB.Advise@usi.edu

USI.edu/business
Business and Engineering Center 1015

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

812-461-5307
LAadvise@usi.edu
USI.edu/liberal-arts
Liberal Arts Center 2001

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

812-228-5042
Cnhp.advisor@usi.edu
USI.edu/health
Health Professions Center 2023

POTT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION

812-228-5191
USI1SEEADV@usi.edu
USI.edu/science
Education Center 3104

CENTER FOR EXPLORING MAJORS (UNDECIDED MAJORS)

812-465-1606
udadvise@usi.edu
USI.edu/university-division
Education Center 1142

BURSAR/CASHIER

USI.edu/bursar
812-464-1842
Orr Center 036

CAREER SERVICES AND INTERNSHIPS

USI.edu/careerservices
812-464-1865
Orr Center 074

CENTER FOR CAMPUS LIFE

USI.edu/campus-life
812-465-1862
University Center East 1256

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS (STUDY ABROAD)

USI.edu/international
812-465-1248
University Center East 1234

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

USI.edu/counseling-and-psychological-services
812-464-1867
Orr Center 1051

DEAN OF STUDENTS

USI.edu/deanofstudents
812-464-1862
University Center East 1256

DISABILITY RESOURCES

USI.edu/disabilities
812-464-1961
Science Center 2206

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usi.sodexomyway.com
812-464-1859
University Center West 003

HONORS PROGRAM

USI.edu/honors
812-464-1833
Orr Center 1070

MULTICULTURAL CENTER

USI.edu/mcc
812-465-7188
University Center East 1244

NEW STUDENT AND TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS

USI.edu/newstudent
812-465-7167
UC East 1229

PROVOST'S OFFICE

USI.edu/provost
812-465-1617
Wright Administration 103

PUBLIC SAFETY

USI.edu/security
812-464-1845
Security Building

RECREATION, FITNESS AND WELLNESS CENTER

USI.edu/rfw
812-461-5268

REGISTRAR

USI.edu/registrar
812-464-1762
Orr Center 1075

RELIGIOUS LIFE

USI.edu/religiouslife
812-464-1871
Residence Life Service Center

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

USI.edu/financial-aid
812-464-1767
Orr Center 1005

STUDENT FINANCIAL SUCCESS CENTER

USI.edu/financial-success
812-228-5198
Orr Center 0095

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

USI.edu/sga
812-464-1862
University Center East 0256

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

USI.edu/university-division/student-support-services
812-465-1606
Education Center 1142

TITLE IX

USI.edu/sexual-assault-prevention-and-response
812-464-1703
Wright Administration Building
Forum Wing, Suite 171

UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTER

USI.edu/healthcenter
812-465-1250
Health Professions Center 091

USI CAMPUS STORE

USI.edu/campusstore
812-464-1717
University Center West 132

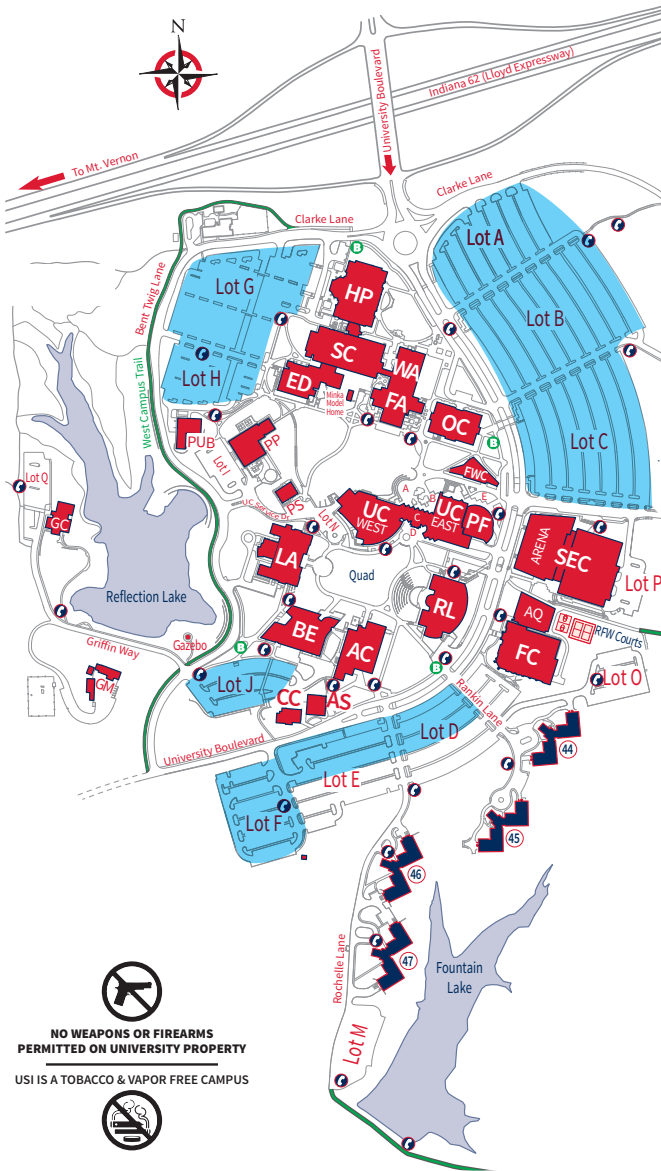
USI DINING

USI.sodexomyway.com
812-464-1859
University Center West 003

VETERAN, MILITARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

USI.edu/outreach/veterans
812-464-1857
Education Center 0114

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Campus Legend

Applied Engineering Center	AE
Aquatic Center	AQ
Arts Center	AC
Art Studio	AS
Business and Engineering Center	BE
Carter Hall (UC West 233)	UC
Couch/Renner Hall (ED 1101)	ED
Dowhie Ceramics Center	CC
Education Center	ED
Forum Lecture Halls (FA 1, 2, and 3)	FA
USI Foundation	FO
Fuquay Welcome Center	FWC
Griffin Center	GC
Grounds Maintenance Center	GM
Hamilton Music Studio (LA 0114)	LA
Health Professions Center	HP
Kleymeyer Hall (LA 0101)	LA
Liberal Arts Center	LA
Mallette Studio Theatre (LA 0105)	LA
McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries (LA 0155)	LA
Mitchell Auditorium (HP 1002)	HP
Orr Center	OC
Performance Center	PF
Physical Plant Service Center	PP
Public Safety Building	PS
Publishing Services Center	PUB
Recreation, Fitness and Wellness Center	FC
Rice Library	RL
Science Center	SC
Screaming Eagles Complex	SEC
– Athletics Department	
– Kinesiology and Sport Department	
– Multipurpose Courts A, B, C	
– Screaming Eagles Arena	
Support Services Center	SS
Theatre Support Center	TS
University Center	UC
A. UC Courtyard	
B. Rice Plaza	
C. The Cone	
D. UC Fountain	
E. Performance Center Courtyard	
Wright Administration Building	WA
Pedestrian, Bike and Nature Trail	
Commuter Student Parking	
Blue Emergency Phone	
Bus Stop	

