


MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 27, 2020

TO: Deans, Directors, Chairs, Faculty, and Staff

FROM: Meera Komarraju 
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

RE: Course Syllabus Requirements
Recently Updated Fall 2020 Syllabus to Include COVID-19 & Nov. 3 Holiday

As we begin the Fall, 2020 semester, I am writing regarding requirements for course syllabi. These are intended, first and foremost, to support the academic success of our students.

First: an important reminder. Following approval by Faculty Senate, we implemented a new procedure in Spring 2018 for establishing an optimized final exam schedule. Accordingly, the final exam schedule will not be released until the 4th week of the Fall semester. Given that this is still a relatively new practice, we recommend that faculty communicate this to the students in their courses. Additional information (including the exam schedule once it is released) can be found here: <http://registrar.siu.edu/pdf/examfall20.pdf>.

Minimum requirements for syllabi are outlined in the collective bargaining agreements with the SIUC Faculty Association (see section 10.02.a.3) and the NTT Faculty Association (see section 11.04.a.3), which can be found here: <https://laborrelations.siu.edu/labor-contracts/>

As required by the collective bargaining agreements. All faculty must provide a copy of each course syllabus to the department chair/school director by the end of the first week of classes (**Friday, August 21, 2020**). Please note that individual Faculty course syllabi are not to be posted electronically, except as allowable by the collective bargaining agreements (Section 10.02.a.3 of FA Contract; Section 11.04.a.3 of NTT Contract). Additionally, under the Collective Bargaining Agreements, **all faculty, must confirm in writing to the Chair/Director that the syllabus has been provided to students by the end of the first week of classes.**

I have attached the *recommended* Syllabus Attachment for Fall 2020, with important semester dates and central information. We encourage its distribution to students in combination with

the syllabus. This syllabus attachment is available from the Provost's Forms page
[https://pvcaa.siu.edu/ common/documents/provost-memos/syllabus-attachment-fall-2020.pdf](https://pvcaa.siu.edu/common/documents/provost-memos/syllabus-attachment-fall-2020.pdf) .

I appreciate your assistance in these student-centered initiatives and wish you the best for the Fall 2020 term.

Attachment: Fall 2020 Syllabus Attachment

Copy: Austin Lane, Chancellor
David DiLalla, Associate Provost for Academic Administration
Lizette Chevalier, Associate Provost for Academic Programs
Tamara Workman, Director, Registrar's Office

Syllabus Attachment

Fall 2020

MISSION STATEMENT FOR SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE

SIU embraces a unique tradition of access and opportunity, inclusive excellence, innovation in research and creativity, and outstanding teaching focused on nurturing student success. As a nationally ranked public research university and regional economic catalyst, we create and exchange knowledge to shape future leaders, improve our communities, and transform lives.

IMPORTANT DATES

Semester Classes Begin:	08/17/2020
Last day to add full-term course (without Dean's signature):	08/23/2020
Last day to withdraw from the University with a full refund:	08/28/2020
Last day to drop a full-term course for a credit/refund:	08/30/2020
Last day to drop a full-term course (W grade, no refund):	10/25/2020
Final examinations:	12/07–12/11/2020

Note: Please verify the above dates with the Registrar calendar and find more detailed information on deadlines at <http://registrar.siu.edu/calendars>. For add/drop dates that apply to shorter-than-full-term courses, please look at the Schedule of Classes search results at <http://registrar.siu.edu/schedclass/index.php>.

FALL SEMESTER HOLIDAYS

Labor Day Holiday 09/07/2020
Election Day 11/03/2020
Veterans Day 11/11/2020
Thanksgiving Break 11/21-11/29/2020

DIVERSITY

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's goal is to provide a welcoming campus where all of our students, faculty and staff can study and work in a respectful, positive environment free from racism and intimidation. For more information visit: <http://diversity.siu.edu>

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

SIU Carbondale is committed to providing an inclusive and accessible experience for all students with disabilities. Disability Support Services coordinates the implementation of accommodations. If you think you may be eligible for accommodations but have not yet obtained approval please contact DSS immediately at 618-453-5738 or disabilityservices@siu.edu. You may request accommodations at any time, but timely requests help to insure accommodations are in place when needed. Accommodations and services are determined through an interactive process with students and may involve consideration of specific course design and learning objectives in consultation with faculty.

MILITARY COMMUNITY

There are complexities of being a member of the military community and also a student, and military and veteran related developments can complicate academic life. If you are a member of the military community and in need of accommodations please visit Veterans Services at <http://veterans.siu.edu/>

STUDENT MULTICULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER

The Student Multicultural Resource Center serves as a catalyst for inclusion, diversity and innovation. As the Center continues its work, we are here to ensure that you think, grow and succeed. We encourage you to stop by the Center, located in the Student Services Building Room 140, to see the resources available and discover ways you can get involved on the campus. Visit us at <https://smrc.siu.edu/>

SALUKI CARES

The purpose of Saluki Cares is to develop, facilitate and coordinate a university-wide program of care and support for students in any type of distress—physical, emotional, financial, or personal. By working closely with faculty, staff, students and their families, SIU will continue to display a culture of care and demonstrate to our students and their families that they are an important part of the community. For Information on Saluki Cares: Call (618) 453-2461, email siucares@siu.edu, or <http://salukicare.siu.edu/>

SAFETY AWARENESS FACTS AND EDUCATION

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender is a Civil Rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, etc. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources here: <http://safe.siu.edu>

MORRIS LIBRARY HOURS: <http://libguides.lib.siu.edu/hours>

ADVISEMENT: <http://advisement.siu.edu/>

SIU ONLINE: <https://online.siu.edu/>

COVID-19

As a condition of on-campus enrollment, all SIUC students are required to engage in safe behaviors to avoid the spread of COVID-19, including the requirement that all students wear a mask in campus buildings, including classrooms, laboratories, and studios when others are present, regardless of social distancing. Students are expected to follow physical or social distancing guidelines by keeping at least 6 feet from others, and practicing good hand hygiene. Failure to comply with this policy may result in dismissal from the current class session. If the student refuses to leave the classroom after being dismissed, the student may be referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. SIUC will follow federal, state and county public health recommendations and mandates in all decisions relating to university operation. Students should regularly review the link for the [SIUC COVID-19 response](#).

Masks for residential students will be furnished upon move-in to their residence hall rooms. Off-campus students can pick up a mask at the Student Center ID Office, the Student Services Building main desk, the check-in desk at the Student Health Center, the equipment desk at the Student Recreation Center, the Dean of Students Office and at the circulation desk of Morris Library. Students will need to show their student IDs to claim their masks. A limited number of masks will be available in the academic deans' offices. All questions can be directed to the Dean of Students Office. Email: DOS@siu.edu Phone #: 453.2461

WITHDRAWAL POLICY ~ Undergraduate only

Students who officially register for a session must officially withdraw from that registration in a timely manner to avoid being charged as well as receiving a failing grade for those classes. An official withdrawal must be initiated by the student, or on behalf of the student through the academic unit, and be processed by the Registrar's office. For the proper procedures to follow when dropping courses and when withdrawing from SIU visit: <http://registrar.siu.edu/students/withdrawal.php>

SIU's EARLY WARNING INTERVENTION PROGRAM (EWIP)

Students enrolled in courses participating in SIU's Early Warning Intervention Program might be contacted by University staff during a semester. More information can be found at the Core Curriculum's Overview webpage: <http://corecurriculum.siu.edu/program-overview/>

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

We ask that you become familiar with **Emergency Preparedness @ SIU**. Emergency response information is available on posters in buildings on campus, on the Emergency Preparedness @ SIU website, and through text and email alerts. To register for alerts visit: <http://emergency.siu.edu/>

CATALOGS

catalog.siu.edu
gradcatalog.siu.edu
Graduate policies often vary from Undergraduate policies. To view the applicable policies for graduate students, please refer to the graduate catalog .

CENTER FOR LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Tutoring : <http://tutoring.siu.edu/>
Math Labs <http://math.siu.edu/courses/course-help.php>

WRITING CENTER

<http://write.siu.edu/>

PLAGIARISM

See the Student Conduct Code <http://srr.siu.edu/student-conduct-code/>

INCOMPLETE POLICY~ Undergraduate only

<http://registrar.siu.edu/grades/incomplete.php>

REPEAT POLICY

<http://registrar.siu.edu/students/repeatclasses.php>