STUDENT SERVICES

A wide range of services and programs are offered to Southern Connecticut State University students to aid, motivate, and enrich their learning, and to contribute to their welfare and individual growth. Most of these services are coordinated by the Division of Student Affairs. By encouraging students to integrate their classroom learning with experiences outside the classroom, the division fosters a climate in which each student can be challenged to higher levels of intellectual, personal, and social growth.

Student Affairs programs which are described below seek to: (1) promote academic/educational development and success; (2) encourage community engagement and active participation in student life activities and physical activities; (3) provide focused educational and enrichment programs for special groups of students; (4) support personal growth and development; and (5) provide amenities and services for the general well-being of the University community at large. In addition, the division upholds the general regulations of the University as listed in the Student Handbook.

ACADEMIC/EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Academic Advisement

Assigned Academic Advisors
Every Southern student is assigned an academic advisor. Visit “Who is My Assigned Advisor” for more information.

Academic Advising Centers
Each of Southern’s eight Academic Advising Centers (AACs) are based on an area of interest and aligned with specific majors. The AACs are staffed with AAC Advisors and provide support for students, including but not limited to, unsure of their intended major, struggling within a major and/or seeking a new major; students who are experiencing challenges that are impacting their academic success; and students who need help navigating University curriculum, policy, and/or procedure.
To meet with an AAC Advisor, please visit the “Meet with an AAC Advisor” page on the Department of Academic Advising’s website.

Academic Support Services

Academic Success Center
The Academic Success Center at Southern provides services that support students on their journeys to gain scholastic independence and achieve academic success. The Academic Success Center serves the entire student body by helping students prepare, advance, and excel.

The Academic Success Center's aim is to assist students to become more independent and self-motivated learners, to master course material, and to develop and apply effective study strategies. It will provide an environment that is personal, caring, accessible, and friendly where students can make it their home for academic support. For more
information, please contact the Academic Success Center at (203) 392-8967 or by email at asc@SouthernCT.edu.

New Student and Sophomore Programs
The Office of New Student and Sophomore Programs, located on the third floor of Buley Library, supports the out-of-class experience and academic success of first-year students (freshmen), second-year students (sophomores), and transfer students. The office is designed to help students connect with each other, faculty and staff, and the broader university as they transition into the university. The staff is committed to providing a strong set of programs and initiatives beginning with orientation and continuing until students feel integrated and established as "owls." For more information, visit Buley 335 or call (203) 392-5189.

Writing Support
Assistance with university writing assignments is available to undergraduate and graduate students at no cost in the Writing Center, a part of the Academic Success Center (ASC) on the third floor of Buley Library. The Writing Center offers help with any writing assigned at the university in addition to writing related to academic pursuits such as scholarship applications, application to graduate school, etc. In addition to undergraduate tutors who assist undergraduate students, graduate student tutors work with graduate and undergraduate students and specially trained ESL tutors to work with any student with ESL needs. It is recommended that students make an appointment but a limited number of drop in appointments are also available. Please visit the Academic Success Center website to make an appointment.

Please contact Dr. Marie McDaniel, Director of the Writing Center/WAC and Associate Professor of History with any questions.

Access Programs

University Access Programs
The Office of University Access Programs (UAP) is located on the ground level of Engleman Hall (EN B018). UAP is designed to recruit, counsel, and advise academically promising first-generation, low-income, and underrepresented students in higher education who participate in several key programs. These programs include the Southern Educational Opportunity Program (SEOP), New Haven Promise (NHP), Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness Programs (GEAR UP), and Promoting Academically Successful Students (PASS). UAP provides a friendly and inclusive atmosphere where students can talk with their counselors, find useful information about University policies, deadlines, and events, and meet other students. For additional information, contact Dawn Stanton, Director of UAP at (203) 392-6815 or email StantonD2@SouthernCT.edu. Learn more about UAP at: https://www.southernct.edu/uap

Southern Educational Opportunity Program (SEOP)
This five-week summer bridge program is designed to help students refine their skills before being accepted into the University. All students live on campus, attend classes, earn college credit, and explore campus life together. SEOP students enjoy the camaraderie of a cohesive group of students and at the same time, receive several academic advantages, including individualized academic counseling, small
classes, and personal attention from faculty and staff. For additional information, contact Ankur Kumar, Associate Director of UAP at (203) 392-6850 or email Kumara3@SouthernCT.edu. Learn more about SEOP at: https://www.southernct.edu/uap/seop

Career and Professional Development

The Office of Career and Professional Development serves as the primary office for career development services at Southern and is located on the first floor of Buley Library. The office facilitates career development programs within three core areas of service: (1) career exploration and navigation services; (2) experiential learning and student professional development opportunities; and (3) student transition professional services. Common offerings from the office include individual consultation regarding career options, resume and cover letter writing, job search strategies, graduate school preparation assistance, and other career-related needs. For more information, contact Career & Professional Development at (203) 392-6539.

Library Services: Buley Library

The Hilton C. Buley Library, Southern Connecticut State University's center of research, plays an indispensable part in the academic experience of every student. Buley Library provides nearly 860,000 print and electronic volumes which include monographs and audio visual materials and access to more than 130 electronic databases to serve study, teaching, and research needs. An online catalog shared with the 17 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) and the Connecticut State Library expands available print and media resources to 4.7 million titles. Interlibrary loan services and other consortium arrangements further supplement these holdings.

A broad range of library services support and enhance the access and use of information resources in all formats. The main floor of Buley Library features a professionally staffed Reference Desk where librarians provide research assistance in utilizing Alma and Primo (the integrated library and discovery systems of the CSCU system), online research databases, the Internet, and the 29,000-volume print reference collection. In addition to journals included in full text databases, Buley Library subscribes to 550 individual electronic and print periodical titles and houses 57,850 bound periodical volumes. Audio visual materials are located on the first floor right after the reference stacks. Instructional services meet a range of needs—basic orientations, library tours and course-integrated instruction sessions arranged by teaching faculty. Presentations are offered on search strategies and selection of appropriate research information using both print and online resources. Individual research appointments with a librarian can be arranged through an online request system on the library's website. Individualized Instruction/Research Consultation Forms are available.

A valid Southern student identification card (Hoot Loot card) serves as a library card. Students who are enrolled in courses or conducting research for a thesis at the university are eligible to borrow library materials. Students are responsible for all materials checked out on their cards.
All library fees for lost or overdue books must be paid as they occur or a block will be placed on registration and transcripts.

The Buley Library building also houses the Academic Success Center, the First Year Experience Office, the Office for New Student and Sophomore Programs, the Writing Center, the Information Technology (IT) Department and Help Desk, the Owl Perch Cafe, the Buley Art Gallery, the Faculty Development Center, the Center of Excellence on Autism Spectrum Disorders, the Library Science Department, the Dean's Office of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies, and the Graduate Student Lounge.

The library staff is readily available to help students use information resources. Consult the student handbook for additional information regarding library use and regulations. For information and hours, call (203) 392-5750. The library's home page is: https://libguides.southernct.edu/home. Director of Library Services is Dr. Clara Ogbaa. Her telephone number is (230) 392-5760.

**Computer Labs and Services**

The Information Technology (IT) Department provides computing services, facilities, and support for students, faculty, and academic staff. Over 40 departmental computer labs and five public labs with both MacOS and Windows operating systems are available for academic use. In some areas, specialized computer equipment and software packages are available for specific needs.

For the most updated information on IT services and support, including the IT Help Desk location and hours, please visit https://inside.southernct.edu/information-technology

**Center for Educational and Assistive Technology**

The Center for Educational and Assistive Technology (CEAT) helps students with disabilities gain access to the same technology other students use to achieve their educational goals. The CEAT assesses students' technology needs and trains them to use adaptive hardware and software. Students may then use this technology at the CEAT or in other locations on campus. The CEAT also arranges for accommodations when access is needed for courses requiring the use of technology in the classroom. The CEAT, located in Engleman Hall, room B-17, is open Monday through Friday. CAT Coordinator: Bogdan Zamfir. Telephone: (203) 392-5799.

**Disability Resource Center**

Southern is committed to the full inclusion and equal educational opportunity for all persons with disabilities. The Disability Resource Center (DRC) provides services and support that promote educational equity for students with disabilities. Assistance includes arranging accommodations and auxiliary aids necessary for students with disabilities to pursue their academic careers, both in and outside of the classroom.

The DRC serves all students with documented disabilities that substantially impact them in educational settings. Students with documented disabilities, visible or hidden,
qualify to apply for services. Categories of disabilities include, but are not limited to the following: mobility/orthopedic disabilities; learning disabilities; attention deficit disorders; visual, deaf and hard of hearing; acquired head injuries; psychological disabilities; autism spectrum disorders and chronic health-related disabilities.

DRC services include: arrangement of course and testing accommodations; accessibility information; provision of sign language interpreters, readers and/or note-takers; help with recruitment of personal assistants; development of compensatory skills, such as time management, organization and study skills, access to assistive technology, alternate text formats; self-advocacy skills.

Students interested in obtaining more information should contact the DRC by stopping by the office located in Engleman Hall–Room C105 or calling (203) 392-6828, 392-6131 TTY, 392-6829 FAX or visit the website at: SouthernCT.edu/drc.

Director: Goldie Adele, Engleman Hall C105. Telephone: (203) 392-6828 (Voice), (203) 392-6131 (TTY).

Office of International Education

The Office of International Education (OIE) is a hub for all members of the campus community who wish to integrate international study, research, or teaching into their academic program. Additionally, the OIE works with degree-seeking international students, exchange students, visiting scholars, and international faculty on matters related to visas, employment, immigration, and more; the office works with domestic students interested in studying abroad either on an SCSU faculty-led summer program, on one of SCSU's reciprocal exchange programs (semester or full year), or through an approved study abroad organization (semester or full year); and finally, the OIE offers Fulbright Program assistance for both students and faculty. Perhaps most importantly, the OIE is a place where international students and faculty can come to discuss matters related to their studies and American academic culture, as well as everyday life, social interaction, and communication in the United States. The OIE is located in Engleman Hall A 220. For more information, please call (203) 392-6756.

Student Enrollment Service Center

The Wintergreen Building is a one-stop location for walk-in services and queries regarding undergraduate admission, financial aid, registration, payment, university ID cards, and advisement. Experienced staff are trained to provide information and assist with administrative services necessary to successfully navigate the university.

Speech-Language-Hearing Services

The center, located in the lower level of Davis Hall, provides extensive facilities for clinical experience in audiology and speech language pathology. It contains sound-treated rooms and electro-acoustic equipment for the testing of hearing, fitting of hearing aids, and auditory training; a variety of speech and voice instrumentation; and specially equipped rooms for providing services to people with communication disorders. A
major aspect of the clinic is its work with children, infancy through adolescence, and adults who have communication problems. The center is staffed by faculty and clinical instructors from the Department of Communication Disorders. All are certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and licensed by the Connecticut State Department of Health in speech-language pathology or audiology. Faculty and clinical instructors are responsible for the supervision of evaluation and treatment services that are provided by graduate students in the department. To make an appointment, students may call (203) 392-5955, come in person to Davis Hall room 012B, or email the director, Dr. Sujini Ramachandar at ramachandas1@SouthernCT.edu.

**Transfer Student Services**

The Office of Transfer Student Services recruits, pre-advises, enrolls and supports transfer students in the transition to Southern Connecticut State University. In doing this, the office maintains and improves transfer course equivalency. It works with other offices on campus to ensure successful and timely graduation of all transfer students.

The staff works closely with Admissions to begin the pre-advising and recruitment of transfer students for all 12 Connecticut Community Colleges. The team members also work with any prospective transfer student, assisting the student with the transfer process to SCSU. The office will work closely with community college partners on Transfer Tickets, Guided Pathways and other transfer programs.

The Office of Transfer Student Services is located in the Wintergreen Building, Suite 116. For more information, please contact Frank LaDore at (203) 392-5367.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND STUDENT LIFE**

**Adanti Student Center**

The Michael J. Adanti Student Center, opened in January 2006, is a 125,000 square foot, modern multi-purpose facility located on the corner of Crescent and Fitch Streets. The center provides educational, cultural, social, and recreational programs that complement education outside the classroom. The center is the home of a state-of-the-art fitness center, fireplace lounge, grand ballroom, bookstore, Dunkin' Donuts coffee house, Cross Point Federal Credit Union banking services, ATM machine, and four dining establishments. The center has multiple lounges, meeting rooms, a game room, a 200-seat movie theatre, university police, computer labs, as well as office space for clubs and organizations. In addition, the Adanti Center offers a resource/information center, and hydration stations. For more information, check https://inside.southernct.edu/student-center or call (203) 392-5500.

**Housing and Residence Life**

The Office of Residence Life provides on-campus housing for full-time matriculated undergraduate and graduate students. Residence halls offer a safe and supportive living environment to foster student success. In addition to campus activities, students are
encouraged to participate in hall programs and activities, leadership opportunities in their hall councils, and the Residence Hall Association.

Residence hall staff members include live-in professional staff members who supervise undergraduate staff; advise the hall council; provide educational and social programming, roommate, and community mediation support; and provide referrals to campus resources. Live-in residence life student staff members assist with developing residence hall communities, providing personal and academic support for students, and reporting maintenance and custodial concerns.

Students living on campus have easy access to academic and student support services. Most residence halls are a short walk to academic buildings, dining, Buley Library, athletic fields, the Adanti Student Center, and the Fitness Center. Most residence halls and apartments include lounges, study areas, service desks, vending machines, laundry facilities, recreation areas, and trash disposal. A convenience store is located at North Campus. ATMs are located at Brownell Hall, Wilkinson Hall, North Campus, West Campus, and Schwartz Hall. Computer labs are located in North and West Campus. Student rooms include beds, dressers, closets, desks and chairs. All rooms include window curtains or blinds.

Housing for graduate and upper-class students including transfers is offered in North Campus, Schwartz, and Brownell apartments and suites. First-year students, transfers, and upper-class students may request traditional double or triple rooms with community bathrooms or a limited number of suites with bathrooms in West Campus, Hickerson, Neff, Farnham, Wilkinson, and Chase Halls.

Housing applications will be available to students when admitted to the University with a paid Admissions Confirmation Deposit and Residence Hall Deposit. All housing applications are provided online and assignments are made on an academic year basis.

For more information and for instructions on how to apply for housing, please visit the website at SouthernCT.edu/residencelife, call the office at (203) 392-5870, or send an email to reslife@SouthernCT.edu.

**Intercollegiate Athletics**

A member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division II, Southern recognizes the value of competitive individual and team sports and maintains a comprehensive program of intercollegiate athletics for men and women. Intercollegiate teams for men include football, soccer, cross country, basketball, swimming, baseball, and track and field. Women's intercollegiate athletic teams include field hockey, volleyball, cross country, basketball, gymnastics, swimming, softball, track and field, soccer, and lacrosse.

An incoming first-year student with no previous college attendance must be certified as eligible to compete by the NCAA Eligibility Center. Once accepted, a student-athlete must be enrolled full-time in a minimum of 12 semester hours to be eligible to practice and compete during that semester. Each fall after the initial year of enrollment, the student must maintain satisfactory academic progress toward a degree. This includes, but is not limited to, satisfactory completion of 24 semester hours of acceptable degree
credits since the previous fall or an average of 12 credits for each semester of full-time enrollment, and the maintaining of good academic standing, with a corresponding GPA.

**John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts**

The John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts features an open-thrust stage as the focal point for its 1,568-seat theater. Semicircular in design, Lyman Center provides the setting for both University and public entertainment, as well as for meetings, conferences, and cultural activities. The Robert Kendall Drama Lab, located inside the center, houses the Theatre Department's instructional program and offers an excellent space for experimental plays and other events.

**Student Conduct & Civic Responsibility**

The Office of Student Conduct & Civil Responsibility is located in Engelman Hall B222. The office is responsible for ensuring a fair, just, and impartial conduct process for students charged with violating the Student Code of Conduct, with a goal of providing education and resources to achieve respect, civility, and integrity for all members of the University community.

The office spearheads educational programming and initiatives on active citizenship, democratic engagement, and civility.

For further information or more details, contact the Office of Student Conduct & Civic Responsibility at (203) 392-5190 or visit the office website at: https://inside.southernct.edu/student-conduct.

**Student Involvement and Leadership Development**

The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development is committed to providing student-centered activities, collaborative programming efforts, community initiatives, and leadership development opportunities that engage students in meaningful out-of-class learning and campus involvement opportunities that support the mission of SCSU. The office assists students to explore their interests, meet new people, discover their passions, develop leadership skills, increase appreciation of diversity, and create lasting memories through their participation in transformative co-curricular experiences.

Student Involvement oversees recognized clubs and organizations, fraternity and sorority life, club sports, campus recreation, and intramural programs. Additionally, the office provides many opportunities for community engagement and leadership development; and provides advisorship to the student programming board, Programs Council as well the Student Government Association.

**Student Activities and Organizations**

The Student Activity Program comprises campus organizations that represent a wide range of student aptitudes and interests. These activities complement the academic program by providing opportunities for wholesome recreation, fellowship, and practical
training for intelligent leadership and good citizenship. At the time of publication, SCSU offers the following student clubs and organizations for the academic year. For an up-to-date list, please refer to the website, owlconnect.southernct.edu.

**Academic and Professional Development**

- Accounting Society
- American Marketing Association
- Anthropology Club
- Biology Club
- Bio-Technology Club
- Bookmarks English Club
- Botany Club
- Chemistry Club
- Computer Science Club
- Earth Science Club
- Exercise Physiology Club
- Financial Management Association
- Forensic Society
- French Club
- Geography Club
- German Club
- History Club
- Management Association
- Mathematics Club
- Media Studies Club
- National Student Nurses Association
- Philosophy Club
- Physics Club
- Physical Education Club
- Pre-Health Professional Society
- Pre-Law Society
- Pre-Medical
- Pre-Dental
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine
- Psychology Club
- Public Health Society
- Recreation and Leisure Club
- Social Welfare Organization
- Society of Professional Journalists
- Sociology Club
- Southern Future Teacher's Organization
- Spanish Club
- Sports Medicine Club
Club Sports

• Cheerleading
• Color Guard
• Dance Team
• Ice Hockey Club
• Karate Club
• Men's Lacrosse Team
• Men's Rugby Club
• Steppin' Up Drill Team
• Symphonic Pulse Dance Company (SPDC)
• Ultimate Frisbee Club
• Volleyball Club
• Women's Rugby

Councils and Governing Organizations

• Class Governments
• Greek Life Council
• Programs Council
• Residence Hall Association
• Student Government Association

Service Organizations

• Best Buddies
• Colleges Against Cancer
• Habitat for Humanity
• Love Your Melon
• Service Team
• Students for Local Heroes
• Zeta Delta Epsilon –Honorary Service Organization

Honorary Organizations

• Alpha Kappa Delta –National Honor Society for Sociology
• Delta Mu Delta –National Honor Society for Business Administration majors
• Gamma Theta Upsilon –International Honor Society for Geography majors
• Golden Key National Honor Society –National Honor Society for juniors and seniors in the top 15% of their class
• Iota Iota Iota –National Honor Society for Women Studies majors
• Kappa Delta Pi –National Honor Society for Education majors
• Lambda Pi Eta –National Honor Society for Communication majors
• National Society of Leadership and Success
• Omicron Delta Epsilon –Economics Honor Society
• Phi Alpha Theta – National Honor Society for History majors
• Pi Sigma Alpha –National Honor Society for Political Science majors
• Psi Chi –National Honor Society for Psychology majors
• Sigma Tau Delta – National Honor Society for English majors

Performing and Creative Arts

• Crescent Players
• Digital Film production Club
• Fearless Lovers of Words (FLOW)
• Fortissibros
• SCSU Drumline
• Southern Harmony
• Student Arts League

Media Groups

• Crescent Magazine
• Folio
• SCSU TV
• Southern News (SNEWS)
• WSIN Radio

International and Multicultural Groups

• African Students Association
• Black Student Union
• Caribbean Students Association
• Chinese Student Association
• Italianissini
• West Indian Society

Political Action and Advocacy

• College Democrats
• College Republicans
• Council for Exceptional Children
• LGBTQIA Prism
• Men About Business
• NAACP
• Operation Smile
• Outreach Unlimited
• Peer Mentors United
• Veterans Association

Special Interest Organizations

• Active Minds
• Anime Society (SCSU)
• Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha Sorority, Inc.
• Autism Awareness and Advocacy Club
• Cultural Competence Club
• Meditation Club
• SCSU Exposure

Religious Organizations

• Campus Crusade for Christ
• Hillel-Jewish Students Organization
• Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
• Muslim Students Association
• Newman Society

Social Fraternities and Sororities

• Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity
• Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority
• Beta Mu Sigma Fraternity
• Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority
• Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha Sorority, Inc.
• Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity
• Omega Zeta Pi Sorority
• Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
• Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
• Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity
• Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL GROUPS

Commuter Student Services

Commuter Student Services, (CSS), located in the Office of Student Life, assists commuter students in a variety of ways. It provides information on transportation, personal safety, recreational facilities, parking, as well as referral services on a variety of topics and concerns. Information may be obtained by calling (203) 392-5782, or stop by Adanti Student Center 212.

Multicultural Center

The Multicultural Center serves as a resource for the University and the community in promoting an awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity. It offers educational programs and services to assist in the recruitment and retention of students. The center also sponsors outreach programs with area schools, conducts art exhibitions, film programs, lectures, and conferences, and houses a book and video library. The Multicultural Center is located in Adanti Student Center 234. For more information, please call (203) 392-5888.

In addition, the Multicultural Center and Academic Success Center have a partnership to expand the academic and tutoring support for SCSU students. Students may visit

Catalog.SouthernCT.edu
the Multicultural Study Lounge in Adanti Student Center 233 to take advantage of the resources available.

**Sexuality and Gender Equality Center (SAGE)**

The Sexuality and Gender Equality (SAGE) Center is committed to providing a positive academic, cultural, and social environment where the LGBTQ+ community at Southern can learn, grow, and thrive. We help to cultivate inclusion through social and educational programming, advocacy, and support. Programming includes lectures, discussions, social events, films, live streams, and other presentations throughout the academic year. The SAGE Center is located in the Adanti Student Center Room 324. For more information, please visit our website at the following link: https://inside.southerncit.edu/sage-center; call (203) 392-8989; or send an email to SAGECenter@SouthernCT.edu.

**Veterans and Military Affairs**

The Office of Veterans and Military Affairs provides academic and personal advisement, information about the G.I. Bill and the Veterans and National Guard Tuition Waivers and acts as liaison to other campus services as well as to local, state, and national organizations.

The office provides Joint Service Transcript (JST) to the Admissions Office for military training evaluation.

The Veterans Center and Computer Lab is a great place to meet other military, to network and to socialize. It includes a television, a microwave oven, and a refrigerator. It also has coffee. There is free printing in the Computer Lab.

The coordinator is Jack Mordente, Engleman Hall, Room A 014. Telephone is (203) 392-6822.

**NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**

**First-Year Student Orientation (Freshmen)**

Student orientation programs are designed to provide new students with information they will need to have a successful transition into Southern. These sessions and experiences will provide students with information critical to their academic success, allow new students to network with professional faculty and staff, socialize with their peers, and to finalize registration for their courses. In addition, students experience the history and culture of the university and have an opportunity to learn from our Orientation Ambassadors, who are extensively trained student leaders. New Student Orientation is required for first-time students and students transferring to Southern with 15 credits or less. For more information, please visit: SouthernCT.edu/orientation.

**TRANSFERmation (Transfer Student Orientation)**

TRANSFERmation is the official orientation program for transfer students. This one-day program is intended for students transferring 15 or more college credits. Although transfer students may be familiar with the college environment, we recognize that
For students beginning in the Fall semester:

• First-time college students and transfer students who have earned less than 15 credits who will be attending Southern Connecticut State University in the fall semester are required to attend the full new student summer orientation session.
• Transfer students transferring to the university with more than 15 credits are encouraged (not required) to attend TRANSFERmation throughout the summer.

For students beginning in the Spring semester:

• First-time college students and transfer students who have earned less than 15 credits who will be attending Southern Connecticut State University in the spring semester are required to attend the full new student winter orientation session.
• Transfer students transferring to the university with more than 15 credits are encouraged (not required) to attend TRANSFERmation throughout the winter.

Digital Orientation (Online Orientation)
Complementing the on-ground orientation sessions, first-year students and transfer students are enrolled in Digital Orientation via Blackboard, the university’s online learning management system. For more information, please visit SouthernCT.edu/orientation.

New Owl Week and Welcome Weekend
Each fall and spring semester, Southern Connecticut State University hosts a Week of Welcome (WOW), which is a collaborative campus program that provides opportunities for all students, with a special concentration on first-year and transfer students, to connect with people, places, services, and traditions at SCSU. The week is filled with celebrations, programs, and activities that are designed to welcome students to campus while helping them acclimate to university life.

In the fall semester, WOW begins with New Owl Weekend (NOW) immediately preceding the start of the semester. All first-year students (freshmen) are required to attend NOW programs which are designed to support first-year students as they begin their collegiate journey by helping them acclimate to the campus culture and transition to university life.

PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Alcohol and Drug Services

Alcohol and Drug Services, located in Schwartz Hall 101D, offers confidential screenings and assessments by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor, as well as referrals to community treatment providers for students seeking assistance and support for a substance abuse disorder. Brief intervention and education programs are also provided to students to help them reduce harmful consumption and negative consequences associated with high risk drinking and drug use. Presentations are available for classes,
residence life staff, and athletic teams which provide information about alcohol and drug services on campus and supports within the community. The Collegiate Recovery Community at SCSU is support based and student oriented with the goal of providing resources to students in long-term recovery from substance use disorders and for any student seeking recovery. Twelve-step meetings, peer support groups, and other pathways to recovery meetings are offered on campus in addition to supports for students impacted by a family member's substance use. For more information about services, please visit https://inside.southernct.edu/aod or call (203) 392-5087.

Campus Recreation and Fitness

Campus Recreation and Fitness promotes student well-being through various recreational and fitness programs. We offer opportunities for student engagement and leadership through club sports, intramural sports, recreational programs, and fitness programs. Our club sport teams are student run organizations that range from competitive to performance based. The intramural program provides an opportunity for students to engage in some friendly competition against their peers on campus in a variety of sports. Recreational and fitness programs are hosted at both indoor and outdoor facilities, providing opportunities for students to maintain physical fitness, socialize and relieve stress throughout the year. For any questions regarding any of our programs, please visit the Recreation and Fitness website, Adanti Student Center room 231, or call at (203)-392-7234.

Counseling Services

Counseling Services, located in Engleman B 219, provides free, confidential, time-limited group and individual counseling for enrolled undergraduate and graduate students. The office is staffed by psychologists, professional counselors, social workers, psychiatric nurse practitioners, and advanced graduate student interns. Staff are trained to help college students navigate their challenges and difficulties, achieve their academic and personal goals, and promote their success, mental health, and well-being. Students can call or stop by Counseling Services to make an appointment, and students in crises should present directly to Counseling Services during the day and contact University Police after hours. For more information, including assistance with finding counselors and mental health services off-campus, mental health screenings, online mental health resources, skill-building workshops, and educational programming on wellness, stress-management, and mindfulness, please visit https://inside.southernct.edu/counseling or call (203) 392-5475.

Fitness Center

The Fitness Center is operated by Campus Recreation and Fitness and is available to current students, faculty, and staff. Located on the second floor of the Adanti Student Center, the facility features a weight room, cardiovascular equipment, a selection of equipment for check out, a TRX/cycling studio, and group fitness classroom. # Membership also includes all group fitness classes and a variety of motivational and instructional programs designed to help you reach your goals and have fun!
The Fitness Center collaborates with student organizations and offices on campus to provide outreach and education about the benefits of an active lifestyle. Membership information, hours, and class schedules are available on the Recreation and Fitness website. For more information, please call the Fitness Center at (203) 392-8971.

Student Health Services

The Student Health Center is located in Granoff Hall on Wintergreen Avenue and is open to all students: residential, commuter, full time, part time, and graduate. You do not need to be covered by health insurance as there is no charge for visits with the providers. We do not bill insurances but current health insurance information should be supplied in the event of additional testing such as x-rays or blood tests. There are some basic diagnostic tests and medications that we supply for a small fee. A physician, nurse practitioners, registered nurse, and support personnel are available Monday through Friday. Student Health Services provides confidential clinical health care to students by appointment, which can be scheduled by phone. Referrals in emergency situations can be done expeditiously to hospitals or specialists in the area. Student Health Services’ telephone number is (203) 392-6300, the fax number is (203) 392-6301, and the email is healthservices@southernct.edu. If anyone requiring medical assistance is unable to reach a staff member at this number, they should call University Police at (203) 392-5375, or 911 in an emergency.

All full-time and part-time students are required to have properly completed health forms on file at Student Health Services prior to registration. The Connecticut State University Student Health Services Form and requirements can be found on the Student Health Services website.

The university reserves the right to deny registration and campus housing to any student not in compliance. Director: Diane Morgenthaler, M.D.

Additional Requirement for On-Campus Resident Students

Connecticut State Statutes also require that all students living in campus housing are required to be vaccinated against Meningitis within the past five years prior to enrollment with the following exemptions:

- Those with a valid medical exemption signed by their healthcare provider;
- Those who provide a statement that immunization is contrary to their religious beliefs.

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Student Accident Insurance

As part of your enrollment at the University, all full-time students for the current term are covered under the University Accident Policy provided by Aetna Student Health. This policy is in place, regardless of what health insurance you have, to protect students and provide excess coverage in the event of an accident. The cost of this accident policy, which covers accidents both on and off campus, is included in the general University fee each full time student pays. This accident policy is a secondary policy meaning the
insurance plan will pay only accident-related costs that are not covered by a student's
other (primary) health insurance policy. The coverage period is August 1st through
December 31st for the Fall term and January 1st through July 31st for the Spring term.

- A claim should first be submitted to the student’s primary insurance carrier.

Aetna's claim form is available here: Aetna Student Health Claim Form and will need to
be completed and submitted to Aetna along with a copy of the Explanation of Benefits
(EOB) from the primary insurance and a copy of the itemized bill.

* Please keep in mind that an EOB is not a bill. It is an explanation of how an insurance
company has paid or not paid a claim sent to them.

- For additional details please reference: Filing Accident Claims for Connecticut State
University Students

- Should any students need to obtain an Accident Only Verification letter for their
primary insurance company or provider to indicate that this is not a primary health
insurance plan, they can reach out directly to Aetna customer service at 877-375-4244.

Support and Resource Team (SART)

Southern Connecticut State University's Support and Resource Team (SART) is
designed to provide a collaborative victim/survivor-centered team response to sexual
violence. The mission of SART is to provide services that ensure a transition from
victim to survivor for every individual whose life is impacted by sexual violence.
The SART members can provide a survivor with many supportive options including
counseling, medical attention, judicial services, advocacy, referrals, and general
information regarding sexual violence. Should a survivor choose to file a police report,
the University Police and Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support (VPAS)
Center staff will assist the individual with the reporting process. SART members
strive to empower the survivor to make their own decisions by providing on-and off-
campus resources. SART members will offer support as needed and hold perpetrators
accountable. SART members will keep confidentiality to the best of their abilities.

The SART has been designated by the Division of Student Affairs to handle sexual
assault cases. The team includes a coordinator and designated individuals from
throughout the University. The Support and Resource Team is available to help anyone
who reports a violation of the sexual misconduct policy. In cases of immediate danger or
an emergency, call the University Police at 9-1-1.

Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support Center

For information or to report sexual violence, students may contact any member of the
team. Please visit the Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support (VPAS)
Center website at https://inside.southernct.edu/vpas/sart for team members' contact
information and details of services.

The Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support (VPAS) Center is committed
to helping to create a campus community of respect and safety by providing violence
prevention education, victim/survivor advocacy, and support services. Prevention education topics include sexual misconduct (sexual harassment, sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, sexual exploitation), affirmative consent, risk reduction, bystander intervention, hazing, bullying, and safety. Advocacy services are available to support students who have experienced sexual misconduct, hazing, bullying, or any other crime. The VPAS Center is also responsible for the coordination of the University Support and Resource Team (SART). The VPAS Center is located in Schwartz Hall. Additional information is available by calling the Center at (203) 392-6946 or via the VPAS Center website at https://inside.southerncit.edu/vpas.

The Wellbeing Center

The Wellbeing Center is located in Schwartz Hall, Room 100, on Fitch Street. The Wellbeing Center is a one-stop-shop for student wellbeing support services, educational programming, and leadership development. The Wellbeing Center’s mission is to create happier, healthier, and more successful students through the promotion of holistic wellbeing. The Wellbeing Center functions as an integrated wellbeing hub that creates multi-departmental synergy in the delivery of comprehensive wellbeing assessment, intervention, and referral services. The Wellbeing Center provides effective and engaging wellbeing education and preventative public health programming on a broad array of issues including, but not limited to: health and fitness, nutrition, sleep, stress, sexual health, drug and alcohol use, mental health, disabilities, civic engagement, violence prevention, and advocacy. The Wellbeing Center provides robust opportunities for wellbeing leadership development through peer education, training, and supervision. For more information, please stop by or call (203) 392-7108.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Breastfeeding-Friendly Campus

Southern Connecticut State University is dedicated to providing programs and resources that support students as they balance the demands of their studies and parenthood. There are over 40 designated breastfeeding champions to answer questions and provide a guide to lactation accommodations on campus. While many informal lactation spaces exist across the campus, SCSU currently has one centrally located, multi-user lactation room on the first floor of the Hilton C. Butley Library, Room 117. There also are single-user lactation rooms in Jennings Hall, Room 224, and Wintergreen Building, Room 115. Students who need a quiet, welcoming space in which to pump breast milk may use the lactation room with advance notice. To gain access to use the lactation room, please complete the online room reservation form on the Lactation Space website.

Child Care Partial Reimbursement Program

The SCSU Division of Student Affairs recognizes the unique difficulties for many students who are also parents with young children. To help students who are struggling financially during the semester due to child care/babysitting expenses for their child(ren) under 12 years old while they are taking classes, the SCSU Office of Student Affairs
sponsors a Child Care Partial Reimbursement Program that offers a limited number of partial reimbursements to students who meet all of the eligibility requirements. Priority is based on financial need. For more information, please contact the website of the Division of Student Affairs.

**Dining Services**

The University offers a wide variety of meal plans to fit different schedules and lifestyles for both commuter and residential students. All residential students are required to have a meal plan. The various meal plans include 12, 15, or unlimited meals per week. With these plans, students have ample choice and opportunity to dine at as many as five separate locations on campus. The SCSU Hoot Loot Card is required to access these student meal plans. SCSU dining services are provided in Connecticut Hall, Michael J. Adanti Student Center, Engleman Hall, North Campus, and Buley Library.

Connecticut Hall is an all-you-care-to-eat facility, open from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The food choice includes breakfast throughout the day; a hot entree changed daily, pizza, grilled food, salad, desserts, and drinks.

The Michael J. Adanti Student Center offers a food court type environment open Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This features Dunkin' Donuts coffee shop, a light fare and salads as well as sandwiches, grilled burgers, chicken, fries, pizza, and a healthy options theme. On Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., enjoy a full Dunkin' Donuts venue.

The Owls Perch at Buley Library features "Proudly we serve Starbucks" establishment. In addition, the Bagel Wagon in Engleman Hall, and the C-Store at North Campus feature grab and go sandwiches, as well as snacks, drinks, and sundries.

Commuter Block Meal Plans are also offered, as well as the option to purchase food using the Food Loot portion of the Hoot Loot card. Meal plans can be used in any of the food service venues on campus. All University dining services accept cash, Hoot Loot, Food Loot, credit, and debit cards.

**Emergency Medical Assistance**

Emergency medical assistance is initiated with a call to University Police at (203) 392-5375 or 911. A police dispatcher will obtain a brief description of the emergency and send an officer to the scene. In case of a life-threatening situation (e.g., apparent heart attack, breathing difficulty, state of unconsciousness) the dispatcher will call simultaneously for an ambulance and arrange for an escort for the ambulance to the exact campus location. In all cases, Health Services will be notified of the action taken.
Transportation

Shuttle Bus Service

The Southern Connecticut Shuttle Service is a cooperative safety-oriented transportation service, offered to the SCSU community through the University Police Department. The SCSU Shuttle system operates on a fixed route schedule, providing safe, convenient, and reliable transportation throughout the campus and surrounding community. Currently, there are five shuttle routes that service the ten enclosed bus stops located throughout the campus. All SCSU shuttle drivers are professionally licensed employees of First Transit and have passed extensive background checks along with additional driver training. For questions or concerns about the shuttle service, please contact First Transit at (203) 281-5470.

On-campus shuttle service is available Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Union Station (train) shuttle is available Monday through Thursday from 7:15 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Friday from 7:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After 11:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, a student may utilize the Late Night Owl Service, which provides walking escorts for students and staff. The phone number for the Late Night Owl Service is (203) 392-6367.

For a complete detailed schedule of all shuttle services and stops, please go to: SouthernCT.edu/shuttles.

Area Public Transportation

Bus service to New Haven and the vicinity is provided by Connecticut Transit, which makes regularly scheduled stops on Wintergreen Avenue in front of Granoff Hall and on Fitch Street near the Alumni Bridge. For a complete bus schedule, please visit the Connecticut Transit website at www.cttransit.com.

University Bookstore

The University Barnes & Noble Bookstore, located on the first floor of the Adanti Student Center, provides course materials in a variety of formats including new, used, digital, and rental options. Students may also participate in the Price Match program. Course materials can also be purchased through the University Bookstore's website https://southern-ct.bncollege.com.

The Bookstore offers a wide assortment of Southern imprinted clothing and gift ware. Also available are a wide assortment of snacks and beverages, health and beauty aids, school supplies, art supplies, laptops, printers, and headphones.

Part time positions are available at the beginning of each semester.
Vending Services

Cold beverage and snack food vending machines are located throughout the University community in virtually every academic building and in residence halls. All vending machines accept cash or Hoot Loot dollars.