

Information for International Applicants

Southern Illinois University School of Law is a **full-time, day-time** program with admission always beginning in Fall. Acceptance of international applications is always discretionary. Southern Illinois University School of Law does not have a part-time program available.

Students interested in applying as an **international** student must:

- Follow the **same admission requirements** as all other applicants.
- Have taken the **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)** exam. The **minimum** score accepted is **600**. The TOEFL is required unless the applicant has obtained either an undergraduate or graduate degree in North America. There are no exceptions to this.
- Have submitted all **foreign transcripts to LSAC** which are processed through the JD Credential Assembly.

All international applicants should know that generally they are ineligible for educational expense loans available to United States citizens. Therefore they must be prepared to provide the financial resources for all educational and personal expenses for the duration of the program.

Applicants who are admitted to the program will be required to participate in the Center for English as a Second Language (CESL) Graduate Student English (GSE) program or an equivalent program prior to matriculation, unless this requirement is waived. The Director of Admissions and Financial Aid will notify the applicant of this requirement at time of admission.

Admitted international students who need an I-20 Form to enter the United States should contact directly Michelle Neill of International Programs and Services. Michelle can be reached at mneill@siu.edu or 618.453.7663.

All of the following documents must be received in order to provide a **complete international application**:

Submit items below online through LSAC at www.lsac.org.

- Application
- \$50 Application fee
- Memorandum to the Admissions Committee answering all five questions
- Current Résumé (uploaded with online application)
- LSDAS Report (Report will be requested by us and sent from LSAC).
 - a. Current registration for LSDAS
 - b. LSAT taken within past five years
 - c. Foreign Transcripts sent directly to LSAC from all institutions
 - d. Two letters of recommendation sent directly to LSAC
 - e. TOEFL Score sent directly to LSAC

Submit or Send supplemental materials below directly to school:

- Supplemental documents and explanations for Character & Fitness section of application, if applicable

Address to send supplemental materials:

Southern Illinois University School of Law
Office of Admissions and Financial Aid
1209 W. Chautauqua Road; Mailcode 6811
Carbondale, IL 62901
email: lawadmit@siu.edu