Information for Parents Brochure 2019-2020

Southern Adventist University

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God has a purpose for your student, and Southern is committed to helping him or her find that purpose by exploring individual interests and passions. Students on our campus receive outstanding preparation for career success while being encouraged and supported as each develops a personal relationship with Jesus. We can’t wait to meet your student and witness the unique talents, drive, and personality that he or she will bring to our campus family!

Since 1892, Southern has been known for its spiritual atmosphere. Professors approach every topic from a Christ-centered perspective, challenging students to think for themselves; prayer pervades campus, from the classroom to the ball fields; and collective worship in the residence halls, in small LifeGroups, and through Friday night vespers draws the Southern family together.

Opportunities for expanding worldviews abound, with short- and long-term mission trips, international learning trips, and options to study abroad. Even on campus, the diverse student body allows individuals to learn about other cultures and develop broad friendship groups.

Academically, students benefit from small class sizes and a 13:1 student-to-professor ratio. Professors take a personal interest in their students, making time outside of class to answer questions, give advice, and pray together. Major Field Test pass rates and job placement rates continue to prove that Southern students are well-prepared for the real world.
Parents Speak: Why Pick Southern?

“A dear friend recommended Southern to us. During our tour of the school, we felt right at home and welcome. The smile on our daughter, Summer’s, face during the tour said it all—we knew that this was the school for her.”

~ Beverly Guice

Parents Speak: Why Pick Southern?

“Since we live in California, I had reservations about sending my twins to school so far from home. But we decided to check it out anyway. While attending church during our visit, I just felt like God talked to me and told me this was the place for them to go to college—that they were going to be well taken care of and were going to thrive academically and spiritually at Southern.”

~ Bonnie Chi-Lum

Explore Tools for Success

Southern is fully committed to your student’s success. At every step of the way, we offer students the resources to help them reach their goals.

- Student Success Center – Before students even arrive on campus, a knowledgeable advisor is available to help them through the process of selecting classes and registering. Once on campus, the student is paired with an experienced peer mentor and plugged into a small group of other new students with similar academic interests. Additionally, career counseling, emotional counseling, and disability support services are offered on campus.

- Learning Support Services and the Writing Center – Free peer tutoring is available to all students. The team of student experts assist in developing the knowledge base, skills, and strategies needed to become confident and independent learners, plus covering specific materials for many classes. They also help students become more comfortable with the writing process, offering one-on-one assistance at whatever level the student needs.

- On-Campus Employment – More than half of the student body is employed on campus, working in the residence halls, library, eateries, and wellness center, just to name a few. On average, this contributes $2,500 a year to paying a student’s bills, in addition to developing useful skills and connections.

WHAT COMES NEXT?

So you know what to expect, here are the main things to be done between now and when [preferred] is ready to start classes:

VISIT OUR CAMPUS!
- Schedule a time at southern.edu/visit.

FILL OUT THE APPLICATION
- Find the form at southern.edu/apply.

SEND US TRANSCRIPTS
- Mail unofficial high school transcripts as well as ACT or SAT scores to:
  Southern Adventist University
  P.O. Box 542
  Collegedale, TN 37315
  Or email to applications@southern.edu.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID
- Visit fafsa.gov to complete or renew the FAFSA using Southern’s school code 003518.

CREATE AN ACCOUNT
- Look for an email (sent to each accepted student) with a Student ID number and instructions on how to create an online MyAccess account.

MAKE COMMITMENT DEPOSIT
- Pay the $250 commitment deposit by visiting southern.edu/payment or by calling 1.800.SOUTHERN.

BEGIN ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST
- Complete and return all required paperwork.

CONSIDER SMARTSTART
- This free class starts a month before the fall semester and gets students ahead of the game. Learn more at southern.edu/smartstart.

REGISTER FOR CLASSES
- For assistance with selecting classes, contact First Year Advising at southern.edu/advising.

ACCEPT FINANCIAL AID
- After receiving a Financial Aid Award Letter, accept or decline aid as instructed. Email questions to ProspectiveFinance@southern.edu.
- Go to southern.edu/payment to set up a payment plan or to see your account balance.
- Apply for any additional loans needed.

ARRIVE AT SOUTHERN!

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“We believe in a Bible-based education, and we found that at Southern. There is an uplifting atmosphere on campus that permeates from academics to recreational activities. Besides that, the academic and merit-based scholarships that Southern offers make it affordable. After prayerful consideration of all the options, we knew that the best place for our son, Daniel, was Southern.”

~ Elena Vargas