
Dear Student,

If you're entering college for the first time, or even coming back after several years' absence, there is information in this catalog you'll need. It's not the most exciting bedtime reading, but it does pack a lot of information about our academic programs throughout your college experience.

This catalog and our helpful staff also can answer your more immediate questions:

1. *Can I get some financial help with college costs?*

Yes, a full range of financial aid programs are available to qualified students. Mr. Jim Gilbert and his staff can provide you with information and applications in Hearnes Hall 114, 417.625.9325. (*Financial Aid, page 45*)

2. *I haven't decided on a major yet. What do I do?*

Southern has trained counselors to help you discover what your best interests and attributes might be. Visit with Kelly Wilson, Hearnes Hall 115, 417.625.9324. (*Student Support Center, page 20*)

3. *I'm concerned about the transition from high school to college. Is there someone to help?*

The Student Support Center can help here too, as well as your College Orientation class. See Holley Goodnight, Hearnes Hall 115, 417.625.9324. (*Orientation, page 21*)

4. *Do you have an Honors Program?*

Southern has an excellent and challenging Honors Program which includes a summer study option at Oxford University in England. Talk to Dr. Patricia Kluthe, Webster Hall 118, 417.625.9686. (*Honors Program, page 40*)

5. *What activities and organizations are available?*

A host of special events, student activities and departmental organizations are available throughout the year. Drop by the Student Activities office, Billingsly Student Center 102, 417.625.9320. (*Student Activities, page 22. See also individual departments.*)