

Dear Student,

If you're entering the university 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 bed-time reading, but it does pack a lot of information about our academic programs throughout your university experience.

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

1. Can I get financial help with university costs?

Yes, a full range of financial aid programs are available to qualified students. Jim Gilbert, Director of Student Financial Aid, and his staff can provide you with information and applications in Hearnes Hall 114, 417.625.9325. (*Financial Aid, page 43*)

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, Director of Student Support Center, 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?

Yes, the Student Support Center can help here too, as well as your University Orientation class. See Amy Ryder, Freshman Orientation Coordinator, Hearnes Hall 114A, 417.625.9521. (*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 Patricia Kluthe, Director of Honors Program, Webster Hall 118, 417.625.9748. (*Honors Program, page 39*)

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 222, 417.625.9346. (*Student Activities, page 23. See also individual departments.*)

**Additional information is available at the Southern web site:
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