

March 2, 2020

Greetings from Southeast Missouri State University – Sikeston!

If you are planning to take all your Fall 2020 courses at the Southeast Missouri State University – Sikeston campus, it is time to prepare!

Your first step is to activate your Southeast Key, if you haven't already done so. Go to <http://portal.semo.edu> to activate.

Your second step is to schedule a time to be advised and get enrolled. We will be hosting five advising and enrollment group sessions at the Sikeston campus. You may choose from the following dates (all sessions are 9 a.m. to noon):

Friday, March 6th Friday, March 20th
Friday, April 3rd Friday, May 1st
Thursday, June 4th

Please call 573-472-3210 to RSVP for one of these sessions. An RSVP is required. If you are unable to attend a group session, you may schedule an individual appointment for April 23rd or after by calling the same number.

If you have an ACT English sub score of 17 or less *and* you don't have college credit for an English course, you are strongly encouraged to take a Writing Placement Exam. This online exam needs to be completed at least one week prior to your reserved date, so that we will know your correct English course placement. **Check your Southeast email regularly, as instructions will be sent there.**

Your third step is to apply for available financial aid and scholarships:

- Complete a 2020 - 2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. The Southeast Missouri State University school code is 002501. If you are planning to utilize the Southeast A+ Scholarship, completing a FAFSA and making it through financial aid verification (if chosen) are required. If you have applied for the Summer 2020 semester, you should also complete a 2019 - 2020 FAFSA.
- Southeast Missouri State University has a wide array of endowed and sponsored scholarships, including some specifically for Southeast – Sikeston students. Although a separate application is not required, admitted students may receive notification (via their Southeast email) that they meet the requirements for certain awards that require additional information.

If you are planning to take any of your first-semester courses on the Cape Girardeau campus, you will need to register for a First STEP orientation. You should have received information about First STEP in your admission packet; you may find out more and register by visiting <http://www.semo.edu/nsp/firstSTEP/index.html>.

You may already know that attending classes at Southeast – Sikeston can save you money on your 100- and 200-level courses. Currently, students save over \$80 per credit-hour over the Cape campus/online rate on their 100- and 200-level courses. Your average savings per semester on these courses can run between \$980 and \$1,475 (for a 12- to 18-hour course load).

We hope to see you soon at Southeast – Sikeston! If you have questions, contact the Sikeston office at 573-472-3210 or sikeston@semo.edu.

Sincerely,

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