Parent Resource Guide

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Slippery Rock University™
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Dear Parents and Families,

On behalf of Slippery Rock University, I would like to be one of the first to welcome you to the Slippery Rock community! Please accept my congratulations on your student’s decision to attend SRU. We are very excited and looking forward to your entire family joining the “Rock Nation.”

During the coming months, your student will face many changes while transitioning to college life. Like your student, you too will probably have some questions about many of our University’s resources, policies and more. With that in mind, I’m sure you’ll find this guide a great help in making the transition – for both you and your student – as easy as possible.

SRU is dedicated to creating an atmosphere which supports our students in achieving academic excellence throughout their time at our University. As your student transitions from high school to college, your relationship is bound to see some changes as well. However, as time has shown, the relationship you share with your student is still the single most important of their life. Your support, guidance and encouragement, along with the resources provided by the University, will help your student reach their goals, whatever they may be.

We encourage your continued involvement and look forward to staying in contact with you throughout your student’s time at our campus.

If you have any questions along the way, please know that we are here to help.

Again, welcome to Slippery Rock University and GO ROCK!

Philip K. Way
Interim President
OUR VISION
Slippery Rock University will excel as a caring community of lifelong learners connecting with the world.

OUR MISSION
The fundamental educational mission of Slippery Rock University is to transform the intellectual, social, physical and leadership capacities of students in order to prepare them for life and career success. Complementary missions are to engage in scholarly activity and professional service.

SRU is committed to serving a diverse student body and empowering anyone regionally, nationally and internationally who can benefit from its programs and lifelong learning opportunities. Thereby SRU addresses the educationally-related economic, health, environmental, social, cultural and recreational needs of the communities served by the University.

In pursuit of SRU’s educational purpose, talented faculty and staff provide creative integrated curricula and experiences that are connected to the world in which graduates will work and live. Students are taught using powerful and engaging pedagogies in appropriate learning spaces employing state-of-the-art technology. They study in an open, caring, nurturing and friendly environment; and live in a safe community with access to high-quality student services. SRU strives to be a best-value institution with an affordable cost and substantial student financial support.

OUR HISTORY
Slippery Rock University opened its doors on March 26, 1889 as Slippery Rock State Normal School. Its first president was James E. Morrow, grandfather of Anne Morrow Lindbergh, and the enrollment for the first session was 168 students. Limited to a singular mission in teacher education, the normal school over the years fulfilled its mandate well, graduating thousands of students to staff the public schools in Pennsylvania and throughout the nation.

In 1926, the institution was purchased by the Commonwealth, became a four-year teachers college and continued the tradition of teacher training. While the curricular preparations were in elementary education and a number of secondary education subjects, the area of academic focus which was assigned at that time by the Pennsylvania Department of Education was in health and physical education. It was in that concentration that the institution soon achieved a national reputation for excellence.

Slippery Rock State College was established in 1960 and for the first time, could award undergraduate and graduate degrees in the liberal arts and in the professions. Expanded curricular offerings and an increased number of degree programs created an appreciable rise in enrollment. From 1960 to 1970, enrollment rose from 1,314 to 5,446 students. Nearly five decades later, as part of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education, SRU boasts an all-time high enrollment of some 8,895 students – from 41 states and 34 countries – taking advantage of more than 100 degree programs.
Academic Information

First Year Studies (FYRST)

First Year Studies

First Year Studies has only one goal: to facilitate a student’s transition to the University.

FYRST is the home of all new students. The purpose of FYRST is to provide quality academic services that support the instructional process. Appropriate course placement and class scheduling are critical components of a successful first-year transition. Academic advisement of new freshmen is coordinated and directed by FYRST. Academic advising is perhaps the most important faculty/student relationship outside the classroom.

Many academic support services are coordinated and delivered to new students by FYRST. Specifically, Learning Community Clusters, FYRST Seminar, tutoring, College Success Workshops and academic peer assistance are housed in the Academic Services Department, a major entity of FYRST. A student’s progression through FYRST is assisted by an academic adviser. However, it is the student’s responsibility to see that he/she meets the requirements of the degree-granting college.

FYRST Student Academic Progression Goals

Students progressing from FYRST to a degree-granting college should leave with:

- A sound introduction to the expectations of higher education and the behaviors and attitudes that will be helpful in their adjustment to the University
- Accurate, timely and courteous responses to their questions about University procedures, resources and programs
- Clear and accurate information regarding academic programs and how to formulate and personalize their own baccalaureate degree
- A clear understanding of both their individual rights and responsibilities and those of the institution
- A clear understanding of the requirements for their desired degree-granting college (minimum requirements are 29 credits with a 2.0 grade point average)
- A well-informed decision regarding their chosen degree program or major area suited to their interests, abilities and intended careers
- Belief that their academic advisers were willing to discuss with them any matter affecting their academic work
- An appreciation for the value that a college degree has to personal growth, career opportunities and community obligation

First Year Studies (FYRST) Seminar and Learning Community Clusters

The transition to college life can be challenging and stressful for many students. The academic, social and personal advantages provided to first-year students who join a Learning Community Cluster help students to reduce stress and enjoy a successful first semester at SRU.

In an LCC, students enroll in a series of classes with the same students. This enables students to get to know each other better and develop a sense of community within the group. Included in each LCC is a FYRST Seminar, a student success class offered to first-year students at many colleges and universities nationally. Research has shown that the more students connect to the university, the more successful they are in their college experience.

First Year Studies Advising Program

The mission of the FYRST Advising Program is to personalize the first year by ensuring that students will receive a high standard of academic advising from pre-enrollment to orientation, and throughout their first year. FYRST advising services will provide assistance that will help students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to select an academic program. During a student’s enrollment in FYRST, they will develop a more thorough understanding of their own purpose and goals in college as well as those of the University.

In order to progress satisfactorily through a degree program, students must have available not only accurate information about requirements and procedures tailored to individual educational needs, but also a knowledgeable and caring adviser capable of helping them to coordinate their educational and career objectives commensurate with their abilities. FYRST advisement should assist students in clarifying their life/career goals and their consequences by facilitating self-assessment and helping them to develop an education plan for the realization of these goals. Finally, FYRST advising should act as a referral service to other campus agencies, including the Office of Career Education and Development.

The faculty and staff of FYRST believe that students succeed academically by developing sound student learning, success strategies and attitudes in a challenging curricular environment. These habits are enhanced through extensive and positively intervening academic advising and learning assistance experiences.

Advisers

Each student at SRU is assigned to an academic adviser to assist them through their time in college. Advisers are available to help students understand the value of a liberal arts education, University policies and procedures for scheduling courses, calculating grade point averages and many other topics. They also provide information regarding proper campus resources in order to help students solve certain concerns. Advisers offer reliable materials about selecting a major related to student’s interests, goals and abilities.
Slippery Rock University believes computer competency is an important outcome for any college graduate entering today’s marketplace. Computer competency has been a graduation requirement since 2008. SRU has a range of courses that will help students achieve computer competency during their collegiate careers.

The goal of this competency requirement is to ensure that students can effectively use computers and technology to succeed in an information-based society. The purpose of the competency test is to determine if new SRU students have already acquired the faculty-designed minimum level of computer competence.

First-year students will receive an email via their SRU email after attending an orientation session. All competency exams will follow each set of orientation sessions. Included in this email will be instructions for taking the Computer Competency Examination, offered through Desire2Learn. Students will receive notification of their scores immediately after each individual exam is concluded.

If students do not pass the exam, there are multiple courses available to improve competency, including:

- CPSC 100: Introduction to Computing for Liberal Arts (1 credit)
- CPSC 110: Computer Concepts (3 credits)
- CPSC 130: Introduction to Programming Information Systems (3 credits)
- PE 202: Technology for Phys. Ed. Teacher Education (3 credits)

Transfer students who have taken a computer class at their previous institution should check their "My Rock Audit" to see if they have fulfilled the requirement for SRU.
Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at Slippery Rock University is here to help your student with all aspects of financing their education. Education is one of the most important investments that your student can make and the required paperwork and complex decisions can sometimes be overwhelming. We have a variety of helpful tools on our website, www.sru.edu/finaid, that can help guide your student through the process. Have questions? We invite your student to make an appointment or stop by our office for answers and assistance.

Contact Information:
Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships
108 Maltby Avenue, Suite 107
724.738.2044
financial.aid@sru.edu

Student Accounts

The Student Accounts Office is a student service office where students and parents can pay all charges applicable to a student’s individual account, including: tuition, fees, room and meal plans. Payments can also be made online by logging into the Parent Portal and selecting “Student Account Billing and Payments (TouchNet)” or signing in directly to TouchNet. Online payment methods include: electronic check or credit card (Mastercard, Visa, Discover or American Express). A 2.75 percent convenience fee is applicable to all credit card/debit card payments. Payments can also be made by check, money order or cash. Credit card payments are not accepted in the office. The Student Accounts Office also processes and disburses all excess financial aid to students by check or direct deposit. In addition to generating bills and receiving payments, the office also administers an institutional installment payment plan.

For more information please visit: www.sru.edu/studentaccounts
OFFICE OF STUDENT ACCOUNTS
104 Old Main

MAJOR FUNCTIONS:
• Billing and application of payments
• Review payment options, deadlines
• Direct deposit authorization forms
• Process “refunds” of any excess financial aid to be used for books and other non-billable charges

CONTACT INFORMATION
724.738.2088 phone
724.738.4344 fax
student.accounts@sru.edu (email)
www.sru.edu/studentaccounts

PAYMENT OPTIONS OFFERED EACH SEMESTER
• Pay-in-full by first payment due date
• Student/Authorized User will need to enroll via the student portal for a plan
• Payment Plan FAQs
  – A number of payment plans will be available
  – All payment plans will incur a $40 fee per term- this can be added to bill
  – A $15 late fee will be assessed for late/missed or partial payments

PAYMENTS ONLINE THROUGH MYSRU
• Electronic Check /ACH (no fee)
• Mastercard, Discover, AMEX, VISA (with an added convenience fee of 2.75 percent).

PAYMENTS BY MAIL OR MADE IN THE OFFICE:
• Cash, check and money orders only; payments by credit card are not accepted in the office
• Phone payments are not accepted

DIRECT DEPOSIT AUTHORIZATION FORM
It is recommended that students enroll in direct deposit for any refunds. Students can enroll via the MySRU portal or by completing the form and returning to the office so that anytime the student receives aid (including loans) in excess of their billable charges, the excess (refund) will be automatically placed into the student’s designated bank account. The form is available at: www.sru.edu/StudentAccounts

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID
107 Maltby Center

MAJOR FUNCTIONS
• Assist families with FAFSA questions
• Calculate eligibility for grants and student loans
• Counsel families about Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan and alternative private education loan options

CONTACT INFORMATION
724.738.2044 phone
724.738.2922 fax
financial.aid@sru.edu (email)
www.sru.edu/finaid

FAFSA INFORMATION
• FAFSA website: www.fafsa.gov
• SRU School Code for FAFSA: 003327
• Fall 2018 file FAFSA: NOW
• Fall 2019 file FAFSA: October 2018
• Federal Processor for FAFSA help:
  • 1.800.4FedAid (1.800.433.3243)

FAFSA FSA ID (ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE)*
Both the student and parent (if applicable) should sign the FAFSA “electronically” with a FSA ID (username and password).
• Can request a FSA ID while completing FAFSA
• Student will also use his/her FSA ID to sign federal loan Master Promissory Note
• If you forgot your FSA ID, go to: fafsa.gov to request a FSA ID

IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL (DRT) AND THE FAFSA
The U.S. Department of Education encourages students and families to upload their federal tax information into the FAFSA via their IRS Data Retrieval Tool embedded in the FAFSA.

By using the DRT when filing or correcting the FAFSA, no additional federal income tax documentation is required by the school.

FEDERAL “VERIFICATION”
Approximately one-third of FAFSA-filers are selected by the federal processor for “Verification”.
• If selected, SRU’s Financial Aid Office will send the student a letter explaining “verification” requirements
• Students and families should respond with documents within two weeks if possible
• Call if you have questions

HELPFUL FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES AND NUMBERS:
• FAFSA Help and FSA ID
  – 1.800.4FedAid (1.800.433.3243)
• PHEAA State Grants and Special Programs
  – 1.800.692.7392 (www.pheaa.org)
• Federal Direct MPN and PLUS Loan Application/Request:
  – www.StudentLoans.gov
Financial Information

Tuition and Fees at SRU: As one of the 14 universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, our tuition is set each summer by the Board of Governors after the state budget is approved. Official tuition figures will be posted at www.sru.edu/StudentAccounts.

Students, however, can use the figures below for an estimate of costs for the coming year.

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*Go to www.sru.edu/StudentAccounts for additional details about the SRU Non-Resident Tuition Discount Policy.

Housing and Meal Plans
Students can choose from a variety of meal plans and a variety of room types, therefore actual costs for these can vary substantially; for actual costs, please visit the Office of Residence Life webpage: www.sru.edu/housing.

Books
Students purchase books from the SGA Bookstore (owned/operated by the Student Government Association) and/or other bookstores/sites. As a result, the SRU Office of Student Accounts cannot bill students for books. Students should be prepared to pay for their books at the start of each semester. (Some students may be eligible for a refund to purchase books; see next section).

Refunds
If a student receives financial aid in excess of billable charges (typically occurs from student or parent loans), the Office of Student Accounts will refund the overage to the student (or parent if due to PLUS Loans) within a few days of the occurrence of the credit balance. The first refunds each semester are typically generated by the first day of classes. Refunds are based on actual funds received by the Office of Student Accounts and not on anticipated aid.

GO To MySRU
(located in the top-right corner of every SRU webpage) to access a variety of online financial-related activities 24/7, including:
• View your eBill, including charges and payments made on your account
• Authorize parents or others to have access to your billing account and to pay bills
• Pay your bill
• View documents or actions needed to complete your financial aid file
• View your financial aid award letter
• Accept/reduce/decline student loan offers
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT VARIOUS FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS
Detailed information about grants, scholarships, loans and work-study is available at: www.sru.edu/finaid

FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOANS:
Students may borrow up to $5,500 during their freshman year for costs related to their education. These loans can be:
• Subsidized: Need-based; no interest accrues on the loan while enrolled at least half-time, or
• Unsubsidized: Non-need-based; interest accrues from the date the loan is disbursed to the school

TO ACCESS A DIRECT LOAN, A STUDENT MUST:
1. File the FAFSA
2. Accept the loan on MySRU
3. Complete Entrance Loan Counseling
4. Sign a Master Promissory Note
Steps 3 and 4 must be completed at www.StudentLoans.gov using the student’s FSA ID to log in.

FEDERAL DIRECT PARENT PLUS LOANS AND ALTERNATIVE PRIVATE EDUCATION LOANS:
At times, after a student has been notified of their grant, scholarship and loan eligibility, they find that they need additional funds to assist with their costs. In these cases, students and families often consider applying for Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loans or Alternative Private Education Loans. Both types of loans require a credit-worthy borrower or co-signer. Information about these loans, including the application process, is available at: www.sru.edu/loans. Potential borrowers should apply for these loans in June or early July to allow for timely processing so the loans can be finalized before Fall bills are generated. In addition, borrowers are encouraged to determine their loan needs for the full academic year and apply for a full-year loan (August through May) so that only one application is needed.

OUTSIDE (PRIVATE) SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS:
Students who are receiving funds from private agencies and organizations are responsible for having those funds sent to the SRU Office of Student Accounts. Because the funds are provided by outside entities, the Office of Student Accounts does not recognize them as confirmed resources until the funds are received. Funds are applied in full to the Fall semester unless otherwise specified. If these outside resources are needed to cover billable charges but are not received by the first payment due date, the family will automatically be placed on SRU’s Installment Payment Plan. A family may choose, however, to pay their outstanding balance on the bill in full at the time of the first payment due date. The Office of Student Accounts will generate a refund once the outside resources are received.

FEDERAL WORK STUDY ON CAMPUS:
While the SRU Financial Aid Office notifies students of their eligibility for the need-based FWS program, jobs are not guaranteed, and most new freshmen do not work on campus their first year. Students interested in working on campus must secure their own jobs which are posted on-line through the Office of Career Education and Development. Students who work on campus are paid bi-weekly and the earnings are paid directly to the student. FWS earnings are not automatically deducted from a student’s bill.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS
Students must meet SAP requirements for continued aid eligibility. The complete SAP Policy is included with the student’s initial award letter each year and is also available online at: www.sru.edu/finaid. In brief, students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA and must also successfully complete at least 67 percent of all attempted credits in order to maintain eligibility for federal grants, loans and Federal Work Study. Satisfactory Academic Progress policies for state grants can vary. Students are notified by their state grant agencies of these policies.

UNIVERSITY OFFICE HOURS:
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
(8 a.m. – 4 p.m. summer and winter sessions)
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
108 Maltby Ave., Suite 107
Slippery Rock, PA 16057
Student Employment and Work Study Positions

Q: How many jobs are on campus?
A: There are about 1,600 jobs in Slippery Rock University offices plus a few hundred jobs with AVI Fresh foods. Some of these jobs are 20 hours a week while some are limited service, such as taking tickets at athletic contests. There are about 8,800 SRU students, so there are only enough jobs for a little under ¼ of our students.

Q: Will my student be able to find a job before they come to SRU?
A: Most campus offices have already hired and trained their student workers for fall so that they can start the semester fully staffed. Also with new state laws, all student workers have to undergo background checks and fingerprinting, just like full time SRU employees—so students cannot be hired until after they arrive.

Q: What if my student really wants a job for fall? Is there any chance they will find one?
A: While most SRU campus offices will be fully staffed for fall, AVI Food Systems, our campus food provider, will hire a large number of new students. They typically have a hiring fair early in the semester. Even though AVI is not an official SRU office, they pay at the same rate and at the same frequency as campus offices. Seek out information on jobs at AVI when your family visits campus for orientation. While this is not a “work study” position accepting a job at AVI will not affect financial aid (please see questions and answers about work study, below).

Q: If my student works at AVI do they have choices as to where they work?
A: There are many work options with AVI (catering, Weisenfluh, Quaker Steak, Starbucks, Boozel Dining Hall, T&B Coffee, and many others). AVI is more flexible on hours than most campus-based offices. First semester students are mostly in class during the times when campus offices need workers; AVI needs people all day long and into the evenings.

Q: During my student’s first semester, how do they look for a job in a campus office?
A: To find a job, students must visit individual offices and ask the secretary or the director. Most (more than 95%) students who eventually earn a job in a campus office (other than AVI), will find their job in the second or third semester of their time at SRU. Campus offices like to hire second and third semester students because they are acclimated to the campus, and the office can keep them on-board for 3 years, which cuts down on training.

Q: Are there part-time jobs available near SRU?
A: Yes. For students seeking part time jobs near campus or at the Grove City Outlets, as well as students seeking internships and full time jobs, the Career Education office has a tool called SRU Career Connection (SRU CC). SRU CC is not intended as an on-campus job hunting tool. New students will receive access to SRU CC over the summer.

Q: My student’s financial aid award letter says “work study”. Does that mean that they are guaranteed a job?
A: Some students received a “federal work study” allotment on their financial aid award. This does not guarantee a job. What work study means is that SRU is reimbursed by the federal government for a work study student’s wages for up to the amount shown. So, SRU offices are somewhat incentivized to hire those students with work study allotments. Since campus offices will be mostly staffed for fall, most new SRU students who are looking for a campus office job will find their jobs for spring semester, beginning in October and November and will start working in late January. Again, if a student needs a job for fall, they should seek their job with AVI Fresh Foodsystems.

Q: Does work study mean that my student can study while they work?
A: “Work study” does not mean that your student can study while they are at work. Anyone working in a campus office must be professional and follow office procedures just like full time employees.

Q: Do my student’s work study wages come off of their tuition bill?
A: Work study wages do not come off of a student’s tuition bill. Work study wages are paid to the student, not to their student account. If a work study student wishes to use their earnings to pay on their account, they must do that with a check or debit card online or in the Office of Student Accounts.

Students’ Rights Under FERPA

A student’s rights with respect to their educational records are protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. The FERPA policy can be found in the Slippery Rock University catalog within the “Academic Policies” and “Records Privacy Policy” sections. FERPA is in place to protect the privacy of students. Parents and guardians have limited access to their student’s records, such as grades, billing, financial aid, class schedules and more. SRU cannot provide any information to anyone other than the student without prior written consent.

For more information, please visit SRU’s Student Consumer Information webpage at www.sru.edu/studentconsumerinfo
SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Honors Program

The Honors Program is a selective interdisciplinary community of highly motivated, talented and engaged students. It promotes academic excellence, personal growth and engaged learning within a community that is supportive, challenging and enjoyable. The Honors Program curriculum supports and enhances all academic majors and offers many benefits to students including up to 40 four-year scholarships and the opportunity for students to be involved with mentored research, conferences and leadership positions.

We strongly encourage all honors students complete an independent study, research or performance project as part of their honors requirements before they graduate. These projects are done within the student's major and offer students the opportunity to work in collaboration with a faculty mentor. Students are also encouraged to complete Honors Contract Courses that feature one-on-one, faculty-student mentored academic projects that enhance and elaborate on regular coursework. With the financial support of the Honors Program, students are encouraged to present their undergraduate research at national and regional conferences.

In addition to focusing on mentored research and conferences, the Honors Program encourages students to create peer groups and friendships with their classmates. Partnering with Housing and Residence Life, Honors students are able to become members of the Honors Living Learning Community, where they can create a supportive community with fellow Honors students.

The Honors Program at Slippery Rock University continues to grow and develop, with more students each year, and an increase in the number and variety of honors courses offered each year. As we continue to grow, our program is transitioning to become a more comprehensive Honors College in the fall of 2018.

For more information, please see our website at: www.sru.edu/honorsprogram

Office for Community-Engaged Learning

The Office for Community-Engaged Learning believes that service helps build identity – civic identity, professional identity, personal identity, academic identity, and community identity, to name a few. We encourage students at Slippery Rock to begin their community engagement as a volunteer in one of our short-term service projects or through enrollment in an academic service-learning course. As students become more knowledgeable about our communities, students often seek deeper learning through commitment to an on-going service program or participation in an alternative break. Students looking to deepen their impact and further enhance their leadership skills may apply for civic leadership opportunities, such as Service Leadership Coordinators, Alternative Break Community Ambassadors, and Experiential Learning Guides.

International Study Opportunities

(Preparation for overseas study and travel)

While we know that your student just got to Slippery Rock University, we’d also like to send them away…to take advantage of our International Study Programs.

Opportunities exist in more than 25 countries and can range from a week to a full year. All have an academic focus, but also offer many opportunities for cultural and personal growth, in addition to seeing another part of the world. When the time comes for your student to apply for jobs and/or graduate school, s/he will have a competitive edge over students without a similar experience.

Some programs involve language acquisition such as French, Spanish, German, Japanese, Korean or Chinese. Others involve traditional classroom experiences (in English) in a variety of fields of study, as well as internships, student teaching and short-term travel programs.

Time and again, students have indicated that their study abroad experience was the highlight of their University experience. Annually, more than 500 SRU students take advantage of these opportunities.

Further information is available in

The Office for Global Engagement

002 Spotts World Culture

Contact by phone at 724.738.4016, or by email at theresa.thower@sru.edu.

You can also visit our website at www.sru.edu/studyabroad or find “SRU Study Abroad” on Facebook and/or Twitter.
Residence Hall Staff
Each community has a live-in graduate residence director (GRD) who assists the assistant director of residence life of each building in providing academic and personal assistance, supervising hall staff, advising house council, and responding to your student’s concerns and building emergencies. The in hall staff is the primary resource for students.

Each floor community has a community assistant. Typically, this is an undergraduate student who is available to assist your student and the floor community to resolve conflicts, provide social/educational programming, as well as personal and academic assistance.

All residence hall communities also have a welcome desk attendant staff, who provide 24-7 coverage at the front desk in each hall, assist with guest registration, printing services for academic work, checking out hall equipment, and assist with issuing keys/IDs if your student becomes locked out of their room.

Community Building Activities
As a resident of Slippery Rock University residence halls, we want your student to find an environment that provides a place for them to grow as an individual. A large part of that development comes from learning how to express themselves in an assertive manner, as well as be observant of how their actions affect those around them. To help, their community assistant holds monthly programming to help students interact and participate in social and/or educational activities. Monthly floor meetings offer a time for each resident to share things that are on their minds, concerns they have, as well as fun things they have found to attend or become involved with on campus.

Experience has shown that this direct sharing and communicating (without the use of cell phone or other technology) helps students to connect as a community, support each other and be good neighbors – the beginning of the road to good citizenship.

Remember, that this is your student’s new community. Encourage them to be involved, share their input and take an active role of keeping their community positive. Their opinion is valued, and they have the right to be heard.

Educational and Social Programs
All residence halls provide educational programs (topics relevant to college students) and social programs (opportunities to relax and enjoy time with other residents) throughout the year.

Community Room Norms: Roommate/Suitemate Agreement
Your student and their roommate/suitemates will be asked to complete a roommate agreement within the first few weeks of their time living together. As a resident of the room, your student will have an opportunity to identify their preferences for study time, social time, guests, borrowing and sharing items, etc. Once they have done this, they will together agree on the “room norms” for the year. The community assistant will be available to assist with developing and revising room norms, as well as mediating roommate or suitemate conflicts that might arise later.

Residence Halls: Access and Safety
Each residence hall room has sprinklers, smoke detectors and a fire protection plan. Residence halls and R.O.C.K. Apartments windows, front and side doors are lockable 24-hours a day. Exceptions for front doors are made during regular business hours for two residence halls which house University offices and for selected requests for short periods during opening, closing, special events and academic classes. Access to front doors and selected side doors is provided to residents through their University ID. Additionally, floor communities are locked and are accessible to residents only through their University ID.

Guests of residence hall students are permitted in residence halls between 10 a.m. and 2 a.m., Monday through Friday, and between 10 a.m. Friday and 2 a.m. Monday. Guests must be registered with residence hall front desk staff and are only permitted to sleep in the room of a resident of the same gender during weekends and with the permission of the roommate(s). Overnight guests must be at least 18 years of age unless special permission has been granted by the Office of Residence Life and only after the guardian has submitted an approval form which can be found on our website.

Living Learning Communities at The Rock
Living Learning Communities at SRU offer the opportunity for residence hall students to live with other students who share similar academic, career or personal interests. Research shows that students living in an LLC are more successful academically, socially engaged and more likely to persist and graduate. At SRU, we strive to assist our students in developing personally, becoming responsible global citizens and encouraging lifelong learning. The Living Learning Communities are one of the ways to help our students achieve. Students who live in these communities identify that the greatest benefit of living in an LLC is the opportunity to live and learn with other students who share their academic, professional and personal interests.
Getting Ready for Residence Hall Living

Before your student arrives on campus

• Have a conversation with them about their first steps toward establishing their independence.
• When working with college students, the residence life staff will always take calls from parents, but will insist that the student attempts to ask his or her own questions or solve his or her own challenges. Please encourage your student to seek our resources directly, as it is an important part of the learning experience from the guided independence college provides.
• Agree about how your student will take the first steps to solving future challenges or asking questions once they arrive on campus. Students may find it helpful to use parents or guardians as an important resource for consultation regarding solving a problem and then take the initiative to solve the problem themselves. Some of a student’s first challenges on campus may include who puts their clothes away in their new room, setting up their room with their roommate and agreeing on room norms.
• Encourage students to share their mailing address, phone number and email with their friends and family. You can send your student a package for them to open their first weekend away or at any point throughout the semester.
• Remind students to pack lightly and look for creative storage options.

Living on campus provides a diverse community environment, where students will live among other students from varied religions, cultures, races and/or sexual orientations. Remind your student to keep in mind that living on campus with a roommate will be much different from living at home, but with an open mind and positive attitude they will quickly form friendships that will last a lifetime. The Office of Housing will offer an open room change for students roughly 3 weeks into the fall semester and at the end of the semester in preparation for spring. If your student would like a room change, they can sign up following the open room change instructions emailed to them.

Move-In Day

WOW (Week of Welcome) volunteers will be available to assist with unloading vehicles.

Once the vehicle is unloaded, the driver will be asked to move it to a specified parking lot so others can unload. Prepare to have someone who can stay with your student’s items while they check-in and someone to move the vehicle once all items are unloaded. A shuttle service is available to and from parking lots. For more information about WOW, visit www.sru.edu/wow.

A limited number of carts and dollies are available to assist with moving-in.

All buildings have elevators and stairs. Good planning can make check-in a smooth and easy process. Once your vehicle is unloaded, a student’s items should be moved from outside to inside. The WOW volunteers will assist you with this process. Please place your student’s name and room number on all boxes and belongings in case an item(s) gets misplaced.

Arrive at your scheduled time and date.

After July 1, students will be asked to log on to their MyHousing portal and choose a check in time. Please do not arrive early in an attempt to “beat the rush.” Arriving during the predetermined time will get students through the check in process quickly and efficiently.
Dining is an important part of the campus life experience. Studies have shown that eating a well-balanced meal helps students succeed in the classroom – good nutrition and good study habits go hand-in-hand. SRU Dining Services wants to make sure students get the best of both by providing a wide selection of food in its dining facilities. The convenience of a meal plan means students will have more time to concentrate on studies and activities; while being provided the opportunity to socialize and make friends. Each dining center is a destination with its own atmosphere and unique menu. Students can use flex funds, credit/debit cards, or cash to purchase items or meals at the following dining locations:

- **Boozel Dining Hall**, located on the lower end of campus near the Smith Student Center is a contemporary dining facility featuring an open-kitchen and multi-station food court offering hot entrees and ethnic foods; hot and cold sandwiches; pizzas and pastas; vegetarian entrees; soup/salad bars; fresh-baked breads and desserts; and a variety of beverages. For those with allergies and/or special dietary needs, there is also a food intolerance station. **Boozel Express**, in the lobby of Boozel Dining Hall, offers a hot or cold take-out meal option 24/7.

- **Weisenfluh Hall**, located across from North Hall on the upper campus, features four dining concepts, including: Elia’ (coffee shop/gastro-pub menu); The Met (grill/healthy options); Horizons (international street fare and Mexican); and Umami (Pan Asian).

- **Robert M. Smith Student Center**

Students can use flex funds, credit/debit cards, or cash to purchase items or meals at the following dining locations:

- **ROCKY’S**, located on the second floor, is a food court featuring Italian specialties and pizza, subs, wraps, chopped salads and grab-n-go items. Pizza delivery is provided to students on the meal plan (distance restriction for off-campus deliveries.)

- **QUAKER STEAK & LUBE**, the first QSL operation located on a college campus, is adjacent to Rocky’s on the second floor. The popular chain restaurant features its famous wings, burgers and side dishes.

- **STARBUCKS**, a fully-licensed store, is located on the first floor next to the SGA Bookstore.

- **T & B Naturally Coffee Shop** is located in Bailey Library and serves 100 percent certified organic coffee, organic pastries and a variety of other items.

- **Flatz Express at Watson Hall**, located in the residential village, offers a variety of breakfast items, individual pizzas, specialty coffees, bottled beverages, salads and sandwiches.

- **Campus Drive Grill** is a food trailer parked adjacent to the North Hall lawn. Students on the go can choose from a selection of sandwiches, soups, salads, fresh-cut french fries and more. Students can use a meal or pay for their purchases with flex funds or cash.

Dining operations are open from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m., Sunday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Hours are subject to change.

For additional information regarding meal plan options, call: 724.738.2038.

Food Allergies and Special Dietary Needs

The eight major food allergens are labeled in the dining facilities: tree nuts, peanuts, fish, shellfish, dairy, eggs, soy and wheat. Boozel Dining Hall provides a separate service line for those with allergies and/or special dietary needs. A dietitian is on campus twice a month – more frequently if needed – to review the dining operations, provide educational sessions and conduct personal consultations with students. Students who are required to follow a medically-prescribed diet must provide documentation from their physician.

Meal Plans

The meal plans at SRU offer the most convenient way to take advantage of all the features of our Dining Services program. Visit [www.sru.edu/Dining](http://www.sru.edu/Dining) for a complete list of the meal plan options.

Meal contracts are for one semester and provide a designated number of meals per week or per semester (block plans). A week begins with Monday breakfast and ends with Sunday dinner. Any meals remaining at the end of a week will not be refunded or carried into the next week. Students may use up to four meals per day; however, there is no refund of any unused meals. Students also have five Bonus Meals per semester to use for friends and family who may want to dine with them. Bonus meals are not redeemable at retail locations.

Flex Fund

Most meal plan options include a Flex Fund account with a predetermined dollar minimum. Off-campus students may contract for a Flex Fund only plan, a debit account that can be used for purchases at any of the food service operations. Unused Flex Funds will carry over from fall to spring semester if a spring meal contract is signed. All Flex Funds must be used by the end of spring semester. The Flex Fund may be increased at any time throughout the year. GET is a new feature of the meal plan access software that enables students to use the free phone app or go online to view their meal plan usage history, check real-time meal and flex balances, find dining locations and hours of operation, and add flex to their accounts. Flex additions can be paid with a credit card or a bill-me option. Visit GET online at [http://get.cbord.com](http://get.cbord.com) or download the free GET app to your smartphone.

Students living in University residence halls are required to contract for a meal plan and will automatically be enrolled in the 15-meal plan/$255 Flex Fund. Students have a two-week grace period at the beginning of each semester during which they may change their meal plan. Off-campus, ROCK Apartment and commuter students may choose from any of the meal plans.
SRU also alerts the campus community of the occurrence of certain incidences which may pose an ongoing threat. Alerts are posted in residence halls, public bulletin boards, entrances to campus buildings, etc. Electronic communications are also utilized, including e-mails and those who register for EZCampus alerts.

Public information concerning individuals registered pursuant to “Commonwealth Sex Offender Registration Statute” may be obtained by going to the Pennsylvania State Police website: www.psp.state.pa.us

SRU Police and Campuswide Safety

Below are a list of safety measures and services that SRU Police provide to students.

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**THE CRIME PREVENTION TEAM**
University Police Department offers a variety of crime prevention and safety training programs to all students and staff. Programs may be requested by fraternities, sororities, faculty, and student organizations. Please call University Police at 724.738.3333 to request a program.

**E2CAMPUS ALERTS**
In an effort to better disseminate emergency information, SRU’s new emergency text messaging system will alert students, faculty, and staff during, and only during, a campus emergency or weather alert. Powered by E2Campus, this system is a mass notification system that can alert you with a text message on your mobile phone, wireless PDA, as well as RSS feeds, personalized web pages from Google, My Yahoo and AOL, and the SRU Homepage.

**ESCORT SERVICES**
University Police offer safety escorts for students, staff, and faculty 24/7. Escorts may be provided using student security, officers on foot patrol/bike patrol, or by vehicle.

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**Plates Around The Rock**

**CAMPUS SAFETY**

**Slippery Rock University Police**
The mission of the Slippery Rock University Police Department is to provide a safe campus community in which to live, work and learn. Duties include the enforcement of both commonwealth laws and University policies. In addition to these duties, the SRU Police open and secure buildings, provide emergency first aid, monitor and respond to fire and intrusion alarms, provide a communication desk for information and emergency purposes, patrol the grounds of Slippery Rock University and provide escorts.

University Police routinely report maintenance problems regarding safety and security. We also suggest improvements pertinent to crime prevention. The department has developed programs addressing personal and property safety for students and staff. These programs are presented to groups, including orientations, and are scheduled through the director of University Police. Individuals or groups seeking information concerning the availability of literature or presentations are urged to contact the University Police Department.

The department has a complement of 13 commissioned police officers and three dispatchers who provide 24-hour, year-round coverage to the campus. All University Police officers are commissioned by the governor of Pennsylvania and have full police powers including, but not limited to, the authority to arrest and issue citations. All officers have completed municipal police training (Act 120) and are required to complete annual mandatory update training as well as attend specialized training seminars. They are also recertified annually, as required, in first aid and CPR, haz-mat, blood-borne pathogens, and OC spray. The officers must qualify with their firearms and auxiliary weapons three times each year.

Slippery Rock University is situated half in Slippery Rock Borough and half in Slippery Rock Township. Slippery Rock Borough has a police department and SRU officers assist them in emergency situations. Slippery Rock Township utilizes the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP). The SRU Police have an excellent working relationship with PSP, borough police, as well as all other law enforcement agencies. This working relationship enhances the ability of law enforcement agencies to perform more efficiently in an effort to provide a safe community.

SRU Police work closely with the Slippery Rock University Student Judicial System. Information of a criminal nature concerning Slippery Rock University members is, therefore, shared with the SRU administration and/or the student judicial system assuring an accurate statistical count of crimes. The sharing of information follows federal and commonwealth law.

In an attempt to keep the campus community informed, SRU Police have established a police blotter, which is open for public review at SRU Police headquarters. The blotter is a chronological summation of crimes reported to Slippery Rock University Police. It is divided into two sections, crimes and arrests. Media, as well as the general public, may view this information.

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SRU is pleased to offer MyStudentBody, a comprehensive program that delivers reliable college health information to students with customizable content across each campus. Developed through work with college students and nationally renowned experts, MyStudentBody tackles the most relevant health issues on college campuses today, including alcohol, drugs, sexual health, nutrition, stress, and tobacco. The MyStudentBody comprehensive program provides students with valuable information, and aims to improve your student’s daily life and all around health.

MyStudentBody features online courses about alcohol, drugs and sexual violence that are used in schools nationwide as a requirement for first year students. Providing online education through a flexible interactive design, the MyStudentBody courses teach students about alcohol, drugs and other addictive substances. The goal of the course is to increase students’ knowledge, decrease harmful behaviors, and provide information to help students make good decisions. Participation is expected prior to the first day of class. Students will receive information with more details at orientation and will receive log-in information via their SRU e-mail account.

Students rely on their parents for support and guidance throughout their college career. MyStudentBody-Parent gives you information about how you can help your student face challenges related to alcohol and drugs head on. We encourage you to visit MyStudentBody-Parent for practical suggestions and strategies to ease the transition to school. Video conversations, interactive tools, and school specific information will help you feel more confident while talking with your student. You can access the program by going to www.mystudentbody.com and creating an account using slipperyrockparent as the school code.

We are happy to provide this service to you and your students. If you have questions about the online educational tool, MyStudentBody, contact Renee Bateman, Student Health Services, 724.738.4206. You can help your student get connected to SRU resources by visiting the SRU "Just in Case" app. The app can be downloaded by visiting bit.ly/srujicapp.
Responsible for a variety of campus safety initiatives, the Department of Environmental Health and Safety works to ensure Slippery Rock University is in compliance with applicable federal, state and local legislation related to occupational safety and environmental health matters. EHS collaborates with University Police during emergency incidents and planning; and Facilities and Planning to facilitate maintenance, renovation and construction projects to ensure activities are performed in a safe and compliant manner. Working in conjunction with University officials, EHS recommends policy and procedure development for safety, risk management and emergency preparedness; promotes a safe and healthy work place; and encourages proactive measures towards sustainability and environmentally responsible programs.

Some of the many programs for which EHS is responsible for the management and oversight of include:

- General safety and environmental compliance
- Accident reporting
- Emergency management and preparedness
- Fire safety and prevention
- Hazardous materials and chemical safety
- Planning for campus renovation projects
- Recycling
- Risk management and insurance
- Workers’ compensation

For detailed information about EHS and University safety and health programs, visit: [www.sru.edu/EHS](http://www.sru.edu/EHS) or call 724.738.2055.
The award-winning Robert N. Aebersold Student Recreation Center (ARC) is distinguished by its unique design, which includes a series of pyramid-shaped skylights. The layout of the facility is functional as well as aesthetically pleasing. The ARC provides programming opportunities for aquatics, rock climbing, intramural sports, informal recreation, fitness, wellness, outdoor adventures, group fitness, sports clubs and educational adventures that stimulate, satisfy and educate students.

The 82,000 square foot facility includes:
- 40-foot tall climbing wall leading to the main skylight
- Russell Wright Fitness Center which offers numerous fitness and wellness avenues for students to enhance their physical well-being; more than 100 pieces of cardio, selectorized and plate-loaded equipment; as well as a free weight area
- 22,000 square-foot gymnasium featuring four courts for basketball, volleyball, badminton and pickleball
- 3,428 square-foot aquatic center that provides water space for lap swimming, aqua aerobics, water basketball and water polo
- 200-meter indoor track for running and/or walking
- 1,100 square foot multi-purpose recreation room/classroom that can be utilized for small recreational programs, group fitness and safety certification classes
- Multiple activities court used for group fitness classes, indoor soccer, floor and roller hockey

The ARC provides students with on-campus employment opportunities to develop good work ethic, strong leadership abilities and personal responsibility as officials and field/court supervisors. Student employment is available in the Russell Wright Fitness Center, pool and group fitness, as well as facility operations.

Student employment positions are available, as needed, at the welcome desk, aquatic center, fitness center, climbing wall, and as group fitness instructors and intramural sports officials and supervisors.

An SRU ID is required to access the ARC and to participate in intramural sports.

Dr. James McFarland Recreational Sports Complex (The MAC)
The MAC consists of six lighted fields (four multi-purpose and two softball fields), a rugby field and the dek hockey rink, surrounded by a walking path. The complex is available for informal use by SRU students. The MAC is also used for all scheduled outdoor intramural sports; some sport club events and student club/organization activities. It is also available for summer rentals and adult sports leagues.

Ski lodge/campground
Campus Recreation also manages and schedules the use of the Ski Lodge and a 10 site "primitive" campground. Non-electric campsites are available for rental by parents, friends and students - $10 per site/per night. Rental reservation includes restroom/shower access. Reservations are accepted for student organizations and academic departments, as well as community.

Disc golf links course
"Open" public course on campus, available for daily informal usage. 18 hole course, on campus, with "holes" starting behind Building F. The SRU course is one of the sites for the 2015 World PDGA Pro Disc Golf World Championships.

Campus Recreation Programs

Group fitness classes
Campus Recreation offers free group fitness classes geared toward improving cardiovascular health and body composition. A variety of classes are offered throughout the year. Classes typically include: boot camp, high/low, hip-hop, pilates, step, yoga and Zumba. Aquatic group fitness classes are available—boga-fit and boga-yoga. A complete schedule of classes is available at the start of each semester at the Welcome Center or on the website.
Special Events
Mr. and Ms. SRU
A competitive bodybuilding, physique and fitness show for male and female student participants. Interested persons meet during the fall semester to plan for this spring event in which more than 45 competitors have vied for the Mr. and Ms. SRU titles. For more information on this program, contact the fitness center at 724.738.2924.

HealthFest
This annual fall semester event features more than 100 health-related exhibits, screenings and displays. “In the Pink: Stride for a Cure” breast cancer awareness walk is held in conjunction with HealthFest to raise the awareness of breast cancer.

Mini-triathlon
Sponsored by Campus Recreation and consisting of a 400-yard swim (indoor pool), 10.5 mile bike ride and a 2.5 mile run. The event is co-sponsored by the triathlon and cycling clubs.

Intramural Sports, Club Sports, Outdoor Adventures and Aquatics

Intramural Sports Program
The program offers a variety of coed individual and team sports during the fall and spring semesters either at a competitive MUG or recreational T-shirt level. Visit www.imleagues.com/SRU for details, registration deadlines and team meeting dates.

Club Sports
Participation in Club Sports “bridges the gap” between intramural and intercollegiate athletics by providing competition at specialized levels, participation in tournaments and opportunities to practice. Each club is formed and governed by its student members. An annual leadership summit is held for club officers/members to review club rules, by-laws and constitutions and to learn more about travel policies, incident/injury reports and accounting processes. A complete listing of current club sports is listed on the ARC website and at: www.imleagues.com/SRU

Outdoor Adventures
Programs are offered throughout the academic year including canoeing, white water rafting, indoor and outdoor rock climbing, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, indoor kayak clinics and stand-up paddleboard. The programs provide for both introductory and advanced activities for students in an economical and educational manner. Day trips and weekend adventures are also offered. The OA program also includes the informal usage of the rock climbing wall in the ARC. The wall is open for bouldering throughout the day and for informal rope climbing with trained staff provided between 3-9 p.m. each day throughout the academic year.

Aquatics
The aquatics program offers daily informal usage of the handicapped-accessible, six-lane pool. Lap and open swim is available, as well as aquafit classes. Water polo and water basketball are also played in the pool area. Fully equipped locker rooms are available.
BAILEY LIBRARY

The Bailey Library is a crucial resource for SRU students. The building has three floors with different environments:

**First Floor:** 95 computers and printers, group study rooms, T1 collaborative table and study space; library services including circulation, resource sharing (interlibrary loan), research services, and the TLC (Technology Learning Center); and offices related to student services such as Academic Advisement, Career Education and Development, Tutoring Center and the Writing Center

**Second Floor:** computers and printers, library classroom, Instructional Materials Center, Center for Teaching and Learning, Center for Community-Engaged Learning, library administrative offices, Math Emporium classroom, and group and individual learning spaces

**Third Floor:** computers and printers, the University Archives, Library Special Collections room, Reading Room, and quiet study area for independent study

To access Bailey Library’s virtual resources from a remote location, students will need their SRU network username and password. They will be prompted for this information when they log on. If students experience difficulty logging in, they should contact Kathleen Manning at: kathleen.manning@sru.edu or call the library at: 724.738.2637

LIBRARY HOMEPAGE AND SERVICES

www.sru.edu/academics/bailey-library

From this page, students can access the library catalog and discovery search, LibGuides for journal articles and databases, and information pertaining to library services and personnel.

Research Help
Ask a librarian
Call: 724.738.2641
Email: askalibrarian@sru.edu
OFFICE OF CAREER EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT
108 Bailey Library, 724.738.2028

Why Career Education and Development?
When students visit the Career Education and Development Office, they will always learn something about themselves or about the world of work; that is the “education” part. But what about “development?” It is so important that students develop professionally, inside and outside of the classroom. Our office serves as a platform to support, encourage and assist students as they prepare professionally for the world of work. We work with more than 2,000 employers each year, to gain the latest insights on what employers are looking for when hiring for internships and entry level positions.

Encourage your student to use Career Education and Development
No one talks to students more than their parents, guardians and mentors. We know that and encourage “the power of home” in recommending that students visit CED for major and career exploration; first year resumes; academic minor choices; engaging in job shadowing opportunities; attending career fairs and alumni networking events; and building an effective online presence. Later in their academic careers, we will work with students on things like cover letters, mock interviews, graduate school applications and job search strategies.

Services provided to all SRU students include:
• Career coaching and major exploration
• Internship and Career Fairs
• Assistance with cover letters, resumes, interview skills and creating job search strategies
• Networking support and professional online presence including LinkedIn
• Administration of standardized tests required for teacher certifications, admission to graduate schools, professional licenses
• Oversee scholarship opportunities and assisting in the application process
• On-campus interviews by employers seeking entry-level professionals or interns

Major Career Events available for first year and transfer students include:
• Accounting Career Day
• The SRU Fall Career Expo
• WestPACS Job and Internship Fair
• Fall Teacher Professional Development Day and Job Fair
• Backpacks to Briefcases
• The Social Sciences Career Expo
• Safety Management Career and Internship Expo
• STEM Career Week
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CED also maintains a career management system – SRU Career Connection – that contains thousands of jobs, internships, and workshops posted just for SRU students and alumni. The office has also added services for those who plan to seek employment opportunities abroad, through its new GoinGlobal tool.

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THE PRIDE CENTER
236 Robert M. Smith Student Center, 724.738.4378

Mission Statement: To create and maintain an environment that encourages empowerment, awareness, and education about the LGBTQ community of Slippery Rock University.

This is accomplished through a three-pronged approach: education, advocacy and empowerment.

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• Provide opportunities for the campus and surrounding community to learn about and interact with LGBTQ students, staff and faculty.

Advocacy
• Actively support a safe, welcoming campus climate through policy development, committee service and community engagement;
• Inform students of their rights under Title IX and the Student Code of Conduct;
• Assist students seeking appropriate on-campus housing; name change on campus; or issues regarding discrimination and harassment; and
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这种成就通过三个方面的努力：教育、倡导和赋权。

教育
• 向校园社区介绍性取向和性别认同；
• 认识和庆祝同性恋群体的历史；以及
• 为校园和周边社区提供机会来了解和与同性恋学生、员工和教职员工互动。

倡导
• 主动支持一个安全、欢迎的校园气候，通过政策制定、委员会服务和社区参与；
• 通知学生根据《Title IX》和《学生行为准则》的权益；
• 协助学生寻找合适的校园住宿；姓名变更；或处理歧视和骚扰；以及
• 在校园为同性恋学生和盟友提供一个安全的空间来聚会和互动。

赋权
• 维护一个大型资源图书馆，用于参考和个人发展；
• 与同性恋学生建立辅导关系；以及
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THE OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES
105 University Union, 724.738.4877

The Office of Disability Services provides accommodations and services to ensure equal access to education as intended by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Services include assistance with, but not limited to, the following disabilities: learning, physical, hearing, vision and/or psychological.

The following are examples of disabilities that are covered by the above laws:
- ADD/ADHD
- Ambulatory
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Emotional/psychological impairments (bipolar disorder, depression, anxiety, etc.)
- Hearing impairments
- Learning disabilities (dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, etc.)
- Medical health (cardiac disease, diabetes, arthritis, cancer, seizure disorder, etc.)
- Physical/mobility impairments
- Traumatic brain injury
- Visual impairments
- Wheelchair Use

Students must identify themselves and provide appropriate documentation to be eligible for services. Upon acceptance to SRU, students are encouraged to meet with the director of disability services to determine the accommodations that they will need.

Services may include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Enlarged print
- Extended test time
- Interpreter
- Note-taker
- Separate test location
- Taped texts or books on tape
- Test reader
- Test scribe and/or use of computer

The Office of Disability Services is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, visit: www.sru.edu/ods

OFFICE FOR INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE
234 Robert M. Smith Student Center, 724.738.2700

Our Vision
The Office for Inclusive Excellence creates opportunities for all students to excel at Slippery Rock University and beyond. Grounded in the Social Change Model the office offers programs and opportunities designed to create productive campus citizens who can effectively work with others and bring about positive social change.

Our Mission
The Office for Inclusive Excellence is established in an understanding of diversity that welcomes people of all abilities, ages, ethnicities, genders, nationalities, races, religions, spiritual traditions, socio-economic classes, and sexual orientations. Our goal is to practice inclusive excellence so that it is implemented and accomplished consistently throughout the institution.

Our Goals
- Provide mentoring and coaching designed to offer academic and social support, build individual capacity and self-efficacy, and connect students to the University community
- Create opportunities for all students to explore and celebrate cultures and identities in a safe and supportive atmosphere
- Give voice to the needs of students while teaching them to be positive advocates for change
- Advocate for and support the holistic development, persistence, and achievement of multicultural students
- Encourage the development of academic, leadership, and cultural identity competencies among members of the Slippery Rock community
- Collaborate with campus and community constituents promoting inclusivity and respect to issues regarding pluralism, race, class, gender, and sexual orientation

Jump Start Program
The Jump Start Program at Slippery Rock University has proven to be an effective tool in the recruitment and retention of a diverse student body. Designed to serve as a transition program, Jump Start assists students with their acclimation to life here on campus, both academically and socially. Students are provided early access to departmental faculty and advisors to discuss course preparation and career exploration. The Jump Start Program also pairs participants with mentors, facilitates areas for studying, as well as offers life skills workshops throughout the year.

Each participant of the Jump Start Program is paired with an upperclassman student based on their major and/or common interests. Jump Start Study Tables are held on a weekly basis and seek to provide an atmosphere where participants can study and complete homework with the assistance of their mentor. A series of workshops held throughout the year focused on leadership, time management, personal development, and study skills, which aid students academically and socially.
COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT
SRU Counseling Center
Rhoads Hall 724.738.2034

The Student Counseling Center is accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services. Our faculty includes licensed psychologists and/or licensed professional counselors.

The SCC supports and promotes the psychological, academic and holistic health of SRU students. To accomplish this, the counseling center provides the following services:

- Counseling to students through the developmental, social adjustment, academic preparedness and psychological challenges and opportunities they face during their decisive college years.
- Short-term counseling, implements programming on issues relevant to students to enhance their personal growth, assists during crisis situations and is a resource for referral to both on campus and community-support services.
- A safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment for all students.
- Wellness through programming, training and consultation to the University community.

Services
- The Student Counseling Center provides high-quality individual and/or group counseling and evaluation services to students who may be experiencing psychological, behavioral or learning difficulties, in accordance with current professional, ethical and legal standards.
- The Student Counseling Center provides programming to meet the developmental needs of students to maximize their potential and to benefit from the academic environment/experience. It shall promote development by encouraging positive and realistic self-appraisal, intellectual development, appropriate personal and career choices, the ability to relate meaningfully with others and the capacity to engage in a personally satisfying and effective lifestyle.
- The Student Counseling Center offers consultation and education services to the University so as to promote mental health and a living/learning environment that is conducive to emotional, intellectual and physical growth.

In the event of an after-hours emergency, students can contact: Health Services at 724.738.2052 or University Police at 724.738.3333. For more information, visit: www.sru.edu/counseling

Services provided free of charge to enrolled SRU students include:
- Individual and/or group counseling;
- Crisis intervention and emergency services;
- Referral services;
- Educational and outreach activities;
- Consultation services; and
- A proactive approach.

Concerns addressed may include, but are not limited to:
- Adjustment
- Relationship concerns (romantic, roommate, family and friends)
- Low self-esteem
- Communication skills
- Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual concerns
- Academic or learning difficulties
- Stress/anxiety
- Alcohol or drug use, misuse and abuse
- Test anxiety
- Eating disorders
- Depression
- Grief
- Abuse issues (physical, sexual, emotional)
- Victimization

Other reasons someone might want to see a counselor:
- Frequently missed classes
- Eating disturbances; appetite loss or compulsive eating
- Sleep disturbances, insomnia or excessive sleeping
- Inability to concentrate
- Unexplained tearfulness or emotional outbursts
- Social withdrawal
- Restlessness or irritability
- Significant behavior changes
- Change in academic performance
- Alcohol and/or drug abuse
- Confusion or thinking disturbance

Thoughts, comments and threats of suicide should always be taken seriously. Most individuals request counseling of their own volition. Some individuals need encouragement from friends, residence hall staff, professors, academic advisors, administrators or family. Parent support materials are available on the Counseling Center website at: www.sru.edu/counseling-resources
HEALTH SERVICES
McLachlan Student Health Center, Rhoads Hall, 724.738.2052
The mission of Student Health Services is to enhance the educational process by providing quality health care and promoting an optimal level of health and wellness among the student body.

Student Health Services is professionally staffed with a physician, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, certified health education specialists and administrative support staff experienced in assisting college students with their health needs. It was the first health center in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to receive national accreditation through AAAHC. The Health Promotion Program serves to enhance the educational process by promoting an optimal level of wellness, which is vital to your student’s academic success. This includes education and support for the students’ emotional wellness.

Student Health Services is available 24/7 during the academic year, with physician and nurse practitioner appointments available from Sunday through Friday. Services include:

- Registered nurse evaluation (24/7);
- Treatment of acute and chronic illnesses;
- Medical services appointments;
- Sexual health services including STI (sexually transmitted infection) screenings;
- Birth control;
- Protection Connection (safer sex supplies);
- Medications;
- Immunization and allergy injections;
  - Flu shots

Students also have access to nursing observation areas for overnight care, and transportation to local referral providers when available. Care received by outside providers, such as local ambulance service, is available but is the financial responsibility of the student.

To be eligible for treatment, students must be currently enrolled in classes at SRU and have paid the student health services fee.

Students should submit their health history and immunization information via the Student Health Portal at studenthealthportal.sru.edu before arriving on campus (up-to-date immunization information required).

For more information, visit www.sru.edu/offices/student-health-services For more resources visit Just In Case at bit.ly/srujicapp on your desktop or mobile device.

PARKING AND ID CARD OFFICE
102 University Union, 724.738.4785
ID Cards
A student’s SRU ID card is their key to many services on and off campus, including: residence hall access for those students living on campus, admission ticket to the dining facilities, sports events and other campus activities.

ID cards can also be used as identification for cashing checks at the SGA Bookstore or in town and to check out materials from the library. ID cards are personalized with each student’s photo in order to prevent usage by another person if lost or stolen.

A student ID card may also be linked to a PNC bank account, allowing the ID card to act as a PNC debit card.

Students should contact the ID Card Office if they have questions regarding their student ID card or to report/replace a lost or stolen ID card. The fee for a lost or stolen ID card is as follows: first replacement, $15; second and subsequent replacements, $20.

Each academic year, the first two damaged ID cards are replaced for free, if the damaged ID is presented at time of replacement. Additional damaged ID card replacements within the same year are $10, if the damaged ID is presented at time of replacement. For more information visit www.sru.edu/offices/ID-office.

Parking and Traffic Regulations
All parking at SRU is by permit. All parking lots are marked with signage designating if the lot is residential, commuter or staff parking. A color coded parking map is also available online at: www.sru.edu/parking. At SRU, freshman are permitted to park on campus.

Purchasing SRU student/staff parking permits, payment of parking tickets, filing parking ticket appeals and managing your parking information can be completed online at: www.sru.edu/parking. The Parking Office is located in the University Union, Room 102. The office is open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. After 4 p.m., students or guests may visit the University Police Station to obtain a temporary or visitor parking permits.

Strict enforcement of designated parking areas will occur between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. During weekend and evening hours, all designated parking lots are considered open to the public. Penalties for parking violations range from $30 to $200 depending on the violation. For complete parking and traffic regulations, visit www.sru.edu/offices/parking
TECHNOLOGY ON CAMPUS

Computers

When trying to decide which type of computer to bring to SRU, students should consult with the department/college in which their declared major is housed. Clarification on specific software requirements related to the major may aid in the decision. As always, choose a personal computer or laptop based on the needs of the student.

Be aware that SRU is unable to complete repairs to student computers. If a student is in need of such services, they will need to contact a repair shop to have such work completed.

The Help Desk has a list of repair shops in the local area.

The Help Desk

The Help Desk at SRU is dedicated to providing quality technical support for your student. Assistance is available for the following:
- Desire2Learn (D2L) access issues
- D2L usage help: call 724.738.4220
- ESS and E-Time password resets
- Guidance to safe computing online
- Hardware and software support
- Help submitting IATS work orders
- Limited applications support
- MySru and Office 365 questions and password resets
- Parent Portal assistance
- Smartphone configuration

SRU’s Help Desk is located at the Maltby Center, Room 104. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact the Help Desk at: 724.738.HELP (4357) or helpdesk@sru.edu.

HAPPY BUS

Slippery Rock University’s Student Government Association provides all SRU students with access to on and off campus transportation via two “Happy Buses.” Daytime routes are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

One bus makes continuous loops of the campus, while a second bus circles off-campus locations including: Pine Glen, The Grove and University Village. A third daytime bus route takes students to off-campus locations such as Giant Eagle, The Heights, Subway and many more.

An evening route, offered from 4:30-9 p.m., Monday through Friday, makes on and off campus runs.

There is also a late night route, 9:40 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., Fridays and Saturday. Students can call: 724.698.2049 to determine the location of the bus.

The Happy Bus also takes shopping trips to the Clearview Mall, Target and Walmart in Butler. Students may find dates for these trips on the SGA website at www.srsga.org/happy-bus.

STUDENT SUPPORT

010 Patterson Hall, 724.738.2121

Attending university is an exciting and dynamic experience that can include making lifelong friends, engaging in exciting intellectual pursuits, and participating in the campus community. It is a time to grow in self-awareness and to develop a sense of adult identity. It may also be a time of great stress. Balancing family, work, financial and other obligations may tax a student’s coping skills and may lead to physical and emotional distress and academic failure.

Slippery Rock University is a caring campus community committed to supporting our students not just academically, but emotionally, mentally and spiritually. If you observe a student in a situation where additional support may be needed you can make a Care Referral to the Office of the Associate Provost for Student Success. Once we receive the information we can work with the student to coordinate resources and referrals that may ensure student has the opportunity to be successful.

Care referrals are not intended to be emergency services. If someone is in immediate danger or is an immediate danger to themselves please contact University Police 724-738-3333; Student Health Services 724.738.2052 or 911.

If you know of a student who could benefit from these services, please submit a Care referral at: www.sru.edu/carenetwork or call Student Support at 724.738.2121.
OFFICE FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
AND LEADERSHIP
234 Student Center, 724.738.2092

CORE
CORE is a one-stop shop to involvement at Slippery Rock University. CORE is an online engagement network that connects students to organizations, programs, events and departments on campus. Learn about student clubs and organizations, find out what’s happening on campus, track community service initiatives and more. Check it out at www.sru.edu/CORE

Fraternity and Sorority Life
Fraternity and Sorority Life at SRU is committed to providing opportunities for leadership development, life-long fraternal friendship, campus involvement, philanthropic service and civility. The staff serves as a liaison between the collegiate chapters, alumni, national organizations and the community. Our campus currently hosts six sororities, seven fraternities and three National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations. Each organization is nationally affiliated, which allows our alumni to continue their involvement following graduation, enabling them to be associated with professional men and women throughout the country.

Student Organizations
The Office for Student Engagement and Leadership serves as the premier outlet for students to learn about and explore opportunities to connect with peers and engage in co-curricular and leadership experiences at SRU.

Our mission is to enhance the overall educational experience, through co-curricular programs, services, and involvement opportunities that transform the intellectual, social, physical, and leadership capacities of students. The Office for Student Engagement and Leadership staff empowers students to be transformational leaders who affect positive change on campus and in their communities.

Our mission is accomplished through the following involvement areas:

- Student Organizations
- Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Leadership Programs
- First-Year Leader Scholar Program
- Student Government Association
- University Program Board
- Green & White Society
- Homecoming
- CORE

First-Year Leader Scholar Program (FLSP)
The FLSP empowers participants to become global citizens through engagement in leadership seminars, peer mentoring, community service and real life experiences. Students participating in FLSP will meet weekly with a group of other first-year students facilitated by peer mentors; undergraduate student leaders who have previously completed FLSP. Students are also provided early access to departmental faculty and advisors to discuss course preparation, leadership opportunities and career exploration.

Slippery Rock Student Government Association (SRSGA)
The SRSGA enhances the student experience through advocacy, programs and services designed to support the students of SRU. The SRSGA also serves as a governing body and funding source for more than 200 student organizations. Learn more at: www.srsga.org.

Services provided include:

- Child daycare center
- SGA Bookstore
- Vending operations
- Free legal counsel for students
- SGA shuttle aka “The Happy Bus”
- SGA movie series
- Student Safety Week
- Student life survey
- Off-campus housing information

University Program Board (UPB)
The UPB is a student-run organization that provides a variety of creative, educational, cultural and exciting entertainment programs for the SRU community. Students involved with UPB lead specialized committees that work to bring a variety of concerts, comedians, speakers, special events and community service opportunities to campus. Learn more at: www.srupb.com.

Homecoming
Each year, family and friends are invited back to SRU for Homecoming, a celebration of everything green and white! Student leaders, in collaboration with the SRU Alumni Association, plan a week-long schedule of festivities to promote school spirit and campus traditions. Events include: “Paint the Town;” the crowning of the Homecoming King & Queen; theme meals; alumni networking events; a parade; various sporting events; and more.
The Parent Portal gives authorized users viewable access to their student’s financial and academic information.

**PROXY ACCESS**

The assigned Proxy will be able to view student information such as mid-term grades; final grades; student class schedule; student account information; financial aid information. The Proxy will also be given permission by the student via the Passphrase (created by the student) to discuss viewable content with the offices of Academic Records and Summer School, Accounting Services and Financial Aid.

**FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)**

FERPA rules apply and the Passphrase does not permit the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office to disclose Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) information to non-custodial parents. Students must sign a Financial Aid Release of Information for the non-custodial parent to speak with financial aid.

**STUDENT: AUTHORIZE ASSIGNED PROXY**

Students (the account manager) may authorize parent(s) and/or guardian access to view specific student information within their own portal. For directions go to:

- [www.sru.edu/family](http://www.sru.edu/family)
- Click on Parent Portal
- Student instructions link

**PARENT: CREATE AN ACCOUNT**

Once the student has identified intended Proxy in MySRU, the Proxy may then create an account. To access complete step-by-step directions go to:

- [www.sru.edu/family](http://www.sru.edu/family)
- Click on Parent Portal
- Proxy instructions link

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**Communication**

**PARENT PORTAL**

Student may authorize the Proxy to access any or all of the following listed below (all records are hyperlinked):

- **Financial Aid Information**
  - Status of financial aid requirements
  - Financial aid by aid year
  - Award history

- **General Information**
  - View address and phone
  - View email address
  - View emergency contacts

- **Registration Information**
  - Registration status
  - Look up classes
  - Concise student schedule
  - Week at a glance

- **Student Academic Records**
  - View holds
  - Banner course catalog
  - View student information
  - Class schedule
  - View application to graduate

- **Student Account Information**
  - Statement and payment history
  - Account summary by term
  - Account summary

- **Student account billing and payments (Touchnet)**

**Student Grades**—checking these boxes only permits your proxy to see your grades but not permission to discuss grades

- Midterm grades
- Final grades
- Grade details
- Academic transcript

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**PARENT PORTAL**
Communication

PARENT PORTAL

EXAMPLE OF A VIEWABLE RECORD:

Registration Status

If you have a hold that prevents you from registering, please click the “view holds” link at the bottom of the page.
If your “academic standing” or “student status” prevents you from registering, please contact Academic Records at extension 2010.

You may register during the following times
From Begin Time To End Time
Nov 03, 2014 12:00 pm Apr 14, 2015 11:59 pm

- You have no holds which prevent registration.
- Your Academic Standing is Good Standing which permits registration.
- Your Student Status permits registration.
- Your class for registration purposes is Senior 1.

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Curriculum Information

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IMPORTANT LINKS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

- [www.sru.edu/family](http://www.sru.edu/family)
- Click on Parent Portal link
- Scroll down on page to access Student and Proxy Instructions

If you experience any problems, please contact the IATS Help Desk

- Location: 104 Maltby Center
- Hours: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Phone: 724.738.4357 (HELP) or campus extension x4357
- Email: helpdesk@sru.edu
Communication
Stay In Touch

Email
All Slippery Rock University students are provided with an SRU email address. This is the only address to which the University will send SRU-related communications. The format of an SRU student email address is abc1234@sru.edu, which are the student’s initials followed by a randomized four-digit numeral.

Regular Mail
All students housed in SRU residence halls receive a mailbox. Mail that will not fit in the standard mailbox will be considered a package. When this occurs, an email will be generated to the student’s campus email address with detailed information as to where and when the student may pick up his or her package. The University receives U.S. Mail, FedEx, UPS and other courier services.

The mailing address for resident students should include:
Student name, student room number and residence hall name, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1326

For example:
Suzy Snowflake
591 Residence Hall A (or B, D, E or F)
or 591 Watson Hall
or 591 North Hall
or 591 Rhoads Hall
Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1326

The U.S. Postal Service has requested that all mail sent to students living in Residence Halls A, B, D, E and F use the exact format shown above. The word “Residence” must be spelled out, no abbreviations and the room number preceding it. It is not necessary to include “Slippery Rock University” in the address. Using this exact format will help assure that your student receives mail without delay.

Packages that are being sent through a carrier other than USPS may require an official street address. In those cases, “1 Morrow Way” may be used on the line after the student’s name. That address should only be used in cases where a street address is required. The room number/residence hall name line still needs to appear and be directly above the city/state/ZIP code line.

Care Packages
Sponsored by National Residence Hall Honorary, parents can send their student care packages throughout the year. Parents can choose the type of package they want to send and include a personal note. The success of this program helps SRU to support various student activities. NRHH will notify your student as to when and where to retrieve their Care Package. All unclaimed packages will be donated to charity if they are not picked up. For more information about the program, email NRHH at nrhh@sru.edu.

Celebrate
Friends and Family Weekend
Family and Friends Weekend is Sept. 22, 2018. SRU will host a variety of fun activities such as the Slippery Rock Student Government Association movie series, various SRU athletic events, ROCK the ARC and so much more. Slippery Rock VillageFest also takes place during this time. We hope to see you there!

Slippery Rock VillageFest
VillageFest is the annual fall festival held in downtown Slippery Rock. There are numerous vendors, community booths, carnival foods, games and live entertainment. This festival occurs the same weekend as Friends and Family Weekend. For more information, visit: www.slipperyrockpa.org/villagefest.
Communication
What to Expect During Your Student’s First Year

Fall Semester
August/September
- Beginning of college career
- Nervousness about starting at a new place
- Homesick – frequent communication with family
- Starting to get familiar with campus
- Join extra-curricular clubs and organizations
- Begin search for on-campus employment opportunities

October
- Nervous about exams and course load
- Figuring out ways to stay organized and complete all assignments
- Fall Break – relationships with family may change
- Think about housing situation for next school year
- Meet academic adviser
- Register for spring semester courses
- Utilize campus resources after receiving exam scores such as the Tutoring Center, the Writing Center, professor’s office hours, etc.

November
- Increase in workload before end of semester
- Homesick – ready for Thanksgiving break
- Begin preparation for final exams
- Understand campus and how to get around

December
- Stressed about final exams
- Excitement to go home for winter break
- Figuring out holiday break plans with family and friends
- Separation from new friends and campus life
- Looking for winter employment plans, volunteer hour opportunities and taking winter courses

Spring Semester
January
- Excited to return to campus to see friends
- Readjust to routine created during fall semester
- Continue making new friends

February
- Plan spring break vacations
- Uncertainty with major choice
- Utilizing more resources on campus after feeling comfortable on campus

March
- Stress and preparation for midterm exams
- Spring break – relax before second half of semester
- Feel comfortable with professors to ask for help
- Taking on leadership roles as campus involvement increases

April/May
- Register for fall semester courses
- Complete many assignments before finals
- Preparation for finals
- Excited to complete first year of college
- Leaving new friends for the duration of summer break
- Figuring out summer employment plans and/or beginning summer courses
Academic Course Load
A typical course load for a full-time undergraduate student consists of five to six courses. All students are encouraged to have a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours (credits) per semester.

Academic Dismissal
Students on academic suspension for the third time will be dismissed from the University. The student will be dismissed for at least three years, and after that time only special cases will be considered by the Academic Standards Committee. The ASC is comprised of assistants to the deans of each college.

Academic Probation
Students are placed on academic probation at the end of any academic semester in which they earn less than a 1.75 cumulative grade point average with 16.1 to 32.0 attempted credits, or below a 2.00 cumulative grade point average with 32.1 or more attempted credits (including transfer credits and credits by exam).

Academic Suspension
FIRST TIME SUSPENSION: Students on academic suspension for the first time will not be able to register for, or attend, classes at the University for one semester. Summer Term and Winter Intersession do not count as a semester for suspension purposes.
SECOND TIME SUSPENSION: Students on academic suspension for the second time will not be able to register for, or attend, classes for two semesters. Summer Term and Winter Intersession do not count as a semester for suspension purposes.
READMISSION: Students who are placed on academic suspension for the first or second time and have an interest in returning to the University after sitting out for the one or two semester period will request readmission through the Academic Services Department.

SUSPENDED/DISMISSED STUDENTS: Students who have been suspended/dismissed may not register for courses offered any semester, session or term. A student will not be suspended/dismissed for academic reasons in any semester that he/she has been in good academic standing (i.e., not on probation); earned a 2.000 or higher semester GPA; or complied with the terms of his/her Academic Success Plan.

Academic Warning
Students are placed on academic warning at the end of any academic semester in which they earn below a 2.0 cumulative grade point average with .5 to 16.0 attempted credits or earn a 1.75 to 1.99 cumulative grade point average with 16.1 to 32.0 attempted credits (including transfer credits and credits by exam).

Advanced Placement
Students may be granted transfer credit through the College Board’s Advanced Placement program, if they have completed an AP course and the accompanying exam. Students should contact the College Board to have official test results sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions – Transfer Admissions for consideration of transfer credit.

Attendance
Faculty members determine attendance requirements for their classes. These requirements should be given to students in writing during the first week of classes. Students are expected to attend all class sessions of courses for which they are registered. Instructors are to make allowances for absences occasioned by illness, by authorized activities for the University and by religious holidays. Arrangements to make up work because of class absences are the students’ responsibility.

Change of Major/Minor/Concentration
Forms for changing majors/second majors/minors/concentrations may be obtained in the Offices of the Deans, Academic Records and Registration, Advisement Center, and/or in any academic department.

Notice of Non-Discrimination
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, religion, age, disability, age/or veteran status in its programs or activities in accordance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and other applicable statutes and University policies.
Class Standing
Undergraduates are classified as follows:
Class standing-credit hours: freshman 0-29, sophomore 30-59, junior 60-89, senior 90 plus credits.

Concentration
A program of study in a focused area within an academic program (i.e., degree program, not a minor), consisting of a minimum of 12 semester credit hours for baccalaureate degrees and a minimum of nine semester credit hours for master’s degrees. Requirements for the concentration are included within the program of study for the academic major.

Corequisite
Something required concurrently with the course the student is enrolled in during the semester.

Course Levels
The following undergraduate course number system is used: 100-199 freshman level courses, 200-299 sophomore level courses, 300-399 junior level courses, 400-499 senior level courses.

Course Repeat Policy – Undergraduate Students
Undergraduates will be limited to a maximum total of six repeats during their entire SRU academic career.
In addition, repeats of a single course will be limited to a maximum of two. This means no single course may be taken more than three times. The most recent grades (regardless of whether it is higher or lower) will be the grade used in the student’s GPA calculation. Courses in which a student has withdrawn (grade “W”) will not be included in the University’s Course Repeat Policy.

Dean’s List
Undergraduate students who earn an adjusted semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a schedule of at least 12 newly earned credits will achieve the Dean’s List as long as their cumulative GPA is at least a 2.00. Student teachers may achieve Dean’s List status if they have earned 90 or more credits and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher at the end of the semester in which the student taught. P/NC courses will not be computed into the 12 credit-hour minimum.

Double Major/Degree
Students may declare a second major by completing a Declaration of Second Major form. The requirement for all majors must be completed prior to the awarding of the student’s first baccalaureate degree. Note that students may earn two majors with 120 – 149 total credits. Students must earn at least 150 credits to earn two degrees. Two degrees will only be awarded if they are different (e.g., B.S. and B.A.). The University will not award two of the same degree at the same Commencement ceremony.

Drop, Add and Withdrawal
DROPPING – students may drop courses using yellow drop/add cards or MySRU during the first eight days of the semester. Basic Requirement courses may not be dropped after the first eight days of the semester. New first semester freshmen students are not permitted to use MySRU to drop/add courses. They must use yellow drop/add cards.
ADDING – students may add courses using yellow drop/add cards or by using MySRU during the first eight days of classes. After the first eight days of the semester, students may continue to add classes through the end of the second week of the semester, but only by processing an add card with an instructor’s signature in the Office of Academic Records and Registration.
WITHDRAWING – after the first eight days of the semester, students may no longer drop courses and must withdraw with a grade of “W.” Blue withdrawal cards must be used to withdraw from courses. For full semester classes, a “W” will be recorded as a grade through the end of the 10th week of classes. After that date, students may not withdraw from classes and will be held accountable for and graded on all coursework, exams, etc., assigned during the last five weeks of the semester. For classes that do not meet for the full semester, students may not withdraw after two-thirds of the class meetings have occurred. The student and his/her adviser and instructor must sign withdrawal cards. Students are not permitted to withdraw from Basic Requirement courses. Students taking off-campus or online courses do not have to complete a blue withdrawal card to withdraw from a course. They are to contact their professor notifying them of their intention to withdraw from the class. The professor, in turn, will notify the Office of Academic Records and Registration of the withdrawal.

“Free Elective” Courses
Students sometimes have very little understanding of what a “free elective” is and many students often ask, “What is a ‘good’ elective?” Electives are simply the classes that a student takes that are not part of the liberal studies program requirements or a student’s major or minor program requirements. The number of free elective hours a student needs to meet minimum graduation requirements varies by major and liberal studies program requirements.

Full-time Student
A SRU undergraduate student is considered full-time when enrolled in at least 12 credit hours in a semester.

Good Academic Standing
To be in good academic standing, undergraduate students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher. Several major programs have higher requirements.
Grade Point Average Calculation

The grade point average (GPA) is computed by dividing the total grade points earned by the total number of credits attempted.

For example, if a student earns the following grades in his or her first semester at Slippery Rock University:

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<td>Intro to Music</td>
<td>3</td>
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Total grade points earned: 46 grade points
Total credits attempted: 13 credits
Semester GPA: 3.53
(46 divided by 13)

Further explanation concerning the calculation of the GPA may be directed to the student’s academic adviser, the Advisement Center or the Office of Academic Records and Registration.

Grade Symbols and Grade Point Conversion System

Grade points are assigned to letter grades, as follows:

- A = 4 grade points
- B = 3 grade points
- C = 2 grade points
- D = 1 grade point
- F = 0 grade points*
- UF = 0 grade points
- P = 0 grade points*
- I, IN, or X = 0 grade points**
- W = 0 grade points**
- NC = 0 grade points**
- UN = 0 grade points**

*If a student receives a grade of “F,” credits are not earned, but this grade does affect the student’s GPA (See example above).

**If a student receives an “I, IN, X, W, NC or UN,” credits are not earned and the grades do not affect the student’s GPA.

The “X” symbol means “no grade given.” This symbol will be used only in those rare situations when professors cannot assign students a letter grade or incomplete. The “X” symbol will not affect the students’ semester or cumulative GPA at the time it is given. However, the “X” symbol must be removed from the students’ record prior to the end of the students’ next semester of enrollment. Otherwise, it will be converted automatically to an “F” and will then be used in the students’ semester and cumulative GPA calculations. The “X” symbol cannot be extended beyond the students’ next semester of enrollment.

Incomplete (I or IN) grades must be completed within 12 months (or earlier at the professor’s discretion) or they will be converted to an “F” or “NC”.

The “UF” grade is a failing grade and will be treated the same as an “F.” It is used when a student has never attended or stopped attending the class.

The “UN” grade is a no credit grade and will be treated the same as an “NC.” It is used when a student has never attended or stopped attending the class.

Honors Program

Students who desire to enrich their educational experience at SRU should consider enrolling in the Honors Program. It is open to all qualified students regardless of major.

Minor

A minor is a set of courses that meet specific guidelines and is designed to allow a sub-major concentration in an academic discipline or in a specific area within a discipline. Students cannot major and minor in the same discipline/academic area. Students may declare minors at any time by completing a Declaration of Minor form.

Part-Time Student

A SRU undergraduate student is considered part-time when enrolled in fewer than 12 credit hours in a semester.

Prerequisite

Something required beforehand; “Beginning Algebra” is a prerequisite to “General Chemistry.” Many courses at Slippery Rock University have prerequisites that must be taken first. Read the course descriptions in the online University catalog.

Semester Hour (or Credit Hour)

Credit hours or semester hours are awarded based upon the amount of time spent in the classroom. A lecture class which meets 50 minutes a day, three times a week for a semester, is generally a three-credit course. Classes meeting twice weekly for an hour and 15 minutes are also three-credit courses. A slightly different formula is applied to studio art, laboratory, physical education, and dance courses. A minimum of 120 semester (credit) hours are required for graduation.

University Catalog

Students are responsible for knowing the rules, regulations, and policies that are stated in the academic catalog. The University catalog is only available online. The catalog website is catalog.sru.edu

Academic Resources on the Web

From any SRU webpage click on the “My SRU” icon or visit mysru.sru.edu
“One of the greatest gifts a parent can give a child is to help them find their talents.”

– Sean Covey