SUCCESSFUL LEARNING

A GUIDE TO YOUR FIRST YEAR
2017-2018

SlipperyRock University
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Dear First Year Student/Transfer Student,

Congratulations on your decision to attend orientation and on your decision to choose to enroll at Slippery Rock University. We are very excited to welcome you to our community.

The mission of our Orientation Program is to provide you with the tools, advice and information you will need to be successful in your first year experience at "The Rock." We’ll help you navigate the University’s resources and support services, learn about college expectations and values and realize how to become engaged and involved at the University.

You’ll find one of the greatest points of pride we hold as a community comes from the caring nature of our faculty, staff, and student body who care about your success as a new student. At Slippery Rock University, we believe you can achieve anything or become anyone you choose. The decisions you make and the path you choose will be your own. You will make many decisions while you are at the University. Throughout your college career, we encourage you to explore and participate in extra-curricular activities, cultural events, lectures, recreational activities, international experiences, and student clubs and organizations. We encourage you to explore new ideas, expand your horizons, and find your own niche in our thriving and vibrant community.

At all times, remember that there are many faculty, staff and students who are here to help guide you. If you have any questions along the way, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Welcome to Slippery Rock University. We will do everything we can to help you realize your goals.

Wishing you well on your transition to The Rock.

Amanda Yale
Associate Provost, Enrollment Management

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Dear First Year Student/Transfer Student:

Welcome to “The Rock!”

On behalf of the faculty and staff who comprise Student Success, I am excited to welcome you to our community. It is our job to provide you with services and opportunities that support your success at Slippery Rock University and beyond. Student Success includes: Residence Life, Student Conduct, Student Health Services, Campus Recreation, Disability Services, Academic Services, Student Intervention Services and the Office for Inclusive Excellence.

At SRU, you will encounter new people, new experiences and new ways of thinking. Some of these experiences will exhilarate you and some will challenge you. I guarantee, however, that you will certainly learn and grow over the next few years. My goal, and the goal of everyone in Student Success, is to provide you with an environment that will allow you to thrive.

This guide is a great introduction to SRU and the things you need to know in your first year to be successful. If you ever have any questions about the University or comments about how we can make your experience better, please contact me or anyone within Student Success.

We will do our best to help you achieve your goals and “Experience the Difference” of a ROCK solid education.

Have a great year!

David Wilmes
Associate Provost, Student Success
Welcome to the Rock

History of the Rock

Slippery Rock University opened its doors on March 26, 1889, as Slippery Rock State Normal School. Its first president was James 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 teacher’s college and continued the tradition of teacher training. Slippery Rock was assigned the academic focus in health and physical education by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and it was in that concentration that the institution soon achieved a national reputation for excellence. In 1960, Slippery Rock State College was established and for the first time could award undergraduate and graduate degrees in the liberal arts and in the professions. These 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. Several decades later, as part of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, Slippery Rock University enjoys an enrollment of nearly 8,600 students in more than 150 degree programs. Students are enrolled from 45 states and 36 countries.

As one of the largest campuses in western Pennsylvania, SRU is situated on 600 acres with more than 40 buildings and is located just 50 minutes north of downtown Pittsburgh. Of all the accolades and special recognition that the institution has received, it is most proud of its reputation as a caring and friendly University, a tradition that originated from the dedicated efforts of its faculty, staff and students. It is in the ambiance of that tradition that Slippery Rock University will continue to provide access to high quality education at an affordable cost for students.

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 (SRU) 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.
First-Year Studies (FYRST) has only one goal: to facilitate your 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. Academic advisement of new freshmen is coordinated and directed by FYRST. Academic advisement is perhaps the most important faculty/student relationship outside the classroom.

Appropriate course placement and class scheduling are critical components of a successful first-year transition. The SAT student profile provides the University with a comprehensive database upon which the student may be placed in an appropriate math class and provided with numerous choices in major and non-major (liberal studies) departments.

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.

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

In a 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.

Here’s what students say about their LCC experience:

“Being in a cluster made it easier for me to make friends.”

“Compared to my friends who were not enrolled in a cluster, I was more familiar with the services and staff on campus.”

“I found the LCC very useful when I needed a study partner. We were all on the same page.”

LCC/FYRST SEMINAR ADVANTAGES:
- Make new friends
- Learn success skills and strategies
- Connect with faculty and staff
- Relate to your upper-class peer leader
- Set personal and major/career goals
- Share learning experiences
- Be part of the supportive “Rock” family

FIRST-YEAR STUDIES (FYRST) Advising Program

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

In order to progress satisfactorily through a degree program, you must have available not only accurate information about requirements and procedures tailored to individual education needs, but also a knowledgeable and caring adviser capable of helping you coordinate your educational and career objectives commensurate with your abilities. FYRST advisement should assist you in clarifying your life/career goals and their consequences by facilitating self-assessment and helping you 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.
First-Year Studies

ADVISERS

What can you expect from your adviser?

• Help in understanding the value of a liberal arts education.
• Help in understanding University policies and procedures for scheduling courses, calculating your GPA, understanding the liberal studies program, etc.
• Reliable and current information about the major in which you are interested or guide you toward selecting a major program which supports your interests, goals and abilities.
• Help in evaluating your academic abilities with your educational plans.
• Assistance in developing a semester schedule and advice on student choices of liberal studies courses and electives.
• Referral to the proper campus resources that can help you solve certain concerns (e.g. Financial Aid and Scholarship office, Health Services, Counseling Center, Office of Disability Services, Housing and Residence Life, Student Intervention Services, Tutorial Center, etc.).

Tips on how you and your adviser should work together

You should
• Contact and keep in touch with your adviser.
• Make appointments or call if it is necessary to change or cancel an appointment.
• Arrive with specific questions in mind.
• Ask about other sources of information.
• Be open-minded concerning academic work, study habits, academic progress, etc.
• Build a schedule free of conflicts in time and one in which necessary requirements are fulfilled.
• Make decisions concerning careers, choice of majors and selection of courses.

Your adviser should
• Post office hours.
• Keep appointments or call if it is necessary to change or cancel an appointment.
• Provide accurate and specific information.
• Suggest other sources of information.
• Listen to you and help you solve problems.
• Check your schedule for appropriate selection of courses.

**Slippery Rock University assigns all advisers. You can find your adviser on Desire 2 Learn and under the student self-service tab of MySRU.**
FIRST SEMESTER OF COURSEWORK

The Successful Learning Guide is designed to provide you with pertinent information to understand your first semester at Slippery Rock University. The academic requirements for completing a degree program consist of three components:

• Liberal Studies Program courses
• Major courses
• Free electives

Your first semester schedule was developed based on the information you provided to us on your online orientation form, such as desired major, Advanced Placement exam and earned college credit while in high school. A sample schedule has been provided below for your review.

During orientation, freshmen will meet with an academic adviser and discuss academic requirements in detail to give you your first semester schedule. For transfer students, you will be creating a schedule at the same time as current students. This means that when scheduling for spring, registration opens in November, and for fall, registration opens in April. Future semester schedules will be developed between you and your academic adviser during the registration process to select courses to meet requirements for both your major and liberal studies course requirements.

SAMPLE FIRST SEMESTER SCHEDULE: Learning Community Cluster: The Science of Behavior

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*Indicates a LCC class

Essentials in Selecting College Courses

Ask yourself the following questions when deciding what courses to take:

• What type of preparation have I had?
• What is my background and what learning skills have I developed?
• What academic weaknesses do I wish to strengthen?
• What subjects interest me?
• What are my future goals and aspirations?
• What skills or knowledge do I want to develop?
• What outside responsibilities and demands do I need to balance with school?

• How much available time and energy do I have for school considering work and family obligations?
• What is the level of difficulty of courses I am considering regarding class hours per week, course prerequisites as well as workload, projects and assignments and laboratory work?
• What courses do I need to fulfill liberal studies and graduation requirements or are required by the University or my desired program?
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 for students since 2008. SRU has a range of courses that will help students achieve computer competency during their SRU careers.

The goal of the computer 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-designated minimum level of computer competence. The topics on which students will be tested are:

- Computer hardware
- System software
- Application software
- Social impact
- Technology and the web
- Networks
- Security and privacy.

TO FULFILL THE COMPUTER COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT THE STUDENT MUST:

- Pass the computer competency exam or
- Pass a one-credit “CPSC 100 Introduction to Computing for Liberal Arts” or
- Complete any of the following three credit courses:
  - “CPSC 110: Computer Concepts”
  - “CPSC 130: Introduction to Programming Information Systems”

*For transfers who have taken a computer class at their previous institution, please check your My Rock Audit to see if you have fulfilled this requirement.

UPCOMING TEST DATES

The Computer Competency Examination will be offered online to incoming, registered first-year students on Desire2Learn (D2L) after orientation sessions. Instructions on how to take the exam will be presented to all students who attend a session. Email reminders and instructions will be sent to students through their SRU email addresses listing exam dates and times. Students will receive notification of scores immediately after each individual exam is concluded.

All computer competency exam dates will follow each set of orientation sessions. For example: Students attending sessions in April and May may take the exam in late May and early June. Students attending sessions in late June will be able to take the exam in July and early August.

For questions and additional information, please send an email to SRUcomputertest@sru.edu

FIRST-YEAR STUDIES

MATHEMATICS COURSE PLACEMENTS

Students are placed into the appropriate Mathematics course on the basis of their SAT or ACT math scores.

If your SAT math score is 600 or more, or your ACT math score is 24 or more AND you have taken high school trigonometry, you should consider taking:

- MATH 131: Discrete Mathematics
- MATH 225: Calculus I

If your SAT math score is 560 - 590, or your ACT math score is 22 or more, you may be placed into an upper-level math course as recommended for your major such as:

- MATH 113: Math as a Liberal Art
- MATH 115: Financial Mathematics
- MATH 118: Geometry
- MATH 120: Intermediate Algebra*
- MATH 152: Elementary Statistics

If neither your SAT math score is 460 or less, nor your ACT math score is 18 or more, you will be placed into ACSD 110: Beginning Algebra. Students are awarded the higher of the two placements (SAT and ACT) if they have both sets of scores.

*Intermediate Algebra (MATH 120) is only recommended for students with a weak mathematics background who plan to take MATH 123 or MATH 125. Admission to this course requires the permission of the mathematics department and will normally not be given to students with ACT math scores above 21. Intermediate Algebra does not fulfill the liberal studies math requirement.

Note: Exploratory students who are considering a major in mathematics or one of the sciences should take MATH 125: Pre-Calculus or MATH 225: Calculus I if qualified.
First-Year Studies

Tips for Becoming a Successful Student

One of the first steps Slippery Rock University recommends students take in creating their own success is learning what your college expects of you. The expectations that you may have encountered in high school are likely to be different now that you are a college student. Here are some of the expectations and responsibilities that you will be asked to meet while you are a student at Slippery Rock University:

- Expect to encounter challenging coursework. The time you spend preparing for assignments and studying outside of class may be equal to or greater than the time spent in class.
- College is a full-time job therefore you need to schedule your study time accordingly. This will require you to assess your time management and study skills.
- Allow time between classes for study and other activities such as meetings, acquiring resources from the library, and asking professors questions. Do not hesitate to ask your professors for help when you need it; they are here to support and guide you.
- Set up a daily schedule to keep track of assignments, projects, and research activities.
- Become familiar with the University’s academic policies and procedures by using the undergraduate catalog and the Successful Learning Guide.
- Meet with your adviser and discuss your major program requirements to ensure you are taking the correct courses.
- Be intentional when scheduling classes to get the most from these learning experiences.
- Seek assistance if you need it.
- Attend classes, and be on time. Most professors see tardiness to class as unacceptable. If you know you are going to be late to class or miss class altogether, talk to your professor beforehand and explain your situation. If you cannot speak with them beforehand, you should visit them during their office hours or talk to them before or after your next class period.
- Many students have part-time jobs, but your work schedule should not detract from study time.
- Students who work a part-time job learn effective time management skills.
- Full-time students are encouraged to work no more than 20 hours per week.
- Actively participate in college life and take advantage of the many events and activities sponsored by the University.
- Assume responsibility for your education and develop your own education and career goals.
- Evaluate your study habits and determine what your learning style is to achieve academic excellence.
- Take time to evaluate what you value to help you establish the goals that will be your top priority. For example:
  - Values = health and fitness and helping others
  - Goal = become a physical therapist

Finally, half of all incoming freshmen have stated that the most challenging aspect of their transition to Slippery Rock University was time management and study skills. Remember that learning how to balance study, recreation and personal needs will be the key to your success as a college student.
Academic Information

GLOSSARY OF ACADEMIC TERMS FOR FIRST YEAR

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 and the assistant to the associate provost for enrollment services.

Academic Probation
Students are placed on academic probation at the end of any academic semester in which they earn a 2.00 cumulative grade point average with 32.1 or more attempted credits. Students on academic probation 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.

• First Time Suspension: Students on academic suspension for the first time will not be able to register 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 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 director of retention services.

• 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 2.00 or higher semester GPA; or complied with his/her retention services contract.

Academic Warning
Students are placed on academic warning at the end of any academic semester in which they earn below a 1.75 cumulative grade point average with 16.1 to 32 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 Undergraduate 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.
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Advanced Placement
Students may be granted credit through the College Board’s Advanced Placement program for scores of 3, 4 or 5. To receive credit for College Writing (ENGL 102), Calculus I (MATH 225) and Calculus II (MATH 230), a score of 4 or 5 must be earned. Students should have test results sent to the admissions office or academic records office for interpretation.

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 summer school, advisement center and/or in any academic department.

Class Standing
Undergraduates are classified as follows:
• Freshman, 0-29 credit hours;
• Sophomore, 30-59 credit hours;
• Junior, 60-89 credit hours; and
• Senior, 90-plus credit hours

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:
• Freshman level courses, 100-199;
• Sophomore level courses, 200-299;
• Junior level courses, 300-399; and
• Senior level courses, 400-499

Course Repeat Policy – Undergraduate Students
Undergraduates will be limited to a maximum total of six repeats during their entire SRU academic career.

Dean’s List
Undergraduate students who earn an adjusted semester GPA 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 GPA 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 the 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 MySRU or yellow drop/add cards 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 drop/add courses using MySRU. They must use yellow drop/add cards.
• Adding: Students may add courses using MySRU or yellow drop/add cards 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 Summer School. New first semester freshmen students are not permitted to drop/add courses using MySRU. They must use yellow drop/add cards.
• 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 Summer School 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
An 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 GPA of 2.00 or higher. Several major programs have higher requirements.

Grade Point Average Calculation
The 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 SRU:

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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 Summer School.

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*
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 a grade of “P,” credits are earned, but this grade does not affect the student’s GPA.

**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” will not affect the students’ semester or cumulative GPA at the time it is given. However, the “X” 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” 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.
Academic Information

Glossary of Academic Terms for First Year

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
An 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 SRU 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 “MySRU” icon or visit mysru.sru.edu

My Rock Audit
My Rock Audit is a tool available to all undergraduate students at the University. It allows students to track their academic progress through graduation. In doing so, students are able to verify courses needed and completed to meet both major and liberal studies program requirements. Students can access their degree audit 24/7 in the MySRU portal. Advisers also have access to the student degree audit and can assist students with any questions on how to interpret their My Rock Audit report.
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
- 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
- Click on Parent Portal
- Proxy instructions link

**PARENT PORTAL**

**Proxy Authorizations**

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 detailed schedule

- **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
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.

Earned Credit

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Curriculum Information

Current Program
Bachelor of Science
Level: Undergraduate
Program: Geography-Appld Geo Tech (BS)
Admit Term: Fall 2013
Admit Type: 
Catalog Term: Fall 2013
College: Coll of Health, Envrnmt & Sci
Campus: Slippery Rock University-Main
Major and Department: Geography - Applied Geo Tech, Geography, Geology & Environm

IMPORTANT LINKS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

- 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 8-4:30 p.m.
- Phone: 724.738.4357 (HELP) or campus extension x4357
- Email: helpdesk@sru.edu
The Honors Program at Slippery Rock University is a selective community of bright, talented, and highly motivated students. Through its courses and activities, the program promotes a culture of inquiry, intellectual achievement, creativity, leadership and civic and community engagement. The program is designed to enrich the university experience by fostering a student-centered learning environment and helping each student to develop his or her academic and personal growth potentials.

To graduate with honors designation, students must complete a minimum of seven honors courses (five for 3+3 students). Honors courses emphasize reading, writing, and research through discussion-based classes that enable students to explore subjects in greater depth in a small class setting. Most honors courses fulfill liberal studies requirements that all students need to complete regardless of their major and thus do not impose additional course requirements on Honors Program students. Students may also fulfill honors requirements through a variety of structured activities that allow them to earn Honors Option Points in place of Honors courses: these include Honors Contract Courses, faculty mentored research projects, conference presentations, publications, pursuing dual majors and minors, and study abroad.

Honors Program students can also choose to live on the Honors floors of Watson Hall in a Living Learning Community that helps to create a community of academic success. The Living Learning Community is one of the most valued components of life in Honors. Students also enhance their education in the Honors Program through service-learning opportunities.

The Honors Program provides opportunities to participate in a variety of extra-curricular and travel opportunities. Each semester, the students in the program join in a variety of cultural events that are organized by the student executive board and funded by the Honors Program, including museum and gallery trips, concerts, theatre performances, and a variety of thematic field trips. Every year in the spring, students participate in a multi-day trip to a city or venue of their choosing, including in recent years, New York City, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Toronto, Savannah, and Boston. These trips are organized by students and funded by the program. The Honors Program frequently offers international travel opportunities, including recent trips to Greece as part of a course on Greek Philosophy, and to Ireland, Cuba, Guatemala, and Spain. In 2016, students explored museums and battlefield sites in England, Belgium and France as part of a History Honors course on World War I. The Honors Program currently offers 25 mini-grants to support Honors student participation in international programs. Other benefits include up to 40 four-year scholarships, priority registration, and the opportunity for students to participate in mentored research, conferences, and leadership positions and opportunities.

We would like to invite you to come to Slippery Rock University for a visit either through Saturday Showcases or we can help you arrange a personal visit to meet with faculty and students in your major to talk about Honors. For more information, please see our website at: www.sru.edu/honorsprogram
The Slippery Rock University Community Volunteer Corp (CVC) is a cohort of student leaders, under the auspices of the Center for Service, Involvement and Leadership. The cohort offers SRU students the opportunity to participate in on-going community service programming that addresses critical needs in our local communities and in the process, builds student’s leadership skills and identities as engaged citizens. The service experiences will facilitate the student’s intellectual growth while encouraging them to foster a lifelong commitment to civic responsibility. In addition to local service, opportunities also exist on a national and international level through our alternative Care Break programming.

For more information about CVC, call 724.738.4937 or stop by the Center for Service, Involvement and Leadership, 234 Smith Student Center.

INTERNATIONAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES (PREPARATION FOR OVERSEAS STUDY AND TRAVEL)

While we know that you just got to SRU, we’d also like to send you 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 cultural and personal growth as well as the chance to see another part of the world. When it comes time to apply for jobs and/or graduate school, you will have a significant 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 indicate that their study abroad experience was the highlight of their University experience.

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.thrower@sru.edu. You can also visit our website at www.sru.edu/studyabroad or find “SRU Study Abroad” on Facebook and/or Twitter.

More than 500 students travel abroad annually.

VETERAN AND MILITARY-RELATED STUDENTS

Slippery Rock University has a team effort regarding the needs of veterans and military-related students. These offices contain the faculty and staff for our veterans and military-related students.

Admissions
If applying for undergraduate admission, veterans and students currently serving in the military may qualify for transfer credit and will be considered a transfer student.

Academic Records and Summer School
Slippery Rock University has priority course registration for any student who “has served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including a reserve component and National Guard, and was discharged or release from such service under condition other than dishonorable;” and any student who is currently serving in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, including a reserve component and National Guard.

Student Veterans of America
Slippery Rock University has an active veteran’s student group. The Student Veterans of America (SVA) is a student group that provides peer-to-peer networks for veterans. Acting as a touchstone, student veterans are provided with pre-professional networking to ensure a successful academic career. The SVA plans workshops throughout the year to keep veteran students involved on campus with events that interest them. They also plan events such as group outings to the shooting range, coordinating events with ROTC, and committee meetings to discuss services that should be implemented at SRU to help meet their needs.

Veterans Lounge
Slippery Rock University believes it is key that students truly become connected to the academic community. In order to help veterans become acquainted, SRU provides veterans and military-related students with access to their own lounge. The Veterans Lounge is located in The Suite in the Robert M. Smith Student Center. This location allows veteran and military-related students to be closer to other clubs and organizations on campus to stay connected to SRU. Services in the lounge include: computers, TV, common access card readers, non-military official training sites, and more for the needs of veterans and military-related students on campus.

Military Education Benefits
The federal and state governments have a variety of education benefits including the GI Bill for veterans, military-related students and families. In addition, there are outside foundations that may assist military students and their families. We encourage you to review these opportunities and apply for those that may be appropriate for your situation. Information can be found on www.sru.edu/veterans.

Financial Aid and Scholarships
In addition, many families may also qualify for general financial aid so we encourage you to complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov as well.
MILITARY SCIENCE

The Army Reserve Officers Training Corps is an on-campus academic and administrative program that offers all students the opportunity to learn, practice and refine their leadership skills. These leadership skills are essential to the development and training of future commissioned military officers, and are likewise useful for future leaders in civilian professions. The ROTC program at SRU serves two purposes; to produce commissioned officers for service in the U.S. Army, National Guard and U.S. Army Reserves, and to provide leadership training for SRU students whether or not they are pursuing military service.

Register for Military Science 100 (MS 100) your first semester...

The “American Military Experience” (MS 100) is a three-credit hour, freshman level course open to all students whether they intend to continue in ROTC or not. The course covers a variety of topics ranging from American military history and current military issues to the fundamentals of leadership. The intent of the class is to familiarize students with the U.S. armed forces. We’ve designed the course to be interesting to those that are curious; and fun for everyone in a hands-on way. We offer land-navigation and map-reading exercises, and practice combat techniques with our paintball courses. Begin your exploration of the art and science of leadership by enrolling in “Military Science 100.”

...And if you like it, register for “Military Science 102” (MS 102) next spring

“Principles of Leadership” (MS 102) continues the introduction to the military and begins to teach leadership techniques and principles using military situations as a point of reference. This class counts toward a minor in leadership. Ask an ROTC faculty member to explain this novel program.

We have what you’re looking for.
Taking this class might help you find out about:

• Scholarships
• Career opportunities
• Travel
• Adventure
• Challenge

• Leadership
• Training and experience
• Tradition and service
• Foreign policy
• Pay and other benefits

THESE COURSES WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH:

• Adventure training to develop leadership and soldier skills using land navigation, wilderness survival, paintball, and rifle marksmanship.
• Leadership training with skills that are transferable to any discipline or area of study;
• Confidence-building opportunities;
• An understanding of your armed forces and current events;
• Three credit hours toward fulfillment of a liberal studies requirement (MS 100);
• The first course toward fulfillment of a minor in leadership (MS 102);
• An opportunity to compete for a three-year scholarship ($56,400 value);
• Eligibility for specialty schools Airborne (planes), Air Assault (helicopters), Northern Warfare (Outward Bound training; how to live/adapt in cold climates), United Kingdom Exchange Program, Summer Military Internships (tour abroad; or 3-6 week programs in the US), Cultural Language Program; a military exchange program that allows military students to travel to countries around the world such as Lithuania, Congo, or Thailand.

For more information:
Visit facebook.com/SRUROTC, instagram.com/srurotc, twitter.com/sru_rotc, call 724.738.2019, or email sru.rotc@sru.edu
Welcome to life as an on-campus student at Slippery Rock University. As you prepare to embark on an exciting new chapter of your life, you may find it helpful to use the following information in preparation for your first year as a residence hall student.

Residence Hall Staff
Each community has a live-in graduate residence director 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 concerns and building emergencies.

Each floor community has a community assistant. Typically, this is an undergraduate student who is available to assist you 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 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 assists with issuing keys/IDs if you become locked out of your room.

SRU Residence Halls
2,800 students live in SRU Residence Halls and R.O.C.K. Apartments. There are several types of housing options available.

Traditional Residence Hall
North Hall and Rhoads Hall are traditional residence halls. Students can request several types of rooms, including:
- Triple suite (in-suite bath)
- Triple
- Double

Residential Suites
Building A, Building B, Watson Hall, Building D, Building E and Building F are residential suites. Rooms available include:
- Double studio
- Double suite

New students will most likely be assigned to double or triple occupancy rooms in the traditional halls or double occupancy style rooms in the residential suites*. New students are able to request a roommate, as long as the request is mutual.

*Some first year students may be assigned to other residential suite room types that are typically only available to upper-class students. This occurs when all of these rooms are not selected by upper-class students during their housing selection period. Housing and Residence Life does not accept requests for placement in these room types. Assignments are randomly generated based on vacancies available.

R.O.C.K. Apartments
Upper-Class students only

Residence Hall Agreement
All residence hall students complete and submit a residence hall agreement and a housing deposit. The residence hall agreement details the terms and conditions of being a resident on campus.

Association of Residence Hall Students (ARHS) and House Council
House councils exist in each of the residence halls and are comprised of residents who represent each of the floors in the building. The house council executive board is made up of students who are elected by their peers to take leadership of weekly meetings, listening to student feedback, organizing hall social events and determining how the House Council Activity Fees will be spent. The house councils serve as representatives to the Association of Residence Hall Students, ARHS also has an executive board and functions as a place where the house councils can meet to discuss ideas, concerns, and suggestions that impact all residential students.

Community Building Activities
As a resident of Slippery Rock University residence halls, we want you to find an environment that provides a place for you to grow as an individual. A large part of that development comes from learning how to express yourself in an assertive manner, as well as be observant of how your actions affect those around you. To help, your community assistant will periodically hold what we refer to as “Community Circles.” These circles 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 community. Be involved, share your input and take an active role of keeping your community positive. Your opinion is valued, and you 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
You and your roommate/suitemate will be asked to complete a roommate agreement within the first few weeks of your time living together. As a resident of the room, you will have an opportunity to identify your preferences for study time, social time, guests, borrowing and sharing items, etc. Once you have done this, you and your roommate/suitemate 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.

Room Condition Report
As you move into your residence hall, you will need to complete a room condition report in which you assess the current condition of your room, which is done online via your MyHousing portal. Students have the first two weeks after moving in to make additions or corrections to their room condition report.

Room Furniture
All residence hall rooms contain the following items for each student: a bedframe, mattress, desk and chair, closet and dresser. The room is also equipped with a window blind, cable, and Internet access.

Residential Suites
The residential suites have one in-room bathroom for every two students, and a snack preparation area with a refrigerator and microwave. Some styles of suites also have cabinets, closets and lounge furniture; including a sofa, chairs and end tables.

Study and Social Lounges
All residence halls have a combination of study and social lounges available for your use. As a student in the building, you share responsibility for keeping your hall community clean and damage free. Damages for which an individual(s) is not identified will be paid for by the House Council Damage Fund or students may be billed.
Residence Hall Information

Front Desk Services
Each residence hall provides services for you at your hall’s front desk.

These include:
- Guest registration (all individuals who do not live in the building must be registered as a guest when visiting);
- Key/access card sign out for students locked out of their room;
- Access to print requests for academic work;
- Recreational equipment
- General assistance for all residents
- Monitor access to building and ensure only residents and escorted guests gain entry

Maintenance and Custodial Staff
Daily maintenance and custodial services are provided to all residential facilities. In traditional halls, the custodial staff cleans all common areas and community bathrooms on student floors. In the residential suites, the custodial staff provides services to building common areas only. You have direct access to residence life maintenance by calling 724.738.2678 or by going to the Res Life homepage and clicking the “Help and Repairs” button.

If you need assistance submitting a work order, please ask a CA or stop by the hall’s front desk.

Residence Halls: Access and Safety
Each residence hall room has sprinklers, smoke detectors and a fire protection plan.

Residence Hall 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 through their University ID.

Guests of residence hall students are 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, but only after the guardian has submitted an approval form which can be found on our website.

Mailing Address
All residence hall students receive a mailbox. Mail that will not fit in the standard campus mailbox will be considered a package and 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, Fed Ex, UPS and other courier services.

The student mailing address is:

Student’s Name

Students Room Number and Residence Hall Name
Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1326

EXAMPLE:

Suzy Snowflake
591 Residence Hall A
591 Residence Hall B
591 Residence Hall D
591 Residence Hall E
591 Residence Hall F
591 Watson Hall
591 North Hall
591 Rhoads Hall

Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1326

The United States Postal Service has requested that all mail sent to students living in the 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 residence hall address line is directly above the city, state and zip code line. It is not necessary to include “Slippery Rock University” in the address. Using this exact format will help assure that your student receives their mail without delay.

Packages
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. 1 Morrow Way 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 as indicated above.

Residence Hall Student Computer Network
Residence hall networking services are provided by ResNet. In order to access the residence hall network you will need to set up a free account. Basic services include the ability to register up to five devices at no cost. Students with more than five devices that require network access may choose from options available. Details are available on our website on how to register for a connection, or by calling ResNet at 855.813.7015. Please note that personal wireless routers are not permitted.

Cable Television
Every residence hall room comes equipped with a cable television jack. Suite style rooms also have an additional jack in each bedroom (one per bedroom, not one per student). The cable signal in the residence halls are provided through a digital signal, therefore only televisions that are manufactured after 2007 generally will work. It is best to double check that the television has digital capabilities, as some discount TVs will not. The television needs to have an internal “QAM tuner” or an external one purchased and attached. Questions concerning televisions or cable access should be directed to ResNet at 855.813.7015.
The Crests of Character
Living-Learning Communities at Slippery Rock University offer the opportunity for residence hall students to live with other students who share similar academic, career or personal interests. Research shows that students who are successful academically and engaged socially are 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 those goals. Students who live in these communities identify that the greatest benefit of living in a Living-Learning Community is the opportunity to live and learn with other students who share their academic, professional and personal interests.

Academic Communities:
• Business
• Education
• Health, Environment, and Science
• Honors
• Liberal Arts

Interest Based Communities:
• Creating Connections
• Explore, Discover, Decide
• Gender Studies
• Leadership
• Military and Emergency Services
• Recovery on Campus
• Sophomore Year Experience
• Sustainability and Geo-Science
• Transfers
The Living-Learning Communities listed are the current offerings; however, we place value on student interest, and, based on the needs of our residents, new LLCs are always under development and subject to change.

Goals of LLCs
• Provide a living and learning environment supportive of the academic and social development of students;
• Enhance the academic and social experience of students through interactions with faculty, staff and students within the residence hall community; and
• Be the catalyst for the development of lifelong friendships, professional relationships, and affection for SRU

SRU currently has more than 1,000 students residing in Living-Learning Communities!

LLC Application Process
• All students can apply (including first-year, current, transfer or graduate/non-traditional students) and can continue to live in the LLC, but must reapply each year;
• The online application requires students to choose an LLC, write about why they want to live there and request a roommate (if applicable). The roommate must also apply and be accepted into the same LLC in order to be placed together;
• The LLC application is submitted in addition to the housing agreement and preferences, along with the deposit;
• The preferences indicated on the LLC application take priority over any information submitted with the Housing Agreement, with the exception of roommate requests;
• Faculty Fellows review application materials and make recommendations for acceptance into the LLCs;
• From the accepted student list, students are then assigned to their rooms based on roommate requests and personal preferences;
• Assignment of LLC spaces are considered on a first come/first served basis;
• LLCs are located on one or more floors of each building, and in one case occupy the entire building

Please visit our website for more detailed information about the LLCs: www.sru.edu/life-at-sru/housing/living-learning-communities

LLC Mission Statement
Living-Learning Communities at SRU are dedicated to creating a progressive residential environment that is supportive of students developing personally, becoming responsible global citizens and learning for a lifetime through meaningful interactions with faculty, staff and students. The Living-Learning Communities do this through academic partnerships, faculty and peer interactions and by providing opportunities for academic interest and social development.
Before you arrive on campus

• Have a conversation with your parents about your first steps toward establishing your 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.
• Agree about how you will take the first steps to solving future challenges or asking questions once you arrive on campus. You may find it helpful to use your parents as an important resource for consulting regarding solving a problem and then take the initiative to solve the problem yourself. Some of your first challenges on campus may include who puts your clothes away in your new room, setting up your room with your roommate and agreeing on room norms.
• Share your mailing address, phone number and email with friends and family. Ask them to send you something to open during your first weekend on campus.
• Pack lightly and look for creative storage options.

Living on campus provides a diverse community environment where you will live among other students from varied religions, cultures, races and/or sexual orientations. 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 you will quickly form friendships that will last a lifetime.

Leave it at home

The following items are not permitted in residence hall rooms:
• Halogen lamp
• Candles
• Hot plates
• Incense and burners
• Any appliance without an automatic shut-off
• Coffee pots without auto shut-off
• Air conditioners
• Pets (except fish).

Checking-in upon arrival

You should have the following required items that are required before checking-in to your room:
• SRU Student ID (that you will receive at orientation)
• Secondary Photo ID (passport, driver’s license, etc.)
• Cash or check for the $20 House Council Activity Fee
• Meningitis waiver completed or proof submitted

Don’t forget to bring:

• ACADEMIC SUPPLIES – notebooks, pens/pencils, tape, scissors, stapler, highlighters, jump drive to save your work, dictionary, Ethernet cord, thesaurus and calendar or planner. If you forget any of these supplies, the SGA Bookstore provides a wide assortment.
• PERSONAL SUPPLIES – an alarm clock with battery back-up, hair dryer, radio/iPod with headphones, cell phone charger, an iron, sewing kit, tissues and postage stamps.
• ROOM SUPPLIES – cleaning supplies, waste basket, laundry basket, a fan, hangers, a drying rack, laundry detergent, shower caddy and shoes, robes, quarters, umbrella, dishes, cups and dish soap.
• MAKE IT YOUR OWN SPACE – You may choose to personalize your room and make it feel like home. Don’t forget to talk with your roommate/suitemate in advance about what each of you is planning to bring; two of everything can cause a room to feel very crowded. You will want to decide about posters, bedding, curtains, carpet, lofts, TV’s, stereo, additional furniture and coaxial TV cable.

Please note our limitations on certain items:
• AQUARIUMS – Cannot exceed 10 gallons. Only fish that live 100 percent under water are permitted. SORRY, NO OTHER PETS.
• REFRIGERATORS – (for traditional halls only) Cannot be larger than 4.6 cubic feet.
• MICROWAVE – (for traditional halls only) Must not exceed eight amps (750 watts). Microwaves are supplied in residential suite rooms.
• CARPET – All residential suite rooms are carpeted. Students in traditional rooms should check room dimensions for their hall room at orientation.
• ROOM SAFE – Information is available in the orientation materials received with your housing assignment.
Housing and Residence Life at The Rock

MOVE-IN DAY

WOW (Weekend of Welcome) volunteers will be available to assist with unloading your vehicle.

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 items while you check-in and someone to move the vehicle once your items are unloaded (shuttle service is available to and from parking lots). For more information about WOW visit www.sru.edu/wow

Arrive at your scheduled time and date.

After July 1, you will be asked to log on to MyHousing and choose a check in time. Please do not arrive early in an attempt to “beat the rush.” It will not work! Arriving during the hours of your chosen check in time will get you through the check-in process quickly and efficiently.

Requests to move in early.

Please do not plan family getaways for your check-in date and then call requesting to come to campus early. During the summer months, local camps are held on campus and utilize the residence halls. We need time to be able to prepare your room properly for you once camps are over. Requests to arrive early cause issues with that preparation. Our hall staff is also in training right up to move-in day. We cannot guarantee someone will be available to assist if you arrive outside your scheduled day and time.

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, your items should be moved from outside to inside. The WOW volunteers will assist you with this process. Please place your name and room number on all of your boxes and belongings in case something gets misplaced.

Make a point to meet your roommate and settle into your room together.

A great way to get off to a good start is to decide together how you will set up the room, where you’ll put the TV, which posters you’ll display and what you’ll put on the room door. Residence life intentionally places first year and upper class students on the same floor sections; hoping that this creates an opportunity to learn, be mentored and engage in campus activities together.

Meet your community assistant.

This person is an important resource for you and can answer or find answers to most of your questions.

Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Check-in takes approximately 45 minutes and must be completed by the student assigned to the residence hall.

Your first few days on campus

You should plan to participate in WOW weekend activities. This is a great opportunity to become familiar with the campus, meet other students and get ready for your first day of class. During your first weekend, you will want to do the following:

- Make sure your student ID works at your residence hall, in the dining hall, at the library, and at the ARC.
- Assure that your room key/ID works in your room door and mailbox.
- Get your parking pass and know where you can park on campus.
- Set up your SRU email account. This is the only email account recognized by the University and the location to which all campus messages are sent.
- Attend your first-floor and hall meetings. In addition to meeting other students in the building, you’ll hear about important safety information, University and Residence Hall Policies and how to access campus services.
- Get your books, figure out where your classes are located and get a good night’s sleep before your first day of classes.
Diversity and Inclusion

INCLUSION INITIATIVES AT THE ROCK

Slippery Rock University believes that our differences – in addition to our similarities – are what make us a premiere University and a great place to work. We strive to ensure that our excellence is inclusive by uncovering inequities in student success, identifying effective institutional and educational practices, and then building upon these practices for systemic change. For more information about diversity and inclusion at The Rock visit: www.sru.edu/life-at-sru/diversity

At The Rock, both diversity – our individual differences and group/social identities – and inclusion – our active, intentional, and daily engagement with diversity, where we increase awareness, content knowledge, intra- and interpersonal skills, and an understanding of how individuals interact within groups and systems – are at the foundation of inclusive excellence.

The following are opportunities available to all students. We welcome you to partner with us, your faculty and staff, in helping us create an inclusive rock solid community.

Offices and initiatives that support and promote inclusion and the exploration of diversity:
- Black Faculty and Staff Association
- Frederick Douglass Institute
- Hispanic Latino Cultures Series Committee
- Modern China Center
- Office for Inclusive Excellence
- Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity
- Office of Global Engagement
- Office of Disability Services
- President’s Commission for Disability Issues
- President’s Commission for Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation
- President’s Commission for Racial/Ethnic Diversity
- President’s Commission on the Status of Women
- President’s Commission of Sustainability
- President’s Commission on Wellness
- Reflections Body Image Program
- The Pride Center
- Women’s Center

Programs, clubs, and organizations that provide students opportunities to explore diversity:
- Adapted Physical Activity Program
- All Saints Fellowship
- American Sign Language Club
- Black Action Society
- Black History Month
- Chosen Generation Gospel Choir
- Council for Exceptional Children
- French Club
- Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
- Frederick Douglass Institute
- Gamma Sigma Sigma
- Gender Studies Program
- German Club
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration
- International Dinner
- Internations Club
- Japan Club
- Jump Start
- King Day of Service
- NAACP of Slippery Rock
- Native American Day Celebration
- Men of Distinction
- Peace Beyond Reason
- RockOUT (LGBTQA group)
- Safe Zone Training
- Sister to Sister
- Spanish Club
- Special Olympics
- Student Union for Multicultural Affairs
- Therapeutic Recreation Club
- Unity Week
- University Program Board
- Women’s Consortium
- Women’s History Month
RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY STATEMENT

Slippery Rock University provides an environment that respects, encourages and promotes the talents and contributions of all. Slippery Rock University values a community with a shared sense of purpose, where people demonstrate mutual respect and appreciation. Slippery Rock University values diversity that honors and includes all persons regardless of age, creed, disability, ethnic heritage, gender, gender identity, race, religion, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status in academic and extracurricular endeavor, in the working environment, and in the daily life of the University community.

Inclusive excellence is the culture at The Rock, with our diversity framed as educational, functional, and institutional resources, that are cultivated, enhanced, and leveraged for optimal learning...for student, staff, faculty, administration, and campus community members. The Diversity and Inclusion program leads our shared commitment to inclusion and excellence through the powerful infrastructure of our six President’s Commissions – Disability, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation, Race and Ethnic Diversity, Status of Women, Sustainability and Wellness.

In countries around the world, stone cairns have served as directional markers. Because they often point the way home, they represent safety, hope and friendship.

Remember first to listen
Embrace differences
See what everyone can contribute
Practice understanding
Encourage a broader perspective
Connect your learning to the world
Transform our community
Advanced Technology and Science Hall (ATS)
- Chemistry Department
- Computer Science Department
- Geography, Geology and the Environment Department

Aebersold Student Recreation Center
- Climbing Wall
- Fitness Center
- Gymnasiums (five courts)
- Intramurals, Club Sports and Outdoor Adventures

Art Building
- Art Department
- Art Studio Facilities

Art Ceramics Building
- Ceramic Studios

Arts Metalsmithing Building
- Metalsmithing Studio

Bailey Library
- Academic Advisement Center
- Academic Services Department
- Center for Instructional Technology (D2L)
- Laptop Loan Center
- Math Emporium
- Office of Career and Educational Development
- Retention Services
- Smart Classrooms
- T&B Naturally Coffee House
- Technology Learning Center (TLC)
- Tutorial Center
- University Archives
- The Writing Center

Boozel Dining Hall
- AVI Office
- Eight Food Stations
- Grab-and-Go Dining
- Lounge Seating

Carruth-Rizza Hall
- Classrooms
- Counseling and Development Department

Eisenberg Classroom Building
- Classrooms
- College of Business
- Communication Department
- Computer Lab
- Government Contracting Assistance Center
- Resort, Recreation, and Hospitality Management Department
- School of Business Department
- Sport Management Department
- The Rocket Newspaper Office

Gail Rose Lodge
- Reception area overlooks Mihalik-Thompson Field

Jack C. Dinger Building and Annex
- Classrooms
- Gerontology Program
- Public Health and Social Work Department

James C. Myford Art Sculpture Building
- Sculpture Studio

Leadership Development Center
- Leadership Development Department

Maltby Center
- Financial Aid and Scholarships Office
- Information and Administrative Technology Services
- Martha Gault Art Gallery
- Support Services Help Desk
- TV Production Studio
McKay Education Building
- Center for Literacy Around the World
- Child Care Center
- Classrooms
- College of Education
- Dance Studio
- Elementary Education/Early Childhood Department
- Secondary Education/Foundations of Education Department
- Special Education Department
- Testing Center

Miller Auditorium
- Large Auditorium
- Professional Performances (under construction)

Morrow Field House
- Athletic Department
- Athletic Training Room
- Basketball Arena
- The “Cage” (SRU apparel/sports equipment; free of charge with student ID)
- Classrooms
- Coaches Offices
- Collaboration Room
- Dance Studio
- Grasstex Area
- Indoor Track
- Physical and Health Education Department
- Racquetball Courts
- Swimming Pool
- Wrestling Area

North Hall
- Co-ed Residence Hall
- Enrollment Management
- Graduate Admissions
- Orientation
- Undergraduate Admissions
- Veteran’s Affairs
- Welcome Center

Old Main
- Academic Records
- Accounts Payable
- Advancement Services
- Athletic Communication Office
- Budget and Fiscal Planning
- Contracts
- Diversity & Equal Opportunity
- Human Resources
- Institutional Research
- Office of Student Conflict Resolution
- Payroll
- Perkins Loan Office
- President’s Office
- Provost’s Office/Academic and Student Affairs
- Purchasing

Old Main Continued
- Research and Records
- SRU Foundation
- Student Accounts/Accounting Services
- Student Services
- University Communication and Public Affairs
- Web Communications

Patterson Hall
- Art Fibers Studio
- Exercise and Rehabilitative Sciences Department (Exercise Science and Athletic Training)
- Honors Program
- Office of Grants and Sponsored Research
- Parks and Recreation Department

Pearl K. Stoner Instructional Complex (East/West Gym)
- Classrooms
- Dance Department
- Gymnasium
- Labs
- Swimming Pool

Physical Therapy Building
- College of Health, Environment and Science
- School of Physical Therapy Classrooms and Labs

President’s House
- Residence of the University President

Rhoads Hall
- Co-ed Residence Hall
- Counseling Center
- Students Health Services

Robert. A Lowry Center
- Army ROTC Department (Military Science)

Robert A. Macoskey Center for Sustainable Systems Education and Research (Harmony House)
- Laboratory promoting sustainability
Places Around The Rock

CAMPUS BUILDINGS

Robert M. Smith Student Center
- Americorps
- Center for Service Involvement and Leadership
- Commuter Lockers
- Cooperative Activities
- ETC – Electronic Technology Center
- Frederick Douglass Institute
- Greek Life
- Lounges
- Meeting Rooms
- Office for Inclusive Excellence
- Office of Multicultural Development
- PNC Bank
- Quaker Steak and Lube
- Rocky’s Grill
- Service Learning and Community Service
- SGA Bookstore
- Starbucks
- Student Center Operations and Conference Services
- Student Government Association
- Student Services (meal plan contracts)
- The Pride Center
- The Women’s Center
- University Program Board
- Veteran’s Lounge

Russell Wright Alumni House and Conference Center
- Alumni Affairs
- Alumni Association

Ski Lodge
- Outdoor Recreation Center

Spotts World Culture Building
- Classrooms
- College of Liberal Arts
- Computer Lab
- Criminology and Security Studies
- English Department
- History Department
- Modern Language and Culture Department
- Office of Global Engagement
- Philosophy Department
- Political Science Department
- Study Abroad Program
- Transformational Experiences

Storm Harbor Equestrian Center
- Classroom
- Riding Area
- Twelve Stables

Strain Behavioral Science Building
- Safety Management Department

Swope Music Building
- Classrooms
- Large Concert Hall
- Marching Pride Office
- Music Department
- Practice and Recital Halls

University Police
- University Police Department

University Union
- Classrooms
- Multi-Purpose Room
- Office of Disability Services
- Parking and ID Card Office
- Professional Performances
- Special Events
- Theatre Department
- WSRU Radio

Vincent House
- APSCUF Office
- AFSCME Office

Vincent Science Center
- Biology Department
- Mathematics Department
- Nursing Department
- Physics Department
- Planetarium
- Psychology Department

Watson Hall
- Co-ed Residence Hall
- Flatz Coffee Shop
- Living Learning Communities
- Office of Housing and Residence Life

Weisenfluh Dining Center
- Elia Coffee Shop
- Specialty Dining Facilities
Top 10 Things You Should Know About Bailey Library:

1. We are wired - and now mobile! Access library resources anywhere you've got the Net, including wireless phone access and laptop access in the library.

2. Relax or meet with friends in the reading room with best sellers, newspapers, and magazines or at T&B Naturally, featuring coffee and snacks.

3. You can find entertainment videos and DVDs on the second floor of the library. CDs are located on the first floor in the circulation area. Laptops and digital or video cameras can be found on the first floor of Bailey Library in the laptop area.

4. If we don’t have it, we can probably get it. Resource Sharing Services (first floor library) has connections, or do it yourself from the library web page.

5. We are open most nights until 12 a.m. Hours are posted on the library website.

6. Overdue and fine notices will be emailed to your student email.

7. Log on to the library catalog; you can renew your own books and never have to pay overdue fines again.

8. Contact: Phone 724.738.2058 website: www.sru.edu/academics/ bailey-library and follow the library link

9. Take the library tour today. Pick up a self-guided tour at the research service desk.

10. Getting nowhere with research after five minutes? Ask for help.

The Bailey Library is a critical resource to the SRU student. This building has three floors with different environments

**FIRST FLOOR:** Computer Lab, group and independent study areas, and offices related to student services such as the Academic Advisement, Career Center, Tutoring Center and the Writing Center.

**SECOND FLOOR:** Math Emporium and group meeting rooms great for focused group discussion.

**THIRD FLOOR:** Computer lab, Quiet study area for uninterrupted, intense, independent study, and archives.

To access Bailey Library's virtual resources from a remote location, you will need your University I.D. or your SRU network username and password. You will be prompted for this information when you log on. If you experience difficulty, contact kathleen.manning@sru.edu or call the library at 724.738.2637.

**Library Homepage and Services**

[www.sru.edu/academics/bailey-library](http://www.sru.edu/academics/bailey-library)

From this page, you can access the library catalog, journal articles and databases, resources by subject, research guides, and library services and information.

**Research Help**

Ask a librarian
Call: 724.738.2641
Email: askalibrarian@sru.edu
Slippery Rock University Police

The mission of the Slippery Rock 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. 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 E2Campus 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.

BLUE LIGHT TELEPHONES

Slippery Rock University is equipped with outdoor emergency “blue light” telephones located throughout the campus. The E-phones are used for emergencies and immediate contact with University Police.

METIS ALERTING SYSTEM

Slippery Rock University is equipped with the Metis Alert System, an emergency notification and communications system that is installed in all academic buildings and the Robert M. Smith Student Center. Press the “Help” button and this system communicates emergency information independently to the University Police. Slippery Rock University can also use this system to inform faculty and staff if there is an emergency that requires early dismissal, such as dangerous weather.

THE CRIME PREVENTION TEAM

Slippery Rock 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, staff 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.

TIP LINE (ANONYMOUS)

For incidents not requiring immediate attention, students are provided with the opportunity to inform SRU Police anonymously through an online tip line. Students can access the tip line by visiting the website at www.sru.edu/police, Clicking on the ‘CrimeStoppers’ link, and entering the incident. Students may also call the tip line to report the incident at 724.738.2778.

RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE

In an effort to educate students in the area of self-defense, the Slippery Rock University Police Department provides students with the opportunity to attend a Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) program.

VEHICLE ASSISTANCE

University Police have purchased jump packs and tire inflators to assist students, staff, and community members with vehicle problems. To obtain assistance for your vehicle call the communications desk located at 724.738.3333.

Other security/safety measures include:

• Well-lit parking lots and roads throughout campus.

A victim of interpersonal violence or someone who is aware of a victim may report an incident to any of the following:

• Slippery Rock University Police, 145 Kiester Road - 724.738.3333
• Emergencies off campus - 911
• McLachlan Student Health Center charge nurse, Rhoads Hall - 724.738.2052
• A graduate-in-residence is located in each residence hall.
• A counselor in the Counseling Center, Rhoads Hall - 724.738.2034
• Director of Student Conduct, Old Main - 724.738.4985
• Executive Director of Student Health and Wellness, Old Main - 724.738.2728
• Executive Director of Student Development, Robert M. Smith Student Center - 724.738.2525
• Women’s Center, Robert M. Smith Student Center - 724.738.2992

Victims of crime at Slippery Rock University have several options in the pursuit of remediation. They are as follows:

• Criminal prosecution
• Disciplinary actions through Conflict Resolution Services
• Human Resources
• Civil action
• Or a combination of the above

Police services are available 24/7/365. Students may talk to an officer directly at the dispatch desk in police headquarters on Kiester Road (Across from Old Thompson Field), or an officer on patrol (we utilize vehicle, bicycle, and foot patrols). Individuals may contact us online at www.sru.edu/police or by phone at 724.738.3333.
At Slippery Rock all parking is by permit. All parking lots are marked with the appropriate signs designating the lots Resident, Commuter or Staff. A color coded parking map is also available online. (Freshman are permitted to park on campus.)

Parking permits are available online! Purchasing SRU student/staff permits, filing appeals, paying parking tickets and managing your parking information can be completed online at www.sru.edu/offices/parking. The Parking Office is located in the University Union, room 102. The parking office hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. After hours you may go to the University Police Station to obtain a temporary or visitor permit for your guests.

Strict enforcement of designated parking areas will occur between 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. During weekend and night time hours, all designated parking lots are considered open to the public. Reserved or assigned spaces are not considered open to the public. These spaces include: 15-minute parking spaces, resident coordinator spaces, loading docks, visitor spaces, medical spaces, handicap spaces, spaces by fire hydrants/stand pipes, maintenance parking, on the grass, in roadways, “no overnight” parking areas, or any other reserved spaces and “No Parking 3 – 6 a.m.” (or other time restricted spaces).

From Nov. 1 to April 1, there will be no overnight parking from 2 - 5:30 a.m. in the Alumni Commuter lot, McKay Staff and Commuter lot, Union Commuter Lot, Founders Lower Commuter lot, PT Staff and Commuter Lot and Swope Commuter Lot REGARDLESS OF SNOW.

The first section of East Lake Lot (closest to Stadium Drive) is designated as “No Overnight Parking” YEAR ROUND. (Signs are posted.)

Penalties for parking violations range from $30 to $200 depending on the parking violation. Please go the Parking Office website to view the complete Slippery Rock University Parking and Traffic Regulations. (www.sru.edu/Documents/offices/parking/Parking_Traffic_Regulations.pdf)
Student Services Office,
Robert M. Smith Student Center, 724.738.2038
The dining program offers a variety of services throughout the campus for students and their guests. There are a number of meal plan options available to SRU students. Students residing in University-managed residence halls must contract for the dining program. Off-campus and commuter students have the option of contracting for a meal plan or purchasing meals with cash or credit/debit cards. The meal contract entitles you to meals only when the University is in session. More information on Dining Services can be found at: www.sru.edu/dining

Boozel Dining Hall, 724.738.2627
Located on the lower end of campus near the student center is a contemporary dining facility featuring an open-kitchen, multi-station food court offering: hot entrees and ethnic foods, sandwich selections from the cold deli or hot grill area, pizza, pasta, vegetarian entrees, soup/salad bar, fresh-baked breads and desserts, and a variety of beverages. For those with allergies and/or special dietary needs there is a food intolerance station.

Boozel Express
Located in the lobby of Boozel Dining Hall, Boozel Express offers a hot or cold take-out meal option.

Weisenfluh Hall, 724.738.2895
Located across from North Hall on the upper campus, The "Restaurants at Weisenfluh" feature innovative international dining. The four dining concepts offer: Elia’ (coffee shop/gastro-pub menu), The Met (grill/healthy options), Horizons (international street fare and Mexican), and Umami (Pan Asian). This facility provides dining, meeting and lounge space for the upper campus. Purchases can be made using cash, credit/debit cards or flex funds.

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 level of the student center, is a food court featuring pizza/calzones/flatbreads/pasta, subs, paninis/ wraps, chopped salads, Mexican, and grab-n-go items. Pizza delivery (724.738.2740) is provided to students on the meal plan (distance restriction for off-campus deliveries). Phone: 724.738.2739
- QUAKER STEAK & LUBE - The first QSL operation located on a college campus is adjacent to Rocky’s on the second level. The popular restaurant concept features the chain restaurant’s famous wings, burgers and side dishes. Phone-in delivery: 724.738.4688
- STARBUCKS - A fully-licensed store, is located on the first level of the student center. Phone: 724.738.2633

T & B Naturally Coffee Shop
Located in Bailey Library, serves 100% 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, soup, salads, fresh-cut French fries, and more. Students can use a meal or pay for their purchases with flex funds or cash.

Meal service is available on campus from:
(Hours are subject to change)
7 a.m. to Midnight (Sunday through Thursday) and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Friday and Saturday).
www.sru.avifoods.com
Menu information is a phone call away by dialing our menu line 724.738.2844.

Flex Fund Only Meal Plan
is designed for the off-campus and commuter student. A minimum of $100 in a Flex Fund account gives you access to all dining facilities. Flex Funds may be increased in $25 increments at any time. At the end of the fall semester, unused flex funds will carry forward to spring semester if the student signs a meal contract for the spring semester. All flex funds must be used by the end of the spring semester. There is no refund of unused funds. Many students prefer the complete flexibility of having a Flex Account, and parents enjoy knowing these dollars can only be spent for food.
We want your time at Slippery Rock University to be as enjoyable as possible. An important part of the experience is dining. We provide a variety of unique and affordable dining options for our resident and commuter students, staff, faculty, and visitors. You’ve got more important things to do than worry about where your next meal is coming from - so relax and leave the shopping, cooking and clean-up to dining services.

Choose the dining hall or one of our specialty restaurants — there’s something for every wallet, and every dining venue promises nutritional, appetizing selections and top-flight customer service.

The meal plans at Slippery Rock University offer the most convenient way to take advantage of all the features of our Dining Services program. Purchase snacks or full meals without needing to carry cash. An added bonus is that you have many payment options: Flex Funds, cash, credit or debit cards.

There are a number of meal plan options. The meal contract is for one semester and provides 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. Most meal plan options include a Flex Fund account with a pre-established dollar minimum. Off-campus students may also open a Flex Fund, a debit account that can be used for purchases at any of the food service operations. The Flex Fund may be increased at any time throughout the year by going online: www.sru.edu/residencelife or www.sru.edu/dining (click meal plan button).

Students living in the residence halls will automatically be enrolled in the 15-meal plan/$255 Flex Fund. Meal plan information is available online at www.sru.edu/dining, Dining Services. After July 1st, students who wish to change their meal plan may do so online through the website. Off-campus, ROCK Apartment, and commuter students may choose from any of the meal plans. Contact Student Services 724.738.2038 with questions regarding the meal plan program.

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Student Leadership and Involvement
234 Student Center, 724.738.2092

Student Organizations
The Center for Service, Involvement & Leadership recognizes more than 200 student clubs and organizations that
provide Slippery Rock University students with a wealth of co-curricular opportunities to develop leadership skills,
personal interests, social awareness and philanthropic consciousness. Types of student organizations include:

- Academic
- Cultural
- Faith and Spirituality
- Fraternities and Sororities
- Honoraries
- Performance
- Publications and Media
- Service and Philanthropy
- Special Interest
- Sports and Recreation

Greek Life
Greek 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. There are currently 16 active fraternities and sororities on campus, including: six sororities,
seven fraternities and three NPHC organizations. All of our organizations are nationally-affiliated, which allows our alumni
to continue their involvement upon graduation, enabling them to be associated with professional men and women throughout
the country.

First-Year Leader Scholar Program
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. The peer mentors are 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.

Student Government Association:
The Slippery Rock Student Government Association enhances the lives of SRU students through advocacy, programming and
services. The SRSGA also serves as a governing body and funding source for more than 200 student organizations. Learn
more about the SRSGA at: www.srsga.org.

Services provided by the SRSGA include:
- Child Daycare Center
- SGA Bookstore
- Vending operations
- Free legal counsel for students
- SGA Shuttle or “Happy Bus”
- SGA Movie Series
- Student Safety Week
- Student Life Survey
- Off-Campus Housing Information

University Program Board
The University Program Board is a student-run organization that provides a variety of creative, educational, cultural and exciting entertainment programs for the SRU community. UPB students lead the work of specialized committees that include concerts and comedians, speakers, university events and community service. Learn more at: www.srupb.com.

Homecoming
Each year, family and friends are invited back to campus 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 and Queen, various theme meals and alumni networking
events, the Homecoming Parade and football game and more!

To learn more about the specific organizations and other involvement opportunities, check out www.sru.edu/orgsync
The Robert M. Smith Student Center is the center for community life at Slippery Rock University. It functions as the living room on the campus where students, faculty, and staff can meet and talk informally. The Student Center provides services, facilities, educational and recreational programs, and cultural and social opportunities that enhance the quality of life on the SRU campus. Opened in 2012, the design of the Student Center was a collaborative project with students to ensure that the Center meets the needs of current and future students.

**FIRST FLOOR**
- Administrative Suite
  - Slippery Rock University Catering
  - Student Center and Conference Services
  - Student Services
- Electronic Technology Center
- Information Desk
- PNC Bank
- SGA Bookstore
- Starbucks

**SECOND FLOOR**
- Commuter Pantry and Lounge
- Fireplace Lounge
- Quaker Steak & Lube
- Rocky’s Food Court
- Student Development Suite
  - Center for Service Involvement and Leadership
  - Cooperative Activities
  - Greek Life
  - Office of the Associate Provost for Student Success
  - Office for Inclusive Excellence
  - Office of Multicultural Development
  - Pride Center
  - Student Government Association
  - Student Union for Minority Affairs
  - University Program Board
  - Veteran’s Lounge
  - Women’s Center

**THIRD FLOOR**
- Ballroom
- Meeting Rooms
- Theater
Slippery Rock Commuters*

Slippery Rock University’s student body is primarily comprised of on campus and local off campus students, but we value every type of student. Here at Slippery Rock University, we want our commuters to feel like they too are involved with campus life. Commuter students should make sure to join the E2 Campus Alert System provided by the university to learn about campus emergencies or inclement weather alerts. In order to accomplish this, SRU has created the following events and locations at the Robert Smith Student Center:

• A commuter lounge located on the second floor of the Smith Student Center outside of The Suite. This lounge is complete with comfy chairs and tables to make it feel like a home away from home.

• A pantry for commuters, which is complete with a microwave, toaster, sink, counter and table for those who bring in their lunch or dinner from home.

• Included in the pantry are 12 lockers which can be reserved for a semester at a time. These lockers are easy to use and are lock/unlocked by a built in keypad with a PIN that you create.

• **Free breakfast!** Every first Wednesday of the month the Smith Student Center and AVI dining offers a **FREE** breakfast for students commuting from their permanent home address. The breakfast will be provided in the Smith Student Center just outside Quaker Steak and Lube from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. This is a great way to network within Slippery Rock University!

*Robert Smith Student Center defines commuters as students who are commuting from their **permanent** home address.
The SGA Bookstore is the official Bookstore serving Slippery Rock University. It is owned and operated by the Student Government Association for the convenience of students, faculty, administration, staff, alumni and campus visitors. The Bookstore is located in the Robert M. Smith Student Center. All profits generated from sales in the bookstore are returned to the Student Government Association.

Textbooks
Textbooks are carefully selected tools of learning and are the principle business of the SGA Bookstore. Students should budget an average of $350 to $500 per semester for books and required supplies for classes. Please bring your schedule to the Bookstore and one of our well-trained staff members will pick the correct books for you. You may also order your books online at www.sgabookstore.com and pick them up in the Electronic Technology Center (ETC). Please allow 24 hours for staff to pull and process your order.

Textbook Rental Program
The SGA Bookstore also offers a competitive Textbook Rental program and approximately 80 percent of titles are available for rent. Renting textbooks at the SGA Bookstore is convenient and typically saves students about 25 percent over buying their textbooks.

Buyback
At the end of the semester, the Bookstore authorizes a book wholesaler to come into the store and purchase books. If the book is being used next semester on campus, the book wholesaler will offer up to 50 percent of the new book price. If the book is not being used on campus next semester, the wholesaler will buy the book back at a lower price and ship the book back to their company for redistribution at other schools.

Electronic Technology Center
The SGA Bookstore also operates the Electronic Technology Center (ETC) which offers an expanded line of technology items including discounted Microsoft Office, video games, phone cases, electronic accessories, and Dell and Toshiba laptops. In addition to technology, they have a full service Copy Corner that offers copy services, full color banner and poster printing, faxing, and UPS service.

SRU Insignia Merchandise
The SGA Bookstore carries a full selection of Slippery Rock University insignia merchandise including sweatshirts, T-shirts, mugs and glasses, jewelry, pennants, stationery, socks, jackets, shorts, caps, sweatpants, pens and pencils, postcards, ties and decals. Class rings may be special ordered.

General Merchandise
In addition to books and insignia merchandise, the following items are available for purchase: school and office supplies, greeting cards and stationery, film, posters, candy and snacks, art supplies, backpacks, Residence Hall supplies, games, health and beauty aids, stuffed animals and gift items.

Services
Services include check cashing, gift cards, free gift wrap, and special ordering of books and supplies. We also offer money orders, fax services, stamps, copy services, banner printing and 1st Impression report binding services.
SRU ID is required to access the ARC and to participate in Intramural Sports.

The national award-winning Robert N. Aebersold Student Recreation Center 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 student recreation center 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 state of the art fitness and wellness avenues for students to enhance their physical well-being; more than 100 pieces of cardio, and selectorized, and plate-loaded equipment and free weight area available. Newly renovated in 2015.
- 22,000 square-foot gymnasium (four courts) is a student’s fun haven for basketball, volleyball, badminton, and pickleball.
- 3,428 square-foot aquatic center provides exciting water space for lap swimming, aqua aerobics, water basketball and water polo.
- 200-meter indoor track allows students to run or walk to a healthier way of living.
- 1,100 square foot multi-purpose recreation room/classroom utilized for small recreational programs, group fitness and safety certification classes.
- Multiple activities court used for group fitness classes, indoor soccer, disc golf, and floor or 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 and facility operations.

Dr. James McFarland Recreational Sports Complex

The MAC consists of six lighted fields (four multi-purpose and two softball fields), the rugby field and the dek hockey rink, surrounded by a walking path. The complex is available for informal usage by SRU students. The MAC is also used for all scheduled outdoor intramural sports, some Sport Club events and student clubs/organization activities, as well as summer rentals and adult sports leagues.

SKI LODGE / Campground – Campus Recreation also manages and schedules the use of the Ski Lodge and 18-site campground. Reservations are accepted for student organizations and academic departments, as well as community. Campsites are available for rental by parents, friends and students.

Disc Golf Links Course – 18-hole course, on campus, with “holes” starting behind Building F. Course is OPEN all the time – anyone can play. The SRU course was one of the sites for the 2015 World PDGA Pro Disc Golf World Championships.
Intramural Sports Program – Offers a variety of sports to participate in during the fall and spring semester either at a competitive MUG or recreational T-shirt level. Team and individual sports are offered each semester. The IM program offers between 15-20 sports per academic year with men’s, women’s, and coed divisions. Visit imleagues.com/SRU for details, registration deadlines and team meeting dates.

Sport Clubs – Bridge the gap between intramural and intercollegiate athletics by providing competition at specialized levels, participation in tournaments and opportunities to practice. Every club is formed, developed and governed by its student members. The Sports Club Federation hosts an annual Leadership Summit for club officers/members to review club rules, by-laws, and constitution and to learn more about travel policies, incident/injury reports, and accounting processes. A complete listing of current Sport Clubs is listed on the ARC website and imleagues.com/SRU.

Outdoor Adventures – Programs are offered throughout the academic year including backpacking, canoeing, white water rafting, indoor and outdoor rock climbing, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, indoor kayak clinics and caving. The programs provide for both introductory and advanced activities to students in an economical and educational manner. Day trips and weekend adventures are offered. The Outdoor Adventures 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. daily 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 informal activities played in the pool area. Fully equipped locker rooms are available.
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS AND SUMMER SCHOOL
107 Old Main, 724.738.2010
The Office of Academic Records and Summer School administers the following University functions:
- Processes SRU academic transcript requests for employment and academic purposes.
- Maintains and updates the undergraduate and graduate online catalogs.
- Coordinates the master course and final exam schedules.
- Coordinates the collection and posting of mid-term and final grades.
- Collects and processes graduation applications and certifies all graduation requirements.
- Provides attendance and graduation verification documentation.
- Processes and approves coursework taken at other institutions through our transient and visiting student programs.
- Awards AP, CLEP and military credit for coursework taken outside of SRU.
- Process add, drop and withdraw cards.
- Process change of Major/Minor/concentration forms.

Semester hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Summer hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The office also coordinates the University’s summer school program. A more complete list of all Academic Record and Summer School functions are available at www.sru.edu/academicrecords

OFFICE OF STUDENT ACCOUNTS
104 Old Main, 724.738.2088
The Student Accounts Office is a student service office where students can pay all charges applicable to their own individual student account (tuition, fees, room and meals plans) by check, money order or cash. Credit card payments are not accepted in the office. Payments can be made online by logging into your MySRU. Acceptable online payment methods include electronic check and credit card (Mastercard, Visa, Discover and American Express). A 2.75 percent convenience fee is applicable to all credit card payments. The Student Accounts Office also processes and disburses all excess financial aid to students by either 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 FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS
107 Maltby Center, 724.738.2044
The Office of Financial Aid is responsible for the coordination of sources of financial assistance for undergraduate and graduate students at Slippery Rock University. The office welcomes calls, emails and visits from students and parents who need guidance on applying for financial aid which can take the form of grants, scholarships, loans and student employment. Students are also encouraged to visit the financial aid website at www.sru.edu/finaid for general information about financial aid programs and application processes. To apply for financial aid, students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which is available online at www.fafsa.gov and must be filed annually beginning October 1st of the year prior to attending. Students who are interested in exploring scholarship opportunities can visit www.sru.edu/scholarships. The SRU Financial Aid Office can be reached at 724.738.2044 or financial.aid@sru.edu.

OFFICE OF CAREER EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT
124 Bailey Library, 724.738.2028
Why are we important your first year?
For your first year at SRU, the Office of Career Education and Development can help with selecting a major and defining a career path. Choosing a major is a tough decision, but it is a decision that deserves careful consideration. Career Education and Development professionals can work with you to match your interests, abilities, personality and values to a major and a career path that is right for you. Their website resources can also help you explore the future job market, and other important factors related to pursuing a specific occupation. www.sru.edu/career

What are other reasons to visit the Office of Career Education and Development?
Seven out of ten private sector jobs today are acquired through personal contacts. First-year students have the opportunity to build these contacts over four years. Too many students wait until their fourth year to build important professional contacts – let us show you how to build your professional network. The office staff and the Career Education website also support students with help on resumes, cover letters, internship searches, job fairs, practice interviews, job searching, LinkedIn and networking. For education majors and those considering graduate school, Career Education and Development also oversees Praxis and other standardized testing on SRU’s campus.

Hours of operation:
Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We offer extended hours one or two evenings per week during the academic year.
HEALTH SERVICES
McLachlan Student Health Center, Rhoads Hall, 724.738.2052
Student Health Services is professionally staffed with a physician, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, a certified health education specialist, and clerical staff experienced in assisting college students with their health needs. The Health Promotion Program serves to enhance the educational process by promoting an optimal level of wellness, which is vital to your academic success.

Student Health Services is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during the fall and spring semesters for any problems or concerns you may have. It is closed on breaks and offers limited services in the summer. Services include: registered nurse evaluation (24/7), medical services appointments, sexual health services (including STI (sexually transmitted infections) screening, birth control, pap and pregnancy tests), the Protection Connection (safer sex supplies), medications, immunization and allergy injections, and many other options. To be eligible for treatment, students must be currently enrolled in classes at SRU and have paid the student health fee; students should submit their health history and immunization information via the Student Health Portal (studenthealthportal.sru.edu) before arriving on campus (up-to-date immunization information required). When requesting services, please bring your student ID card with you. For more information: www.sru.edu/SHS

THE WRITING CENTER
Technology Learning Center, Bailey Library, 724.738.2654
Slippery Rock University’s English department maintains a Writing Center in Bailey Library to provide individualized, supplementary assistance to all students for help with writing. Writing Center tutors can assist with invention/topic ideas, structure, grammar, MLA/APA formatting, and other techniques to help all students become better writers.

Tutors are trained to respond to student writers in ways that best meet their individual needs. Writing conferences occur on a walk-in basis, though students may telephone (x2654) to set up an appointment during Writing Center hours. Regularly scheduled appointments are also encouraged, particularly for those students who would benefit from on-going tutoring in order to increase their writing skills and to help in their coursework.

Writing Center tutors not only serve the tutorial needs of the English Department but also serve the writing tutorial needs of the university. Nearly fifty percent of the conferences are with students enrolled in first year college writing courses, and the remainder is with students writing in the nearly one hundred academic courses taught across campus.

Writing Center tutors can help student writers acquire the multiple literacies necessary for understanding and negotiating both print and electronic media. They collaborate by assisting students with their writing processes and with the technology useful for producing that writing. (One caveat—tutors are not instructors and are not responsible for teaching course content or advanced computer technologies.)

While tutors do not “proofread” student papers, they are able to help students learn to proofread their own papers by helping writers locate the types and frequency of errors being made, deciding which errors would be beneficial to discuss with the student writer, pointing out illustrative errors within the draft, and discussing editing and proofreading strategies with the student to help her or him to make necessary corrections.

The Writing Center is located in The Technology Learning Center, first floor Bailey Library and is open from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Fridays. (Note: open days/times may vary slightly due to university holidays).

If you would like more information about the Writing Center, please contact Dr. Mark O’Connor at 724.738.2548 or by e-mail at mark.oconnor@sru.edu.

ACADEMIC SERVICES
The Tutorial Center, 106 Bailey Library, 724.738.2845
The Tutorial Center offers a staff of highly qualified students from numerous academic departments to provide free individual and group tutoring. The tutoring program is available to anyone who is enrolled in one of more than 90 introductory-level liberal studies courses. In order to receive tutoring assistance, just log onto your MySRU portal and create a Tutoring Request. You will be contacted soon with the name and email of a tutor. Appointments can then be made weekly or on an as-needed basis.

WOMEN’S CENTER
249 Robert M. Smith Student Center, 724.738.2992
Mission Statement: To redress gender inequity through educational programming and services focused on advocacy and empowerment. This is accomplished through a three-pronged approach: education, advocacy, and empowerment.

Education
• Inform the campus community about women’s contributions to the global community
• Recognize, celebrate, and promote multicultural realities of women’s lives
• Challenge barriers to gender equity

Advocacy
• Create opportunities for women’s voices to be heard
• Provide comprehensive sexual violence risk reduction programs
• Actively support an environment of mutual respect and cooperation through policy and procedure development
• Inform students of their rights under the Clery Act, Title VII, Title IX and the Student code of Conduct

Empowerment
• Foster leadership opportunities for women
• Provide information and referrals about issues such as sexual harassment, relationship violence, rape and disordered eating

Services
• The Women’s Center is a confidential reporting site for students who have experienced interpersonal violence, sexual harassment, sexual assault, or rape.
• The Women’s Center offers programming on a variety of topics including women’s contributions to society, reproductive rights, women and HIV disease, salary negotiation, and gender.
• The Women’s Center has an extensive library of books and DVDs about women and gender.
• The Women’s Center has a private space to accommodate nursing mothers.
Student Services

Student Services

ID Card Office, 102 University Union, 724.738.4785

Your SRU ID card is your key to many services on campus as well as off campus. It is your admission ticket to the dining facilities, sports events, and other campus activities. For those students living in a residence hall, it provides access to your building. Your ID card is also used as identification for cashing checks at the SGA Bookstore or in town, and to withdraw materials from the library. Contact the ID Card Office if you have questions regarding your 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 is $15, second and any subsequent replacement cards are $20. Per every academic year, your first two damaged ID cards are replaced for free (only if damaged ID is presented at time of replacement), any other damaged ID replacements within the same year are $10 (only if damaged ID is presented at time of replacement). For more information visit www.sru.edu/offices/Id-office

The Pride Center

236 Robert M. Smith Student Center, 724.738.4378

Mission Statement: A resource center to support and affirm the diverse identities and lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning people.

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

Education
• Inform the campus community about sexual orientation and gender identity;
• Recognize and celebrate the history of LGBTQ people and allies; and
• 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; and
• Provide a safe space on campus for LGBTQ students and allies to gather and interact

Empowerment
• Maintain a large resource library for reference and personal development;
• Forge mentoring relationships with LGBTQ students; and
• Provide leadership development opportunities for LGBTQ students

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 by offering programs designed to create productive campus citizens who can effectively work with others and bring about positive social change.

Student Organizations:
• American Sign Language Club
• Black Action Society
• Chosen Generation Gospel Choir
• Feminist Minority Leadership Alliance
• Internations Club
• Men of Distinction
• NAACP Chapter at Slippery Rock University
• RockOUT
• Sister to Sister
• Student Union for Multicultural Affairs
• Student Organization of Latinos/Hispanic and Allies

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
This program is an effective tool in recruiting and retaining students who are primarily from underrepresented groups. First-year/transfer students are provided one-on-one and group mentoring, cultural, academic and leadership competency development and academic advisement with a focus on study skills. As a part of Jump Start, academic mentors are peers who assist first-year/transfer students by providing academic and social support while also serving as a role model.
COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT
Rhoads Hall, 724.738.2034

Mission Statement
The Student Counseling Center at Slippery Rock University supports and promotes the psychological, academic, and holistic health of Slippery Rock 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 Slippery Rock University community.

Services
1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

More information at: www.sru.edu/counselingcenter

Services are free to SRU students:
- Individual and/or group counseling
- Alcohol and other drug program assessment
- Crisis intervention and emergency services
- Referral services
- Educational and outreach activities
- Consultation services
- 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 you 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 of suicide; comments and threats of suicide should always be taken seriously.

Most individuals request counseling on their own initiative. Some individuals need encouragement from friends, residence hall staff, professors, academic advisers, administrators or family.
**Student Services**

**Center for Service, Involvement, and Leadership**
**234 Smith Student Center, 724.738.2092**

The Center for Service, Involvement, and Leadership (CSIL) is your one stop shop for leadership, service and involvement opportunities on campus. This is an office where college becomes more than just academics; it helps students have once in a lifetime experiences while learning lifelong lessons. The CSIL helps students find activities and clubs that interest them to help make Slippery Rock University home. Students can get involved in over 180 student clubs and organizations including Greek Life, Green and White Society, Student Government Association, University Program Board, Friends and Family Programs and the First-Year Leader Scholar Program. Students have the opportunity to participate in different volunteer activities, including but not limited to, campus clean up, blood drives, and Up ‘til Dawn for St. Jude. Care breaks are also offered through the CSIL giving students an opportunity to help other communities in the United States over fall or spring break periods. Care break trips in the past have traveled to locations such as New Mexico, Florida, Jamaica, Louisiana, New Jersey and New York where students have helped by tutoring children, building low-income housing, assisting the homeless and hungry, and protecting the environment. The goal of the CSIL is to help students create meaningful opportunities, develop their leadership potential, make friends and enhance their overall college experience. Please stop by our office in the Robert M. Smith Student Center or call us at 724.738.2092 to get started. For more information visit [www.sru.edu/CSIL](http://www.sru.edu/CSIL).

**Student Government Association**
**236 Robert M. Smith Student Center, 724.738.2656**

The Slippery Rock Student Government Association Inc. serves primarily as a forum for students to express concerns and as a liaison between students, faculty, and administration. SGA provides the following services: the Child Daycare Center (located in the McKay Education Building), vending operations, the SGA Bookstore, free legal counsel for students and the SGA Shuttle or “Happy Bus”. Further, SGA’s financial branch, Cooperative Activities, manages funding for more than 180 clubs and organizations on campus. Find more information at [www.srga.org](http://www.srga.org).

**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 are not limited to, the following disabilities: learning, physical, hearing, vision, or psychological.

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

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 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 hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. [www.sru.edu/SWD](http://www.sru.edu/SWD).
TECHNOLOGY
Computers in your Residence Hall
SRU offers students in the residence halls full internet access through Apogee Advanced Resnet Services. Resident students will receive a letter from Apogee introducing them to the available Resnet packages. Once registered, the student will have access to the MyResnet portal where they will find instructions for connecting their devices to the network.

Support is available from Apogee through the MyResnet portal, telephone, email, and live chat.

PLEASE NOTE
Wireless devices (routers) are not permitted in residence hall rooms.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What type of computer should I bring: a PC or a laptop?
A. We recommend that families choose a personal computer or a laptop based on the needs of their student. Students may want to contact their Major department to inquire if there are any specific software requirements.

Q. How do I connect my computer to the campus network?
A. Internet services in the residence halls are maintained through Apogee Advanced Resnet Services. Resident students will receive a letter from Apogee introducing them to the available Resnet packages. Once registered, the student will have access to the MyResnet portal where they will find instructions for connecting their devices to the network.

Q. What kind of network cable do I need and where can I get it?
A. Wireless access is available across campus and in your residence hall room. If you would like a wired connection, a network jack is also available in your room. Most Ethernet cords have become standardized and you shouldn’t have to worry about a particular kind to buy. The technicalities are the cord should be a CAT-5 or CAT-6 and should have RJ-45 connectors on each end. You can purchase this cord at the SGA Bookstore ETC located in the Robert M. Smith Student Center.

Q. How do I setup my television to work with the SRU cable?
A. Cable connections at maintained through Apogee Advanced Resnet Services. Students can find connection instructions by logging into MyResnet once they have registered for the service.

Q. Where do I find up-to-date campus announcements?
A. Students receive a daily Top of the Rock email from SRU Communication that contains a daily summary of activities. You should also watch for announcements in MySRU and on the SRU cable channel 68.

Q. How do I change my password?
A. You can change your password by clicking on the Expired or Forgot Password link below the login for MySRU. From a campus computer you can also press CTL-ALT-DEL and choose “Change Password.”

Q. Where can I access wireless internet for my laptop?
A. If you live on campus, you can access wireless internet anywhere in the residence halls and in most buildings on campus through the “ResNet” wireless connection. To find out how to connect to ResNet visit www.myresnet.com. Once you are connected to ResNet, you can take your laptop or wireless device to any building on campus. If you live off campus, you can access wireless internet in most buildings on campus through the “sru1x” wireless connection. Keep in mind that wireless routers are forbidden in your residence hall room. Please do not attempt to setup or configure a wireless access system (router) in the residence halls.

Q. How do I connect to wireless internet?
A. Depending on your residency status, you will connect to MyResnet (Residents), SRU1X (non-residents) or SRUStudent (non-residents).
**Technology**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Residence Hall Students Only:** Connect your device to the MyResNet wireless and enter your Apogee user id and password. After you enter your credentials the first time on your device, you will not need to enter them again. When you are on other areas of campus, you will see the MyResNet wireless network – continue to use it as your preferred or default wireless.

**Non Residence Hall Students:** Connect your device to either srustudent or sru1X even if you are in a residence hall for a meeting.

**sru1X**
1. Connect to sru1X
2. You will be prompted to enter your SRU user name and password
3. Set sru1X as your preferred or default wireless.

**Q: Can I download music?**

**A:** Illegally downloading music is a violation of the Student Conduct Code, University Information Technology Policy and Digital Millennium Copyright Act. Students found guilty could face disciplinary charges, loss of access to the network and fines. If you are unsure as to what is legal and what’s not when it comes to copying music, please visit the MUSIC Coalition’s website at: www.musicunited.com.

**Q: Can I use my laptop or tablet in class?**

**A:** Most, but not all, professors do allow note-taking via laptop or electronic tablet. You should consult each individual professor about their policy regarding the use of electronics in class.

**Q: What is the best place on SRU’s web site to find answers to everything I need?**

**A:** MySRU is your first stop for finding resources and information to help you live and learn at SRU. On this site you will find a list of resources and services organized around the different aspects of being an SRU student. Some of the areas of interest include:

- Academic Information
- Academic Support
- Financial Aid Information
- Campus News
- Campus Life

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**The Help Desk**

The Help Desk at Slippery Rock University is dedicated to providing quality technical support to the students, faculty, and staff of our academic community.

**SRU’s Help Desk:**
Maltby Center Room #104
Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday)
Phone: 724.738.HELP (4357)
Email: helpdesk@sru.edu

**Assistance is available for the following:**

- Password Problems
- Email Questions
- Desire2Learn Help
- Limited Applications Help
- D2L Access Issues (Help with D2L usage - 724.738.4220)
- Lab Locations
- Channel 68 Advertisement

To access the student portal, click on the MySRU icon located in the top right hand corner of every SRU webpage.

For more information on technology’s FAQ’s, please visit www.sru.edu/helpdesk
CITRIX

Many courses taught at SRU involve extensive use of application software. This software can be expensive and may only be available in a single laboratory on SRU’s campus. In addition, classrooms/labs are open and available to students only a limited number of hours. The typical college student is busy during many daytime hours taking classes and working. Often, it is difficult for students to be in a lab that is open a limited number of hours. Thus, lab hours limit the amount of time they have to study, practice and complete homework for their courses.

Through Citrix (https://citrix.sru.edu), a Campus Software Access System, Slippery Rock University has made many software applications available via centralized servers for access both on and off campus, 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week at no cost to students. The Citrix Taskforce has also opened access to pieces of software beyond course/major specific titles. This additional access supports the integration of technology throughout campus life, the creation of electronic portfolios, and course offerings via the web and Regional Learning Alliance.

COMPUTERS ON CAMPUS

LOG ON PROCEDURES:
• Press CTRL-ALT-DELETE Keys simultaneously
• Enter your user name (ex. abc1234). User name is your initials plus four randomly generated numbers (Your user name is printed on the front of your ID card, or can be found under 'Directories' on www.sru.edu)
• Enter your password: Your default password is your birth date followed by “Sr”. Ex: 020495Sr for Feb. 4, 1995.

LOG OFF PROCEDURES:
• Click on the “Start” button in the lower left corner of the screen
• Select “Shut Down” or “Log Off User.”

SRU PASSWORD

SETTING UP A PASSWORD PORTAL

Go to MySRU by clicking on the MySRU link at the top right of the SRU web page
• Click on Expired or Forgot Password link under the MySRU login
• Click on “Configure Maintenance Tool”
• Login to your account
• Enter your SRU email address (username@sru.edu)
• Enter your SRU password
• Complete the requested information
• Create a four-digit pin number
• Select a secret question to be asked when using the tool
• Enter the answer to the selected question
• Click “Submit”

CHANGING YOUR SRU PASSWORD

Go to MySRU by clicking on the MySRU link at the top right of the SRU web page
• Click on Expired or Forgot Password link under the MySRU login
• Click on “Change Password”
• Log into your account
• Enter SRU email address (username@sru.edu)
• Enter password (even if it has expired)
• Choose a new password
  • It must be at least eight characters;
  • It must be different than your last three passwords
• Click “Change Password”

MY SRU

Go to MySRU by clicking on the MySRU link in the top right corner of the SRU web page or by typing mysru.sru.edu into your browser address bar.
• Enter your SRU user name as the user name
• Enter your SRU password
• Click “Login”

OFFICE 365

As an SRU student, you have an account through Office 365. This provides you with access to email, 1T of online storage, and the Microsoft Office Suite through the web. You are required to log on using your SRU email address and SRU password.

ROCKMAIL

• Log in to MySRU
• Click on Rockmail Online on the Home tab
• A logon window will appear
• In the username field type your SRU e-mail address (username@sru.edu)
• In the password field type your SRU password
• Click “OK.” You are now logged in to Office 365
• Click on the Mail icon to access your email
• To access Office 365 directly, type portal.office.com in your browser’s address bar

DESIRE2LEARN (D2L)

D2L is Slippery Rock University’s online course management system. Students taking both online and face-to-face courses can log in to D2L and access course materials such as handouts, readings and video lectures. D2L also allows students to view grades, take online quizzes, e-mail classmates and participate in online chats and discussions. D2L is accessible to all students from anywhere in the world with a reliable Internet connection. Students can log in to d2l.sru.edu or access D2L from MySRU using their Rockmail username and password. When accessing D2L from MySRU, the link is at “ROCK ONLINE.”

For questions or assistance with D2L, contact the D2L Helpline by email at edtech@sru.edu or by phone at 724.738.4220. The hours for the D2L Helpline are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. For password help, call the IT Help Desk at 724.738.4357.
COMPUTER LAB LOCATIONS

Labs open to all students are:
- Bailey Library lab (3rd floor)
- Bailey Library laptop loan (ground floor)
- Bailey Library Reference area (1st floor)
- Bailey Library TLC
- Eisenberg Classroom Building room #215 (ECB)
- Eisenberg Classroom Building room #217 (ECB)
- Eisenberg Classroom Building room #221 (ECB)
- Eisenberg Classroom Building room #320 (ECB)
- McKay Education Building room #123 (MEB)
- Morrow Field House room #119 (FH)
- Patterson Hall #101 (PH)
- Patterson Hall #215 (PH)
- Spotts World Culture Building room #218 (SWC)
- Strain Behavioral Science Building room # 203 (BSB)
- Swope Music Hall room #120 (SWH)
- University Union room # 216 (UU)
- Vincent Science Center #107 (VSC)
- Vincent Science Center #121 (VSC)
- Vincent Science Center #202 (VSC)
- Vincent Science Center #204 (VSC)
- Vincent Science Center #214 (VSC)
- Vincent Science Center #215 (VSC)
- Vincent Science Center #219 (VSC)
- Vincent Science Center #220 (VSC)
- Vincent Science Center #303 (VSC)
- Vincent Science Center #320 (VSC)

Labs open to departmental students only are:
- Advanced Technology and Science Hall room #102 (ATS)
- Advanced Technology and Science Hall room #129 (ATS)
- Advanced Technology and Science Hall room #130 (ATS)
- Advanced Technology and Science Hall room #224 (ATS)
- Advanced Technology and Science Hall room #227 (ATS)
- Advanced Technology and Science Hall room #230 (ATS)
- Advanced Technology and Science Hall room #231 (ATS)
- Advanced Technology and Science Hall room #232 (ATS)
- Advanced Technology and Science Hall room #234 (ATS)
- Advanced Technology and Science Hall room #308 (ATS)
- Art Building room #001 (ART)
- Bailey Library room #213 (BL)
- Carruth-Rizza Hall room #211 (CRH)
- Eisenberg Classroom Building room #103 (ECB)
- Eisenberg Classroom Building room #118 (ECB)
- Eisenberg Classroom Building room #203 (ECB)

TECHNOLOGY

ACCESSING THE H: AND I: DRIVE

ACCESSING THE I: DRIVE

Off-Campus:
- In any browser, type classwork.sru.edu into the address bar
- You can then select the department, instructor and documents
- In Internet Explorer, type in your browser's address bar: sruwebaccess.sru.edu
- Type in your user name at the top
- Check the I: drive and click “Launch”
- A logon window will appear and ask for your network username and password
- In the username field type: srunet\username
- In the password field type your SRU password
- Click “OK.”
- The I: Drive is organized by department and faculty last name

ACCESSING THE H: DRIVE

From Internet Explorer, type sruwebaccess.sru.edu into your browser’s address bar
- Type in your user name at the top
- Check the H: drive and click “Launch”
- A logon window will appear and ask for your network username and password
- In the username field type: srunet\username
- In the password field type your password (same as Rockmail)
- Click “OK”

PASSWORD NOTE:
Passwords expire every 90 days.
Slippery Rock University is committed to a policy of affirmative action. Slippery Rock University assures an equal opportunity to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, creed, disability, ancestry, national origin, age, gender or veteran’s status in accordance with the state and federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Slippery Rock University provides students with a comprehensive learning experience that intentionally combines academic instruction with enhanced educational and learning opportunities that make a positive difference in their lives.
Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you greater than any obstacle.

–Christian D. Larson