Expectations of Excellence

- Nearly 410 high schools
- 60 of the 67 counties in PA
- 15 states
- 90 academic programs
- Over 20+ different countries

Your freshman class is looking very impressive!
Expectations of Excellence

- About 1550+ students
- HS GPA Average 3.4
- Top 25% HS - 39% of incoming FR class

Your freshman class is looking very impressive!
Beyond the Academic Achievements – Your class has many strong qualities…

- **Leadership** – Student Council, Clubs, Organizations, & Honorary Orgs
- **Community service experiences** – Schools, Churches, & Community
- **Team-orientation** - athletic experiences & school activities
- **Talented** – Music, Theatre, Dance, and Artistic experiences
- **Social-orientation** – Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, etc.
How will SRU support you through this experience?
Your Success is Our Goal – **Student Success**

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Your Success is Our Goal – **Transformational Experiences**

- Career Education & Development
- Distinguished Scholarships & Fellowships
- Global Engagement
- Honors College
- Library
- Center for Excellence in Teaching and Educational Technology
- Co-operative Activities – Student Government Association
- Student Development
- Undergraduate Research
GET CONNECTED!

First Year Studies Programs and Services

Technology

Academic Advisement Information

Course Registration Information

Special Programs, Services, Activities, & Organizations

Course Placement & Testing Information

Living & Learning Environment
Academic Advisement is perhaps the most important faculty to student relationship outside of the classroom experience.
FYRST advisement begins in orientation

- Academic Transition
- Academic Advisement
- Degree Requirements (Rock Studies & Major)
- Scheduling
SRU Degree = 120 credits

- Major Credits, 30-60
- Rock Studies Credits, 42
- Free Electives
Rock Studies Program

- The Rock
- Integrated Inquiry
- Thematic Threads

Major Credits, 30-60

Rock Studies Credits, 42

Free Electives
# Rock Studies Program

## The Rock Requirements

### The Rock (15 credits)

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What is University Seminar?

- University Seminar serves as the entry point to the Rock Studies program and promotes intellectual inquiry, critical and creative thinking, and academic excellence.
- This course will set students along the path to becoming engaged with issues and scholarship important to a 21st century education while they learn about themselves and their place in the world.

A few of the course outcomes:

Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of intellectual rigor and academic excellence.
- Produce ideas in written, digital, and spoken forms.
- Engage with topics of diversity and inclusion.
- Make local and global connections.
- Evaluate information sources, distinguishing unsupported opinions and beliefs from researched claims and evidence.
- Understand the interdisciplinary nature of the University Seminar, and how the course relates to the Rock Studies program, students’ chosen (or intended) majors, and lifelong learning.
## Rock Studies Program

### Integrated Inquiry

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Semester Schedule
A semester schedule contains a variety of classes.

+ Major Courses
  (as recommended by academic department)
+ Rock Studies Courses
  (The Rock & Integrated Inquiry)
+ Free Elective Course(s)

= 15 or 16 credits per semester

“15 to FINISH IN 4”
# Sample Schedule

## Learning Community Cluster - Rock Studies

- **Introduction to Exercise Science** 3  
  ERS 100 (Major Course) (LCC)
- **Elements of Physics** 4  
  PHYS 201 (Integrated Inquiry/Physical Science) (LCC)
- **Elements of Physics Lab** 0  
  PHYS 201 (Integrated Inquiry/Physical Science)
- **Intro to Psychology** 3  
  PSYC 105 (Integrated Inquiry/Humanities)
- **University Seminar: Disability Sports** 3  
  PE 139 (The Rock)
- **FYRST Seminar** 1  
  INDS 101 (LCC)

**Total Credits** 16
Placement Testing - Successful Learning Guide

- Modern Languages Placement Test - Orientation
- Competency Exam – After Orientation/At Home
  - Computer Competency
  - Look for an e-mail
- Course Placement for Math by SAT/ACT Testing
- Math 125 – Elementary Functions – You will receive placement information from the orientation adviser – Online Placement Exam & Course Prep
College is a major turning point in your life!

Many questions will fill your mind about your new university experience, including...

- How can I succeed in my courses?
- How do I get involved in campus activities?

- How will I fit everything into my schedule?
- Where do I go for help?
- What courses should I take?
- How will I make friends?

The FYRST Seminar is a one credit hour course designed especially and exclusively to assist first year students adjust to college life at “The Rock.”

Each Learning Community Cluster includes a FYRST Seminar and there are several FYRST Seminars that are offered independently from the clusters so that any student can choose to enroll.

Nearly every first year student will take a FYRST Seminar in the fall semester.
Keeping YOU in the Loop!

Using your SRU E-mail Account
FERPA affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records.
Students provide parents access to the MySRU Parent Portal.
Presentations - www.sru.edu/orientation; click on First-Year Student:

The following slide shows are presented at our 2019 Freshmen Orientation events; please refer to them as needed for important details and reminders:

- Successful Transitions
- Financial Aid and Billing
- Residence Life
- Student Success Presentation
- Dining Services
- SGA Bookstore
- PNC Bank
- University Police
- Transformational Experiences Presentation
- College of Business Dean's Meeting
- College of Education Dean's Meeting
- College of Health, Environment & Science Dean's Meeting
- College Liberal Arts Dean's Meeting
- Exploratory Dean's Meeting
- Commuter Student Meeting

The following booklets are distributed at our 2019 Freshmen Orientation events and are provided here for your convenience:

- Parent Resource Guide
- Successful Learning Guide
Social Media

- Follow official SRU accounts
  - Twitter: @slipperyrocku
  - Instagram: @slipperyrockuniversity
  - Snapchat: @slipperyrocku

- Official Class Hashtags: #sru23 #sruBound

- Use #sruOrientation today to meet your classmates!

Be certain to remove or hide identifiable information when posting images of your student IDs, class schedules, acceptance letters, etc.
We’re happy you are here today.

Enjoy the Program
Ask Questions