

GRADUATE APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application and Documentation

Applicants need to complete an online application to the graduate school at: <http://www.gradschool.siu.edu/applygrad.htm>

Follow instructions in the provided checklist to complete the online application. Upload required forms with the application. Required original forms should be mailed to the Physics department. When the fee, forms, documentation, and references are complete, and on file in the physics department, the application will be reviewed by the Graduate Admission Committee. Refer to the **Checklist** page for specifics.

Degree Programs

Ph.D. and M.S. programs are offered in Physics. Applicants with a BS or BA may select either the M.S. program or direct entry into the Ph.D. program but must meet the GPA requirement for the program selected. Clearly indicate your intention on the Graduate School Application. For information regarding degrees and/or requirements, see the Graduate School's catalog on the web at: <http://www.siu.edu/gradschl>. Additional information is available at <http://www.physics.siu.edu/programs/>.

Application Process

Documentation should be submitted to the Department using the address below. You may contact the Physics Department for assistance. Once all files and documentation is on file, the Admission Committee members review files and make selections for our program. If selected, documents are forwarded to the Graduate School for final approval for admission to the University.

International Students: If approved, financial clearance for an I-20 is required from the Office of International Students and Scholars before the I-20 is prepared. The department will then send the I-20 to the international student. The process is time consuming so it is strongly recommended that applicants submit completed forms and documentation as early as possible.

Incoming graduate students must take an exam of spoken English skills upon arrival on campus prior to the processing of their contract.

Assistantships

Successful candidates may be offered an opening in the Physics Graduate Program and a Teaching Assistantship. If an assistantship is offered, it will include a waiver of tuition. Student fees are not covered in the waiver and are the responsibility of the student. Typical teaching duties for the first year are teaching laboratory classes, grading, proctoring, and/or a help desk assignment. Assistantships are renewable with satisfactory performance and are dependent on the availability of department funding.

Application Fee

There is a \$65 application fee required. The fee can be paid by **credit card only**.

Deadlines

All application materials must be received by January 15th for Fall admission or October 15th for Spring admission.

Checklist

The checklist includes requirements for routine admissions. **Read** it carefully and **SUBMIT** required documents with appropriate seals and/or signatures. Missing information and/or incorrect documents (any change from the requirements) will delay processing applications. In certain circumstances, additional information and/or documentation may be required. Do not submit the checklist, keep it for your own record.

The Graduate School must receive your official TOEFL or IELTS test scores before an offer for admission will be made.

Mail required materials to:

Graduate Committee Chair
Department of Physics, SIUC
1245 Lincoln Dr.
Neckers 483A
Carbondale, IL 62901-4401 USA

For further information:

Email: smcann@physics.siu.edu
Phone: 001-618-453-2643
Fax: 001-618-453-1056
Web: www.physics.siu.edu

Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Department of Physics
Graduate Application Checklist

Applications will be reviewed for admission when ALL of the following items are on file in the Physics

_____ **GPA** Minimum Program Requirements (A = 4.0): Master's = 2.7 GPA; Ph.D. = 3.25 GPA

_____ **Graduate School Application:** Must be submitted online:
<http://www.gradschool.siu.edu/applygrad.htm>

_____ **Application Fee: \$65.** Paid by Credit Card at time of submission of online Graduate School.

_____ **Department of Physics Supplemental Application:** completed online

_____ **Photocopy of Passport Page *:** Upload to Grad School Application Showing your name and date of birth.

_____ **Confidential Report / Financial Statement for International Students*:** Complete online with Grad School Application. Required for I-20 approval. If requesting an assistantship, complete the top portion, part "C" of the middle section, and the "Dependent Health Coverage" section. Married applicants must send a copy of marriage certificate in English. Applicants must also send a copy of passports for all dependents and spouse.

_____ **GRE Scores:** The General GRE is required for PhD only. You may optionally submit scores if applying for MS. Upload Student Report to Grad School Application. Graduate school must have originals, school code is 1726.

_____ **TOEFL*:** (School code is 1726)

- Official ETS report is required by the Graduate School and must be submitted by the deadline
- Exam must have been taken within two years before first registration (i.e. 8-98 earliest date for Fall 2000)
- Grad School required minimum score of 550 on paper test, 220 on computer test, or 80 on internet test

_____ **Three (3) Recommendation Forms:** Submit online, or via postal mail. If by mail, Recommender sends directly to the Physics department Graduate Committee.

For Each College or University Attended **

Upload unofficial transcripts with Graduate Application online.
Mail the official transcripts and Diplomas to the Physics Department.

_____ **TRANSCRIPT(S) – Official Native Language**
_____ **TRANSCRIPT(S) – Official English Translation**

Mail all materials to:

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Carbondale, IL 62901-4401 USA

For Each Degree Received

_____ **DIPLOMA – Official Native Language**
_____ **DIPLOMA – Official English Translation**

For further information:

Email: smcann@physics.siu.edu
Phone: 001-618-453-2729
Fax: 001-618-453-1056
Web: www.physics.siu.edu

**International Students Only. **Note: Final transcripts and / or diplomas will be required by the Graduate School before first registration for successful candidates. This requirement will be noted on an I-20. Documents must be submitted by deadline. Diplomas and / or transcripts are required from every college or university attended. They must have required official seals / signatures and be in envelopes sealed by the issuing institution. The following are NOT considered official: student copies, "certified" copies, or "attested" copies. If you are currently enrolled, but will not be receiving a degree, make sure current and final transcripts will be available.*

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Graduate Application Hints

For All Applicants

- Only complete application will be reviewed by the Graduate Admissions Committee members. All documents, forms, and application fee MUST be on file / uploaded before an application will be considered complete and ready for review.
- Only credit cards are accepted for payment
- All Educational documents mailed to the Physics Department must be official copies in sealed envelopes from the issuing university/college. They must also be properly certified as true copies with specifically required seals, stamps, and/or signatures. The signatures must be from a representative of the institution; e.g., Registrar, Controller of Exams, President, etc. (Professors and/or department chairs do NOT qualify as a representative of the institution.) These sealed envelopes may be sent directly to the Graduate Committee or may be included with completed forms and other documentation when submitting your application.

China

- All Chinese transcripts and diplomas MUST have the colored or embossed seals on each page.
- Chinese transcript grades MUST be in Chinese characters or numbers. The Graduate School WILL NOT accept letter grades that are not in Chinese Characters.
- Wording on Chinese diplomas must state the degree was: "conferred, granted, awarded, or received." (The graduation certificate (eligible, approved, or qualified for graduation) does not meet the requirement.)
- For every Chinese document, we need the English translation, and the reverse is also true.

India

- Individual marksheets are required. Consolidated marksheets are not acceptable.
- Marksheets/diplomas must be issued by the UNIVERSITY, not a college affiliated with the university.
- Provisional diplomas from recent graduates are acceptable.
- All documents must be certified by the UNIVERSITY, have an original school seal and an original signature of (a) the Registrar Office, OR (b) the Controller of Exams, OR (c) the U.S. Educational Foundation in India

*Due to past issues with fraudulent documents only official documents from the following countries will be accepted: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Libya, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. Final Diplomas are required from Iran. Provisional certificates are not acceptable if degree is completed.