

Learning and Social Supports @SCSU



Frequently Asked Questions

Answers to some questions with contacts to support a smoother transition to Southern for your first year experience.

For additional information:

Office of the Dean of Students: Dr. Jules Tetreault,
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Disability Resource Center: Goldie Adele, adeleg1@southernct.edu

Center of Excellence on ASD: Dr. Fred Volkmar, volkmarf1@southernct.edu

Differences between high school and university

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high school

Students have right to an education

Protections include IDEA, Section 504, ADA

School district designs IEP

Parents have direct input and are primary advocate

Entitled to supports; fundamental alterations are made

Guarantees success

university

University education is a privilege, not a right

Protections include Section 504, ADA

Student responsible to provide documentation to verify learning or other type of disability

Student are expected to be their own advocate and is responsible for having their needs met

Classroom accommodations may not alter fundamental nature of a course or impose undue burden on an instruction/institution

Guarantees access

Academic Supports:

I am struggling in one of my courses, I need tutorial help, who do I reach out to?

We have free tutorial services for all areas of study at our Academic Success Center located in the Buley Library on the 3rd floor. In some departments, upper classman serve as tutors for special areas. Please try the following:

1. Course Instructor, or
2. Call Dr. Katie De Oliveira at 203- 392- 5186 from the Academic Success Center

I have a question about technology to help me in my classes?

First ask your professors, other students, or your INQ peer mentor. We also have a Center for Adaptive Technology that may also give you some help.

Call Bo Zamfir at the Center for Education and Assistive Technology: 203- 392-5799 or email ceat@southernct.edu

I have a disability, where can I get academic accommodations (IEP plan)? Or I am a first year student with a disability, who can I talk to about my IEP/ 504 plan?

You will want to contact our center that can guide you in learning about the services you are allowed to receive. It is called the DRC, or Disability Resource Center. Contact Goldie Adele at (203) 392-6828 or adeleg1@southernct.edu

Personal Mental Health:

I am feeling frustrated and overwhelmed with course work, who can help me?

Counseling Services can help you. Please call Elaine Allen at 203-392-5475

Residential:

I have a question about living on campus who can I talk to?

You can contact Mandi Kuster, the Associate Director of Residence Life at 203-392-6336

I am having disputes with my roommates, who can I talk to?

It can be very frustrating trying to get along with new people. We have many people who will be able to help you work through challenging relationships in the residence halls. Please try any of the following:

Resident Advisor, or

Hall Director, or

Counseling Services (Please call Elaine Allen at 203-392-5475)

Safety/Transportation:

I have a question about parking and shuttle services who can I call?

Please call the SCSU Campus Police Department and ask to speak to Tonya Nelson at 203-392-5375

I have a concern about campus safety, who can I call?

SCSU Campus Police at 203-392-5375

Technology Access:

I need to reset my password, who do I talk to? OR

I can't get on the internet, who can I talk to?

Our information technology support help desk is located on the 4th floor of the Buley Library. You may ask for help by calling at 203-392-5123 or emailing at helpdesk@southernct.edu or by going to the webpage at helpdesk.southernct.edu