BUSINESS PLACEMENT CENTER

The College of Business Placement Center enhances career and employment opportunities for students in the college. The primary mission of the center is to connect students in the college with employers for internships, externships and career placement. One of the many goals of the center is to provide students with a wide variety of services to adequately prepare them for success in their careers after graduation.

The center’s staff is committed to offering an exceptional level of service to students and employers. Services provided by the center include:

- Career counseling
- Networking opportunities with employers
- On-site job interviews
- Résumé critiques
- Specialized workshops on career-related topics
- Mock interviews with business/community leaders/alumni
- Career exploration trips

Business Career Tools
Business Career Tools is an online portal where you can access more than 1,500 articles and documents that can assist you with your career search, professionalism and applying to graduate school. This can be found on the Business Placement Center’s website under the Student section.

Connect 2 Careers
The College of Business uses a career portal called Connect 2 Careers that can be found on students’ SalukiNet account. This is an exclusive system that is only available to College of Business students, and it’s the top resource for searching for internship and career opportunities.

Internships
Gaining hands-on, practical experience in the work world as a supplement and complement to gaining formal education can better prepare you for a business career. In addition, many employers view experience as an advantage when hiring new employees. These are two of the reasons why the College of Business strongly advises its students to gain practical experience via involvement in student clubs, community volunteer activities and/or externships, internships and part-time jobs.
After talking with your advisor on the timing of participating in an internship experience, visit the Business Placement Center to complete your intern form. By completing your intent to intern form, you are alerting us of your goal to complete an internship and we can begin assisting you in your search.

During the internship experience, you will have the chance to expand your knowledge about your chosen industry, refine career aspirations and expand your professional network. Students become more independent and self-confident while learning how to balance work. Also, research has shown that students are 62 percent more likely to have a job at graduation and to be paid on average $10,000 more than students who do not complete an internship.

Externships
The College of Business participates in, and assists with, SIU’s annual Extern Program, which is sponsored by the Student Alumni Council of the SIU Alumni Association. An externship through this program is generally a weeklong volunteer, job shadowing career experience in which students are matched with alumni and friends of SIU during the university’s spring break in March to observe and experience their chosen career fields. Sophomores, juniors and seniors are invited to apply in the fall for this spring program. More information is available at siualumni.com/extern.

Please note: The center has a cooperative agreement with University Career Services (UCS) in the Student Services Building to share and disseminate information on campuswide career workshops, career fairs, job postings and interviews, including sponsorship/payment of the UCS registration fee. Additional services offered by UCS may be located online at careerservices.siu.edu.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The ultimate goal of the College of Business Office of Diversity and Inclusion is to provide appropriate support services and incentives to enable minority students to complete their educational objectives without interrupting or ending their course of study in the College of Business. The primary objectives of the office are to enhance the student’s college experience and to increase the matriculation and graduation rates of enrolled minority students by helping them meet their social, cultural and educational needs. For more information, visit Rehn 107. business.siu.edu

SERVICES

Tutoring – Rehn 10 – Academic Success Center
The College of Business conducts tutoring for designated courses for College of Business majors and minors. Tutoring is available in Rehn 10 during selected hours in the fall and spring semesters. Please visit business.siu.edu/services/advantage/ for information on hours and course tutoring available.