Student Responsibility

Students are responsible for knowing degree requirements and enrolling in courses that will enable them to complete their degree programs. It is also their responsibility to know the University regulations for the standard of work required to continue in the Graduate School. For information, consult both the general and specific degree requirements enclosed in this publication. Additional details about requirements and procedures are available from your graduate adviser or the Graduate School.

Human Subjects

Before the start of any research involving human subjects, the research project must be reviewed and approved by the SIU Human Subjects Committee (an Institutional Review Board). If your master's or doctoral project will involve human subjects (including administering questionnaires, conducting interviews, or accessing confidential databases), you must submit an application to the committee prior to the start of the research. Call 618-453-4533 for information and application materials or visit their website at www.ospa.siu.edu/human. When you submit your master’s thesis/research paper or doctoral dissertation to the Graduate School, you must include Form A indicating that your project has been reviewed and approved by the committee. If this form is not included, your master’s research paper/thesis or doctoral dissertation cannot be accepted by the Graduate School.

Animal Care

The SIU Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee was formed to establish and enforce ethical, humane guidelines for the use of live animals in research at the University. The committee reviews all protocols involving the use of vertebrate animals for training, research, and testing to assure compliance with humane standards and federal regulations. Researchers with projects involving animals must submit a completed Animal Use Protocol form for the committee’s review. Approval of the protocol is required before the animals can be used for training, research, or testing purposes. The Laboratory Animal Program is accredited by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International. For more information, contact the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee at 618-453-4533 or the Laboratory Animal Program at 618-536-2346 or visit the website at www.iacuc.siu.edu.

Hazardous Materials

Faculty, staff, and students conducting projects that involve hazardous biological materials (including recombinant DNA), radiological materials, or hazardous chemical materials must have prior approval and must comply with all relevant government regulations. Contact SIU’s Center for Environmental Health and Safety (618-453-7180), which monitors compliance and oversees the Institutional Biosafety, Radiological Control, and Chemical Oversight Advisory Committees, or visit the website at www.cehs.siu.edu.

Stem Cell Research

Human stem cell research at SIU, regardless of funding source, must be approved by the Stem Cell Research Oversight (SCRO) Committee before the research can begin. Review by the SCRO Committee does not supplant review by other relevant review committees; The SCRO Committee has final approval over stem cell projects. The policy and procedures can be found at http://www.ospa.siu.edu/compliances/stemcells.html. For more information, contact the SCRO Committee at 618-453-4533.