

Welcome Message from the Program Coordinator.

Welcome Future Saluki Forester! If you love the outdoors, you've come to the right place. The hallmark of our SIU Forestry program is the hands-on training we provide through field labs, summer camp, and clubs like the Saluki Fire Dawgs. Our program has never been more affordable as we now offer in-state tuition to students in every state in the U.S. We truly have become a Saluki Nation.

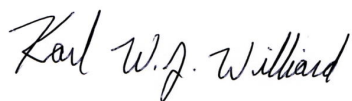
What can I do with a Forestry degree? Earning a B.S. in Forestry at SIU prepares you for a broad range of career paths such as District or Regional Forester, Wildland Firefighter, Park Manager, National or State Park Interpreter, Conservation Police Officer, Wildlife Refuge Manager, Park Ranger, Forest Management Consultant, Urban Forester, Hydrologist, and Soil Conservationist. The job market for traditionally trained forestry grads is the best it has been in the last 40 years.

Why SIU Forestry? Our Forestry program is one of the largest and most comprehensive in the country (#4 in undergraduate enrollment and #2 in graduation rates). We are located on one of the greenest campus settings you'll find anywhere, including beautiful woods and a lake just outside our back door. Forestry field labs are conducted right outside our building in Thompson Woods, down the road at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center, and in the nearby Shawnee National Forest.

What makes Southern Illinois special? At SIU Forestry, we like to work hard and play hard. Choose a program where your weekends are spent with your friends rock climbing, camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, kayaking, morel gathering, and mountain biking in state parks, fish and wildlife refuges, state forests, a national forest, swamps, rivers, and lakes of southern Illinois. It is a true paradise of outdoor fun.

Sound too good to be true? We invite you to come and see for yourself - but be prepared to fall in love with our program and campus! The vast majority of students who make a campus visit end up enrolling as Saluki Foresters. We don't think you'll find a more hands-on, student focused Forestry program in the country. I look forward to communicating with you and meeting you and your family.

Sincerely,



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