

EIP Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Eagle Incentive Program (EIP)?

EIP is an early-start program offered during the summer to students who scored between a 920 and 990 SAT (math + critical reading) or 20 composite on the ACT and have a 2.0 high school GPA. In the program, students will take three courses over five weeks. Students who pass all courses and earn a “C” or better GPA can enroll for the fall 2009 term. This program has a 93% success rate!

How do I get into the Eagle Incentive Program?

First, you need to [apply for admission](#) and send in your high school transcript and SAT or ACT test scores. Once it has been determined that you are eligible for EIP, your admission decision will be “EIP Mandatory.”

What does an “EIP Mandatory” decision mean?

An admission decision of “EIP Mandatory” means you’re invited to attend the Eagle Incentive Program. In order to be accepted, you need to print, sign, and send in the [contract](#) with a \$100 deposit. The contract is due on or before April 1, 2009. Once the contract and deposit are received by the Office of Admissions, your status will change to “EIP Accepted.”

What do I need to do after my status becomes “EIP Accepted?”

You need to [apply for housing](#) for both summer and fall terms. Please note that you will need to apply for summer housing first. Log completely out of the program and then log back in to apply for fall housing.

Also, you will need to register for SOAR by visiting your [status check page](#).

You may also want to [apply for financial aid](#). If you would like to be considered for financial aid for both summer and fall terms, you will need to fill out both the 2008-2009 FAFSA and 2009-2010 FAFSA.

Finally, you will need to send in your [immunization records](#).

You can visit the online [Accepted Student Checklist](#) for a complete list of what you need to do next.

What is SOAR?

SOAR stands for Southern’s Orientation, Advisement, and Registration. During SOAR, you will meet with an advisor, register for summer and fall classes, discover campus resources and student life opportunities, and more! Attendance at Southern’s Orientation, Advisement, and Registration (SOAR) on June 19th and 20th is a requirement for all students of Georgia Southern University. There is a fee of \$70.00 for students attending SOAR.

Should parents attend SOAR?

Parents are encouraged to attend; there will be several presentations and breakout sessions specific to parent needs. An additional charge of \$30.00 for the first parent/guest and \$10.00 for each additional guest will apply. For an additional charge, on-campus housing is also available to parents who would like to stay in a residence hall during SOAR. You can reserve a space for SOAR Parent Housing [here](#).

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What should I bring for SOAR?

Lots of energy! The SOAR program is power-packed with information, fun, and spirit! Be ready to SOAR! You should also bring comfortable shoes and clothes, an umbrella and a jacket (we have great air conditioning!), and a pen and paper (be prepared to learn a lot). You will receive a SOAR email with a tentative schedule in May to help you better prepare.

Where will I live during EIP?

All EIP students living on campus will reside in [Southern Courtyard](#) during the summer program.

How do I choose a roommate?

Once you have completed an online application for on-campus housing, you will be eligible to use Georgia Southern's online roommate matching service – [Lifetopia](#). The Lifetopia program will allow you to create and update a personal profile with lifestyle questions, photos, and personal facts about yourself. You will also be able to search and browse the profiles of other students who have applied to Georgia Southern, and communicate with a student to determine if he/she would be someone with whom you would want to live.

When can I move into Southern Courtyard? What do I need to bring to check in?

Operation Move-in day is Thursday, June 18th, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. You will go to the [Recreation Activity Center \(RAC\)](#) to pick up your keys. You will only need an ID card to check in. Please do not bring your luggage to the RAC.

What else happens during Operation Move-In on Thursday, June 18th?

During Operation Move-In at the RAC, you can get your residence hall key, have your Eagle ID card made, meet with housing, health services, and financial aid, check your account balance, remove any holds on your record, receive information on SOAR, and more! To ensure you have plenty of time to take care of the necessary items, please plan on spending 30 minutes or more at Operation Move-In at the RAC.

What do I need to bring for my apartment in Southern Courtyard?

Please visit the [What to Bring](#) page on the housing website to see a list of items you will need for Southern Courtyard. Remember that other students will be going to local retailers to purchase last minute items on move-in day; shop at home and bring things with you to avoid long lines!

How will I learn of my room assignment and roommate?

You can expect an electronic contract to be sent to your email account.

What will it cost to attend EIP?

Please visit the online [financial planning guide](#) to see a breakdown of costs. Amounts for tuition, fees, meals, and housing are due on or before July 6, 2009, and are billed on your student account invoice.

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Can I get financial aid or HOPE for EIP?

Yes. If you want to be reviewed for summer financial aid, which includes the Georgia HOPE Scholarship, you must complete the appropriate paperwork in a timely manner. You should complete the 2008-2009 FAFSA for summer aid. For fall 2009 financial aid, you must complete the 2009-2010 FAFSA. If you only want to be reviewed for HOPE, you should complete the [GSFAPPS application](#).

Can I speak to a Financial Aid Counselor?

Yes, counselors are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for walk-in appointments in the Rosenwald Building. You may also speak to a counselor during check in at the RAC on Thursday, June 18th or during SOAR on June 19th.

How do I know what I owe?

Invoice amounts are available online by logging into [WINGS](#). After you log in, choose Student Records and Registration Invoice and Web Payment, and 200905 for the term. **Within 24 hours of your registration for classes, your invoice will show charges minus financial aid awarded, minus \$100 admissions non-refundable deposit for EIP. You will see any remaining balance or refund.** More detailed information regarding tuition and fees, fee payment deadlines, and payment information is available on the [Office of Student Fees website](#). Please contact the Student Fees Office at 912-478-0999 if you have any questions.

What classes will I be taking during EIP?

You will take English Composition I (ENGL 1101), First-Year Seminar (FYE 1220), and one class that is a prerequisite for your major, for a total of eight credit hours. English 1101 is a composition course focusing on skills required for effective writing in a variety of contexts, with emphasis on exposition, analysis, and argumentation. This course will also include an introduction to a variety of research tools. FYE 1220 is a two-hour seminar that serves as an academic, theme-based introduction to college-level inquiry and extends the orientation process into your first semester at Georgia Southern. These are NOT remedial courses and they will count towards graduation!

You can view what major we have on file for you by logging into your [status check page](#). If you have decided to change your major, please call the Office of Admission at 912-478-5391 or fill out the online [information update](#) form. Your summer class schedule will be given to you at SOAR. During SOAR, you will be advised and register for fall classes.

Who will be teaching my courses?

While you will find out who your exact professors are at SOAR, EIP professors will be hand-selected from among the best professors at Georgia Southern University. These professors have a proven track-record of successful teaching and student-centeredness.

What will a typical day be like during EIP?

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You will be in the classroom about five hours each day between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This is a heavy course load, and in order to ensure sufficient time to study and rest, you should not plan to have a job.

What/where/when will I eat on campus?

EIP students living on campus are required to have a 10-meal plan. This offers you two meals per day, five days per week. During EIP, all Eagle Dining locations will be open Monday through Friday. Please refer to the [Eagle Dining website](#) for hours of operation. You may use your Eaglexpress card for weekend purchases at any of our on-campus dining facilities, or at any of our participating venues off campus. Students and parents may deposit funds in any dollar increment into a student's Eaglexpress account at any time during a semester.

Are there jobs available on campus?

EIP is a very fast-paced program and you will need to have plenty of time to study. If you are interested in a job on campus in the Fall, you can go to the [Student Employment Center website](#) to see what jobs are available and apply.

Am I allowed to have a car on campus?

Yes, You can purchase your [parking pass](#) online.

If your question is not listed please contact the appropriate department to have your question answered.

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