Founded in 1965, the University of Southern Indiana is located in Evansville, the state’s third-largest city. From its picturesque site on the Ohio River, Evansville is a comfortable drive from the major metropolitan areas of Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Louisville, Nashville, and St. Louis.

The University enrolls 10,050 students and offers undergraduate majors in 70 areas of study. Several graduate degree programs also are available.

Beyond the classroom, students have opportunities to participate in more than 80 organizations offering co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Special interest clubs, student government, sororities and fraternities, music and drama groups, and other organizations enable the students to enjoy and contribute to campus life.

USI offers two kinds of housing. One is the conventional apartment and the other is suite-style housing in a residence hall. Computer labs, laundromats, a convenience store, outdoor recreational areas, and student lounges contribute to an efficient living environment that has proven overwhelmingly popular with students. A meal plan is available in the University Center. More than 3,000 students live on campus.

USI is the most affordable four-year institution in the state of Indiana, and some families find that they can handle the cost of a USI education without financial aid. Many others qualify for need-based financial aid packages, including grants, loans, and jobs.
Degrees offered at USI

Undergraduate Degree Programs
The University of Southern Indiana confers 10 undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of General Studies, Bachelor of Social Work, Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Science in Nursing, and Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy Assisting.

Baccalaureate Degree Programs
School of Business
• Accounting • Accounting and Professional Services • Applied Computer Science • Business Administration (students may concentrate in the following areas of interest: Accounting, Computer Information Systems, Entrepreneurship/ Small Business, Finance/Economics, Management, Marketing, or Office Information Systems) • Business Education • Computer Information Systems • Economics • Finance • Management • Marketing

Bower-Suhreinrich School of Education and Human Services
• Elementary Education (includes Coaching, Computers, Junior High/Middle School, Kindergarten, Language Arts, and Reading minors and endorsements) • Exceptional Needs • Exercise Science • Physical Education • Senior High/Junior High/Middle School Education (grades 5-12)—certification is available for most majors • Social Work

Division of Extended Services
• General Studies

School of Liberal Arts
• Advertising/Public Relations • Art • Communication Studies • Computer Publishing/Journalism • English • French • German • History • Interpersonal-Organizational Communications • Philosophy • Political Science • Psychology • Radio-Television • Sociology (concentrations and/or minors in Anthropology, Criminal Justice, and Gerontology are available) • Spanish • Theatre Arts

School of Nursing and Health Professions
• Dental Hygiene Education • Health Services • Nursing • Occupational Therapy • Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Pott School of Science and Engineering
• Biology • Biophysics • Chemistry • Engineering • Geology • Industrial Supervision • Mathematics

Post-Baccalaureate Certificates
• Computer Information Systems • Professional Accountancy

Associate Degree Programs
School of Business
• Administrative Support Systems • Business • Computer Information Systems

Bower-Suhreinrich School of Education and Human Services
• Early Childhood Education

School of Liberal Arts
• Communications • Social Science

School of Nursing and Health Professions
• Dental Assisting • Dental Hygiene • Nursing • Occupational Therapy Assistant • Radiologic Technology • Respiratory Therapy

Pre-Professional Curricula
• Pre-Chiropractic • Pre-Dentistry • Pre-Engineering • Pre-Forestry • Pre-Law • Pre-Medical Technology • Pre-Medicine • Pre-Optometry • Pre-Osteopathy • Pre-Pharmacy • Pre-Physician Assistant • Pre-Physical Therapy • Pre-Podiatry • Pre-Veterinary

Graduate Programs
• Master of Arts in Liberal Studies • Master of Business Administration • Master of Health Administration • Master of Public Administration • Master of Science in Education • Master of Science in Industrial Management • Master of Science in Accountancy • Master of Science in Nursing • Master of Science in Occupational Therapy • Master of Social Work
H. Ray Hoops, President

H. Ray Hoops became the second president of the University of Southern Indiana in July 1994. During his tenure, he has forged important community partnerships and has overseen dramatic growth in the University's enrollment, facilities, and academic programs.

A native of Illinois, Dr. Hoops received his undergraduate degree from Eastern Illinois University and master's and doctoral degrees in Audiology and Speech Sciences from Purdue University. He also completed an M.B.A. at Moorhead State University.

His career as a scientist and educator has included a faculty appointment jointly at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

He published extensively and was nationally recognized for his contributions in the areas of rehabilitation of post-surgical patients with cancer of the larynx and in the analysis of language dynamics resulting from brain damage. Among his numerous publications in a variety of behavioral and medical journals was the report on a study which received the National Research Award, the highest honor of the American Speech and Hearing Association. Dr. Hoops also was named Fellow of the Association.

His administrative appointments included the directorship of the Division of Marketing in the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. He received two national service awards for that work. He also was a Senior Fulbright-Hayes Research Scholar in the College of Medicine at the University of the Philippines. Other appointments included dean of the Graduate College of the University of Northern Iowa, associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Oregon State System of Higher Education, vice president for Academic Affairs at North Dakota State University, and president of South Dakota State University.

In the six years prior to becoming the president of the University of Southern Indiana, Dr. Hoops served as the vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Mississippi. While at Ole Miss, Dr. Hoops received the National Council of State Governments Association Award for his pioneering work on Project '95, a blueprint for the reform of education in the state of Mississippi. He also received the Peterson's Guide Award for contributions to the education of minority students in the innovative and highly successful graduate participation initiative.

President Hoops serves on the Deaconess Hospital Board of Directors, the Welborn Foundation Board of Directors, the Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and the WNIN Board of Directors. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and serves as the chair of the Indiana Conference of Higher Education.

Jon Mark Hall, Director of Athletics

Jon Mark Hall was appointed to the position of director of athletics in January of 2002. He moved into the position after spending seven years as the assistant director of athletics. He is the second director of athletics that USI has had.

Under his direction, USI was the 2003-04 GLVC All-Sports and Commissioner's Cup winner and is the host of the 2004 NCAA Division II Cross Country national championships.

In addition to his duties as director of athletics, Hall also is the chair of the NCAA Division II men's and women's tennis committee. He has served on the Great Lakes Valley Conference Executive Committee and the NCAA II Great Lakes Regional women's basketball committee.

Hall joined the USI Athletic Department in 1995 as an assistant athletic director and men's tennis coach.

As the men's tennis coach, no one did it better in the GLVC than Hall. He was named the GLVC Coach of the Year five times, directed the Screaming Eagles to four GLVC regular season titles and GLVC Tournament crowns and set a 123-47 record (.724).

During his final season as head coach, Hall led the Eagles to their third straight appearance in the NCAA II Tournament and their first victory in the post-season. In 2000 and 2001, Hall put the Eagles on the national map with their first two invitations to the NCAA II Tournament in the 27-year history of the program.

Hall came to USI after a tenure at the University of South Carolina-Spartanburg as an assistant athletic director, where he was the NCAA compliance coordinator, oversaw the academic support service program for student athletes, and coordinated the Athletes Can Educate (ACE) program. He also assisted in fund-raising and promotion activities.

The native of Murray, Kentucky, is a 1990 cum laude graduate of Murray State University, with a bachelor's degree in business administration. While at MSU, Hall was on the tennis team for two seasons, earning Academic All-Ohio Valley Conference honors in 1987. Hall received his master's degree in sports administration from Ohio State University in 1992.

In 1998-99, he completed the Sports Management Institute Executive Program at the University of South Carolina and the University of Notre Dame.

Hall and his wife Patri reside in Evansville and have two sons, Nathan and Garland, and daughter Mary Claire.
“USI has a great business and sports program. The friendly atmosphere at USI is very inviting.”  
— Tiara Brown, Junior

“USI has a great education department and basketball program. The University has a warm atmosphere and everyone at the University is caring and willing to help out.”  
— Andrea Engleking, Senior

“USI offers a great scholastic opportunity in addition to more years of competitive basketball.”  
— Nicole McDonald, Freshman

“I like the open setting of the campus and that I am able to play basketball while attending the best school for my major.”  
— Emily Meier, Freshman

“I like the campus as well as the diversity and ever-changing atmosphere. USI offers a chance to grow as a person.”  
— Megan Nelson, Senior

“The coaching staff is great and USI has a friendly atmosphere on campus.”  
— Jamie Truitt, Senior