Why Automotive Technology at SIU?

- Faculty known for quality teaching and their commitment to excellence
- Program is recognized both nationally and globally for its excellence and prominence in the industry
- Combination of theoretical and practical hands-on application in classes
- High demand for graduates
- Tier one student recruitment status with industry partners
- Paid internship opportunities
- New state-of-the-industry Transportation Education Center.
- Fleet of over 90 late model training vehicles provided by industry partners
- Numerous student extracurricular activities
- Scholarship opportunities
- Award winning SIU Externship Program
- A blend of automotive technical and business operations curriculum
- Well respected and connected to the industry
- Our students are the center of what we do
What We Offer:

At Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIU), we offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Automotive Technology. This Degree is designed to provide an educational environment for students to acquire the professional, research, and technical skills necessary for success in the automotive and related industries. The degree provides theoretical and practical hands-on application of knowledge through a combination of automotive technical courses, business/management courses, along with computing and communication courses.

Flexibility and Options:

The flexibility of the curriculum accommodates the needs of both incoming freshman and transfer students. Students have the option of focusing on multiple areas of emphasis, earning a minor, and possibly earning dual degrees. Students can adjust their focus in areas such as:

- Automotive technical
- Automotive business operations
- Automotive management
- Automotive technical education
- Marketing
- Management

Student Projects and Extracurricular Activities:

With over 400 registered student organizations (RSO’s) and intramural sports activities throughout the University, you will find other students with similar interests and passions. The Automotive Technology Department’s RSO is actively involved in:
- Drag and autocross racing
- Vehicle restoration and industry tours
- Social and community events
- Leadership building and industry networking

Paid Internship Opportunities:

Automotive Technology majors can participate in paid internship experiences and may be able to earn credit toward graduation. Opportunities occur during all semesters (including the summer term), with some programs available for two sequential terms. Internship sites are situated in various locations throughout the United States.

We work with many major industry manufacturers and suppliers for internship opportunities, including:
- Chrysler Group LLC
- Cummins, Inc.
- Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.
- Eaton Corporation
- General Motors Company
- Robert Bosch Corporation
- Ford Motor Company
- Sherwin-Williams Automotive Finishes
- Motors Insurance Corporation
- General Services Administration (GSA) of the Federal Government
- Other various automotive businesses

Careers:

Our graduates are highly respected and sought after in the industry for the numerous positions with:
- Automotive and truck manufacturers
- Component manufacturers and suppliers
- Government agencies
- Training and curriculum organizations
- Service providers
- Insurance organizations
- Educational institutions

The number of job titles and excellent starting salaries in the area of automotive technology reflects the nature of a diverse and expanding field. Job titles include:
- Field service engineer
- Dyno. cell operator/calibrator
- Serviceability engineer
- District parts/service manager
- Brand quality analyst
- Automotive instructor
- Account manager
- Fleet manager
- Service manager
- Technical trainer
- Technical writer
- Product engineer

Admission to Automotive Technology:

With high student demand, the program has a competitive admissions process based upon additional admission criteria. Students are encouraged to begin the application process approximately one year in advance and request Automotive Technology as their intended major. There is no separate Automotive application needed.

Once admitted to the University, the student will be placed in the Automotive Technology Applicant Pool. Student selection from the applicant pool will occur on predetermined dates. The additional admissions criteria and dates can be found on the programs website: www.automotive.siu.edu

University Housing:

The Automotive Technology Department supports an automotive emphasis floor in SIU’s Schneider Hall. Schneider Hall is located on “East Campus,” near the Student Recreation Center and Student Health Center.

The emphasis floor in Schneider Hall is available to freshmen through seniors and offers:
- Suite style rooms
- Laundry facilities
- Several lounge areas
- Access to kitchen and outdoor grills
- Saluki Express Bus stop nearby
- Student parking available nearby
- Meal plans applicable to any University Dining Hall
- Monthly automotive programs

Our Faculty:

Our outstanding faculty is made-up of nationally recognized published authors and experts who are known for their quality teaching. They are committed to challenging students in the diverse aspects of automotive technical and business operations.