Why Automotive Technology at SIU?

- Hands-on and industry applied training focus
- A blend of technical and industry business operations curriculum
- From electric vehicles to diesel semi-trucks and earthmoving equipment - SIU has fleet of over 140 training and testing vehicles.
- Paid internship opportunities
- Scholarship opportunities
- Numerous student extracurricular activities that include Saluki Racing and Motorsports (student built and driven drag racing team, autocross racing team, and 4X4 team)
- High demand for graduates and tier one recruitment status with industry partners
- Nationally and globally recognized program of its excellence and prominence in the industry
- Quality faculty known for their commitment to excellence
- State-of-the-industry training facilities
- The only automotive technology program in a major research University. Our students are involved in some of the most advanced technical and business developments occurring. SIU students are helping develop the cutting edge and future while in school.
- 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:

- Advanced Vehicle Systems and Diagnostics minor
- Automotive, Truck, and Equipment Management minor
- Workforce Education and Development minor
- Lean Six Sigma Professional Development Sequence

Student Projects and Extracurricular Activities:

With over 200 registered student organizations (RSO's) and intramural sports activities throughout the University, you will find other students with similar interests and passions. Students are involved in:

- Saluki Racing and Motorsports (Drag Racing, Autocross Racing, and Off Road Teams)
- Vehicle fabrication and restoration teams
- Industry, social, and community events

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:

- General Motors Company
- Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.
- Fiat Chrysler Automobiles
- Ford Motor Company
- Cummins, Inc.
- Navistar Inc.
- Robert Bosch Corporation
- Eaton Corporation
- Sherwin-Williams Automotive Finishes
- Ally Financial — Dealer Services
- 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 Living Learning Community (LLC). The LLC is available to freshmen through seniors and offers:

- Suite style rooms
- Laundry facilities
- Several indoor lounge areas
- Numerous outdoor activity areas and cooking grills
- Saluki Express Bus stop nearby
- Student parking available nearby
- Variety of daily meal options
- 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.