



# Archie's Scoop



Archie's Scoop is a newsletter for our new freshmen at the University of Southern Indiana. This publication will be delivered on a regular basis during the summer prior to your first semester at USI. Get information on your new home away from home and updates on the activities that will happen during Welcome Week! Dig into your college career early with Archie's Scoop!

## Roommate Relations

Living with roommates is a unique and fun experience! Check out these tips to help you and your roomies make the most of your year!

1. **Discuss** what each of you will be bringing to your new home—you don't want to end up with 4 microwaves but no dishes!
2. Keep an **open mind**—college is about meeting new people, so embrace this opportunity! Going "random" or "pot-luck" with roomies is a great way to do this!
3. Follow the **Golden Rule**—clean your dishes, respect your roomie's privacy, keep your area
4. **Communicate!** Don't let silly problems get out of hand—talk to each other, be mature, and have fun together!
5. ...But if bigger problems do arise, take advantage of your resources—your Resident Assistant (RA) is a great person to assist in **mediation!**



## FAMILY RELATIONS

The relationship with your family will begin to change as you enter college. This is a new and exciting time, but it can also be a bit stressful. It's important to acknowledge these changes, and to learn how to work with



them. So how do you get your fresh start at USI, but still be close with your family?

**Check out our tips on the right!**

1. **During your first two weeks, call home...but don't GO home**—it's important to check in, but try to stay on-campus during this transition time so you and your family can get used to your new independence
2. **Visit during holidays**—Holidays are a time for families to reconnect. Be with your family during your breaks—they will be eager to hear about your college experience so far!
3. **Let your family be a part of your experience**—Whether they have contributed financially or have been your support, your family has a right to be a part of your experience. Share pictures of your new room, or send them a quick text!
4. **Establish your independence**—get involved, study hard, and show your family how responsible you are! They will worry less and feel more comfortable about you living away from home...and you will definitely notice more freedom!

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## CHANGING YOUR SCHEDULE

1. Go to [www.usi.edu](http://www.usi.edu) and click the link to myUSI
2. Enter your username and password under the "Self Service" Tab
3. Click "Student"
4. Click "Registration"
5. Click "Add or Drop Classes"
6. Choose your term (Fall 2011)
7. Then revise your schedule!

**Remember, many financial aid awards require you to be at least full-time (12+ hours per semester) to maintain eligibility. Check with your advisor before making any big schedule changes!**

*Your username is usually your first initial, middle initial, and last name. Your pin number is a 6-digit number sent to you by mail. If you don't know your username or password, you can call the myUSI Helpdesk at 812-465-1070*

## WHAT'S ON MYUSI?

- ◆ Check your USI email
- ◆ Pay your tuition bill
- ◆ Receive your financial aid information
- ◆ Utilize Blackboard
- ◆ View your class schedule
- ◆ View your final grades
- ◆ Check your Degree Audit Report (shows your progress toward your major!)
- ◆ View your unofficial transcript

## FOOD, FUN & FRIENDS AT WELCOME WEEK!

Between setting up your room, making new friends, and finding your way around campus, your first few days at college could be a little stressful!

Here are just a few ways to make this transition easier!

- ◆ **Eagle Extravaganza!** It's hours of fun in the University Center! Come out for mini-golf, karaoke, dance parties, free stuff, and more!
- ◆ **Archie's Pizza Party!** Get a taste of our official pizza, and learn about USI's Fraternity & Sorority Life!
- ◆ **Block Party!** The Activities Programming Board and Student Housing Association help you say goodbye to summer and hello to fall with free food, games, and more!

So, get ready for fun, friendships, and lots of chances for free stuff at Welcome Week! To learn more, go to [www.usi.edu/welcomeweek!](http://www.usi.edu/welcomeweek!)



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OR ARE YOU JUST GOING TO CLASS?

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