

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What's the difference between books from SIU Press and those from Saluki Publishing?

A: As a scholarly book publisher, SIU Press must receive two positive peer reviews from experts in the book's subject area *and* approval of the editorial board before a book is accepted for publication. Through the peer-review process, university presses test the validity of scholarship, thus maintaining high academic standards and playing a role in academic tenure and promotion.

Saluki Publishing is a self-publishing service offered by SIU Press. Self-published work is typically not academic and would not benefit from the peer-review process. It also does not directly contribute to the SIU Press mission of dissemination of research.

Q: Will the books be available on Amazon? What about other online vendors?

A: If you select the distribution option, your book will be available from Amazon and most other online retailers.

Q: Can I include pictures in my book?

A: Yes, your book may include pictures. Be careful about obtaining images from the Internet, though, as they often are not suitable for print. See our art preparation guidelines for more information (www.salukipublishing.com).

Q: What makes Saluki Publishing different from other self-publishers found online?

A: Our publishing services are available only to members of the SIU community and to authors who have written about our region. (We define our region as all of Illinois as well as communities across the rivers from Southern Illinois.)

Q: Do you offer other services besides production?

A: We offer a full complement of publishing services, from writing and development assistance to warehousing and distribution. See our online price list (www.salukipublishing.com) for more information.

Q: Which formats are available?

A: We can publish e-books as well as hardback or paperback books in just about any trim size.

Q: What kind of marketing will be provided?

A: We offer a free half-hour consultation with our marketing manager to discuss the potential marketing paths. Also offered are a variety of à la carte marketing services.

Q: I don't know much about book publishing. Will that be a problem?

A: Our expert staff can help guide you through the book publishing process.

Q: Where is Saluki Publishing? Who will be working on my book? Will I get to meet them or talk to them?

A: We are in the Vernon Sternberg Building, just off the SIU Carbondale campus. You are welcome to schedule an appointment to come in and discuss your project.

Q: How is Saluki Publishing affiliated with the university?

A: Saluki Publishing is a service being offered by SIU Press, a unit of Southern Illinois University.

Q: What excites press staff about this project?

A: We enjoy helping people develop their manuscripts into published books; it's especially exciting to be able to help local and alumni authors see their books through to publication.

Q: What royalty rate is offered?

A: We offer a 60 percent royalty to the author.

Q: How do I get started?

A: Use the online calculator at www.salukipublishing.com (click on the "Get Started" button) to determine which services are available and what they might cost.

Q: Who do I contact to proceed?

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