

Current Student Survey 2019-2020

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A total of 1,992 surveys were sent electronically via SurveyMonkey to a randomly selected sample of students who were enrolled at Southeastern in the Fall of 2020. 1,527 invitations were opened by respondents, and 215 were completed for a response rate of 14%.

Student Activities and Student Life

This question asked respondents how often during the current academic year, they had attended a variety of campus events and activities. Overall, respondents were most likely to have attended Events sponsored by a student organization (56%) and least likely to have attended art shows that were not required for class (14%).

Please indicate how often, during the current academic year, you have attended the following campus events or activities						
	Never		Occasionally		Frequently	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Athletic Events	46.5%	100	32.6%	70	12.6%	27
Spiritual/Religious activities	72.6%	156	15.3%	33	3.7%	8
Films that were not required for a class	71.6%	154	18.1%	39	1.9%	4
Events sponsored by student organizations	35.8%	77	40.9%	88	14.9%	32
Lectures/speakers that were not required for a class	58.1%	125	27.9%	60	5.6%	12
Plays that were not required for a class	68.4%	147	16.7%	36	6.5%	14
Concerts that were not required for a class	69.3%	149	18.6%	40	3.7%	8
Art Shows that were not required for a class	77.7%	167	9.3%	20	4.7%	10
Cultural, ethnic, or international events	68.8%	148	19.5%	42	3.3%	7
Events sponsored by offices on campus	44.2%	95	39.5%	85	7.9%	17
Intramural Sports	67.0%	144	19.1%	41	5.6%	12
Fitness Classes	71.6%	154	15.8%	34	4.2%	9

Respondents were asked to rank when the times they are most likely to attend a campus event that is not required by a class. Overall, respondents are most likely to attend an event in the evening, followed by middle of the day, late afternoon, and finally, evening.

Please rank the times below from when you are most likely to attend a campus event that is not required by a class, to when you are least likely								
	1 - Least Likely		2		3		4 - Most Likely	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Middle of the Day (11:00-2:00)	26.5%	57	16.3%	35	10.2%	22	22.8%	49
Late Afternoon (2:00-5:00)	4.2%	9	20.5%	44	32.6%	70	19.1%	41
Evening (6:00-10:00)	7.4%	16	20.9%	45	20.9%	45	27.9%	60
Weekends	41.4%	89	13.0%	28	14.4%	31	13.0%	28

When asked if they have been a member of a student organization at Southeastern, the majority of the students (48.8%, n=105) indicated they have not been a member, while more than a third (40.9%, n=88) have been.

This section asked students to indicate their level of agreement with each of the statements about their experiences at Southeastern. The item rated the lowest overall was “I know where to find the campus crime statistics” (mean=2.51). The highest rated item was “I have experienced personal growth at Southeastern” (mean=4.10).

On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means Strongly Disagree and 5 means Strongly Agree, please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements											
	1- Strongly Disagree		2		3		4		5 - Strongly Agree		Mean
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	
I feel a sense of belonging at Southeastern.	3.7%	8	11.6%	25	20.5%	44	21.4%	46	42.8%	92	3.88
I feel a sense of pride about Southeastern.	2.8%	6	7.9%	17	18.6%	40	27.4%	59	43.3%	93	4.00
There is a lot of value in belonging to a Southeastern student organization.	6.5%	14	11.2%	24	29.3%	63	25.1%	54	27.9%	60	3.57
Southeastern faculty show concern for students as individuals.	5.1%	11	11.2%	24	15.8%	34	29.3%	63	37.7%	81	3.84
Southeastern staff and administrators show concern for students as individuals.	4.2%	9	8.8%	19	19.1%	41	31.2%	67	36.7%	79	3.87
I have made new friends on campus.	8.4%	18	10.7%	23	15.3%	33	21.9%	47	43.7%	94	3.82
I know a faculty member with whom I would feel comfortable discussing a personal problem.	14.0%	30	12.6%	27	14.4%	31	17.2%	37	41.9%	90	3.60
I have experienced personal growth at Southeastern.	4.2%	9	6.0%	13	16.7%	36	21.4%	46	51.2%	110	4.10
Faculty are fair and unbiased in their treatment of students from all cultures.	2.3%	5	9.8%	21	17.2%	37	27.0%	58	43.7%	94	4.00
I know a staff member with whom I would feel comfortable discussing a personal problem.	14.9%	32	14.4%	31	15.3%	33	14.4%	31	40.5%	87	3.51
Southeastern offers students opportunities to participate in volunteer work	1.9%	4	10.2%	22	24.2%	52	26.0%	56	37.2%	80	3.87
I know where to find the campus crime statistics.	31.6%	68	22.3%	48	23.7%	51	8.4%	18	14.0%	30	2.51
I know what the Student Code of Conduct is.	12.1%	26	12.6%	27	24.2%	52	20.9%	45	29.8%	64	3.44

On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means Strongly Disagree and 5 means Strongly Agree, please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements											
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	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	
I know where to find the Student Code of Conduct.	14.0%	30	13.0%	28	23.7%	51	15.3%	33	33.5%	72	3.42
Overall, there is a campus atmosphere of ethnic, political, and religious understanding and acceptance.	4.2%	9	10.7%	23	21.9%	47	29.8%	64	33.5%	72	3.78

What is the one thing you would like to change about Southeastern?

Respondents were asked to name one thing they would like to change about Southeastern. A total of 139 respondents made a comment. The most common change was regarding parking (13.0%, 18 respondents), including dissatisfaction with the amount of student parking available, the amount tickets are written for, and parking in general. The next most common change dealt with the religious groups that come to campus and preach in common areas (10.8%, 15 respondents). Below are other themes, in order of endorsement:

1. Course offerings and experiences (10.1%, 14)
2. Available Activities (5.8%, 8)
3. Campus Dining (4.3%, 6)
4. Communications and keeping students informed (2.2%, 3)

All of the comments are presented below. These are verbatim statements from the students, the only editing was to remove obscene language, spelling and grammar is as the student wrote.

- We should have a Yamato instead of Panda Express
- Nothing
- N/a
- Stop the radical Christian religious rallies
- Visitor Parking should be more inclusive. It should not cost anything and should be hassle-free.
- I know that you can't really do much about it but the Consuming Fire that come on campus all the time. It just ends up in a riot and they are disturbing the peace. They've thrown condoms and yelled at people half their age. It's ridiculous. I do not feel like they should be welcomed on campus.
- More informed/helpful advisers. I found out from a flyer on someone's office that some higher level finance/accounting courses are only offered spring and fall, and it almost put my graduation back a semester.
- Stricter vetting process for new teachers

- The lack of diversity in nursing school and add more Hispanic organizations
- Better parking for upper class students.
- offering graduate in classroom lectures at night
- The religious people who come onto campus ranting and harassing people need to be removed; the law needs to change
- more activities on weekends
- Parking.
- Stop letting them rude Christian people on campus yelling at us to stop sinning
- Clearer requirements for classes and more preparation for major tests and requirements to move on to the next level of our degrees.
- Hire people who actually know what they are doing. I feel like you people are only after me for my money at this point.
- More cultural support groups, if there are any.
- A Theatre Major/Degree Program.
- Timeliness of campus communication about things that directly affect students, like changes to parking, campus events
- I would change the parking
- Cooperation of faculty within a department
- All of my lectures have just been PowerPoint slides read to me in class. Seems like we pay a lot of money just to have access to PowerPoint slides. It would be nice if the teachers were a little more enthusiastic and hands-on
- Treatment of poc
- Nothing
- More activities for students to do on the weekends
- More parking and food options.
- More events
- There's nothing I would change
- More diverse majors and classes (such as religion classes, more health/premed related classes)
- No religious protestor douchebags
- The parking, proly review professors every now and then.
- Give more support to the theatre department
- Stop allowing religious groups to yell at students in the common areas. It's inappropriate and biased. I heard a preacher call a student a whore while he was preaching. This is not okay.
- Nothing. It gives me everything I would ever need.
- End attendance requirements. People coming to class with the flu because they have no choice is not cool when my wife has an immune disorder.

- There are these people who come on campus telling everyone "if they sin then they are going to hell." Witch is a sin to because they are judging us. Then from what i seen not a lot of people liked that including me they haven't been here awhile now but i still dont like that they did that. If they had a table up under the walk way and asked people if they wanted to talk about it then that wouldn't be a problem. Because like I would totally go up and talk to them if they did that because im all about talking about Bible and and God. I was raised that way but for what they did isn't right.
- The over the top prices at the bookstore
- NO MORE RADICAL PREACHERS FROM FIRE MINISTRIES. They put students at risk for suicide, ptsd flashbacks from home, and an unsafe feeling on campus. "legally allowed". as if. there's a fine line between the first amendment and causing universal distress to students. i.e. you cant talk about certain weapons and such in airports because it makes people feel unsafe. get a better legal team. top reason next to ridiculously expensive and *REQUIRED* meal plans that i left on campus housing
- The religious group that comes on campus and shames students. I makes coming to campus and going to the union threatening and uncomfortable. The staff and faculty should really consider how this makes students feel, as we pay to experience a safe and healthy environment. I have personally been victimized by this religious group. They call the women on campus whores for wearing shorts. It is degrading and this issue needs to be handled by southeastern staff to ensure a better environment.
- I think that an inclusion of different cultures for more than one or two days would be amazing!!
- the tutors at the tutoring center to actually help instead of try to Google something because I can do that for free myself
- I would like to see more diverse faculty, staff, and administrators.
- More updated dissertation affiliated books.
- More parking
- It was hard for as a non traditional student transfer. I did not know how Leonet worked, I the website is a bit overwhelming and the financial aid side was very confusing. I had to go to the office 14 times before I had my situation resolved because I felt they did not care nor really help. I did not get my financial aid money until after the semester was over which was hard on my family and I financially. Moodle was confusing the first tome because I did not have a crash course in it and I do not believe it is user friendly. I had points taken off because I did not understand how to submit something during my first week on campus. I do feel safe and comfortable on campus but I am not sure how well transfer and non traditional students are treated.
- More ways to find out about activities on Campus

- -I wish there was more campus beautification all across campus (i.e. bushes with flowers and pretty blossom tree all over campus, not just on south campus) -More class scheduling option during morning time -More places to use Lion's Lagniappe -Better WiFi strength & more places to print papers with color -Update/renovated halls & classrooms on older buildings (i.e. McGehee & D Vickers) I love southeastern and everything about it. I think it's perfect the way it is, but my "business" mind and "always looking to improve" motivation is the reason for my reasons. #LionUp!
- Better drainage around the freshman parking and walk from freshman parking, especially around the field.
- There are professors who do not seem to have the time or energy to help students in personal straits. There is also a language barrier in some professors classes.
- Do away with "Fall Break" and move those two days to Thanksgiving so we can have a whole week off for Thanksgiving break.
- Hours of operation for the cafeteria and library should be extended.
- Nothing
- More faculty, more class options, longer hours for the student union and/or coffee shops, the ability to use cub cash and lagniappe interchangeably.
- While I realize that free speech exists and I am in full support of it. I don't like the church that comes to campus and berates me for being gay. Again I understand free speech and know they have a right to be there, but I do not like being told I'm going to hell and am going to burn. Just a thought
- There are not many healthy food options at southeastern. I'm vegan and have limited options.
- I wish some teachers could be more understanding and caring for students.
- More parking!
- almost everything
- There is nothing that I would like to change.
- More parking because I can never find a spot
- Parking
- N/A
- I don't know
- Disability Services needs friendlier, more compassionate, and helpful staff. Counseling services need more compassionate staff who reach out to students who request counseling services. It is disheartening when you do not hear back from a department of that nature. The departments mentioned above are two of the most important, in my personal opinion. On a separate note, there should be more publicized resources and/or activities that get the attention of older students going to college for the first time. We are in different place in life compared to teenagers right out of high school and would like to feel cared about as well. I appreciate Southeastern and it's compassionate reputation, despite these concerns.
- Parking and how we have to pay to park at a school we already pay to go to or the price of tickets at the least.

- Classroom style
- It's bathroom maintenance in all buildings. Please renovate the bathrooms bc they are gross, especially the Women's in the union etc etc
- The bathroom situation for people (partically males) who are physically disabled. Who have caregivers that are female. In which experts say that in the United States that 75% of caregivers are female. Southeastern NEEDS more family style restrooms.
- Nothing
- Nothing to change
- None
- Nothing.
- Classes that are offered at one time, one professor should also have a online option. As a senior I have 4 and 5 hour gaps in my schedule which is preventing me from getting interns or a job.
- wish I did not have to work as much so I could participate in school activities
- none
- The physics department is an absolute joke here. It was almost shutdown two years ago and the same faculty are still teaching in it.
- cafeteria food and meal options. look into SAGE dining services. St. Joseph's Academy in baton rouge uses it and it's the best ever and i think southeastern is on that level to receive an amazing dining service like sage
- a lot
- more parking
- I know it isn't Southeastern's fault, but if there was a way to prohibit those who come to campus and profess hateful speech from doing so I think the campus atmosphere would be even greater than it is currently!
- Parking
- Administration
- Organizations other than greek life having a greater priority.
- the protestors that call me a whore
- North Campus Parking
- Nothing.
- Updated Buildings
- Nothing, I love my school!
- Upgrading Garrett hall, online classes (MBA) more options for classes available.
- Nothing. I love campus
- Nothing I can think of right now.
- Nothing
- Nothing
- I would like to change the course load. I had to take a lot of courses that did not benefit me as a teacher.
- Consistent weather in the fall.

- I wish it was more emphasized that student only wear Southeastern gear on campus. I see too many students wearing LSU or other universities' apparel around campus. That just gives visitors an impression of very unsupported, negative school spirit.
- LeoNet is a confusing mess.
- Get better Chemistry professors or have more than one professor teach a class. Also offer more than one class time, not just one class and one teacher.
- Changing the way the preachers can come to campus and insult students
- I would change the financial aid office so that they would actually call or email you when you owe them some paperwork. Them and the rest of southeastern always tell students that they have to have their things in order, but at the end of the day they're the ones that don't have their stuff in order.
- Increased dining hours.
- I would change SOTs to actually play a part in teaching.
- Mail student IDs. I never go in campus.
- The price of tuition rising
- I'm fairly isolated in the nursing and health sciences department, but on the whole the staff and department head are pleasant, but rigid and unhelpful. They follow rules to a fault of disregarding student needs.
- i use to have a great feel for Southeastern until i ran into a problem that was not handled in a more professional way. i feel that the school supported the professor rather than the school and when i addressed the problem, i was given the run around and no one ever followed through with what i experienced.
- Everything is great.
- I feel like there needs to be more no opportunities for commuters to be apart of the community. Also students that work should have more chances to do pick classes
- Thanksgivings break days
- nothing
- I've heard a lot of rumors or people having gun or shooting on and around campus. Maybe just a better way to make students Feel safe.
- Parking
- The parking policy on "backwards parking"
- Where is the big christmas tree
- Free food
- More events
- They should look at each students progress, especially their first semester of college, because not every high school prepares students for college. They should look at students' grades and if they see that they are struggling they should set up some sort of meeting so they can talk about it before it gets worse.
- None at this time.
- nothing
- cost, higher standards

- The requirement to take the GMAT or GRE even with a 3.0 or higher. No other school does it and that is the only reason I am leaving
- More school pride
- I feel disconnected from the university. As a commuter I feel I am given less opportunity to get involved with what's going on on campus.
- nothing
- N/A
- Nothing
- N/a
- nothing
- I don't like the religious zealots preaching damnation to people who are attracted to the same sex.
- Better advertisement for the student activities that are on campus. I know where to find the campus events however I feel more inclined to go to them when I see a flyer or campus or a invitation on facebook.
- Parking availability to upperclassmen. Lots of Faculty spots open all the time, but few spots for upperclass students.
- Since my transfer, I have felt at home. The only thing I wish (but I know would probably never happen) is that I wish the dorms allowed pets because I moved to this city alone and being so far away from my parents and had a really hard time with housing because of my dog. If there were campus apartments with a pet policy I would have thought that Jesus built this college himself.
- Nothing
- I would like the activities to pertain to everyone more. Activities should be broad on the campus so everyone can join. I know that activities are expensive but students like to enjoy those times when they can have fun with others they do not know as well as the ones they do.
- Absolutely nothing. Southeastern is a great campus as it is. Of course there is always room for improvement, but I would not change a thing.
- The campus could do without the Jesus-screamers yelling at people.
- Passport
- Nothing really comes to mind

