# Results of the Entering Freshmen Survey 2015-2016

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#### Introduction

All students who enter Southeastern with fewer than 30 hours are required to participate in Orientation. The program is filled with informative and fun activities that introduce students and their families to college life and the great programs Southeastern has to offer. Students are assigned to small groups with student Orientation Leaders to experience college life first hand and to learn what it takes to be successful at Southeastern. From policies and procedures to meeting with faculty advisors and registering for classes, participants get a crash course in College 101. Students are required to take Orientation 101 whether they enter Southeastern in the Summer, Fall or Spring semester.

All students are sent a link to the Entering Freshmen Survey just before the semester begins. The Entering Freshmen Survey asks students about sources of information that influenced their decision to attend Southeastern, their reasons for attending Southeastern, as well as questions about their personal and social development. Also included are sections that ask the students about their level of confidence in their general education skills (based on the Board of Regents general education goals), their future participation in college sports, and demographic information not available in the Student Record System. A copy of the Entering Freshmen Survey can be found in Appendix A. For 2015-16, the survey was sent to 2,921 students and 1,577 took the survey, for a response rate of 54.0%.

#### **Student Characteristics**

The majority of respondents were single (91%, n=1,434), while 1% (n=8) were married and 0.4% (n=5) were previously married. Also, the majority of students had no children (98%, n=1,410), while 1% (n=18) had one child, 0.4% (n=6) had two children, 0.2% (n=2) had three children, and 0.3% (5) had four or more children. Five percent (5%, n=65) of the respondents are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. The majority, 85% (n=1,210) had applied for financial aid at Southeastern.

Traditional college students are often considered to be undergraduate students that are single, with no children and between the ages of 18 and 22. However, due to changing societal and economic conditions, more non-traditional students are entering into universities. Defining non-traditional students as those undergraduate students who are over the age of 22 or married or have children, 3% (n=53) of the entering freshmen were non-traditional students, while 97% (n=1,524) were traditional students.

The survey results support the notion that Southeastern has a large commuter population. The majority of respondents who commute (36%, n=354) travel more than 30 miles (one way) to Southeastern's main campus. The breakdown for travel to campus can be found in Table 1.

Table 1
Miles Traveled One Way to Southeastern's Main Campus

Miles Traveled One Way to Southeastern's Main Campus	Percent	Number of Respondents
Live on Campus	31%	453
Less than 5 miles	9%	129
Between 5 and 10 miles	8%	117
Between 11 and 20 miles	11%	163
Between 21 and 30 miles	16%	234
More than 30 miles	24%	354

The majority of students (52%, n=744) plan to work off campus, while 24% (n=348) plan to work on campus, 9% (n=134) plan to work both on and off campus, and 15% (n=220) do not plan to work at all. Of those students who indicated they plan on working while attending Southeastern, 25% (n=309) plan to work no more than 10 hours per week, 50% (n=608) plan to work 11-20 hours per week, 19% (n=238) plan to work 21-30 hours per week, and 4% (n=53) plan to work more than 30 hours per week.

According to Terenzini et al. (1996), a first generation student is one who has no parent with any college or university experience. Using this definition, 19% (n=257) of entering students are first generation college students.

For the majority of entering freshmen (82%, n=1,293), their goal in attending Southeastern is to obtain a degree from Southeastern. Eleven percent (10%, n=158) plan to take a few courses and then transfer to another university. Four percent (4%, n=59) had no definite goal in mind, while 3% (n=43) plan to take a few courses in order to learn specific job skills or for their own personal interests.

### Sources of Information about Southeastern

Students were asked to indicate the level to which different information sources influenced their decision to attend Southeastern rather than another university. Results are reported in Table 2, separately for beginning freshmen and transfer freshmen.

Overall, a visit to Southeastern's campus had the largest influence on the decision to attend Southeastern (mean=3.95). U.S. Department o Education's College Navigator had the least influence in the decision to attend Southeastern (mean=2.15).

Table 2
Information Sources Which Influenced Decisions to Attend Southeastern

		No Influence (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Major Influence (5)	Mean
Visits by Southeastern's admissions staff at your high school	Beginning	36.4% (544)	14.8% (221)	21.4% (320)	12.2% (182)	15.3% (228)	2.55
	Transfer	45.6% (31)	14.7% (10)	25.0% (17)	7.4% (5)	7.4% (5)	2.16
College publications	Beginning	23.5% (350)	14.7% (219)	28.4% (424)	17.4% (260)	16.0% (239)	2.88
(catalogs, brochures, etc.)	Transfer	29.4% (20)	11.8% (8)	26.5% (18)	11.8% (8)	20.6% (14)	2.82
Communications about	Beginning	19.3% (289)	15.7% (235)	27.0% (404)	18.9% (283)	19.1% (285)	3.03
financial aid (not the aid decision)	Transfer	28.4% (19)	11.9% (8)	23.9% (16)	10.4% (7)	25.4% (17)	2.93
Visit to Southeastern's	Beginning	6.1% (91)	5.8% (87)	19.7% (294)	22.4% (334)	46.0% (686)	3.96
campus	Transfer	16.2% (11)	7.4% (5)	14.7% (10)	14.7% (10)	47.1% (32)	3.69
Contact with Southeastern's	Beginning	8.9% (133)	7.3% (109)	22.0% (329)	24.9% (377)	36.9% (552)	3.74
students and graduates	Transfer	17.9% (12)	1.5% (1)	19.4% (13)	22.4% (15)	38.8% (26)	3.63
Accessing the Southeastern	Beginning	10.7% (160)	10.1% (151)	22.5% (337)	24.6% (368)	32.1% (481)	3.57
website	Transfer	10.4% (7)	6.0% (4)	17.9% (12)	17.9% (12)	47.8% (32)	3.87

Table 2 Continued Information Sources Which Influenced Decisions to Attend Southeastern

		No Influence (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Major Influence (5)	Mean
Information about Southeastern in the	Beginning	36.4% (541)	18.9% (281)	23.9% (356)	10.6% (157)	10.2% (152)	2.39
newspaper, on television or on the radio	Transfer	41.2% (28)	10.3% (7)	23.5% (16)	8.8% (6)	16.2% (11)	2.49
College guide books and/or rankings such as Peterson's or U.S. News and World Report	Beginning	42.1% (630)	16.9% (253)	23.5% (352)	8.5% (127)	9.0% (134)	2.25
	Transfer	47.8% (32)	13.4% (9)	22.4% (15)	6.0% (4)	10.4% (7)	2.18
U.S. Department of Education's College Navigator website	Beginning	47.7% (712)	15.5% (231)	20.3% (303)	8.4% (125)	8.2% (123)	2.14
	Transfer	44.1% (30)	11.8% (8)	22.1% (15)	7.4% (5)	14.7% (10)	2.37

### **Personal and Social Development**

Students were asked to indicate the extent to which they agreed or disagreed with statements regarding their personal and social development. Results are reported in Table 3, separately for beginning freshmen and transfer freshmen.

Overall, students entering Southeastern believe they are well-adjusted, productive individuals. The item with the highest overall agreement was "I am very committed to finishing college, no matter what problems I encounter" (mean=4.64). The item with the lowest overall agreement was "I can think of many things I would rather do than go to college" (mean=1.99).

Table 3
Personal and Social Development

		Strongly Disagree (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Mean
I am a capable, self-reliant person	Beginning	0.3% (4)	1.7% (25)	16.3% (236)	31.1% (450)	50.6% (731)	4.30
	Transfer	0.0%	1.6% (1)	13.1% (8)	29.5% (18)	55.7% (34)	4.39
I know my own capabilities and interests	Beginning	0.2% (3)	2.0% (29)	14.3% (206)	29.4% (425)	54.1% (782)	4.35
	Transfer	0.0%	0.0%	13.1% (8)	26.2% (16)	60.7% (37)	4.48
I most doodlings	Beginning	0.6% (8)	2.3% (33)	14.8% (214)	29.2% (423)	53.1% (769)	4.32
I meet deadlines	Transfer	0.0%	3.3% (2)	13.1% (8)	27.9% (17)	55.7% (34)	4.36
I take responsibility for my own	Beginning	0.2% (3)	0.6% (9)	8.9% (129)	25.3% (365)	65.0% (938)	4.54
actions	Transfer	0.0%	0.0%	9.8% (6)	13.1% (8)	77.0% (47)	4.67
I interact comfortably with others	Beginning	1.7% (25)	6.4% (92)	26.4% (382)	29.2% (422)	36.4% (526)	3.92
who are different from myself	Transfer	1.6% (1)	8.2% (5)	26.2% (16)	19.7% (12)	44.3% (27)	3.97
I have strong leadership and management skills	Beginning	1.7% (24)	6.7% (97)	27.5% (398)	27.8% (403)	36.3% (526)	3.90
	Transfer	0.0%	1.6% (1)	24.6% (15)	19.7% (12)	54.1% (33)	4.26

Table 3 Continued
Personal and Social Development

		Strongly Disagree (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Mean
Lam dependeble and nunetual	Beginning	0.8% (12)	1.9% (28)	14.0% (203)	32.6% (472)	50.6% (732)	4.30
I am dependable and punctual	Transfer	0.0%	1.6% (1)	14.8% (9)	23.0% (14)	60.7% (37)	4.43
I accept new responsibilities	Beginning	0.3% (4)	2.1% (31)	20.3% (293)	31.8% (460)	45.5% (657)	4.20
willingly	Transfer	0.0%	0.0%	21.3% (13)	24.6% (15)	54.1% (33)	4.33
I place great importance on being active in public and community affairs	Beginning	5.1% (73)	13.4% (194)	36.4% (525)	20.4% (295)	24.7% (357)	3.46
	Transfer	3.3% (2)	13.1% (8)	36.1% (22)	18.0% (11)	29.5% (18)	3.57
I have the capacity to begin and sustain important interpersonal relationships	Beginning	1.3% (19)	4.2% (60)	25.0% (361)	32.6% (471)	36.9% (533)	4.00
	Transfer	0.0%	3.3% (2)	23.0% (14)	18.0% (11)	55.7% (34)	4.26
I have financial problems, and	Beginning	26.7% (386)	27.8% (402)	25.0% (362)	10.0% (145)	10.4% (151)	2.50
the need to earn money will probably hinder my studies	Transfer	21.3% (13)	36.1% (22)	18.0% (11)	13.1% (8)	11.5% (7)	2.57
My studying is irregular and	Beginning	23.2% (334)	27.5% (396)	27.7% (399)	12.7% (183)	8.9% (128)	2.57
unpredictable	Transfer	37.7% (23)	21.3% (13)	23.0% (14)	8.2% (5)	9.8% (6)	2.31
I am very committed to finishing	Beginning	0.2% (2)	1.2% (18)	8.0% (115)	15.7% (227)	74.8% (1,080)	4.64
college, no matter what problems I encounter	Transfer	0.0%	0.0%	9.8% (6)	11.5% (7)	78.7% (48)	4.69
I have family commitments that	Beginning	38.4% (556)	32.5% (471)	17.3% (251)	6.7% (97)	5.1% (74)	2.08
may interfere with my studies	Transfer	43.3% (26)	21.7% (13)	23.3% (14)	6.7% (4)	5.0% (3)	2.08
would rather do than go to	Beginning	44.6% (644)	29.7% (429)	14.8% (213)	5.4% (78)	5.5% (80)	1.98
	Transfer	41.7% (25)	18.3% (11)	20.0% (12)	8.3% (5)	11.7% (7)	2.30

# Table 3 Continued Personal and Social Development

		Strongly Disagree (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Mean
I dread the thought of going to	Beginning	30.0% (433)	29.0% (419)	25.9% (374)	7.3% (105)	7.8% (112)	2.34
school for several more years	Transfer	40.0% (24)	16.7% (10)	25.0% (15)	10.0% (6)	8.3% (5)	2.30

#### **General Education**

The items in this section were developed on the basis of the general education goals provided by the Board of Regents. Students were asked to indicate the level of confidence they felt regarding each skill or ability. Results are reported in Table 4, separately for beginning freshmen, transfer freshmen, and those who attended Orientation but were not enrolled as of the 14<sup>th</sup> class day.

Overall, students had the most confidence in their "personal set of values and ethical standards" (mean=4.26). Students had the least confidence in their awareness of the impact of political and economic trends (mean=3.53).

Table 4
Confidence in General Education Skills

		Not Confident at all (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Very Confident (5)	Mean
Ability to write well	Beginning	2.8% (40)	8.0% (115)	26.0% (375)	30.7% (443)	32.6% (470)	3.82
	Transfer	0.0%	4.9% (3)	21.3% (13)	26.2% (16)	47.5% (29)	4.16
Ability to speak effectively	Beginning	2.5% (36)	8.4% (121)	26.6% (382)	27.8% (400)	34.7% (499)	3.84
	Transfer	3.3% (2)	1.6% (1)	23.0% (14)	27.9% (17)	44.3% (27)	4.08
Ability to comprehend reading	Beginning	1.9% (28)	7.8% (113)	24.9% (360)	32.5% (469)	32.8% (473)	3.86
material and to analyze its meaning	Transfer	4.9% (3)	9.8% (6)	14.8% (9)	29.5% (18)	41.0% (25)	3.92
Ability to use logic and critical	Beginning	0.2% (3)	2.6% (38)	21.5% (309)	33.0% (474)	42.7% (614)	4.15
thinking skills	Transfer	0.0%	8.2% (5)	16.4% (10)	16.4% (10)	59.0% (36)	4.26
Ability to see relationships, similarities, and distinctions between ideas	Beginning	0.6% (9)	2.3% (33)	20.4% (295)	35.6% (513)	41.1% (593)	4.14
	Transfer	0.0%	0.0%	24.6% (15)	24.6% (15)	50.8% (31)	4.26

Table 4 Continued
Confidence in General Education Skills

		Not Confident at all (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Very Confident (5)	Mean
Ability to apply problem solving	Beginning	0.5% (7)	3.5% (51)	23.0% (333)	35.5% (514)	37.4% (541)	4.06
techniques	Transfer	0.0%	0.0%	26.2% (16)	23.0% (14)	50.8% (31)	4.25
Ability to use mathematical and	Beginning	4.4% (64)	12.9% (187)	31.5% (456)	24.3% (352)	26.9% (389)	3.56
statistical concepts and tools	Transfer	1.6% (1)	11.5% (7)	27.9% (17)	21.3% (13)	37.7% (23)	3.82
Understanding the nature of science and the scientific method	Beginning	2.1% (30)	7.9% (114)	31.1% (449)	31.5% (454)	27.4% (395)	3.74
	Transfer	1.6% (1)	1.6% (1)	24.6% (15)	32.8% (20)	39.3% (24)	4.07
Familiarity with key applications of the basic sciences	Beginning	1.5% (22)	9.0% (120)	34.6% (499)	29.6% (427)	25.2% (363)	3.68
	Transfer	0.0%	4.9% (3)	31.1% (19)	23.0% (14)	41.0% (25)	4.00
Ability to learn on your own, to pursue ideas and to find the	Beginning	0.4% (6)	3.1% (45)	23.0% (332)	33.9% (489)	39.6% (571)	4.09
information you need	Transfer	0.0%	1.7% (1)	16.7% (10)	23.3% (14)	58.3% (35)	4.38
Recognition of the value of coming into contact with people	Beginning	0.5% (7)	4.0% (57)	20.2% (291)	32.4% (468)	43.0% (620)	4.13
different from you	Transfer	0.0%	3.3% (2)	24.6% (15)	27.9% (17)	44.3% (27)	4.13
Understanding the nature and	Beginning	3.8% (55)	10.8% (156)	26.2% (378)	25.4% (366)	33.8% (487)	3.74
value of at least one of the performing arts	Transfer	1.7% (1)	13.3% (8)	28.3% (17)	15.0% (9)	41.7% (25)	3.82
Wider acquaintance with and	Beginning	4.0% (58)	13.6% (195)	32.6% (469)	23.1% (332)	26.7% (384)	3.55
enjoyment of literature	Transfer	6.6% (4)	14.8% (9)	27.9% (17)	19.7% (12)	31.1% (19)	3.54
Personal set of values and	Beginning	0.5% (7)	2.6% (37)	17.6% (254)	29.9% (430)	49.4% (712)	4.25
ethical standards	Transfer	0.0%	0.0%	11.5% (7)	23.0% (14)	65.6% (40)	4.54

# Table 4 Continued Confidence in General Education Skills

		Not Confident at all (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Very Confident (5)	Mean
Awareness of how political and economic trends impact families and communities	Beginning	3.5% (51)	13.2% (191)	33.5% (483)	27.0% (389)	22.7% (328)	3.52
	Transfer	4.9% (3)	3.3% (2)	36.1% (22)	16.4% (10)	39.3% (24)	3.82
Awareness of historical trends	Beginning	3.6% (52)	12.9% (186)	33.3% (479)	27.0% (388)	23.2% (333)	3.53
which influence current events	Transfer	0.0%	8.2% (5)	27.9% (17)	24.6% (15)	39.3% (24)	3.95
Ability to utilize computers	Beginning	1.2% (18)	6.4% (92)	20.5% (296)	30.0% (434)	41.9% (606)	4.05
	Did not Attend	1.6% (1)	0.0%	18.0% (11)	24.6% (15)	55.7% (34)	4.33

### **Reasons for Attending Southeastern**

In this section, students were asked to indicate how important a list of reasons were in their decision to attend Southeastern. Results are reported in Table 5, separately for beginning freshmen, transfer freshmen, and those who attended Orientation but were not enrolled as of the 14<sup>th</sup> class day.

Overall, the most important reason for students' decision to attend Southeastern was "Southeastern's size seemed right for me" (mean=4.20). The least important reason was "The campus is far enough away from home so I do not have to live at home" (mean=2.62).

Table 5
Reasons for Attending Southeastern Rather than Another Institution

		No Influence (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Major Influence (5)	Mean
Southeastern has a good degree program in the field I want to study	Beginning	5.7% (85)	5.3% (79)	18.5% (277)	18.6% (279)	52.0% (780)	4.06
	Transfer	9.0% (6)	4.5% (3)	14.9% (10)	14.9% (10)	56.7% (36)	4.06
Southeastern is the university closest to my home	Beginning	20.3% (305)	10.7% (160)	17.3% (259)	12.7% (190)	39.0% (585)	3.39
	Transfer	16.4% (11)	1.5% (1)	13.4% (9)	14.9% (10)	35.3% (24)	3.88
Southeastern's cost is lower than other schools I	Beginning	8.6% (129)	7.9% (118)	19.5% (292)	21.2% (317)	42.7% (639)	3.82
considered	Transfer	11.8% (8)	8.8% (6)	25.0% (17)	19.1% (13)	35.3% (24)	3.57
Southeastern has a good	Beginning	3.6% (54)	4.9% (73)	20.6% (309)	28.1% (421)	42.8% (642)	4.02
academic reputation	Transfer	5.9% (4)	5.9% (4)	22.1% (15)	19.1% (13)	47.1% (32)	3.96
I met the admission	Beginning	5.1% (77)	5.0% (75)	18.2% (273)	21.7% (326)	50.0% (750)	4.06
requirements at Southeastern	Transfer	5.9% (4)	1.5% (1)	17.6% (12)	25.0% (17)	50.0% (34)	4.12

Table 5 Continued
Reasons for Attending Southeastern Rather than Another Institution

		No Influence (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Major Influence (5)	Mean
Southeastern offered me a	Beginning	37.3% (559)	9.5% (143)	14.0% (209)	10.8% (162)	28.4% (425)	2.83
scholarship	Transfer	52.9% (36)	8.8% (6)	11.8% (8)	8.8% (6)	17.6% (12)	2.29
Southeastern seemed to be a friendly place	Beginning	1.7% (26)	4.5% (67)	16.1% (242)	26.5% (398)	51.2% (768)	4.21
	Transfer	7.4% (5)	2.9% (2)	20.6% (14)	20.6% (14)	48.5% (33)	4.00
My parents have a good opinion of Southeastern	Beginning	9.4% (140)	7.3% (109)	22.2% (332)	23.4% (350)	37.8% (566)	3.73
	Transfer	22.1% (15)	10.3% (7)	17.6% (12)	16.2% (11)	33.8% (23)	3.29
Southeastern's size seemed right for me	Beginning	3.1% (46)	4.3% (65)	15.3% (230)	21.6% (324)	55.7% (835)	4.22
	Transfer	10.6% (7)	7.6% (5)	19.7% (13)	22.7% (15)	39.4% (26)	3.73
My friends and/or relatives	Beginning	9.6% (145)	9.9% (149)	20.0% (301)	24.2% (363)	36.3% (545)	3.67
recommended Southeastern	Transfer	14.7% (10)	8.8% (6)	14.7% (10)	22.1% (15)	39.7% (27)	3.63
I expect to be more successful in my courses at	Beginning	6.2% (94)	7.3% (110)	21.3% (320)	22.5% (338)	42.7% (642)	3.88
Southeastern than at another university	Transfer	9.0% (6)	3.0% (2)	22.4% (15)	23.9% (16)	41.8% (28)	3.87
My high school teachers or advisors recommended	Beginning	18.3% (274)	13.4% (200)	25.2% (377)	19.4% (291)	23.8% (356)	3.17
Southeastern	Transfer	39.7% (27)	14.7% (10)	10.3% (7)	19.1% (13)	16.2% (11)	2.57
I visited the Southeastern	Beginning	6.1% (91)	6.9% (103)	20.1% (301)	20.8% (312)	46.1% (691)	3.94
campus and really liked it	Transfer	10.3% (7)	14.7% (10)	14.7% (10)	13.2% (9)	47.1% (32)	3.72

Table 5 Continued
Reasons for Attending Southeastern Rather than Another Institution

		No Influence (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Major Influence (5)	Mean
The campus is far enough away from home so I do not have to live at home	Beginning	39.8% (596)	11.2% (168)	16.2% (242)	10.5% (158)	22.3% (334)	2.64
	Transfer	54.4% (37)	10.3% (7)	11.8% (8)	8.8% (6)	14.7% (10)	2.19
Some of my friends decided to attend Southeastern	Beginning	16.6% (249)	11.4% (170)	20.4% (306)	22.0% (329)	29.6% (443)	3.37
	Transfer	16.2% (11)	8.8% (6)	17.6% (12)	25.0% (17)	32.4% (22)	3.49

### Extra Curricular Activities Question 70

Students were asked whether they participated in a variety of activities while in High School and whether they planned to participate in them at Southeastern. Overall, students were most likely to have participated in varsity athletics and service organizations (43.9%) in High School and were most likely to participate in service organizations (46.2%) at Southeastern.

Table 6
Participation in Extra Curricular Activities

		High School	Southeastern
Instrumental Music	Beginning	15.3% (203)	8.0% (104)
instrumental Music	Transfer	11.5% (6)	2.0% (1)
Va cal Music	Beginning	12.2% (162)	9.7% (126)
Vocal Music	Transfer	15.4% (8)	6.0% (3)
0, 1, 10	Beginning	13.4% (178)	14.6% (188)
Student Government	Transfer	17.6% (9)	12.2% (6)
Publications (Newspaper,	Beginning	13.8% (182)	12.7% (164)
Yearbook)	Transfer	11.8% (6)	6.1% (3)
Debate	Beginning	5.2% (69)	8.1% (104)
Debate	Transfer	9.8% (5)	10.2% (5)
Departmental Clubs	Beginning	23.5% (310)	25.5% (330)
Departmental Clubs	Transfer	24.5% (13)	23.5% (12)

# Table 6 Continued Participation in Extracurricular Activities

		High School	Southeastern
Dramatics, Theater	Beginning	14.4% (191)	13.7% (177)
Diamatics, Theater	Transfer	15.4% (8)	8.0% (4)
Religious Organizations	Beginning	31.0% (409)	30.3% (391)
	Transfer	28.8% (15)	28.0% (14)
Racial or Ethnic	Beginning	3.0% (40)	9.6% (124)
Organizations	Transfer	2.0% (1)	4.1% (2)
Intropulsal Athletica	Beginning	15.9% (211)	29.7% (384)
Intramural Athletics	Transfer	26.9% (14)	38.0% (19)
\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	Beginning	43.9% (587)	18.7% (243)
Varsity Athletics	Transfer	44.0% (22)	20.0% (10)
Delitical Organizations	Beginning	4.8% (63)	8.5% (109)
Political Organizations	Transfer	3.8% (2)	14.0% (7)
Dodio TV	Beginning	3.9% (51)	11.1% (143)
Radio, TV	Transfer	11.8% (6)	10.2% (5)
Fratarnity or Cararity	Beginning	1.1% (15)	34.0% (444)
Fraternity or Sorority	Transfer	2.0% (1)	28.0% (14)
Special-interest groups	Beginning	11.3% (149)	19.1% (247)
(writing group, rodeo, etc.)	Transfer	5.8% (3)	16.0% (8)

# Table 6 Continued Participation in Extracurricular Activities

		High School	Southeastern
Campus or community service organizations	Beginning	44.4% (587)	46.5% (601)
	Transfer	32.1% (17)	39.2% (20)

### Expectations At Southeastern Section 5

Students were asked whether they thought they would need assistance in several areas while at Southeastern. Results are reported in Table 7. Overall, students anticipated needing the most help with improving their study skills (68.7%). Students were also asked how much time they expect to spend studying outside of the classroom. The majority (27.2%) expected to spend 10-12 hours a week studying. The results for this question are reported in Table 8.

Table 7
Expectations at Southeastern

		Need Assistance
Deciding my educational and	Beginning	62.0% (871)
occupational plans	Transfer  Beginning  Transfer  Beginning  Transfer  Beginning  Beginning	63.3% (38)
Expressing my ideas in	Beginning	54.4% (763)
writing	Transfer	55.0% (33)
Improving my reading speed	Beginning	50.4% (705)
and comprehension	Transfer	50.8% (30)
	Beginning	74.4% (1,042)
Improving my study skills	Transfer	68.3% (41)
Improving my mathematical	Beginning	70.6% (990)
skills	Transfer	73.3% (44)
Improving my ability to speak	Beginning	65.1% (914)
in public	Transfer	63.3% (38)

# Table 7 Continued Expectations at Southeastern

		Need Assistance
Improving my ability to think critically	Beginning	54.4% (763)
	Transfer	50.0% (30)
Personal concerns	Beginning	34.4% (481)
	Transfer	31.7% (19)

Table 8
Amount of Time Expecting to Study

	3 hours or less a week	4-6 hours	7-9 hours	10-12 hours	13-15 hours	16-18 hours	19-21 hours	More than 21 hours a week
Beginning	2.7% (38)	16.0% (224)	20.2% (283)	27.2% (381)	13.4% (188)	10.6% (149)	5.2% (73)	4.6% (65)
Transfer	5.2% (3)	17.2% (10)	17.2% (10)	27.6% (16)	10.3% (6)	6.9% (4)	5.2% (3)	10.3% (6)

### **Athletic Interest & Participation**

The items in this section were asked about students previous participation in sports and their potential participation while in college. Only students who actually attended Southeastern were included in these analyses. Students were asked at what level they might be interested in participating in 28 sports while in college. Overall, students expressed the most interest in Cheerleading at the varsity level and the least interest in Ice Hockey. At the intramural level, students were most interested in Volleyball and least interested in Wrestling. At the club level, students expressed the most interest in Sand Volleyball and the least interest in Field Hockey. Table 9 provides the percent of students interested in each sport, broken down by female and male students, and total.

Table 9
Athletic Interest

		Intramural	Club	Varsity	Not Interested
	Females	6.5% (64)	2.7% (27)	1.6% (16)	89.2% (880)
Baseball	Males	17.5% (84)	4.6% (22)	10.0% (48)	67.8% (325)
	Total	10.1% (149)	3.3% (49)	4.3% (64)	82.2% (1,213)
	Females	10.4% (102)	2.6% (26)	4.1% (40)	82.9% (816)
Basketball	Males	21.0% (101)	7.9% (38)	8.7% (42)	62.4% (300)
	Total	13.8% (204)	4.4% (65)	5.6% (82)	76.2% (1,123)
	Females	11.1% (109)	6.4% (63)	2.8% (28)	79.7% (785)
Bowling	Males	15.9% (76)	9.2% (44)	3.5% (17)	71.4% (342)
	Total	12.6% (186)	7.3% (108)	3.1% (46)	76.9% (1,133)

		Intramural	Club	Varsity	Not Interested
	Females	8.5% (84)	4.5% (45)	10.1% (100)	76.9% (761)
Cheerleading	Males	1.5% (7)	0.0%	2.1% (10)	96.4% (456)
	Total	6.2% (92)	3.1% (45)	7.5% (110)	83.0% (1,225)
	Females	5.2% (51)	4.2% (41)	2.0% (20)	88.6% (874)
Cross Country	Males	4.4% (21)	2.1% (10)	3.4% (16)	90.1% (460)
	Total	4.9% (72)	3.5% (51)	2.4% (36)	89.2% (1,313)
	Females	4.5% (44)	3.9% (38)	1.8% (18)	89.9% (886)
Equestrian	Males	2.3% (11)	1.3% (6)	0.6% (3)	95.8% (452)
	Total	5.9% (87)	3.5% (52)	1.0% (14)	89.6% (1,317)
	Females	4.3% (42)	2.6% (26)	0.6% (6)	92.5% (909)
Fencing	Males	9.4% (45)	5.4% (26)	1.7% (8)	83.5% (399)
	Total	5.9% (87)	3.5% (52)	1.0% (14)	89.6% (1,317)
	Females	2.9% (29)	0.8% (8)	0.7% (7)	95.5% (940)
Field Hockey	Males	5.9% (28)	1.3% (6)	0.6% (3)	92.2% (437)
	Total	3.9% (57)	1.0% (14)	0.7% (10)	94.5% (1,386)
	Females	8.4% (83)	2.2% (22)	1.9% (19)	87.4% (861)
Football	Males	23.1% (112)	5.4% (26)	16.7% (81)	54.8% (266)
	Total	13.2% (195)	3.2% (48)	6.8% (101)	76.8% (1,136)

		Intramural	Club	Varsity	Not Interested
	Females	5.5% (54)	1.8% (18)	0.8% (8)	91.9% (907)
Golf	Males	10.9% (52)	6.5% (31)	5.3% (25)	77.3% (367)
	Total	7.2% (106)	3.4% (50)	2.2% (33)	87.1% (1,281)
	Females	8.1% (80)	7.0% (69)	4.5% (44)	80.5% (795)
Gymnastics	Males	3.4% (16)	1.5% (7)	1.7% (8)	93.5% (445)
	Total	6.6% (97)	5.2% (76)	3.5% (52)	84.7% (1,248)
	Females	3.0% (30)	1.1% (11)	0.4% (4)	95.4% (939)
Ice Hockey	Males	6.5% (31)	1.3% (6)	1.1% (5)	91.2% (434)
	Total	4.2% (61)	1.2% (17)	0.6% (9)	94.1% (1,382)
	Females	3.7% (36)	1.5% (15)	0.8% (8)	94.0% (921)
Lacrosse	Males	6.5% (31)	3.8% (18)	1.9% (9)	87.8% (416)
	Total	4.6% (67)	2.3% (33)	1.2% (17)	92.0% (1,346)
	Females	5.1% (50)	3.4% (33)	1.7% (17)	89.8% (884)
Rifle	Males	11.9% (57)	9.6% (46)	6.9% (33)	71.5% (342)
	Total	7.3% (107)	5.4% (79)	3.4% (50)	84.0% (1,235)
	Females	5.1% (50)	3.3% (32)	1.3% (13)	90.3% (885)
Rowing	Males	5.6% (27)	1.9% (9)	3.1% (15)	89.4% (428)
	Total	5.2% (77)	2.8% (41)	1.9% (28)	90.1% (1,322)

		Intramural	Club	Varsity	Not Interested
	Females	2.8% (28)	1.7% (17)	0.9% (9)	94.5% (931)
Rugby	Males	8.6% (41)	3.8% (18)	2.5% (12)	85.1% (406)
	Total	4.7% (69)	2.4% (35)	1.5% (22)	91.4% (1,346)
	Females	16.7% (165)	9.5% (94)	2.9% (29)	70.8% (698)
Sand Volleyball	Males	17.5% (83)	7.0% (33)	2.5% (12)	73.0% (346)
	Total	16.9% (248)	8.9% (131)	2.9% (42)	71.3% (1,048)
	Females	6.2% (61)	2.9% (29)	1.9% (19)	88.9% (877)
Skiing (Snow)	Males	5.9% (28)	5.2% (25)	2.7% (13)	86.2% (412)
	Total	6.0% (89)	3.7% (54)	2.2% (33)	88.1% (1,297)
	Females	10.5% (103)	5.1% (50)	4.2% (41)	80.2% (788)
Soccer	Males	12.6% (60)	6.3% (30)	4.6% (22)	76.5% (365)
	Total	11.1% (163)	5.5% (81)	4.3% (63)	79.1% (1,161)
	Females	15.6% (155)	6.2% (61)	6.0% (59)	72.3% (716)
Softball	Males	10.1% (48)	1.7% (8)	1.9% (9)	86.3% (409)
	Total	13.8% (204)	4.7% (69)	4.7% (70)	76.7% (1,131)
	Females	9.4% (93)	7.0% (69)	3.5% (34)	80.1% (789)
Swimming & Diving	Males	8.6% (41)	5.0% (24)	2.9% (14)	83.4% (397)
	Total	9.3% (136)	6.4% (94)	3.3% (49)	81.0% (1,191)

		Intramural	Club	Varsity	Not Interested
	Females	10.9% (107)	7.4% (73)	2.6% (26)	79.1% (780)
Tennis	Males	11.2% (53)	6.1% (29)	2.5% (12)	80.2% (381)
	Total	11.1% (163)	7.0% (103)	2.6% (38)	79.3% (1,166)
	Females	4.4% (43)	2.9% (29)	0.7% (7)	92.0% (906)
Triathalon	Males	5.9% (28)	0.6% (3)	2.1% (10)	91.4% (436)
	Total	4.8% (71)	2.2% (32)	1.2% (17)	91.8% (1,351)
	Females	7.6% (75)	4.3% (42)	5.2% (51)	82.9% (816)
Track & Field	Males	7.1% (34)	4.0% (19)	8.0% (38)	80.9% (386)
	Total	7.5% (110)	4.2% (62)	6.1% (89)	82.2% (1,209)
	Females	20.4% (202)	9.6% (95)	6.2% (61)	63.8% (632)
Volleyball	Males	16.1% (77)	4.2% (20)	1.9% (9)	77.9% (373)
	Total	19.0% (281)	7.9% (117)	4.8% (71)	68.3% (1,009)
	Females	3.2% (32)	1.1% (11)	0.8% (8)	94.8% (936)
Water Polo	Males	5.3% (25)	1.3% (6)	0.8% (4)	92.6% (440)
	Total	3.9% (57)	1.2% (18)	0.8% (12)	94.1% (1,384)
	Females	3.0% (29)	0.7% (7)	0.7% (7)	95.6% (940)
Wrestling	Males	4.2% (20)	2.3% (11)	1.7% (8)	91.8% (437)
	Total	3.3% (49)	1.2% (18)	1.0% (15)	94.4% (1,386)

Students were then asked if they had previously participated in organized sports. Overall, 70.5% (n=1,058) of respondents had participated in organized sports, with 77.6% (n=381) of males and 67.3% (n=672) of the females. Those students who indicated they had participated in organized sports were then asked at what level for each of the sports they had participated. Below are the results of that question.

**Athletic Participation** 

		High School Varsity	Junior High School Varsity	Club	Intramural	Recreational	Did Not Participate
	Females	2	1	2	5	20	619
Baseball	Males	19	76	14	10	62	188
	Total	21	77	16	15	84	809
	Females	33	66	7	11	62	479
Basketball	Males	28	45	13	16	73	191
	Total	61	111	20	27	138	671
	Females	2	5	4	8	59	576
Bowling	Males	2	7	1	6	57	293
	Total	4	12	5	14	117	872
	Females	38	112	10	11	71	417
Cheerleading	Males	1	2	1	2	3	354
	Total	39	114	11	13	74	775
	Females	15	30	4	3	8	596
Cross Country	Males	10	20	2	2	8	326
	Total	25	51	6	6	16	924

		High School Varsity	Junior High School Varsity	Club	Intramural	Recreational	Did Not Participate
	Females	0	1	4	2	16	631
Equestrian	Males	0	1	0	1	5	357
	Total	0	2	4	3	21	992
	Females	0	0	0	2	3	653
Fencing	Males	0	0	0	1	2	360
	Total	0	0	0	3	5	1,017
	Females	1	0	0	1	4	650
Field Hockey	Males	0	0	0	2	1	361
	Total	1	0	0	3	5	1,015
	Females	1	1	3	14	20	613
Football	Males	39	118	8	12	45	150
	Total	40	120	11	26	65	767
	Females	1	9	0	4	19	622
Golf	Males	3	21	5	3	34	299
	Total	4	30	5	7	53	925
	Females	6	6	18	12	84	528
Gymnastics	Males	0	0	2	3	10	350
	Total	6	6	20	15	94	882
	Females	0	0	0	1	5	643
Ice Hockey	Males	0	0	2	1	2	358
	Total	0	0	2	2	7	1,005

		High School Varsity	Junior High School Varsity	Club	Intramural	Recreational	Did Not Participate
	Females	0	1	0	3	3	648
Lacrosse	Males	5	4	0	2	2	353
	Total	5	5	0	5	5	1,005
	Females	0	6	3	1	15	628
Rifle	Males	0	2	2	2	27	331
	Total	0	8	5	3	42	963
	Females	0	0	0	2	7	647
Rowing	Males	0	0	2	1	3	358
	Total	0	0	2	3	10	1,009
	Females	0	0	0	2	2	652
Rugby	Males	0	3	0	3	4	357
	Total	0	4	0	5	6	1,013
	Females	2	3	6	13	66	567
Sand Volleyball	Males	0	0	4	6	36	318
	Total	2	3	10	19	102	889
	Females	0	0	0	2	14	638
Skiing (Snow)	Males	0	0	0	2	9	355
	Total	0	0	0	4	23	997
	Females	23	42	14	13	67	494
Soccer	Males	6	28	10	9	45	269
	Total	29	70	24	23	113	765

		High School Varsity	Junior High School Varsity	Club	Intramural	Recreational	Did Not Participate
	Females	37	79	19	26	104	394
Softball	Males	1	0	0	6	16	341
	Total	39	79	19	32	121	737
	Females	5	16	11	4	48	572
Swimming & Diving	Males	5	7	4	3	28	318
	Total	10	23	15	7	77	893
	Females	9	19	3	6	45	572
Tennis	Males	3	8	1	2	29	322
	Total	12	27	4	8	74	898
	Females	0	1	1	3	6	642
Triathalon	Males	0	0	0	1	9	353
	Total	0	1	1	4	15	999
	Females	34	84	8	12	21	497
Track & Field	Males	23	63	2	3	11	265
	Total	57	147	10	15	32	764
	Females	58	71	13	26	79	410
Volleyball	Males	2	2	2	5	50	305
	Total	60	73	15	31	130	718
	Females	0	0	1	2	4	649
Water Polo	Males	0	0	0	1	2	363
	Total	0	0	1	3	6	1,016

	_	High School Varsity	Junior High School Varsity	Club	Intramural	Recreational	Did Not Participate
	Females	1	0	0	1	5	647
Wrestling	Males	4	10	4	3	7	338
	Total	5	10	4	4	12	988

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### Appendix A

**Entering Freshman Survey** 



1. On a scale of 1 through 5, indicate the level to which each of the following influenced your decision to attend Southeastern Louisiana University rather than another university.

	1 - Did Influence at All	2	3	4	5 - Influence A Lot
Visits by Southeastern's admissions staff at your high school					
College publications (catalogs, brochures, etc.)					
Communications about financial aid (not the aid decision)					
Visit to Southeastern's campus		$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	
Contact with Southeastern's students and graduates					
Accessing the Southeastern website					
Information about Southeastern in the newspaper, on television or on the radio					
College guide books and/or rankings such as Peterson's or U.S. News and World Report	i				
U.S. Department of Education's College Navigator website					

	1- Not at all Important	2	3	4	5 - Very Importan
Southeastern has a good degree program in the field I want to study					
Southeastern is the university closest to my home					
Southeastern's cost is lower than other schools I considered					
Southeastern has a good academic reputation					
met the admission requirements at Southeastern					
Southeastern offered me a scholarship					
Southeastern seemed to be a friendly place					
My parents have a good opinion of Southeastern					
Southeastern's size seemed right for me					
My friends and/or relatives recommended Southeastern					
expect to be more successful in my courses at Southeastern than at anoth university	er				
My high school teachers or advisors recommended Southeastern		$\bigcirc$			
visited the Southeastern campus and really liked it					
The campus is far enough away from home so I do not have to live at home					
Some of my friends decided to attend Southeastern					
What is your goal in attending Southeastern?  No definite goal in mind  Take a few courses in order to learn specific job skills or for my own personate a few courses and then transfer to another university  Other (classes anglify)	sonal interest				
Other (please specify)					



4. On a scale of 1 through 5, indicate the extent to which you agree	ee or disa	gree wit	th each s	tatemen	t.
	1 - Strongly Disagree	2	3	4	5 - Strongly Agree
I am a capable, self-reliant person.					
I know my own capabilities and interests.					
I meet deadlines.					
I take responsibility for my own actions.					
I interact comfortably with others who are different from myself.					
I have strong leadership and management skills.					
I am dependable and punctual.					
I accept new responsibilities willingly.		$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	
I place great importance on being active in public and community affairs.					
I have the capacity to begin and sustain important interpersonal relationships.					
I have financial problems, and the need to earn money will probably hinder my studies.					
My studying is irregular and unpredictable.					
I am very committed to finishing college, no matter what problems I encounter.					
I have family commitments that may interfere with my studies.					
I can think of many things I would rather do than go to college.					
I dread the thought of going to school for several more years.					

	1 - Not at All Confident	2	3	4	5 - Very Confident
Ability to write well					
Ability to speak effectively					
Ability to comprehend reading material and to analyze its meaning					
Ability to use logic and critical thinking skills					
ability to see relationships, similarities and distinctions between ideas					
ability to apply problem solving techniques					
ability to use mathematical and statistical concepts and tools					
Inderstanding the nature of science and the scientific method					
amiliarity with key applications of the basic sciences					
ability to learn on your own, to pursue ideas and to find the information you need					
Recognition of the value of coming into contact with people different from you					
Inderstanding the nature and value of at least one of the performing arts					
Vider acquaintance with and enjoyment of literature					
Personal set of values and ethical standards					
Awareness of how political and economic trends impact families and communities					
wareness of historical trends which influence current events					
Ability to utilize computers					



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7. Have you previously participated in organized sports?	
No Yes	
NO Yes	



8. For each of the following sports, please indicate at what level you previously participated.

	High School Junior Varsity	High School Varsity	Club	Intramural	Recreational	Did Not Participate in this Sport
Baseball						
Basketball						
Bowling						
Cheerleading						
Cross Country						
Equestrian						
Fencing						
Field Hockey						
Football						
Golf						
Gymnastics						
Ice Hockey						
Lacrosse						
Rifle						
Rowing						
Rugby						
Sand Volleyball						
Skiing (Snow)						
Soccer						
Softball						
Swimming & Diving						
Tennis						

	High School Junior Varsity	High School Varsity	Club	Intramural	Recreational	Did Not Participate in this Sport
iathalon						
rack & Field						
⁄olleyball						
Vater Polo						
Vrestling						
umbling						



proving my reading speed and comprehension  proving my study skills  proving my mathematical skills  proving my ability to speak in public  proving my ability to think critically  rsonal concerns			No	Yes
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mproving my mathematical skills  mproving my ability to speak in public  mproving my ability to think critically  Personal concerns  While attending Southeastern, how much time do you expect to spend studying outside of class?  3 hours or less a week  10-12 hours a week  19-21 hours a week  4-6 hours a week  More than 21 hours a week	expressing my ideas in writing			
mproving my ability to speak in public  mproving my ability to think critically  Personal concerns  D. While attending Southeastern, how much time do you expect to spend studying outside of class?  3 hours or less a week  10-12 hours a week  19-21 hours a week  4-6 hours a week  More than 21 hours a week	mproving my reading speed and co	omprehension		
Personal concerns  D. While attending Southeastern, how much time do you expect to spend studying outside of class?  3 hours or less a week  10-12 hours a week  13-15 hours a week  More than 21 hours a week	mproving my study skills			
4-6 hours a week	mproving my mathematical skills			
Personal concerns  D. While attending Southeastern, how much time do you expect to spend studying outside of class?  3 hours or less a week  10-12 hours a week  19-21 hours a week  4-6 hours a week  More than 21 hours a week				
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7-9 hours a week 16-18 hours a week	mproving my ability to think critical Personal concerns	ly		
	Personal concerns  O. While attending Southeast  3 hours or less a week	tern, how much time do you expect  10-12 hours a week	19-21 hours	a week

chool, and on the right, whether or not you plan to	High School	Southeastern
Instrumental Music	•	<b>\$</b>
Vocal Music	•	•
Student Government	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Publications (Newspaper, Yearbook)	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Debate	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Departmental Clubs	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Dramatics, Theater	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Religious Organizations	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Racial or Ethnic Organizations	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Intramural Athletics	<b>\$</b>	•
Varsity Athletics	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Political Organizations	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Radio, TV	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Fraternity or Sorority	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Special-interest groups (writing group, rodeo, etc.)	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Campus or community service organizations	•	<b>\$</b>



12. While attending Southeastern,	do you plan to be employed?	
I do not plan to be employed	I plan to w	ork between 21 and 30 hours per week
I plan to work regularly, but not more	than 10 hours per week I plan to w	ork more than 30 hours per week
I plan to work between 11 and 20 hou	urs per week	
13. Will your employment be on ca	ampus (e.g. work study) or off car	mpus?
I do not plan to be employed	I plan to ha	ave a job off campus
I plan to have a job on campus	I plan to be	e employed both on and off campus
14. How far do you travel (one way		
I live on campus	Between 5 and 10 miles	Between 21 and 30 miles
Less than 5 miles	Between 11 and 20 miles	More than 30 miles
15. What is your current marital sta	atus?	
Never married Currently marrie	d Previously married	
16. Have you applied for financial	aid at Southeastern?	
17. How many children under the	age of 18 do you have?	
None One Two Three	e Four or More	
18. Are you a veteran of the U.S. A	Armed Forces?	

9. Please indicate your parents' l	nighest levels of e			
		Highest Educa		
Father			<b>\$</b>	
Mother			<b>\$</b>	