

# **Current Student Survey 2014-2015**

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A total of 2,501 surveys were sent electronically via SurveyMonkey to a randomly selected sample of students who were enrolled at Southeastern in the Fall of 2014. Of the 2,501 surveys distributed, 541 were completed for a response rate of 22%.

### **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 (57%) and least likely to have attended films that were not required for class (23%).

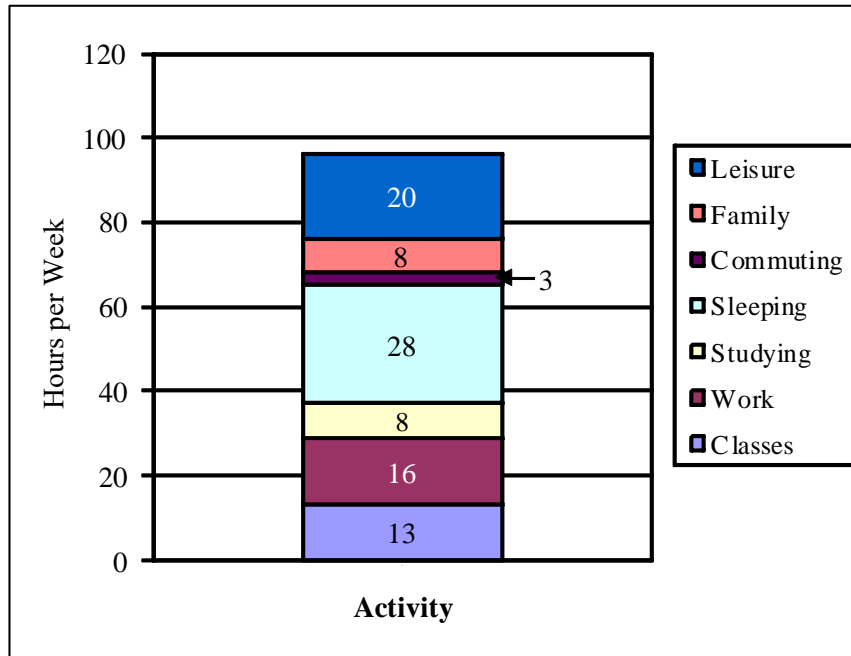
<b>Please indicate how often, during the current academic year, you have attended the following campus events or activities</b>						
	<b>Never</b>		<b>Occasionally</b>		<b>Frequently</b>	
	%	N	%	N	%	N
Athletic Events	49.2%	145	34.2%	101	16.6%	49
Spiritual/Religious activities	74.7%	219	17.7%	52	7.5%	22
Films that were not required for a class	76.9%	226	19.4%	57	3.7%	11
Events sponsored by student organizations	43.4%	128	36.9%	109	19.7%	58
Plays that were not required for a class	68.5%	202	23.7%	70	7.8%	23
Concerts that were not required for a class	73.5%	216	20.1%	59	6.5%	19
Art Shows that were not required for a class	75.7%	221	19.5%	57	4.8%	14
Cultural, ethnic, or international events	71.2%	210	22.4%	66	6.4%	19
Events sponsored by offices on campus	53.9%	158	33.4%	98	12.6%	37
Intramural Sports	71.3%	29	19.1%	56	9.6%	28
Fitness Classes	72.8%	214	21.1%	62	6.1%	18

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 late afternoon, middle of the day, and finally, weekends.

<b>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</b>								
	<b>1 - Least Likely</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>4 - Most Likely</b>	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Middle of the Day (11:00-2:00)	41.0%	93	22.5%	51	16.3%	37	20.3%	46
Late Afternoon (2:00-5:00)	8.0%	19	31.9%	76	38.7%	92	21.4%	51
Evening (6:00-10:00)	9.0%	22	20.1%	49	20.5%	50	50.4%	123
Weekends	50.6%	128	13.4%	34	19.8%	50	16.2%	41

Students were then asked to indicate how much time they spend in various activities during the week. Most students spend the most time (approximately 28 hours a week) sleeping. Figure 3 illustrates a “typical student week”.

**Figure 3**  
**“Typical Student Week”**



Leisure activities include socializing with friends, watching TV, exercising/sports, recreational computer use, and cellphone/texting.

<b>During a typical week, how much time do you spend on the following activities?</b>										
	<b>None</b>		<b>1 hr</b>		<b>1 - 2 hr</b>		<b>3 - 4 hrs</b>		<b>5 - 10 hrs</b>	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Class/Labs	1.7%	9	0.7%	4	3.1%	17	5.4%	29	11.6%	63
Working for pay	14.2%	77	0.9%	5	0.9%	5	1.5%	8	4.4%	24
Studying/Homework	0.9%	5	0.7%	4	3.5%	19	11.5%	62	13.3%	72
Commuting	12.2%	66	7.0%	38	8.5%	46	11.5%	62	9.1%	49
Volunteer Work	30.9%	167	7.6%	41	6.5%	35	3.3%	18	2.4%	13
Hanging out with friends	3.1%	17	5.4%	29	10.0%	54	10.2%	55	9.8%	53
Southeastern student organizations	29.9%	162	5.9%	32	4.8%	26	6.7%	36	2.4%	13
Watching TV	5.7%	31	8.1%	44	11.1%	60	12.0%	65	8.3%	45
Exercising/sports	13.7%	74	8.7%	47	8.5%	46	8.5%	46	8.5%	46
Interacting with/caring for family	4.1%	22	3.9%	21	6.3%	34	6.5%	35	7.9%	43
Recreational computer use	6.7%	36	6.7%	36	9.2%	50	8.7%	47	8.3%	45
Sleeping	1.1%	6	0.2%	1	0.4%	2	1.8%	10	7.8%	42
Cellphone/texting	1.8%	10	4.1%	22	10.0%	54	7.4%	40	9.4%	51
	<b>11-15 hrs</b>		<b>16-20 hrs</b>		<b>21-25 hrs</b>		<b>26-30 hrs</b>		<b>31+ hrs</b>	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Class/Labs	15.0%	81	10.2%	55	1.8%	10	1.1%	6	1.7%	9
Working for pay	3.3%	18	6.3%	34	6.3%	34	3.5%	19	10.9%	59
Studying/Homework	8.7%	47	7.0%	38	3.1%	17	1.3%	7	2.0%	11
Commuting	1.1%	6	0.9%	5	0.6%	3	0.6%	3	0.7%	4
Volunteer Work	0.6%	3	0.4%	2	0.2%	1	0.0%	0	0.2%	1
Hanging out with friends	5.7%	31	3.1%	17	1.8%	10	1.1%	6	1.8%	10
Southeastern clubs or groups	0.4%	2	0.4%	2	0.6%	3	0.4%	2	0.2%	1
Watching TV	3.3%	18	1.3%	7	0.4%	2	1.3%	7	0.9%	5
Exercising/sports	2.2%	12	0.9%	5	0.6%	3	0.6%	3	0.2%	1
Interacting with and caring for family	5.7%	31	3.7%	20	2.8%	15	2.4%	13	8.3%	45
Recreational computer use	4.1%	22	2.4%	13	2.2%	12	1.1%	6	3.0%	16
Sleeping	1.3%	7	4.3%	23	7.0%	38	9.8%	53	18.3%	99
Cellphone/texting	5.2%	28	2.6%	14	3.0%	16	1.8%	10	6.3%	34

When asked if they have been a member of a student organization at Southeastern, the majority of the students (33.6%, n=182) indicated they have not been a member, while only a fifth (20.5%, n=111) have been. They were then asked how participation contributed to their Southeastern experience. Sixty-six (66) students provided responses, almost a third (31.8%, n=21) indicated it helped them meet people/make friends. All of the responses are below.

- Awesomely
- Being in a fraternity greatly enhanced my experience at Southeastern. It gave me many opportunities and encouraged me to go out and meet people. It also encouraged me to stay on top of my grades to allow me participate in events put on by the fraternity.
- Being in organizations has contributed to my experience by allowing me to volunteer, work events (like Ring Night, etc.) and donate to those in need (Tangi Pantry, Toys for Tots), as well as network and meet new people both in my major and not.
- Being involved on campus has been my entire life. I love my organizations and spend more time on them than I do on myself.
- Being involved on campus has made my experience at the university much more enjoyable!
- Big time.
- Contributed far beyond words can describe
- Gained networks of career professionals
- good
- Good
- Got to meet more people.
- Great
- Helped connect with people and the campus more.
- helped make connections, networking
- Helped me meet new people.
- helped out great
- I absolutely love Greek life and think it has made my experience at Southeastern all the better
- I am in clubs but they are not very active
- I am more aware of what goes on on campus.
- I am more outspoken, comfortable, and social.
- I enjoy being a NSSLHA member because I feel more connected to the real world of Communication Sciences and Disorders during the meetings, especially when we get to hear from guest speakers from our field.
- I feel that when I participate, I feel more involved in school.
- I have learned so much about responsibility and organization through my leadership positions in PRSSA and Students for Life.
- I have no time for anything
- I helped me get to know other students at Southeastern.
- I love it! I get to meet new people and learn outside if the classroom!
- I love the on campus experience

- I meet a lot of new people and have expanded my horizons. I am a lot more open and sociable than I was before coming to Southeastern. I also struggle with depression, but being around people that know how it is and can help me through it has helped a lot, and I am much happier here.
- I met lifetime friends and was able to network with others and just learn and appreciate different cultures
- I worked at the Lions Roar in 2011, it was a great learning experience.
- I would have hated my experience at SELU if I had not been in my sorority. That's the only thing that kept me motivated to stay and get the best grades that I could.
- Immensely.
- It has broadened my mindset and offers great opportunities
- It has enabled me to get involved and meet many people
- It has helped me meet new people.
- It has made me a better person, and without it I would not be graduating!
- It has made me take pride in my school. It makes college fun and gives a good balance between work school and play
- It has made my college experience better.
- It has open me up and offered guidance on how to go through college as well as meeting new people and friends.
- It hasn't . They should put an indoor lazy river though I'd be there all the time
- It helped me meet new people
- It helped me to make friends and have things to do outside of class.
- It is one of the things that helps me to not stress all the time about classes. It is one of my few break times.
- It made me become more involved on campus and expand my knowledge of the school
- It made me stay in school here
- It made the experience more enjoyable.
- It's a small knit of people.
- It's been a lot of fun and I met people with similar interests and bettered my degree.
- It's made it amazing
- It's made my time at SLU worthwhile
- made my first semester year more enjoyable.
- Meet and have fun w/ friends.
- meet new people
- Meeting lots more friends and having more fun experiences! Also being able to be involved in some community service projects with minimal time attached. They also have helped my personal growth and spiritual growth.
- My experience here at Southeastern has been unlike any other due to my involvement in on campus organizations. I am always on campus participating in activities with my organizations.
- NAMI and SSA has open my mind up to analytic reasoning required to succeed in my major which is psychology.
- nonw
- Not much

- Southeastern marching band is disorganized and not as great of an experience as I'd like to believe.
- That participation has contributed to my Southeastern experience by introducing me to many people within the campus community
- This participation has made me more aware of what I was involved in and what I was not a part of.
- Time consuming
- Very well
- Very well.
- When I had the time to participate it was great, but the SGA has always been a hurdle
- Yes.

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=2.33) followed by “Student activity fees are put to good use” (mean=3.13). The highest rated item was “I have experienced intellectual growth at Southeastern” (mean=4.19), followed by “I have experienced personal growth at Southeastern” (mean=4.12).

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	
Southeastern has an attractive campus.	2.7%	7	8.4%	22	18.3%	48	26.2%	69	44.5%	117	4.02
I feel a sense of belonging at Southeastern.	5.4%	14	9.6%	25	24.5%	64	25.3%	66	35.2%	92	3.75
Being a student at Southeastern is an enjoyable experience.	3.1%	8	5.3%	14	20.6%	54	28.6%	75	42.4%	111	4.02
I feel a sense of pride about Southeastern.	5.7%	15	9.1%	24	22.1%	58	26.6%	70	36.5%	96	3.79
There is a lot of value in belonging to a Southeastern student organization.	10.5%	27	10.9%	28	29.7%	76	20.7%	53	28.1%	72	3.45
I have experienced intellectual growth at Southeastern.	1.5%	4	6.1%	16	14.6%	38	27.2%	71	50.6%	132	4.19
Southeastern faculty show concern for students as individuals.	4.9%	13	10.3%	27	24.7%	65	23.6%	62	36.5%	96	3.76
Southeastern staff and administrators show concern for students as individuals.	3.5%	9	10.0%	26	26.6%	69	22.4%	58	37.5%	97	3.80
I have made new friends on campus.	5.0%	13	7.7%	20	12.4%	32	27.0%	70	47.9%	124	4.05
I know a faculty member with whom I would feel comfortable discussing a personal problem.	18.5%	48	8.5%	22	15.8%	41	18.5%	48	38.8%	101	3.51
Student activity fees are put to good use.	12.1%	31	17.2%	44	34.4%	88	18.4%	47	18.0%	46	3.13
I have experienced personal growth at Southeastern.	3.1%	8	5.0%	13	19.0%	49	22.1%	57	50.8%	131	4.12
Faculty are fair and unbiased in their treatment of students from all cultures.	4.7%	12	8.9%	23	18.6%	48	27.1%	70	40.7%	105	3.90
Faculty display Southeastern pride in the classroom.	5.0%	13	13.8%	36	29.5%	77	23.8%	62	28.0%	73	3.56
My instructors have helped me be a successful student.	2.3%	6	9.6%	25	19.9%	52	26.1%	68	42.1%	110	3.96

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 know a staff member with whom I would feel comfortable discussing a personal problem.	21.6%	56	12.0%	31	13.1%	34	19.7%	51	33.6%	87	3.32
I am proud of the quality of education that I am receiving at Southeastern.	3.1%	8	4.6%	12	17.2%	45	32.2%	84	42.9%	112	4.07
Southeastern offer students opportunities to participate in volunteer work.	7.8%	20	15.6%	40	30.7%	79	23.0%	59	23.0%	59	3.38
I know where to find the campus crime statistics.	41.9%	109	18.1%	47	19.2%	50	6.5%	17	14.2%	37	2.33
I know what the Student Code of Conduct is.	14.7%	38	13.5%	35	23.2%	60	20.1%	52	28.6%	74	3.34
I know where to find the Student Code of Conduct.	19.6%	51	13.8%	36	22.3%	58	15.8%	41	28.5%	74	3.20
Overall, there is a campus atmosphere of ethnic, political, and religious understanding and acceptance.	4.6%	12	8.5%	22	26.3%	68	25.5%	66	35.1%	91	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 110 respondents made a comment. The most common change was regarding parking (16.4%, 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 course offerings (10.0%, 11 respondents), including the number of courses available in a semester and the types of courses. Below are other themes, in order of endorsement:

1. Facilities (7.3%, 8)
2. Student involvement and/or pride in Southeastern (6.4%, 7)
3. Campus dining (5.5%, 6)
4. Use of fees (5.5%, 6)

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.

- More visibility of school organizations
- maybe a little more practical/real world application, maybe more classroom visits from real opportunities for post graduates and also just in general for putting classroom material into a better perspective in the bigger picture.
- Moodle
- Stop paying tuition fees for stuff that I don't go to. I'm not a cheerleader & I don't go to any games, so why should I have to be the one stuck paying the fees, which I can't always afford to pay even after Financial Aid. I've heard tons of students complain about that.
- Instructors who do not email students back.
- Writing on desks, bathroom walls, library desk engravings, and stuck gum. It looks tacky to have graffiti all over. It is college, not grade school, and this age group should have been taught that it is unacceptable. You wouldn't do it at home! And smokers need some place to go on campus!!! and I don't even smoke. The neighbors will tire of having students standing in their yard to smoke!
- The computers for the faculty and the students are old and faulty. They badly need an upgrade.
- Place a greater emphasis on SGA members volunteering time and getting together with other students.
- The professors I have had, say they are there to help. I have email two professors, in particular, and they never returned my emails. If they did ever return my emails, they would return them a week later. I feel like they require me to make their class my number one priority, but I am their last priority.
- The construction! Makes it hard to go from art buildings to Fayard
- More online/ evening classes
- More tutoring
- Graduate courses need to be offered on a consistent basis. I have been waiting too long for a few courses to be offered. I could have graduated two semesters ago.

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- Please consider a wider variety of online classes each semester, basics and classes for Every major! It's 2015! Online classes w easy access for working students are the future!
- Parking.
- Hours of computer lab in TEC building.
- Parking
- too strict
- Having to buy a meal plan if you live on campus.
- Attitudes of certain professors
- I would change the availability and accessibility of parking (maybe assigned spots for faculty based on their work building) so it allows students spots that would otherwise be taken in other lots.
- More online classes
- The way student money is spent.
- PARKING! Because the majority of students are commuters there is never an open parking spot in the middle of the day. If there is you will probably get towed!
- The smell in the stairwells of the library
- Parking; too much faculty parking.
- Get nationally ranked, and parking needs improving
- More class times!
- The teachers helpfulness and empathy for working students
- making it more commuter friendly with times of events
- Large expansion of Greek life
- The attitudes, politics, take the small town out of it. It is about education and student experience, not about anything else
- Parking.
- None! I love Southeastern! Lion up!
- Everything.
- Stop letting mean picketters come yell at us on our way to class! But I'm liking this lazy river and rock-climbing idea...
- The one and only complaint that I have about Southeastern is about the student technology fee. I understand we are on a limited budget but the mouse pads, vest, and posters that say ""this is your student technology fee at work"" seems like a complete waste to me. I would rather not physically see my money wasted but rather saved to update the Fayard labs computers or saving money for the newest Microsoft office that is coming out. That is my only complaint
- I would like to see more classes offered in each department to give us more options for our electives.
- The parking.
- Website, Leonet and Moodle.
- More on-campus opportunities for fraternizing to encourage building personal relationships with fellow students.
- I don't think communications should be a requirement to graduate for non-communication majors. Out of all of my classes, my biggest fear is taking communications and I am a science major.

- The no-smoking policy.
- The way the fees are used. I did not come to Southeastern for the sports - I came for the education. The theatre, music, and art departments could do so much more with half as much money as the sports departments get. If someone wants to play sports, let them pay for it. I should not have to pay for something I do not care to be a part of. Likewise, it would be understandable to not force someone who does not care for it to pay for the arts, but I would happily pay \$50+ for the arts instead of sports in my fees. If we have to pay so much for sports, we should pay the same amount for the arts.
- I'd like to see more classes open in the business department
- I would like Southeastern to offer more online degrees, or at least more online classes.
- No supporting other universities!
- Add another parking lot
- The food in the cafeteria is way too focused on other things the food is nasty sometimes
- You're either in a sorority or a fraternity and they are pretty much the only people who activities going on that I hear about I don't hear about activities for the people who don't have time to be a part of that. I want to be involved I just don't have the opportunities because I do not know about any of them.
- More commuter friendly paperwork for university issues
- I wish there would be a break from the construction. There is always construction and it takes away from enjoying the campus. Also, I wish there were more things to do, to keep me active, on campus.
- Finish constructions, it's inconvenient
- I do not think it is right that people can come on campus and tell and belittle us. I know many people who were personally attacked and we are here to get an education that we pay for not to be belittled
- Change it from being commuter oriented to on campus mainly.
- Better housing for Greeks. The way non Greeks and Greeks judge each other. Make dish.
- I would like to change the attitude that many student and some staff have about Southeastern. I personally love this university, and want to see it thrive. I believe it could be the top university in the state, but I feel that many of my fellow students regard Southeastern as their ""backup"" school. Their ""plan B"" school. I feel like there is a lack of pride in our school that holds us back from achieving the kind of excellence that I want to see us achieve. We are stuck wading the sea of mediocrity when we could be surfing the waves of greatness, but that will not happen unless everyone on this campus feels the same sense of pride about this school that I do.
- More diversity and more fun activities.
- Lowering the price of meal plans, and having more parking spots.
- Great college, besides disability services I would maybe change the dining services to where there was better food and more self service food so you can choose what's going on it.
- More class options and times for Nursing students and other students as well.
- No assigned parking
- The layout of buildings.
- Stability in the education department leadership

- Tuition fee
- School interaction
- Freshman parking
- Parking
- The Parking Office and the Financial Aid Office. Act professional with policies that are beneficial to both and please answer the phone with ""Southeastern Financial Aid Office How May I Help You"" instead of Hello
- I like the fact that SELU has made the campus a tobacco free campus, that was a positive change.
- More class availability for Nursing students and students in general.
- The café
- Everything is just dandy.
- SE101
- more acknowledgment of activities and clubs we students can join
- Updating the gym. More squat racks.
- A lot of teachers are biased to certain students based on race and other factors
- more food than panda express
- Collaboration within organizations of different cultures and ethnicities
- I wish there more opportunities for dancers, and possibly a gymnastics team.
- all of the buildings are too cold, whether in summer or winter.
- The price of tuition needs to come down some.
- A more organized Dept. Of Teaching and Learning.
- Quality of the building where I attend classes, White Hall. It's in need of maintenance.
- parking
- Lack of interest or involvement with international students Lion Traxx should also be in some off campus specific locations