Current Student Survey 2015-2016

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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 2015. 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 (20%).

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	50.2%	218	32.0%	139	17.7%	77
Spiritual/Religious activities	76.5%	332	14.1%	61	9.4%	41
Films that were not required for a class	79.7%	345	15.5%	67	4.8%	21
Events sponsored by student organizations	42.6%	185	41.9%	182	15.4%	67
Plays that were not required for a class	74.5%	324	17.2%	75	8.3%	36
Concerts that were not required for a class	75.1%	326	19.8%	86	5.1%	22
Art Shows that were not required for a class	78.5%	340	16.9%	73	4.6%	20
Cultural, ethnic, or international events	74.7%	324	19.8%	86	5.5%	24
Events sponsored by offices on campus	51.9%	224	40.0%	173	8.1%	35
Intramural Sports	74.9%	322	15.8%	68	9.3%	40
Fitness Classes	74.9%	325	19.1%	83	6.0%	26

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, 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)	29.6%	104	27.6%	97	16.2%	57	26.5%	93
Late Afternoon (2:00-5:00)	6.6%	24	22.6%	82	43.8%	159	27.0%	98
Evening (6:00-10:00)	9.2%	34	27.8%	103	22.2%	82	40.8%	151
Weekends	57.3%	216	16.7%	63	13.8%	52	12.2%	46

When asked if they have been a member of a student organization at Southeastern, the majority of the students (48.3%, n=250) indicated they have not been a member, while about a third (35.1%, n=182) 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=2.19). The highest rated item was "I have made new friends on campus" (mean=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 feel a sense of belonging at Southeastern.	6.6%	34	8.3%	43	19.3%	100	21.2%	110	23.7%	123	3.60
I feel a sense of pride about Southeastern.	4.1%	21	6.6%	34	18.0%	93	21.8%	113	29.0%	150	3.82
There is a lot of value in belonging to a Southeastern student organization.	8.5%	44	9.1%	47	23.2%	120	17.2%	89	21.0%	109	3.42
Southeastern faculty show concern for students as individuals.	5.0%	26	6.6%	34	16.2%	84	27.0%	140	24.7%	128	3.75
Southeastern staff and administrators show concern for students as individuals.	5.2%	27	6.2%	32	18.3%	95	25.5%	132	24.3%	126	3.72
I have made new friends on campus.	5.8%	30	5.8%	30	5.8%	56	20.5%	106	36.3%	188	3.96
I know a faculty member with whom I would feel comfortable discussing a personal problem.	13.9%	72	9.3%	48	9.3%	57	16.0%	83	29.0%	150	3.47
I have experienced personal growth at Southeastern.	3.9%	20	7.5%	39	7.5%	70	20.3%	105	34.6%	179	3.93
Faculty are fair and unbiased in their treatment of students from all cultures.	2.7%	14	7.1%	37	7.1%	79	25.7%	133	28.6%	146	3.88
I know a staff member with whom I would feel comfortable discussing a personal problem.	15.1%	78	9.5%	49	9.5%	68	14.5%	75	26.8%	139	3.36
Southeastern offers students opportunities to participate in volunteer work	4.2%	22	7.9%	41	7.9%	99	22.2%	115	25.7%	133	3.72
I know where to find the campus crime statistics.	35.5%	184	17.0%	88	17.0%	59	6.6%	34	8.7%	45	2.19
I know what the Student Code of Conduct is.	10.6%	55	7.9%	41	7.9%	88	17.8%	92	25.9%	134	3.51
I know where to find the Student Code of Conduct.	12.5%	65	11.6%	60	11.6%	72	18.5%	96	23.0%	119	3.35
Overall, there is a campus atmosphere of ethnic, political, and religious understanding and acceptance.	4.1%	21	5.2%	27	5.2%	100	24.7%	128	25.7%	133	3.79

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 180 respondents made a comment. The most common change was regarding parking (16.7%, 30 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 technology (10.0%, 18 respondents), including better wifi and more computer labs. Below are other themes, in order of endorsement:

1. Campus dining (8.9%, 16)
2. Safety on Campus (7.8%, 14)
3. Course offerings (6.7%, 12)
4. Communications and keeping students informed (6.7%, 12)

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.

- parking
- The campus PD should not be located in/ the same building as the women's dormitory.
- Nothing. I have thouroghly enjoyed my experience at Southeastern.
- Please, please, please renovate the Art buildings. They are falling apart and it is very hard to work in very less than ideal places - especially when the football stadium and all its glory is beaming away right next door.
- To offer a course that explains the steps necessary to apply to a graduate program. I get the runaround from advisors and teachers when I ask questions. I also had to find out from a fellow student about Moodle. No one told me about this when I applied to school.
- It's a business. Every aspect of operations, from book rentals to parking to Higher One, is geared towards profit, often to the detriment of the students. It should be a college, not a business. It should think like a college, act on behalf of the students. There are too many issues to list here. The online classes are, for the most part, the product of a third party, with no insight from the professor. They are a cash grab. I know this, for one of my professors expressed this in an email--his having to teach them, his limitations in teaching them, his frustrations in teaching them. It's a business, SELU. It feels like a business. But it's a means to an end, a very expensive means to an end.
- Better Wi-Fi on campus in all locations
- Registration
- I would like to see more activities on campus in the morning. I would also like to see an updated wifi connection on the 4th floor of SIMS library. The campus needs a larger police presence. Secure Pottle building with updated doors and locks. Add security cameras inside and out to buildings with valuable equipment inside.
- Parking is ridiculous
- I would like more lighting around campus for students that take night classes.
- Better support for Greek life.

- The problem with parking lot space being underutilized for students as well as overutilized for staff/faculty. Also, the fines for parking tickets on campus are outrageously expensive and seem to serve no purpose other than to put students who are already in debt in that much more debt.
- I would like the smoothie shop back. There is not a sidewalk to Smoothie King; thus, it becomes a hassle at times.
- Parking lots paved, 20 minute space between classes.
- Price
- I would like to see more classes offered off campus in Livingston Parish.
- How can you allow those ""Hellfire"" protesters on campus?! HOW?! They make your students feel so uncomfortable. You should be ashamed.
- Nothing. Perhaps faster printers (with a slight increase in Tuition to do so of course).
- The availability of classes throughout the year. I think I would have graduated sooner if the classes I needed were available when I needed them.
- the chemistry department
- The lighting on campus at night. The ease of use of LeoNet, particularly the viewing of degree progress.
- Parking availability for graduate students
- Less ambiguous parking signs.
- Nothing -- my experience overall has been great. Some miscommunication between departments with regards to advising, thesis guidelines, etc. Other than that, no complaints.
- The budget cuts
- I would like some stuff in Pottle fixed. If we could also have macintoshes on campus in a lab somewhere, that would also be amazing. And I want to bring back the phone charging stations in the union
- PARKING. Add more parking!!!
- Financial aid is joke. Half of the world there don't know what they are doing.
- It would be nice to have more parking.
- Nothing.
- All the nursing class should be at Hammond campus. Not all international students have a way to get to Baton Rouge on their own. It limits them in many ways from going into the nursing program despite interest.
- have more activities so that people from different majors can mingle
- More parking easily accessible and available. And don't take away our parking in the middle of a semester (White Hall).
- Card-swipe access to Pottle music building to practice when locked after hours.
- More getting together
- I would like to add food establishments to Baton Rouge campus.
- make Leonet more condensed and easier to follow graduate school application, orientation, and structure
- Being more informed about any events that are taking place on campus each day.
- I would like Southeastern to provide more food options
- Lower tuition.

- Make it easier for smaller campus organizations to thrive by cutting back on the paperwork and membership requirements
- Be more organized and informative
- I wish some of the buildings were updated a little more (AC problems, Heat problems, projectors don't work)
- Student involvement
- Maybe more computer labs and places to study around campus.
- the amount of white, straight, Christian promotion at this school.
- I would like to see more MBA class time offerings.
- Using more online based homework systems and A TON of more online classes.
- Get better quality Internet.
- Stronger emphasis on post-graduation employment. Preparing students with partnerships with local businesses to establish and match internships or other opportunities to expose students to real-world work experience
- The stairs in DVIC...
- I would love if Southeastern would not allow individuals and/or groups of people to stand outside of the Union and tell the whole student body that we are going to hell in a hand basket. They only create anger and resentment, absolutely nothing positive comes from these events. It is not the old men quietly handing out bibles that I have a problem with, it is the ones with signs that say ""you deserve hell fire"" and accuse students (and probably faculty and staff too) of living in a way that deserves an eternity in hell. They do not know our lives, our decisions, or our beliefs. Condemning people does not bring about one single positive outcome, for individuals or the campus community. I hope that it does not one day lead to violence from the anger that they are stirring up in people.
- parking and more computers in library
- He parking situation is rediculous. Especially with the construction going on now around white hall l
- For the School of Nurse the teachers are not trained to put aside their bias when teaching and grading the students. Some of the teachers apart of the nurseing program are very ruded and students know some of them are talking negativily about the students in the program. It is very unprofessional and needs to be addressed!
- Better help on North campus when it comes to transcripts and class credit.
- the fact that education classes during the summer are four days a week needs to be shortened. I cannot afford to drive out to campus for that many days. They need a class that teaches you how to use new technology in the classrooms. Like SmartBoards... they are cool but I have no clue how to use one.
- People who are studying to become teachers have most if not all classes in the TEC. The ONLY lab in the TEC IS NOT DEPENDABLE, it's never open! I can never go print anything if I need to!
- Lots of little things but mainly the chemistry courses directed towards biology majors; there needs to be either separate courses or better directed help!
- The way the parking people like they can talk to you like you are a child. They scream at you like you killed someone when you are just waiting in a faculty parking spot for a friend.

- I wish they would reach out and inform transfer students more.
- I wish there were more summer / winter classes available .
- A larger importance needs to be placed on increasing student parking areas that are convenient
- More parking!
- Food options
- More parking for students.
- The ever increasing tuition to stop increasing and I would like my teachers to be paid more.
- More parking
- The Internet quality for on campus residents. It's atrocious every hour and day of the week.
- It is fine as it is currently.
- The cost of attending the school is becoming increasingly high and I would prefer the cost of tuition to stop increasing steadily.
- Some professors don't care about their students
- increasing janitorial effectiveness
- Improved school spirit. Also, SLU should be a place where students can stay at all school year with exception of holidays and enjoy the college life. SLU isn't that place for 90% of students. Mostly because there doesn't seem to be a certain vibe or energy on campus that you might see at other campuses.
- Campus carry
- There is a lot of room for improving the quality of professors in the chemistry department. Also I have an issue with SELU being dishonest with me personally as a student about whom will be teaching an upper level course. For example Dr. Beachy was listed to be teaching the Comparative Anatomy class and it ended up being taught by a new teacher that did not even have his PhD yet. This is an unfair and dishonest thing to do to the student body who is paying for their education. I ended up dropping this class because it was poorly instructed..... I would love to know what SELU could do to improve this and give me what I am paying for as one of the classes that I had to take stated.
- The lack of school spirit
- I think they should offer more bachelor degree options
- More food options
- The communication system. I think Southeastern offers great opportunities to get involved and volunteer and go to events, etc. These opportunities loose its value when no one knows about them. I think we should have a large electronic advertisement board outside the union or another central location.
- student union food is too expensive.
- The way the office and staff of southeastern (not teachers but employees) speak with students and the knowledge of the division they are working in.
- Have mobile app
- Internet courses and classes do not accommodate working students. Schedules for classes would better serve students if they were openly available with more flexible deadlines

- Southeastern could make small changes that could greatly improve the university. Firstly, the name of ""General Studies"" should be changed to ""Interdisciplinary Studies"". ""General Studies"" as a name of a program of study has a negative connotation and stigma about it. ""Interdisciplinary Studies"" is a more commonly used name for that plan of study and sounds much more attractive to students, employers, and graduate/professional schools. I also think Southeastern could benefit by making freshman live on campus to lose the commuter school reputation.
- Better parking
- There definitely needs to be more interest related student organizations on campus. There is an ample amount of academic organization, but a severe lack of interest group organizations. intjink that would extend a new branch for people who are not as outgoing to meet others who are interested in the same thing--be it hobby, music genre, television show, movie franchise, book, etc.
- Get rid of athletics.
- I would like teachers who can teach.
- Dr. Echols
- I don't like it when they let the religious group come to protest that screams insults at students. Religious freedom is fine and other people that come are okay, but the group that comes every semester with the signs and who yell are disrespectful and hurtful to the student body at Southeastern.
- I live off-campus, but technically across the street. I like to think I have lived on campus because of how frequently I am on campus. Three things that have always bugged me: students who wear other college shirts, they would rather go to an LSU game because our student section sucks ass, and it is a huge commuter school. When I say the student section sucks, I am referring to football games when there is nothing to do for people who aren't in Greek Life while tailgating. There is no interaction on the student side with the football players, cheerleaders, or dancers. We honestly feel like we are on the visitors side whenever we are the future alumni. I am in Greek Life, and personally love our tailgates, but whenever I go to the game I feel like a visitor.
- I feel that the only people who are constantly aware of all of the activities would be those who are in a Fraternity/Sorority or some group/organization and those who live permanently on campus. I don't feel like the school does a very good job of including everyone. There doesn't feel like there is any school spirit on a daily basis. Southeastern just makes me feel like I'm just a number, not that I really matter.
- How non-traditional students are ostracized.
- More emphasis in theatre, like a major. Or just a greater emphasis in the arts.
- more free food
- More organization opportunities for non-traditional students including students living off campus (an hour and a half away).
- Student org flexibility FMA
- More places to eat
- Needs more lighting in the rock parking lot behind the library/ in front of union. Also needs better wifi in science buildings like mead, SBA, and biology

- The opinions and view of High school students from local schools. I took SELU as a fall back school and I know many other students I graduated with felt the same way and some still do.
- The judgment on who gets accepted into nursing school.
- Moodle is horrible! Blackboard is so much easier! Horrible to try to figure out when all is due. Some teachers will cut a little slack and the others know that they post once a week in Moodle, but expect you to live your whole life on Moodle an email in case they try to pop up with a test or work due out of the blue. Also, tests on Moodle should be open for a few days! Some people work and go to school. Let's not ask for a private life because as you can see above, there is none. Just work and school! I'm miserable. Make a syllabus.Stick to dates. Leave test open for a few days. You won't stop the cheaters, but some of us have limited friends there. Hard workers get lower grades for non-flexible teachers but the popular kids will always cheat. Punish us for them? Come on. Be smarter than that!!!!!!!
- To keep those religious groups off of campus permanently! And to also have a healthier fast food area in the union or campus, such as Jamba Juice, or smoothie king, or a Greek place like an albasha express. I would rather Subway be on campus rather than Quiznos.
- -a more useful police force that doesn't hand out tickets like Halloween candy -cracking down on rape culture in fraternities -more widespread advertisement of art shows and guest speakers/ other performances -more widespread advertisement of campus
- Price
- I find it very hard for students to become involved in on campus activities. There isn't much information provided regarding these activities or organizations for regular students.
- More flexibility on required courses for Bachelor's Degree. Students learn differently. No cookie-cutter approach
- The amount/quality of professors and classes offered.
- the funding towards the art departemnt needs to be higher and the arts and humanities need to interact and intersect more.
- Spend funds more wisely- we don't need 20 TVs, pool tables, and couches in a student union. We are here to go to school not hangout. I don't like paying an absurd amount of money for the student union when it's unecessary.
- The bad and slow internet
- How when taking a class that is not in one's major department you are treated like you are lesser than them. For instance most of my STEM class professors are complete elitist and take pride in failing students. Why? Not all are like this, but some literally are. I am yet to fail a class but after drop dates some just seem too happy with the amount of students who failed because they couldn't understand the material. Also when trying to ask question in the Financial Aid department I was treated like the most worthless piece of shit and constantly given rude and vague answers. I understand the job may be stressful, but that is no reason to be rude to someone who is genuinely knowledgeable about how to do something.
- Our parking options are too limited. We need more University Police officers on shifts at a time.

- How cold the classrooms are and have a faster way to transport students to the buildings they need to go to.
- We have a lot of thots on campus. We need need more boys here. It's not fun anymore. More campus wide activities with all the students so we can meet and network with people.
- better lighting at night and better parking in general!
- Larger or more updates social spaces, that often feature events from organizations on campus, that and more Community service opportunities to improve our campus.
- I would like to see more parking for upper class if possible! Our school is growing, which of course is a great thing, but if it's possible! I also would like to see healthier food options downstairs! Maybe salad station? Pita pit! Subway!
- Subway in the union as well as smoothie king please
- Classes schedule
- on more than one occasion my teacher has never made the class visible on moodle to see grades. we always have to ask. and a few of them are really behind on grading when it comes to having a midterm grade before the drop date.
- Hire more professors so we can have more scheduling choices with our major courses.....we do have lives outside of Southeastern!
- Put more relevant information on their website.
- More scholarship opportunities and tutoring options
- Some of the office workers on campus, particularly the financial aid department, are horrid. Every other University that offered me admission had online access available for me with my scholarships showing as soon as they were awarded. SELU doesn't get anything done until the week before classes start. Improve the Wifi. The science buildings (SBA/Mead area) have horrid connections if you're not using a device with a powerful adaptor. There isn't enough bandwidth for every student on campus either, and if you expect us to use online textbook/assignment systems there needs to be a reliable connection. Give advance notice for days when certain areas of parking will be closed off, easily done with the email system.
- more information like jobs and other education opportunities for international students.
- The religious people that stand outside of Fayard yelling at everyone that they are going to hell.
- Through my five semesters tutition as been increasingly harder to cover on my own. This semester cost $1100 which i pay out of pocket. If im going to pay this much i would like a breakdown of how much everything costs and where my tuition is being used.
- The café
- I would like Southeastern to end the religious bullying that goes on each week by religious cults on campus that do not attend Southeastern (or any university). Bullying needs to stop, and religious bullying is still bullying.
- Parking
- PARKING WE NEED MORE PARKING FOR ALL CLASSES OF STUDENTS FRESHMAN PARKING IS SO TERRIBLE

- One thing that I would like to change would be the parking. I schedule 8:00 am classes and commute. To get a parking spot I have to arrive to campus by 7:15. I think more parking closer to each building would be more beneficial for students.
- Having more well-covered areas and walkways.
- The side walks should be where everyone actually walks. Or get rid of 3 hours of math lab, maybe make it 2 or 1.5, but its hard for commuters to get it all done.
- Let me be responsible for my own safety by allowing licensed students over the age of 21 to carry a firearm.(as we do off campus)
- Putting a computer lab in or near White Hall. Need more computer labs on campus.
- I would like the TEC computer lab to be open for more hours.
- Healthier food stores.
- parking by the biology building
- I would change the hours for the student union on Sundays. I feel that it should stay open until 10 pm for those incoming students arriving back on campus from the weekend. The hours for the mane dish area needs to be extended to 10 pm to allow time for those students who attend meetings or events to grab a bite to eat.
- More opportunities for the students to get together besides homecoming.
- Having better parking for Freshman and more parking spaces for everyone.
- Perhaps lowering the cost of living in dorms and lowering the cost of meal plans. It can be a lot to pay for people with not a lot of money (like me). So a lower price in those two would make me not as stressed out. Also perhaps more events to do on campus via with the students, so we can get to know more people rather than just going to classes.
- Freshman parking is a big issue for me, especially since I commute. I wish I could just park anywheres because I'm in and out in 10 minutes. It's a hassle to use the shuttle to go to the bookstore to grab one item, or to park there for an hour for one class. I love SLU and besides the parking there is no other issues I can see.
- Add a subways, popeyes, or raising canes and have cheaper choices.
- I would like for it to be easier to get an on campus job. I also think it would be a good idea to offer self defense classes for girls.
- class & grade requirements for each major
- Vandalism.
- The only things that I would suggest is upgrade the computers on campus and add more lighting around campus. I don't understand why our computers run Windows 7 or vista or in some cases Windows 95 when we all have to pay a fee for technology. Please update the software.
- Parking Lot on the gravel. I feel as if everyone pays enough money to be able to park on cement.
- more quiet areas
- I absolutely love Southeastern. I feel unsafe at times due to the recent campus shootings around our nation, not because of the unsafety at Southeastern in general.
- I would like there to be more opportunities to speak with some of my professors because I like being more than just a name or number
- More fun activities.
- the walk from the freshman parking lot

- More school spirit encourage meant.... Have roomie parade around campus with the cheerleaders and the dance team to get the students pumped on game day or just during the week... Make us feel proud to be a LION
- Make tuition cheaper
- The desks in Fayard
- More student parking less faculty parking
- Math 161
- One more starbucks!
- More evening and online classes for nontraditional students!!!!
- I wish there were more campus-wide activities.
- The scheduling of classes. Also having more classes available.
- How the clubs and organizations are all pretty much religious based.How about an animal club?
- the guys are rude
- Make things easier.
- Teachers updating grades often on moodle
- It would be nice we could give our W number (this would use our previously given information) and fill out a few questions and then, we would be told what scholarship options we have.
- Adding more lights in certain areas like the gym
- The tuition cost.
- More social events.
- Cheaper housing, better advertising for daily events
- Get rid of math lab's required hours.
- More interactive.
- The parking.
- A 24 hour math lab. And kitty litter.. Too much kitty litter.
- Nothing at this time
- Better advertisement for events.
- How the Freshmen orientation is ran. The things that freshmen need to know are not spoken of. Like where you can and can not park, football games are every Saturday at strawberry stadium, etc. also I would change how events are displayed. I would put them all around campus so that everyone knows about them. Not just people who are in organizations or sororities.