

Envision SFA

Non-Returning Students Survey

Q1. What is your gender?		
Count	Percent	
26	40.00%	Male
38	58.46%	Female
1	1.54%	Prefer not to answer
65		Respondents

Q2. Our records indicate that you did not re-enroll at SFA after your first semester, is this correct?		
Count	Percent	
41	63.08%	Yes
24	36.92%	No
65		Respondents

Q3. Why did you choose not to re-enroll at SFA?																																			
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8	25.00%	Mostly Financial Reasons																																	
6	18.75%	Mostly Academic Issues																																	
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1	6.25%	I really loved the environment and the school! It was just to pricey for me and had so much loans :(
1	6.25%	I think my daughter would because she had never been away from home, so being young she didn't take it serious
1	6.25%	I took a semester off for financial reasons, but returned to finish my degree. However, I have thought about not returning due to financial reasons.
1	6.25%	If college was the career path I wanted to pursue, I would love to attend SFA again.
1	6.25%	In a perfect situation I'd return to SFA in a second. It was the perfect school from me. My only problem is that it's four hours away from home. At the time I left I needed to be with family. If SFA was in Fort Worth I think it'd be there right now.
1	6.25%	It was a good experience which was not too far but close to home it was just great!!
1	6.25%	SFA is a much better environment for learning than many other schools.
1	6.25%	Yes and no. Under better circumstances I would love to return to SFA. I wish life issues didn't get in my way of attending college but it did. SFA is an amazing school. I recommend it to everyone I know.
16	50.00%	No (please explain why not)
Count	Percent	
1	6.25%	As a transfer student I didn't feel connected or supported by any programs.
1	6.25%	I did not like my experience there. The environment wasn't very friendly or supportive.
1	6.25%	I didn't really think about moving 4 hours away until I was there and it took a lot of money to go back and forth for the holidays
1	6.25%	I like going to school right near my home.
1	6.25%	I tried to re-enroll using the hazlewood act and it was turned down from your school for one reason or another. So now I owe the school 1,500 dollars that I will never be able to pay back because I'm stuck working a dead end job with no college education. Thanks to a hiccup in your system that pinned the entire thing on me, my dream career is, at the most, ruined, and at least, postponed by several years. So, in short, no. You people will never see another cent from me.
1	6.25%	need more space in your nursing program
1	6.25%	not interested in college. married with 2 children now. got my real estates licensee instead.
1	6.25%	SFA is mainly concerned with making money, but not making sure that the student is the priority. It's a very disappointing experience.
1	6.25%	The counseling team was awful. They were notified of my mother's pending death, said they would take care of things, then absolutely dropped the ball. My father, and I talked to numerous administrative people, all which just passed the ball. I missed a test due to her funeral that was not allowed to make up.
1	6.25%	The housing was extremely poor. The entire atmosphere that was all around was a very poor influence
1	6.25%	The professors I had were not helpful and only care about the paychecks and not about the students
1	6.25%	Too many people who I couldn't relate with
1	6.25%	Too much alcohol use. Didn't feel it was right for me.
1	6.25%	Wasn't friendly atmosphere I felt very alone and no help with helpn me stay.. I didnt understand none of the resources ..i was freshly out of parent house thrown in this environment ..i wish we had a person that helped every student try to get grants and i wish i never asked to share room with old friend wish i would hv kept the roommate that was waitn for me i know she would had helped me
32		Respondents

Q5. I chose to attend SFA because . . .

Count	Percent	
31	100.00%	
Count	Percent	
1	3.23%	A friend of mine enrolled so I did as well.
1	3.23%	Away from home not so far university!
1	3.23%	Beautiful csmpus
1	3.23%	Because my great uncle Keith attended there and It was the only school that accepted me
1	3.23%	Home feeling
1	3.23%	I loved the community.
1	3.23%	I mostly attended because I heard it had a good education degree plan.

Q5. I chose to attend SFA because . . .			
Count	Percent		
1	3.23%	I originally felt at home	
1	3.23%	I perfect distance from home, public university, small campus with small class sizes, friendly-family oriented atmosphere	
1	3.23%	I thought It would be a good fit for me. But it wasnt	
1	3.23%	I wanted to get the full college experience and at least try it out before I decided what path I wanted to go down.	
1	3.23%	I wanted to study speech therapy.	
1	3.23%	It is a small school	
1	3.23%	It is easy	
1	3.23%	it was close to home.	
1	3.23%	It was one of the only school's that offered my major.	
1	3.23%	My daughter chose to attend because she had visited and liked the warm hospitality	
1	3.23%	My fiend was also starting er first year at SFA. I really needed a buddy to help me with the new experience.	
1	3.23%	My friend was going to SFA and I didn't want to go to college alone so I followed her.	
1	3.23%	N/A	
1	3.23%	School at my high school and i chose it thgt name was great	
1	3.23%	the academics	
1	3.23%	The astronomy program. The isolation from the city lights.	
1	3.23%	The Campus is beautiful.	
1	3.23%	The class size, small town, and the theatre and education departments.	
1	3.23%	The criminal justice courses were good, well renowned and I heard good things about it.	
1	3.23%	The location.	
1	3.23%	The oppourtunities provided at SFA are unique in that they are not only located in such a special location, but that University itself takes good care of its students for the most part. The professors are rated somewhat well and the facilities are great.	
1	3.23%	Thought it was a more attentive school, I was mistaken	
1	3.23%	Thought it would be a good experience and wanted a smaller school that had better student/teacher ratio	
1	3.23%	Wildlife management	
31	Respondents		

Q6. I did not re-enroll at SFA because . . .			
Count	Percent		
30	100.00%		
Count	Percent		
1	3.33%	Academic Problems in 2012	
1	3.33%	Academics	
1	3.33%	After being home I enjoyed company of family and friends	
1	3.33%	Bad ag program	
1	3.33%	Because I found a job making enough money that I didn't need to pursue schooling.	
1	3.33%	Because I got in a car accident coming home from school and got a brain injury	
1	3.33%	Chose another school where I thought I fit better	
1	3.33%	Depression.	
1	3.33%	distance from home	
1	3.33%	I changed my major and missed being home.	
1	3.33%	I choose to go to cosmetology school.	
1	3.33%	I did not receive enough financial aid to afford my school. I only received \$1000 from TASFA, 500 per semester. By the end of the 1st semester i still owed over \$3000 and was no way I could pay that off on time to enroll for classes the following semester.	
1	3.33%	I didn't like the student body.	
1	3.33%	i got married.	
1	3.33%	I had a bad experience there.	

Q6. I did not re-enroll at SFA because . . .			
Count	Percent		
1	3.33%	I had to be home. Hard times hit my family. I was in no condition to be away from family.	
1	3.33%	I just couldn't afford it.	
1	3.33%	I needed to be home.	
1	3.33%	I was done with professors	
1	3.33%	I went back to my university that I transferred from.	
1	3.33%	My daughter did not enroll because grades were not acceptable	
1	3.33%	My tourettes and ADHD got in the way of my studying. My grades fell behind.	
1	3.33%	No money and lonely	
1	3.33%	nursing school too small	
1	3.33%	Of financial issues.	
1	3.33%	See listed above.	
1	3.33%	Texas A&M treats me much better!	
1	3.33%	The above issues	
1	3.33%	The professors are not there to help, they work against you to try to teach you a lesson of hard work and work ethic but this only tough me that SFA was only about getting your money.	
1	3.33%	tuition is far too high.	
30	Respondents		

Q7. What makes SFA special or unique?			
Count	Percent		
27	100.00%		
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1	3.70%	Campus	
1	3.70%	great professors and staff	
1	3.70%	home feeling	
1	3.70%	I like the campus. And people there seem friendlier than at a bigger school I went to in my area.	
1	3.70%	I like the small town it was in.	
1	3.70%	It has a good education program.	
1	3.70%	It is FUN. All the campus activities and student involvement is amazing.	
1	3.70%	location and scenery	
1	3.70%	n/a	
1	3.70%	Nothing	
1	3.70%	Setting	
1	3.70%	Special SFA traditions like the axe handle, stone fort, etc... the	
1	3.70%	Taking your money	
1	3.70%	The amount of rednecks	
1	3.70%	The beautiful campus, and small-town atmosphere give SFA a home-like appeal.	
1	3.70%	The campus is really nice and I like the town	
1	3.70%	The campus itself is very nice because of it's location within the pines.	
1	3.70%	The closeness on the student body. Everyone seems to be behind you. All of my teachers supported me, not just for their class but all my classes.	
1	3.70%	The community and the woods.	
1	3.70%	The effort the whole campus puts to have everyone come together. Everyone wants everyone involved. Effort. The effort was out out there to make students welcomed.	
1	3.70%	The name	
1	3.70%	The people attending are a different kind of people; mostly respectful, full of life, and kind	
1	3.70%	The school spirit	
1	3.70%	The small town, community feel.	
1	3.70%	The town! So home-like and very humble surroundings	
1	3.70%	The wooded environment	
1	3.70%	They did work with the students that weren't taking school serious	

Q7. What makes SFA special or unique?		
Count	Percent	
27	100.00%	Respondents

Q8. What could SFA do or be to encourage you to support the university?		
Count	Percent	
24	100.00%	
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1	4.17%	A better school
1	4.17%	Advisors be more informational regarding what career choice to take and explain more fundamentals about classes and really make sure both student and advisors are on the same page
1	4.17%	Be more supportive with undocumented students like my self at the time.
1	4.17%	Better ag program
1	4.17%	better football team
1	4.17%	Have more knowledgeable people in the financial aid office.
1	4.17%	Have role models to be at your side introduce u into the college scene help with grants and rules
1	4.17%	I already do support it.
1	4.17%	I already support the university.
1	4.17%	I cannot think of anything.
1	4.17%	I do support the university my younger sister asked me a few weeks ago what I thought. And I said it was a great school and if she wanted to go that she should
1	4.17%	I will always support and suggest SFA to students.
1	4.17%	If I got a scholarship I would donate it
1	4.17%	lower tuition, work on better parking arrangements instead of sharing a parking lot with the local bar.
1	4.17%	n/a
1	4.17%	NA
1	4.17%	Not flush my future down the toilet.
1	4.17%	nothing
1	4.17%	Nothing. Happy with current university
1	4.17%	Offer a second chance program with a more strictly outlined schedules, giving certain students a more hands on approach that they may need due to different learning styles, and making sure that if they give someone free education to the university that the candidate receiving either financial aid or grants is worthy. Most of the students I know that recieved most or all of their education during a semester or two for free did not only do worse in their classes, they took the opportunity given to them for granted and wasted taxpayer and university money.
1	4.17%	Screen you professors better, choose ones that understand that students are coming from their parents home and dropped into a new environment therefore may need additional patients while transitioning into adulthood.
1	4.17%	SFA can't do anymore to have me thing highly of its school. I know it's a great school. I recommended it to everyone.
1	4.17%	Show that the university is not all about the money and truly cares for its students
1	4.17%	They could try supporting me first.
24	100.00%	Respondents

Q9. What is one innovative idea SFA should implement?		
Count	Percent	
18	100.00%	
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1	5.56%	Appreciate their students/CUSTOMERS
1	5.56%	Better ag program
1	5.56%	Better athletes
1	5.56%	Caring

Q9. What is one innovative idea SFA should implement?		
Count	Percent	
1	5.56%	house students on campus by major, maybe put all the students with the same major on the same wing or floor of a residence hall. required monthly check ins with community assistants for students who live on campus
1	5.56%	More caring advisors
1	5.56%	More parking. I've seen many advertisements for SFA in the malls in my area, and if they're going to advertise to bring more students, you need to make more areas for student parking.
2	11.11%	n/a
1	5.56%	N/A
1	5.56%	NA
1	5.56%	Online courses so students could do their classes from home
1	5.56%	online programs for distance learning
1	5.56%	[REDACTED] Expletive Deleted
1	5.56%	Student consultation with department heads during first semester to ensure the chosen field will work out for them.
1	5.56%	The same way you do a room mate match , you'll should to a student professor match up
1	5.56%	Transfer Connect program.
1	5.56%	Warmer dorms.
18	Respondents	

Q10. What do you believe students need to get from a college education/experience to be successful in life?		
Count	Percent	
26	100.00%	
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1	3.85%	A degree.
1	3.85%	A good education
1	3.85%	A good education to be successful in life
1	3.85%	Be able to be comfortable and go anywhere on campus for questions
1	3.85%	Comfort.
1	3.85%	Critical thinking skills will serve a student FAR better in life than memorized knowledge from textbooks. Most students will never use 90% of what they learn in the core classes, but everyone will use critical thinking, no matter their career.
1	3.85%	Experience in their field, firsthand
1	3.85%	Field Experience, Well rounded education, cultural tolerance
1	3.85%	Freedom to make their own decisions and learn from them.
1	3.85%	Good teachers
1	3.85%	Hands on and teachers need to work more with students.
1	3.85%	Honestly, just a degree.
1	3.85%	In a professional sense, yes. It furthers every type of job can get.
1	3.85%	Kindness. Lots of kindness.
1	3.85%	knowledge that pertains to their field of study
1	3.85%	learn how to self-motivate.
1	3.85%	Mandatory student counseling
1	3.85%	n/a
1	3.85%	Positive leadership
1	3.85%	Practical skills and knowledge what will carry over to real place employment.
1	3.85%	Skills and education
1	3.85%	Students should strive to improve their work ethic, their understanding of human interaction, and they should challenge themselves enough to make themselves a more improved learner by the completion of the degree.
1	3.85%	That without a college education jobs are very hard to come by. I truly think my daughter has learned a lot since she had to drop out.

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Count	Percent		
	1	3.85%	They need to have a good social experience and have people that support them.
	1	3.85%	Ways to figure out real world problems information in how to work well with others and how to avoid conflict within society.
	1	3.85%	Work ethic.
26	Respondents		

Q11. Is there anything else we haven't asked about that you'd like to tell us?			
Count	Percent		
15	100.00%		
Count	Percent		
1	6.67%	Encourage the CAs to connect with hall residence especially new ones. Thank you for this survey.	
1	6.67%	get better professors in the psychology department.	
1	6.67%	I continue to love SFA even though I no longer attend. I truly wish I could have stayed and got my degree from SFA. Once a lumberjack always a lumberjack!	
1	6.67%	I loved SFA. My leaving wasn't an issue towards the school. I appreciated my time at SFA.	
1	6.67%	I miss SFA every single day!	
1	6.67%	n/a	
1	6.67%	N/A	
1	6.67%	NA	
4	26.67%	No	
1	6.67%	No I can't think of anything else	
1	6.67%	Overall I loved the university but college just wasn't my kind I thing I always have to be moving by doing something. So the workforce was just wetter for my overall happiness	
1	6.67%	You'll should require drug screening and alcohol consumption testing for all students. There is a huge problem at SFA	
15	Respondents		