

**Seminole State College
Graduate Exit Survey
2015-16**

GRADUATE EXIT SURVEY

The revised Graduate Exit Survey was first administered as part of the degree application process in 2013-14. The primary purpose of the survey involves obtaining information about students' future plans and satisfaction with experiences while at Seminole State College. The survey was administered through the collaboration of Student Services and Academic Affairs. The results are divided into the categories of general information, post graduate plans, and satisfaction with academics, student services, facilities, and campus safety. Only students applying for graduation complete this survey.

2015-16 Graduate Exit Survey Results

Four hundred forty-six students completed the 2015-16 Graduate Exit Survey. The survey consisted of 45 questions. Six of these questions related specifically to the application for graduation and commencement participation while the other 39 questions requested students' opinions about their SSC experience and future plans.

Table 8 shows the major responses to questions related to general information. Three hundred sixty-one students or 80.9% indicated plans to transfer to a four-year institution.

Table 8. 2015-16 General Information Responses	
Question and Responses	Percentage
Why did you choose SSC?	
Close to home	77.7%
Low cost of attendance	52.4%
Wanted to start at a smaller college before going to a four-year institution	51.3%
What were your goals while attending SSC?	
Earn an Associate's Degree and Transfer to a four-year institution	80.9%
If you plan to transfer to a four-year institution, which is your most probable choice?	
East Central University	30.5%
University of Central Oklahoma	13.5%
University of Oklahoma	10.0%
Oklahoma State University	4.9%
Which factors made achieving these goals more difficult?	
Conflicts with a job	40.5%
Financial Difficulties	34.8%
What is your most common enrollment status?	
Full-time	83.8%
What is your weekly employment status?	
40+ hours	27.9%
21-39 hours	23.4%
Did not work	24.4%
What is your residential status?	
Off-campus with family	47.1%
Off-campus separate from family	35.4%
Residence Hall	17.6%
What financial aid have you received?	
Pell Grant	60.6%
Federal Direct Student Loan	29.3%
Academic or Other Scholarship	27.4%
Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant	24.2%
Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program	18.6%
Athletic Scholarship	11.2%
Student Activities	
Students attending other events at least once during a semester	54.3%
Students attending athletic events at least once during a semester	52.6%

Students were asked to score aspects of their academics while at SSC. The items were scored using a scale of excellent, above average, average, below average, poor, and no answer. The majority of the responses were excellent and above average as shown in Table 9. Students also had the opportunity to comment on this section. The majority of the comments reflected positive experiences by the students.

Attribute	Percentage of Responses				
	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
Overall quality of academics	48.5%	27.6%	23.32%	0.0%	0.0%
Quality of teaching in your major field of study	57.7%	26.4%	14.6%	0.8%	0.0%
Quality of teaching in general education courses	47.2%	27.5%	23.5%	0.3%	0.3%
Quality of teaching in transitional education courses	43.7%	25.9%	22.2%	1.1%	0.0%
Faculty maintenance of positive learning environment	50.4%	28.6%	19.7%	0.3%	0.3%
Faculty concern for student well-being	56.1%	26.4%	15.9%	1.4%	0.0%
Faculty commitment to student success and learning	59.0%	25.9%	14.6%	0.5%	0.0%
Campus Cruiser learning management system	43.9%	23.7%	25.9%	5.1%	1.4%
Instructor Use of Technology when appropriate	51.2%	24.3%	21.0%	3.0%	0.5%
Availability of courses in your major field of study	47.4%	23.4%	22.9%	5.1%	1.6%
Availability of general education courses	50.7%	26.7%	21.0%	0.3%	0.3%
Quality of classroom equipment	41.8%	20.8%	29.4%	5.7%	1.6%
Quality of laboratory equipment	38.0%	18.9%	30.2%	5.7%	3.8%
Quality of art laboratory equipment	27.8%	11.1%	15.2%	1.1%	0.7%
Quality of computer laboratory equipment	35.2%	21.1%	31.5%	4.4%	2.2%
Instructor availability during office hours	51.5%	23.7%	22.1%	1.4%	1.1%
Instructor availability via electronic means	51.8%	24.5%	21.0%	1.6%	0.8%
College orientation through Freshman Seminar Course	41.5%	16.9%	21.3%	1.6%	0.3%
College orientation through PASS Course	28.6%	8.1%	10.5%	0.3%	0.0%

Service	Percentage Of Responses				
	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
Placement testing at Testing Center	40.1%	19.8%	29.8%	2.2%	0.0%
Enrollment services	48.5%	22.2%	26.8%	1.6%	0.0%
Enrollment advising received from advisors in student services	46.6%	20.3%	25.2%	5.2%	0.5%
Enrollment advising received from faculty	51.8%	20.3%	24.4%	2.7%	0.0%
Mentoring received from your degree program faculty mentor	47.2%	19.8%	23.0%	3.3%	1.4%
Financial Aid Office	43.1%	21.1%	25.5%	4.9%	1.4%
Admission and Records Office	48.2%	22.0%	27.9%	1.1%	0.3%
Business Office - Cashier	46.6%	23.6%	24.9%	2.4%	0.5%
Academic Affairs Office	46.3%	20.1%	24.9%	0.8%	0.3%
Tutoring Services	37.7%	15.5%	20.3%	2.7%	1.1%
Student Affairs Office	42.3%	16.0%	25.5%	0.8%	0.5%
SSC Bookstore	49.3%	20.3%	27.6%	1.1%	0.8%
Student Union Snack Bar	48.0%	17.1%	21.4%	1.4%	1.4%
Student Union Cafeteria	44.7%	16.0%	21.4%	2.2%	1.9%
Attitude of Non-teaching personnel toward students	47.2%	22.8%	23.3%	2.3%	0.5%
Concern shown for you as an individual by non-teaching personnel	47.2%	22.5%	22.2%	2.7%	0.8%
On-campus tutoring services	16.0%	13.6%	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%
Student Services overall	49.3%	27.4%	20.9%	1.1%	0.3%

The next section requested that students score varying aspects of student services. Students were given the same answer choices of excellent, above average, average, below average, poor, or no answer. Table 10 gives scores for the questions listed from the student services section. Students had the opportunity to comment in this section. Very few students responded, but the majority were positive.

Students were next given the opportunity to state the frequency of visits to the SSC facilities and to give an overall score for the facilities. Table 11 gives the percentage of students who frequented the facilities a variety of times per semester.

Facility	1-2 Visits	3 to 5 Visits	6 to 10 Visits	11 to 20 Visits	More than 20 Visits	Never	Percentage Of Students Who Visited at least Once
Computer lab or computer lounge	19.7%	14.8%	23.3%	13.4%	22.7%	6.0%	94.0%
Bookstore	36.2%	30.7%	20.3%	7.4%	4.1%	1.4%	98.6%
Gym	49.0%	4.4%	6.0%	2.7%	4.1%	33.7%	66.3%
Haney Center	64.7%	8.1%	4.0%	1.0%	3.0%	19.2%	80.8%
Henderson Park &/or Walking Trail	50.1%	11.2%	6.3%	3.3%	2.5%	26.6%	73.4%
Jeff Johnston Auditorium	53.2%	10.7%	6.9%	1.9%	1.9%	25.5%	74.5%
Library (excluding classrooms)	40.0%	17.0%	13.2%	4.9%	4.4%	20.6%	79.5%
Math Lab in Tanner Hall	33.4%	17.5%	11.0%	6.9%	7.4%	23.8%	76.2%
Pool	40.3%	5.5%	3.8%	3.3%	3.3%	43.8%	56.2%
Student Union Cafeteria	26.3%	12.6%	13.4%	8.8%	18.4%	20.6%	68.6%
Snack bar	30.4%	17.8%	14.0%	6.3%	10.4%	21.1%	78.9%
Student Services Building	24.7%	26.0%	26.0%	10.7%	9.3%	3.3%	96.7%
Writing Lab	25.2%	14.8%	13.4%	8.8%	11.5%	26.3%	73.7%
Question and Responses	Excellent		Above Average		Average		Below Average
Overall Rating of Facilities and Grounds	54%		28%		17%		1%

In the next category, students responded to statements concerning feelings of campus safety at SSC. Responses were scored using the categories of always, usually, sometimes, never, and uncertain or not applicable. Responses mainly fell in the always or usually category. Table 12 shows the percentage of the responses to the questions.

Question	Percentage of Responses				
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	Uncertain or Not Applicable
In general, I felt safe on the SSC campus	79.7%	19.2%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%
SSC police officers were visible on campus	50.4%	24.7%	20.3%	3.8%	0.8%
I felt safe on the SSC campus after dark	62.6%	20.2%	4.0%	1.0%	12.1%
I felt safe in SSC parking lots during daylight hours	83.8%	14.3%	1.4%	0.0%	0.6%
I felt safe in SSC parking lots after dark	56.2%	23.0%	1.1%	14.0%	0.0%
I felt safe in SSC classrooms	84.9%	14.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.3%
I felt safe in SSC hallways	84.4%	14.5%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%
I felt safe in SSC residence halls	61.4%	13.0%	1.1%	0.3%	24.4%
I felt safe in SSC common areas such as the Student Union and Library	79.7%	16.4%	1.1%	0.0%	2.7%

When asked to assess their overall experience at SSC, 86.9% of the students rated the educational experience as excellent or above average. Over 91% of the students stated they would definitely or probably choose Seminole State College again if starting over. Students listed professors as one of the greatest strength at SSC while also

referring to small class sizes and caring personnel. The weaknesses relate to a small school such as the size of the surrounding town and lack of course selection.

2015-16 Graduate Exit Survey Analysis

Analysis of the data generated from the Graduate Exit Survey stems from each of the categories addressed above and a comparison of the data from these categories. Eighty and nine tenths percent of students stated a goal of transferring to a four-year institution. Whether it was a goal or not for these students, a huge majority of SSC students plan to continue their educational endeavors. This speaks to the success of faculty, student services, and staff at encouraging and preparing students for the next phase of their education.

The majority of scores in the academic section were excellent or above average. The average for excellent or above average for academics was 71.0%. Fewer students scored the PASS class question. The question on transitional education was added this year. “Faculty commitment to student success and learning” scored highest overall with 84.9% of students choosing excellent or above average while the “quality of art laboratory equipment” received the lowest score with only 38.9% of students choosing excellent or above average. “Quality of lab equipment” scored low also at 56.9% as did “quality of computer laboratory equipment” at 56.3%. The majority of the responses and comments reflected positive experiences by the students.

In the category of student services, the combined scores for excellent or above average fell between 29.6% and 70.7%. The lowest percentage was in tutoring services, but few responders indicated using the service. The average for excellent and above average responses in Student Services was 64.5%. Student Services was not rated by every student since not all students used every office in Student Services.

In the facilities section, the bookstore, student services building, and computer labs had the most student use with at least 90% of the students indicating visiting the buildings at least once. Students frequented the computer labs and the cafeteria more often than any other facility and fewer students used the pool than any other facility. Seventy-six and two-tenths percent of students used the Math Lab, and 73.7% used the Writing Lab at least once. Overall, 82% of the students rated the facilities excellent or above average. In the comments, more students requested better parking lots than any other item.

Over 99% of the students responding to the survey chose always or usually to feeling safe on the SSC campus. Seventy-five and one-tenth percent responded always or usually to the visibility of SSC police officers. Students responded always or usually 74.4% of the time to feeling safe in the dorms and 79.2% to feeling safe after dark in the SSC parking lots after dark.

In the statistics related to the overall satisfaction with SSC, 86.9% of students indicated satisfaction with the SSC education experience by giving a rating of excellent or above average. The students indicated they would again choose SSC if starting over at 91.7%.