

Stephen F. Austin State University Survey

**Program Review Survey for Human Sciences Seniors**

**From 8:00 am, 14 April to 11:59 pm, 4 May, 2008**

126 participants

**1. Please identify the recruiting method by which you were attracted to your major.**

SFA website - 44

Brochure - 18

Friends/family - 57

Telephone call - 2

Newsletter - 4

Financial aid/scholarships - 8

High school teachers/counselors - 13

Presentations/career days - 10

Program reputation - 17

Other - 48

**2. Overall academic experience was positive**

Strongly Agree - 68

Agree - 52

Disagree - 5

Strongly Disagree - 0

**3. Instruction was of high quality**

Strongly Agree - 58

Agree - 60

Disagree - 6

Strongly Disagree - 1

**4. Faculty were accessible**

Strongly Agree - 76

Agree - 48

Disagree - 2

Strongly Disagree - 0

**5. Advising process was effective**

Strongly Agree - 68

Agree - 44

Disagree - 13

Strongly Disagree - 1

**6. Course expectations were realistic**

Strongly Agree - 55

Agree - 60

Disagree - 7

Strongly Disagree - 1

**7. Courses developed critical thinking skills**

Strongly Agree - 59

Agree - 62  
Disagree - 4  
Strongly Disagree - 1

**8. Realistic portrayal of profession was presented**

Strongly Agree - 54  
Agree - 63  
Disagree - 7  
Strongly Disagree - 1

**9. Possibilities for future development were explained**

Strongly Agree - 62  
Agree - 56  
Disagree - 6  
Strongly Disagree - 2

**10. Workplace trends were discussed**

Strongly Agree - 56  
Agree - 64  
Disagree - 6  
Strongly Disagree - 0

**11. Leadership opportunities for students were available**

Strongly Agree - 67  
Agree - 54  
Disagree - 4  
Strongly Disagree - 1

**12. I would recommend the my major to others**

Strongly Agree - 81  
Agree - 37  
Disagree - 5  
Strongly Disagree - 3

**13. Additional comments:**

At first I was a Special Education major. I wish that I would have known about this department a long time ago. I love the Human Sciences Department.

God, I love this department... Everyone's so nice, and most of all, PROFESSIONAL. If there's one thing that SFA has taught me, it's that professionalism is one of the MOST respectable qualities that anyone can possess.

Good program.

Had I known the day I changed my major to HMS what I know now about the faculty, advising, and overall experience I would have, I cannot say I would have been a major in this school. If not for the passion I developed for my specific area of study, I would have left after my first year in HMS. Professional Leadership and the Professional Lecture class were a complete

waste of time, Teaching and Learning Processes was also a waste of time AND, and several of my classes would have been much more effective if I had been advised correctly.

I enjoyed my experience at SFA. I transferred here from UNT and like it here so much better. My only suggestion would be to hire more Child & Family Development teachers. I enjoyed listening in on a prospective teacher but have not seen her since the day she presented to our class HMS 336. I enjoyed her teaching style and she had a GREAT powerpoint presentation. I really think that the FCD teachers do a good job but sometimes it is hard to listen to them read out of the book. This lady interacted with us and taught us in an almost hands on way. It would be nice to have fresh faces and different teachers with different teaching styles opposed to the same ones we see everyday. This is just a suggestion.

I have always felt valued as a member of the Human Sciences community. I accidentally landed in the wrong place during orientation, and xxxxx me into the right classes and I am graduating with a B.S. in Family/Child Development 4 years later. The classes were spaced out well so that I could graduate in a timely manner and I have recommended many Human Sciences courses to many friends and family. I have had a wonderful experience at SFA.

I have had a great experience here with HMS. I transferred in so I could pursue a certain career. I will say that the Human Sciences does not really guide students to options on careers available for this degree. In HMS 100 you look up some options but that is in the very beginning when nobody really knows. In 400, guest would come in to speak but the majority was for Interior Design and Hospitality. I feel for Child and Family CPS is really recruited, but I believe there is not a lot of knowledge from the professor of other options students could pursue a career. When I came into the program wanting to do Child Life, my professors had no idea what that really was. It would be great to see professor educate themselves more on careers that students could take when students are looking for guidance on what to do.

I have loved my time here at SFA. I am very glad that I chose this university. These have definitely been some of the best years of my life thus far. I am going to miss it so much when I graduate! Axe'em Jacks!!!

I have really enjoyed this major so far. This is my first semester as a Family and Child major. I am truly enjoying learning about families and children and how we think. It is great information!

I love my major and my professors. I was very excited to here that the Human Sciences Master's program is offered online and I applied the day I heard about it.

I love my major!!!!

I love the College of Human Sciences!

I loved all my professors I had in the time I was at SFA. They helped me become a better person with good traits. Even though the classes could be

confusing at times, I still enjoyed coming to school.

I loved my time here at SFA and in my program area. I think some classes could be eliminated...or combined...because they were a waste of time and money (which is probably okay with the university since the bottom line is all they seem to be concerned with and not education). Sometimes I think the classes don't really relate the information they are supposed to and I think that we need more real world experience. We kind of learn in a bubble.

I really enjoy being in the Human Science Dept. everyone is so helpful and everyone knows each other. I recommend my major all the time to my friends that have a outgoing personality that would do great in the hospitality world!

I really enjoyed Human Sciences. It is a great program, greatly informative classes and has kind instructors.

I really have enjoyed my experience at SFA. I would definately recommend my major to someone else and even my school. To be honest, I have already done just that. I am very happy with my decision in Fashion Merchandising and Stephen F. Austin State University.

I started watching cooking shows when I was in 5th grade and always wanted to be in the kitchen. I would play restaurant at my great-grandma's house and one time she took me to a chefs house and we made homemade pizza and chocolate chip cookies. Till this day I can't get away from good food and as I have grown-up, I've become more and more interested in the business of it all. When I came to college I had a small idea of what I wanted to do. I'd never heard of hospitality referred as a major of study and as soon as the light bulb came on, I knew this was where I wanted to be. That decision has become even more clear to me as the years pass and have learned so much.

I think that the Hospitality program is limited by its facilities. I understand that without numbers, money doesn't seem to flow into pockets. However, realistic recreations of working enviornments would only serve to better the quality of education provided. Other than that, I have fully enjoyed my experience and tutolage here at SFA and look foward to my employment, where-ever it may be. Good bye.

I think that the fashion merchandising department should explore other options for the degree in FM. I think that a lot of people are turned off by the fact that the olny real opportunities available to them are only in retail.

I would definitely have appreciated more hotel and meeting/event planning classes offered throughout my curriculum. The hospitality program currently is predominantley food and beverage based. This does not allow students to specialize on a particular path in the industry. Also, I found that many of the classes were extremely repetitive, especially when taught by the same faculty members. It is important not to overlap information and allow students to learn new things in each class. Overall though I was pleased with the program and the faculty.

Love the professors!ROCK!!!

Loved every teacher I had!

My experience at SFA was one that I will always cherish. As a transfer student, I had not decided on a major until I read about the Hospitality Administration degree in the SFA Catalog. I can say that throughout my two and half years at SFA that I really enjoyed being a part of a small program where the student to teacher ratio was great and where my teachers knew me by name. While I strongly desire to see the School of Human Sciences and the major of Hospitality Administration grow, I hope it will always keep its personal touch intact. I hope that in the future I can look back at the School of Human Sciences and see a continued commitment to educating students for life in the hospitality industry. I also hope that the Hospitality Administration major can grow to the point where it has a larger faculty, a significant increase in students, and eventually become its own department. As I interview for full-time, entry-level position today, I frequently have to explain that yes, SFA does have a degree in Hospitality Administration to some people's surprise. One day, I would love for this major to have a strong reputation throughout East Texas and all of Texas so that SFA can attract the state's top hospitality student and be one of the first schools that professionals think of when looking for entry-level employees out of hospitality programs.

Need more group projects...not small projects at least one big group project for every 2 semesters

No interior design student should be allowed to take more than one studio a semester. The quality of their education will suffer.

None

SFA needs more online courses for the Nutrition major. My choices are limited as a student whom commutes over 50 miles each way, full time job, and husband with family of four. Almost impossible!

The HMS department is flawed especially at the top of the faculty.

The HMS department needs to offer more upper level classes in the summer, especially for the Child and Family Department.

xxxxxcourses after my first two years seemed repetitive involving what was taught previously. I do not want you to be mistaken, I have learned a great deal. xxxxxxknowledgeable and helpful in this department. I have enjoyed knowing them immensely. However, I feel that those coming through this program will not be as adequately prepared as some from other universities offering this program. I do not feel that there is a great networking system that students can take advantage of to help in acquiring jobs and internships. I also feel that it is pointless to make the effort to show up to a career fair only to see two companies present that are relevant to your major. I would say that instead of putting up new buildings, you might want to work from the inside out by improving the quality of the education that is given. I selected SFA for

the great education I had the impression I might receive, not the pretty new buildings and facilities.

The only thing that I and some others that I have spoken to did not like about advising was that we already knew what we needed to take and when we were going to take it. Sometimes it just felt pointless to have to go there and show them what we were taking just for the instructor to say ok and then we got to register.

The professors seemed over loaded at all times and were not on time with their work. did not present our graded work in an efficient amount of time.

There are too many similar classes in the Hospitality Administration curriculum, not all students want to go into a restaurant or hotel. The department needs to offer more tourism and special even classes.

This has been a wonderful learning experience that will be with me forever.

This is a GREAT program and a GREAT DEPARTMENT full of Wonderful teachers!!!! THEY ARE THE BEST!!!!

This major was overly difficult. We had to take 3 hour studios every semester, plus we had to minor in art, which are all 3 hour classes! When do we have time to do all of the homework they dish out when we are in class about 7 hours a day? This major is overly expensive... We had to buy supplies which costed in the \$100s plus packets, 2 and 3 books per class, and we were expected not to have a job so that we could keep up with classes!? Everyone I knew that goes to SFA at least had some time to sleep every night! Our teachers expected us to stay up all hours of the night doing these projects. Not to mention they usually waited until the end of the semester to assign the work. We had tests, quizzes, and huge projects that were due in each our studio classes and our curriculum classes. All in all, I will probably get a good job, but I will only start out at about under \$30,000. I just think some things could be done to improve the lives of interior design majors. All I will remember about my college career is all of the stress and crying that I did while struggling just to pass all of my classes.

loved hms at sfa!!!

n/a

wish it had fashion design