List of Sample Student Comments by Topic

**Section 1: Student Suggestions for Improvement**

The following is a list of 1,000 randomly selected comments provided in answer to the following question on the 2009 SFU Undergraduate Student Survey:

"If SFU could do one thing to improve your experience here, what would it be? [Please describe only the single most important thing.]"

The comments are separated by topic. In cases where a student discussed more than one topic, the comment is counted under the first topic addressed. Topics are listed in order based on the number of students who discussed them (with the exception of the "Nothing/Don't Know/Positive Comment/Blank" category, which is listed at the end.)

An analysis of these responses is available in Appendix C of the full report, available at:
http://www.sfu.ca/irp/surveys/ugss/index.html

**Course Availability, Variety and Scheduling**

- More class availability.
- More classes offered
- Improve the amount of classes offered - Specifically, create more upper level accounting classes (i.e. Audit, Tax). Move some upper level accounting courses to surrey campus
- More downtown courses in CMPT and ENGL.
- Make courses better available
- Better course offerings for biology every semester. Increase the class size of upper division classes so that more people can take the course.
- Offer more classes per semester
- Offer more choices of classes for the general population
- Increase class selection.
- Offer more courses and more course availability. For example, I can’t believe that Math 154 is offered in the Spring, but Math 155 is not offered in the Summer! I’ll forget what I learned during the Spring and do worse in Math 155 in the fall.
- Carry more art courses, not just “contemporary art” but simple drawing and painting classes. I also wish that more classes were offered at the Surrey campus so that I didn’t have to transit all the way to Burnaby and Vancouver.
- Make class enrollment easier so that I am able to take courses that I need before other students can fill that class up simply because they want it as an elective.
- Offer more classes of the same course. For example to have two classes of 250 students with two different time/day options, rather than having one class. I found arranging my class schedule was very difficult for this factor.
- More class availability
- More freedom in choosing course times. Having required courses that are offered only once every few terms, at specific hours, makes it difficult to create a schedule and a routine. McMaster was very effective in granting freedom over which “section” of a course to participate in, with many

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1 Comments are reproduced exactly as written by students, except that profanities and references to individuals at SFU have been removed. Altered text is in [square brackets].
options in terms of location, time, and even instructors. I understand the student body is limited, but this has created difficulties for me.

- more course offerings for engineering classes (i.e. not just once per year)
- Easier to get into classes.
- Hire more British historians so it would be possible to actually hold the courses listed in the calendar.
- Offer courses that I need more often. Lower the grade percentages from 88 to 80 for a-
- Better course offering, graduating later than planned due to difficulty registering for classes and the way they are scheduled. Also, exam scheduling can be improved within departments. A typical first year science load can be approximated and exams scheduled accordingly, instead of having all the exams so close together.
- More spots for upper division business courses
- More class availability. Too much waitlisting and non-available classes due to capacity.
- Offer more courses, please! The courses I wanted (200-level psychology courses) always seemed to conflict with each other on my schedule. There is almost never a good selection of courses. Philosophy is even worse. I cannot afford to go to school for 6 years.
- Registration - We need to be able to get to the classes that we want. Sometimes, the system also shows that the lecture is open, but there are no tutorials left. Logical sense dictates that the lecture would appear as closed if the tutorials are all closed up.
- Offer more classes in Surrey campus (evening)
- Better course selection, especially in the summer semester
- Better scheduling. I hate having to wait to take a class because of schedule conflicts. Maybe better analysis of common classes to take together should be done.
- Offer a variety of more courses in the computing science faculty. The offerings per semester are very limited (especially for upper division courses)
- I would hope that the registration process would become easier for students. It’s very disheartening when I can’t get into classes that I would love to take based solely on a numbers game, with very limited spacing per class or seminar.
- To open up more sections of classes that have waitlists with almost 150 people on them.
- Better timetable
- Open more seats for the upper level business courses
- SFU should make changes to their enrollment procedures. There should be more class sections/ seats available.
- Stop over admitting students and increase the number of classes available. Many students cannot get the classes they need and it has been a problem for me since the first day I started my post secondary career here at SFU. This year’s over admitting students has only worsened the problem, making it also difficult to commute to and from school as the buses are ridiculously full at all times of the day
- Better enrollment! It’s beyond difficult to get into mandatory classes.
- Better registration dates, more funding for international exchange and more course selection.
- Oh and more food options, cleaner lecture halls in the WMX as most of the seats are stained already.

ADD MORE CLASSES....or at least offer more classes in different semesters. I had to wait at least 2 semesters before I could take a course, which was a prerequisite for another course, so I wasted quite a bit of time.

- Offer more seats for courses
- Offer more courses more often
- Make classes more accessible. There are certain classes that are always full, and unless a student has a fantastic GPA or is on scholarship, they can’t get in. These classes that are consistently full should be larger, or have more classes offered.
- provide more English classes. I have been waiting to find a chance to enter but every time when it’s my turn to do enrolment, the class will be full, and it sort of bugs me.
- work on the availability of classes each term. It is very competitive.
- have more courses at night and only once a week
- offer classes more often some of them are offered every other term
- More course offerings.
- Provide better priority and class selections for students during course enrollment.
- Better upper division crim course availability
- Larger or more numerous classes to accommodate the beginning of each semester. Classes always fill up too quickly before one can have an adequate overview.
- Earlier registration dates, I never get the classes I need or want. Less expensive parking.
- change enrollment system, it is hard to have 3 courses in one day
- courses are very limited and are always full
- improve the course selection process
- The availability of courses is somewhat scarce. Certain courses are offered during certain semesters which may postpone graduation. Also, certain courses are offered only at one time slot per semester. i.e. Math 151 is 830-930AM MWF. It would be nice if options for later times were available
- improve course availability and reduce course conflicts and exam conflicts
- I think SFU should make more available seats for enrolling classes. I am the first year student and I always be assigned too late to enrol classes.
- more classes!!!
- More course offerings. Currently I have to go to 3 different campuses all on one day because of courses offered are very limited. It is very time consuming and tiring.
- Offer more class at various times, have TAs (pick TAs who have skills to communicate & help students)
- I did not choose the course that I wish to take, for example, Kin 143, etc
- The school itself is very good. My only recommendations to improve SFU would be from a course selection point of view. (1) It’s hard to get into 400 level classes when the criteria are TOO specific. (ie: you need one specific 300 level to get in) where it would almost be better to have 1 or 2 undesignated 300 level classes to be able to be admissible to a 400 (of the same subject). (2) I am past my WQB requirements, so the classes I need now are very specific and find that it gets harder and harder each term to enroll in the class I need since it fills up so quickly. (3) 1 course that I need to get into PDP is no longer taught at SFU which means that I’ll have to go to another institution after I graduate.
- Offer more courses at Vancouver campus
- better scheduling of classes within a given area of study so they don’t overlap exams or are not offered at the same time on different campuses.
- allow first and second year students to have better registration dates. I have had horrible dates where I am not able to get into any of the course that I need to be in, thus leading me to take courses I don’t even need
- make more room for us in courses........it is insanely hard to get into ANY class (summer’09 was bad and now fall ’09 was worse...) Almost all classes a perspective student would require for a certain major/minor is generally timed wrongly, or the times clash! (even for corequisites sometimes, esp. in Burnaby Campus!) Therefore, we have classes being offered, but the ones we need to get in, generally are all closed or wait listed, sometimes half way through enrollment! What’s the point of being a part of a university and not being able to get into classes you need, even when you have met the expectations and prerequisites well enough, and then sitting with all electives that you don’t even need, and then probably graduating in a decade!
- Do not hold morning classes.
- Expand the SFU Surrey campus - needs to have more business courses
- Scheduling
- Offer more on-line lower level courses, specifically PSYC courses.
- more courses so more room in much needed upper level classes
- having more classes available in all semesters, and more tutorials offered to allow more students in the classes and not being wait listed.
- Offer more courses in my faculty and more FREQUENTLY. Biomed physiology is IMPOSSIBLE to complete without taking six or seven years! Classes fill up almost instantly and are not offered often enough.
- more classes as it was difficult having to go through individual course advisers to get into courses i needed, seems there were enough waitlisted people to offer another section in many classes
- Offer more classes
- More class availability
- Be more flexible with course offerings. I recently moved back to Mission, and must take the train to school and back. This means that I can’t take classes beyond a certain time because they trains don’t run any later. As a result, I can’t enroll in certain classes because only a night section is available.
- second year students should be able to get into the courses they want/need.
- more seats for classes
- It would be great if there were more distance education courses offered. UBC has much more diversity in their distance ed offerings.
- Do a better job at scheduling courses so they don’t conflict; offering some courses more often
- Offer the courses that are required for a person’s concentration every semester, schedule classes that are of the same concentration at different times with different exam dates (For example, if there are 4 HR classes being taught one semester, make sure they are all at different times and their exams don’t conflict)
- Later Classes. Because I work a full-time job during the day, finding available classes is tough. The SFU Now program is an option, however, I don’t want a general degree.
- Having available space in classes. Every semester when my registration date comes around, every class that i planned on taking that semester or i needed to take that semester was already full. I obviously know im not the only one experiencing this, but its a big upset when it happens for two years and you feel like your never going to finish school because the required courses cannot be taken.
- Greater availability of lower division courses.
- ...And we have a tie.... [1] More course selection, particularly in the upper division classes. OR [2] Lower tuition fees (and let us pay by credit card again). OR [3] Get rid of Custom Courseware! They are abhorrently expensive, they’re very poor quality, and, in my experience, have NO resale value. Photocopying out of books on Reserve is better. OR [4] “Thinking of the World”? Really?
- More choices in course selection- especially in science faculty, there’s only same courses that are being offered each semester, end up taking electives because there’s no major courses available.
- The course scheduling for my major had key prerequisite courses scheduled at the same time, some of which were offered only once a year. This caused delays in my graduation date.
- Allow for better course selection, because every person you talk to never gets into the classes they want and it always prevents you from getting your WQB requirements done right away.
- more courses in summer school
- Spreading the course schedule out more would be the biggest improvement. Almost all classes are scheduled between 10:30 - 1:30, many classes conflict with one another. having more options later in the day would give me the opportunity to take more classes per semester.
- Offer more women’s studies classes
• Increase class availability. Offer more practical classes that prepare you for employment.
• more class selection and availability
• offer the same class at more than one time per semester. Many crim classes are on tues thurs at the same time so they often overlap and you can only take one!!!! very frustrating if you are trying to complete your degree on time
• I wish classes were more available when I go to register at my scheduled appointment, instead I find most of the classes are full when I go to register in them
• Make it easier to get into classes or reserve classes I NEED for my program requirements as opposed allowing people who are interested in the class who are trying to get into the specific faculty [Business Administration]. Priority should go to people who need the class for their program requirements.
• More flexible schedule. Losing the schedule you want because of bad tutorial times is annoying.
• improve class availability so enrollment would be less of a pain.
• Increased number/capacity of 100-level English classes.
• improve course availability
• Get our psychology courses back. Too many good courses have been cancelled lately, it is a shame. And very good professors and sessionals are out of jobs. Like I would like to see psychopharmacology back.
• Provide greater upper division course availability in the summer semesters. There are barely any chemistry class offered aside from things such as undergraduate research.
• More available times for classes. Most of the classes I want clash with one another and it makes it harder for me to graduate on time if I can’t take the ones I want.
• Improve course signups. It can be very difficult to get into classes that I want (esp. business courses).
• more student programs[ie class variety]. more fair system of deciding each student’s course selection date.
• less course conflicts each semester
• increased opportunity to get the classes I want.
• Have greater course variety and availability (it’s frustrating not getting into courses and would be excellent to have more options)
• offer more choice in classes
• INCREASE capacity of your classes and decrease the tuition fee abit. i presonally was waitlisted for 3 of my classes and finally being position number 1 i was denied to be inrolled!! that’s a real pain! and it’s equal to being one semester behind.
• More class offerings as the Surrey campus
• Increase frequency of offered courses
• Scheduling.
• To have more different time choices for each course.
• More 400 level courses available in Northern BC or distance ed
• More 4th year course offerings. I can’t get the final year credits I need!!
• Course selection. There are not enough spaces in first and second year classes.
• Improve the line up for registering for classes. By the time some students are scheduled to register, no classes are left available. This is very difficult for mature students that have limited times to be in class.
• let as many as possible students get a chance to register in the course they wanna get in. in other words, open more class sections for those popular courses in every single term.
• More class openings.
• More class availability- it is terrible to have to postpone graduation because of one class.
• offer more sections! It can be difficult to get into smaller classes [especially upper division]
• add courses to distance enducation
• open more classes for Japanese courses
• Offer more classes related to architecture, especially an architectural history class.
• Offer more courses year round.
• Increase Political Science courses for the undergrad program.
• More lecture times, this makes it easier to juggle more classes in one semester. Right now there isn’t a lot of flexibility as to when you can choose lecture times but there are always lots of labs. Also, more study areas.
• Get into classes needed.
• Offer elective courses more frequently, please.
• Make more online classes.
• I would like to see more classes offered at night at the Vancouver and Surrey campuses. The variety of classes that are offered outside the day schedule are very limited.
• Improve class availability. I was only able to get into one class that I wouldn’t have chosen normally, but it was the only thing left to take when I was admitted.
• Classes offered more often (i.e., some courses are offered only at fall/spring semesters; only in evening; only as distance ed, etc)
• More courses choices.
• More room in classes.
• Offer more evening upper level education courses. Too many upper level education courses are only offered through distance education.
• Enrollment in classes is often a hassle, with few classes still open.
• Definitely more class offerings [and times] in the spring and summer semesters.
• Please offer related courses at nonconflicting days and times. There have been times that I could get into a class but the 2 tutorials left open were on the same day at the same time and I had an important lecture scheduled for then.
• Have more variety in the course offering through CODE. (especially ENG)
• Either earlier enrollment date or more sections per class or bigger section sizes for classes so that I could get into the section that I want to get into without having to stay online all day and refresh the page until the first week of school.
• Offer more weekend and evening classes.
• A larger variety of classes, some of the classes the other universities offer being offered here would be nice.
• Make course available in all campuses to eliminate long commute.
• Offer more music classes each semester, and especially in the summer.
• I would like bigger classes because some classes I want to be in are already filled.
• More class availability, it’s taking most people I know over 4 years to finish their degrees because it’s so tough to get the right classes.
• Offer more night classes.
• To provide more courses, with more flexibility and provide it more often.
• Increase class sizes.
• Better enrollment dates, I’ve missed numerous classes because of my late dates.
• Providing more science and mathematics courses in the Summer semester, for students who couldn’t complete them in Fall or Spring Semester.
• Improve access to classes - more seats and better scheduled class times.
• Please open more basic low level courses such as Engl105.
• Change the registration system. It’s really frustrating not being able to get into the class of your choice...especially when you’re paying for it.
• Make it easier for students to get into the classes they need. This would make the registration process less stressful and prevent taking unnecessary classes.
- try the best to avoid the schedule conflicts between Burnaby and Surrey course, maybe offer more available courses @ harbour center
- course/section availability

**Facilities:**
- Better access to required tech equipment for SIAT students. Insufficient resources, particularly necessary items for various projects, ie. Not enough sound card units for students working on a project where they are mandatory.
- make the passage ways between AQ and westmall heated so students can travel to and from AQ and westmall more comfortably
- Have more computing facilities and/or power outlets and desks for laptops. It is simply hard for me to consistently find a space to use computer at.
- Make the school a little more welcome looking [cover cement with colors]. Get rid of the really bad TAs
- improve the quality of the residence
- More study areas.
- It may seem small, but the attention to keeping the landscaping and roads beautiful is a huge deal. Especially the main road up to campus, it is not maintained and it is the first thing people see as they come onto campus.
- Control temeperature in lecture halls.
- better quality buildings and libraries
- A locker in the gym (or anywhere, really - they might exist already and I don’t know) that is a bit bigger so my bag can fit with a small laptop inside ;)
- SFU could provide more seating areas in WMC
- improve the classrooms sizes. Some of the classes in RCB and AQ are just not big enough for classes of 25+. Often times, students are crammed together and when it’s hot it makes for an unpleasant learning environment
- A place to lie down.
- give me a house near the school
- Burnaby Campus technology update. Many classrooms are outdated and have no outlets to plug in laptops. I am constantly to find places to charge my computer.
- A expansion of CSIL labs would be great: more Windows comps so it’s not always crowded during lab hours.
- make study environment less stressful
- Make the washrooms in the AQ bigger please. It’s awkward that there is only one stall in some of them ..
- Have cleaner washrooms at the burnaby campus. Also have more courses offered at the surrey campus
- pray for better wifi
- For the love of God, fix the fountain in front of the convo mall. It’s disgusting.
- more open areas or desks for the students to study aside from the library.
- I would change that hideous fountain beside Convo Mall. Or replace it. It looks horrible and gives a bad first impression. Also, I’d like to be able to meet more people and run into more friendlier people. People seem so angry all the time. The community aspect is not that great. I lived in LRH on campus for awhile and my boyfriend and I didn’t meet anyone else in the building! It was awful.
- I would like to see cushions on the seats in the many lecture halls. my butt gets real sore during three hour lectures.
- Upgrade the classrooms in the upper levels of the AQ.
- clean and fix those disgusting, broken lecture tables and chairs
• The overall appearance, the waterfountain is very dirty and ugly at the convo mall.
• The temperature in the AQ becomes really hot when the weather is cold outside
• Better internet!
• It could improve by providing more microwaves for students who want to bring lunches to school (especially at Vancouver campus). Great overall!
• Larger residence. I know there is limited space for residence but something should be done to make it feel much less like a commuter school. Large on campus parties might help. Enough with the small townhouse parties that get broken up by CA’s and the RHA...
• better study areas, new buildings.
• Add more chairs in the lecture rooms, and repair old chairs more often.
• Install tracks on the ribbed flooring of the halls in the AQ. Either that or ban the use of backpacks with wheels. But really, the carts going through the hallway make soooo much noise, they’re most irritating.
• Repaint the interiors, the colors of the walls make me feel bitter sometimes.
• Please increase the classroom size because the space between seats is so narrow–
• Improve the aesthetics of the buildings.
• Update washrooms in the AQ.
• There are too few resources to accommodate all the students; especially when compared to other universities in Vancouver. Investing in more computer labs/more TAs for various courses would be a good start.
• school campus is too gloomy. would be best if the walls are painted in different colours, to brighten people up.
• Make the buildings less depressing; the cement around a study environment significantly takes away from the experience.
• Somehow improve the air circulation in criminology building (not sure what it is called, but the one closest to cornerstone). It is like a green house during summer with the giant windows, so it traps all the heat and becomes an oven.
• Implement more high-quality air-conditioning devices everywhere throughout the campus. Plant more trees around the campus grounds to make students feel more refreshing.
• more computers in the library
• It rains a lot in Vancouver, and whenever it rains SFU puddles up leaving huge puddles in high traffic areas. if these depressions cold be fixed it would make the university a much more pleasant place to walk around
• decor!
• Improve residence and renovate the AQ.
• nicer bathrooms at sfu burnaby
• Improve rez maintenance response time.
• Have more study areas, it is near impossible to find a place to study at SFU Surrey during the day.
• more quiet areas
• cleaner washrooms
• create more study areas, as most places are usually full or loud
• Improve the conditions in some of the lecture halls and class rooms (some are rarely a comfortable temperature or have seats that are painful to sit in for extended periods of time)
• The one thing to improve my experience would be the lecture halls, small tables. It would be nice if there was more room to write when doing an exam. It’s very difficult to write an exam .
• Spend more money on maintainence [eg. better fountain, cleaner pond, cleaner toilets]
• improve wireless (wifi) connections over the campus
• Provide better heating or air conditioning system for some of the rooms.
• Spend some money on infrastructure and facilities! Make it look nicer at least! Redo the AQ pond. Clean up the dirty areas.
Better infrastructure. i.e. More consistent Wi-Fi so that I don’t have to deal with snail-speed internet.

more group study spaces

For me, it’s about concern of resources. There are too many students on campus in Spring and Fall semesters, which people swarm in AQ, WMX. And it’s usually hard to get a computer in library. If SFU could better allocate the resources, it would be great.

it is too grey. I would like to see for color around the place

I’m pretty happy overall. The main thing I have an issue with is the completely unacceptable unreliability of the Residence Internet, and the lack of useful and informative communication from Residence and Housing about the situation. Along with that, the fact that we’re still paying approximately $30/month for the service, when the ISP is only charging Residence and Housing $10/month. I’d be fine with the higher fee if it worked most of the time, and had a reasonable speed and data cap, but as far as I know, there has been only a single day so far this semester when it has not been down for at least a minute. When I talk to the administration, I usually just get a vague, often weak answer that doesn’t quite add up.

Take out the system option of having the lights turn off every hour past 11pm.

I would want to change the desks and chairs in the classrooms, into a more comfortable or something that is not broken or squeaky.

I think SFU may have more study areas.

Have a larger amount of residence available and at a lower price than Towers, townhouses, etc. The price of residence and Chartwells is so outrageous that it excludes a huge number of people who would sincerely benefit from the opportunity to live on campus.

I think that’s the study environment. most study areas in SFU are too old and lack of computer facilities.

There could be more study areas all around campus and maintained all the time.

To build a fitness center inside the actual sfu surrey building instead of having to go to the public one

Better bathrooms.

Rebuild the place where the bus arrives from downtown every day. It’s quite depressing to have your main experience every day squeezing through a dank, concrete, narrow staircase with dozens of other students. No idea why this was how the main entrance was designed. I’m aware that I could walk around and take a different staircase but that would involve crossing traffic, that shouldn’t be a requirement to walk up a set of stairs.

air conditioning in the library in summer is very poor

make the buildings on the Burnaby campus more modern. Decrease the price of parking or increase lots & visitor lots.

more quiet study space

SFU should expand the Surrey Campus facilities to provide more space for students.

provide more quiet [NO TALKING] study areas

Put more colour in the school

Upgrade lab equipments, more services for students, increase number of instructors and course offerings.

Less exams, hehe, just kidding. If there is one thing SFU could do that would greatly improve my experience, being a sports person would be building a new stadium.

expand the library, more outlets and plugs for laptops and put more plugs in classes and lecture halls

Cleaner Washrooms at the Surrey Campus

more study areas

improve the engineering facilities

the school can be built bigger
• wireless network
• it needs to provide more study room and study area in the campus
• to have more laptops available, they tend to run out quite quickly during the day.
• The concrete is a real downer, aesthetically speaking. We need colour. Even if we just painted some of the concrete red or yellow. Anything to end the dreariness!
• Clean up the men’s washrooms in the AQ building. They are a mess and have an unholy stench to them all of the time.
• Better SFU Burnaby campus
• clean, sanitary, and modern environment ex. Washrooms, classrooms, etc.
• Make the Burnaby campus 24 Hrs and brighter indoors... it’s way too dark when pulling an all nighter at school. P.S. There should be MORE plugs for laptops!!
• Nicer looking buildings. The AQ is starting to look pretty lackluster compared with the new Blusson Hall and TASC1/TASC2 buildings.
• warmer hallways!!
• Improving the facilities.
• -modernized Campus: New chairs in lecture halls, more electrical outlets, inviting and accommodating atmosphere, more color
• More study spaces/outlets for labtops
• Get labs at SFU surrey and more classes there
• provide a room to nap in.
• have a microwave at the downtown campus
• I would prefer a bigger library (both burnaby and surrey campus) for students to study.
• Have a few more power outlets on the 4th and 5th floors of the Surrey campus.
• bigger campus, more facility
• better gathering areas ie sofa’s etc
• the building is too depressing in the winter/fall
• sfu need More rooms or places to study
• paint the wall of buildings
• SFU should be renovated. It’s so old and ugly.
• Provide comfortable places to study with additional seating.
• Greater selection and more recent and updated stock in ALL libraries. The Belzberg library is not overly useful, and copies of recently printed books are nearly impossible to come by.
• More places to sit/study. There are barely any seats/tables/desks/alcoves that are not already taken. I find myself leaning on something or sitting on some short edge most of the time.
• Paint the walls
• Update the facilities. It looks dated, especially the restrooms.
• Better facilities.. Dance studios, change rooms, etc.
• Become more involved in the facilities iel the gym
• better and more consistant wireless access throughout the campus buildings
• I think it would be to use different designs/colors on future buildings. I find the grey along with the clouds the campus nests in during the fall very depressing!
• Could use some renovations, only thing really bothering me is the interior design of the school, especially the AQ.
• Have more computers/study areas in the library.
• some of the classrooms and areas are old
• need more computers available for student use!!
• More drinking water fountains to promote refilling re-usable drinking containers, and better bus service when classes in large lecture halls are ending.
• Brighten up the building especially in winter. It is very gloomy
• Build another library
- More comfortable seating in the lecture halls.
- Continue renovations to the school to make it better for the students.
- To make the campus more appealing to students. Take UBC or Uvic for example. The campusus there have a great community for students. Both have amazing fitness centres (sfu’s is not great at all), services for students around campus and they have such a great university atmosphere. I feel like im missing out a lot from going to SFU, but thats to do with the location I think. I dont live on campus (nor would i want to) but i want to leave as soon as im there. Blusson hall is really the only place I like to be. Theres no other appealing building to relax and study, etc. And the food serves at SFU are not good at all either. I just wish it didnt like im missing out on a fun university experience because I know Im not getting this at SFU. I felt like a had a good experience at a different university I went to, but not here. I do love my classes and faculty tho...so makes up for it. But its still disappointing:(

**Student Life:**
- Improve events in Rez...and build the SUB building!
- Offer more on-campus activities for the whole school (instead of ones organized by clubs whose aim is to fundraise rather than to provide social activities for students)
- Social Atmosphere: Having spent (and continuing to) extensive time at UBC, I feel that SFU is severely lacking in campus community spirit. I have always felt that the atmosphere here is more akin to a community college than a true university.
- More activities for International students.
- more student activities that are made known to all students
- More social activities
- More variety for time schedules in sports and recreational activities such as kickboxing and others.
- I wish more clubs can me offered.
- Social networking
- more peer-to-peer interaction.
- Improve school spirit somehow. Rez has a lot of spirit - but it hasn’t seemed to have transferred over to the University at large.
- I would like a more dedicated/central space for gaming of all sorts, including table top gaming and video gaming -- somewhere where people can regularly be found to start up a game to pass an hour break between classes.
- Provide more opportunity to meet new people, especially at the other campuses
- Make it a social place; a place where students WANT to hang out and spend time at.
- more activities and easier programs
- I have a large list I could say, but the one thing I would like for SFU to improve is the atmosphere. The campus is best described as “dead”, and it reflects in its students. Going to class or tutorial is a large disappointment.
- Improve the community--more activities for students, and a better intro to university life for first years especially.
- joing more clubs.
- Have more social events - with class sizes so large, it’s difficult to meet new people.
- One thing that I feel has been consistently lacking at SFU is a sense of community and student culture. I believe one major way to facilitate this is through social events (e.g. parties). Although such events may seem unproductive, they do in fact help build social bonds amongst students. I believe this issue is tightly related to a lack in pride for their University. SFU students do not feel like they are part of something important.
- More campus activities and school spirit.
- Not many activities in Surrey campus. So more SFU clubs should be at Surrey campus.
- be more socializing, and less strict in academic programs. (It feels like post-high school, not a university.)
- have more “study parties” or “study get togethers” because classes are getting harder
- Focus on building and strengthening the SFU community.
- Possibly host more activities to get everyone together to help meet each other better.
- ALLOW FRATS! They have proven to help students in so many ways. I can’t believe you guys don’t have frats.
- Have a better sense of community...improve the pub
- Have intramural sports more available on certain days, I wanted to play flag football, but can’t because its on fridays and I have class
- More on campus places like pubs and things
- more sports club in surrey
- Have a Student Union Building. As of now, there is really no place for students to gather and “hang out”.
- Campus life
- more stuff on campus for linger hours, lower tuition
- Host events that promote school spirit.
- More on campus activities like parties or events
- To have more events, in meeting new people.
- To plan more events that minors can attend
- definitely have more schoolwide, school spirit events like pep rallies. NEED MORE SCHOOL SPIRIT!
- More student social events
- Have more events making it possible to meet new people for first year students.
- More centralized student center [like UBC’S SUB].
- more connections with other students through groups such as single parents, immigrant moms etc
- More school community
- better atmosphere
- More campus wide events to bring more students closer together and not just numbers
- I think the student community is lacking at SFU, especially since the campus is so far out of the way. I think a student union building similar to what UBC had would help. I know the Maggie Benson Centre is supposed to do that but the space doesn’t foster a community very well.
- Need more frat houses!
- Interact more with first years so we get a better sense of what we should be doing at school
- Build a closer student community
- More frosh events.
- more activities for students to get to know each other.
- Have more social events. Find ways to get students to want to stay at school after class.
- Somehow make it a better social experience.
- Getting more involve in the student activities on campus
- More ongoing SFU spirit activities are needed. Student Society or SFU admin should have activities planned for students throughout the semester not only during first two weeks.
- I think Sfu should have more groups that involve first year students because despite all the emails I recieve, I am clueless as to where to go
- campus life
- The first year experience was difficult to make friends.
- Try to foster the development of a more united student community.
- Community life, more events happening on campus
- Better student programs/activities, ie. Beer Garden events, so on.
- Provide SFU Students with better student life (parties, events) like UBC or UVIC.
- To make more events for international students such as transferred or exchange ones? To give us a chance to experience Canadian society and culture better? Sorry for not being specific.
- improve campus community
- Have a golf program.
- More campus activities that are interactive and engaging.
- Have more events for students to participate in to foster a better atmosphere, it's very commuter or academic and I think there are lots of things happening on campus that are exciting and under advertised
- Fresh week for every faculty.
- Put on more social events
- More student social events. It’s hard to make friends on this campus.
- Some cool student events like the kind UBC holds how about a STORM THE WALL @ SFU? we have the facilities that are necessary that could help improve the student experience
- to bombard me with various exciting activities
- Mingling/social activities to meet new people. I’d be nice if it was free too.
- To maybe improve on my social life. I find that as soon as I got accepted into the university, school became my number 1 priority and I forgot about just hanging with friends and basically having a life outside of school.
- SFU Recreational program or Athletics department could offer beginner’s lesson for sports -- as in the programs should only be open for beginners to enable students to actually participate in sports. I chose this because my sister went to UBC and she had the chance to play in a football game and she wasn’t athletic at all; she considered it the best experience she had in UBC. Unfortunately, in SFU, although there is CLAN, sports beginner’s like me would be too insecure to play with ‘professionals’.
- There needs to be more done to increase student involvement as a whole. Individual faculties are involved within themselves, but sometimes it seems like there is too much fractioning between them
- Needs a larger social life aka. ease restrictions on such events
- Campus atmosphere is the biggest negative at SFU. The structure of classes makes it hard to make any meaningful friendships with people. The atmosphere could also be improved by more green areas around campus. I know a lot of areas exist, but there needs to be more to balance out against the abundance of concrete. That said, I have noticed that the atmosphere has improved significantly in the last few years.
- social scene
- I still don’t hang out on campus; I suppose the institution could have a better night life and a 24 hour transit service off the hill
- Hold more activities to get to know more people.
- Increased student life.
- Increase school events.
- More events oriented around the sole purpose of having a good time
- More school spirit across campus
- Some sustained way for first-year students to make friends or get involved in more than just clubs (volunteerwork, jobs, etc).
- join more kinds of clubs.
- SFU should provide more services for students such as recreation, eateries/dining, and other facilities. I am talking more about the Burnaby campus.
- Try to promote a stonger unified school identity...so try to prevent racial/religious segregation (clubs) and dismiss the ‘commuting’ school mentality.
• Create or facilitate groups so you can meet International people, because the ones that already exist are only CHINESE! so where are the rest of us?
• Host more school events to liven school spirit
• maybe enhance the student rez life and the cohesiveness of the student body in terms of social life on campus. SFU is a commuter campus, I would encourage people to get involved in campus activities in some way
• Improve their rec intramurals, and payment system for tuition.
• better sense of community/events, especially at the downtown location
• More team spirit
• Campus LIFE!!! as a commuting school its hard to meet people, which is a huge part of the university experience. Is there any way to put in more student housing?
• Make SFU Harbour Centre more student oriented with campus clubs or activities.
• more recreation sports
• More of the ‘student life’ and clubs.
• more clubs.
• I would ask for more social clubs, as the ones available are substandard with a lacking in variety.
• I would want more events going on where people can meet people more easily.
• I would try to be more involved with student clubs
• To have more events where people can make friends.
• More large-scale student events. It can be tough not knowing a lot of people, and if you aren’t living on residence there is a disadvantage.
• Having more community building activities bringing the campus together for fun activities
• Soroities
• STUDENT LIFE. SFU needs to do something to improve Student Life and activities on campus. Also need to provide better funding for clubs on campus so they can throw better events.
• Community focus. Within program cohorts so students can get to know each other.
• Have one integrated events promotional system
• More student events at Surrey and less emails about all the fun things happening at Burnaby that MANY people going to Surrey can’t do due to scheduling. (Just makes me hate Burnaby)
• Maybe have school activities at the beginning of the year where everyone gets to play games against each other.
• Raise more larger events that can increase students’ sense of being proud of being SFU students.
• Encourage more recreation and events. There was no community feeling.
• More liveliness on this deserted mountain. Also more food options on campus [Mc Donalds, Starbucks, etc] that are open later
• Have more campus events
• Have more school spirit!! Student life is rather dead at sfu compared to other schools eg frosh week where students have a chance to have fun with their new comrades
• Have more mandatory clan get-togethers, and more events.
• create sororities and fraternities! be more of a college experience...i would actually live at school then.
• having a better student life... more pub nights, more things for students to do on campus!
• Better community events
• More events on sfu like ubc. Sfu is practically dead after 4pm.
Administrative Policies and Procedures

- extend registration past the first week of classes.
- Eliminate the opaque, nepotistic and favoritist SFSS staff and hire students instead of giving useless functionaries $60K per year jobs which perform absolutely no function.
- Having the freedom to cancel the SFSS Dental/health plan even if you don’t already have coverage. Being forced to pay for this “coverage” is the equivalent of someone stealing money right out of my pocket.
- encouraged Faculty and students to place less emphasis on achieving high grades by providing a more holistic approach to learning
- Cut down on the bureaucracy. Seriously. I don’t need 5 different specialized advisors that are going to send me on a wild goose chase to find the information I need. This system is so convoluted., hierarchies of control are so separate with poor communications between them, it takes forever to makes things happen. This is a problem that is seriously affecting the experience of many undergraduate students.
- make student services at the Maggie Benson center more student friendly
- Having proof of enrollments available online instead of having to request one personally at the registrar and getting it 5 business days later.
- Have an easier transition towards transferring to different programs during undergraduate years.
- Confront the pervasive ageism. It’s everywhere on campus.
- Change the grading system to a more unit test based system rather than midterms.
- better transportation or stricter rules on use of computers/studying areas. computers are always filled with ppl on facebook and ppl talking on their phones with their friends, same thing with “quiet study areas”
- I think for a diverse school, SFU is becoming way too populated with international students. In many of my classes, I’ve done group projects where I was the only student who spoke english as a first language. This barrier can be extremely frustrating. I’d like to see SFU more focused on enrolling students from places other than the Asian countries.
- Make it easier for students to graduate. Students who are a few credits short of graduation that need to take extra classes to meet the requirements are very frustrated about this. I’ve found many students feel tuition costs are very high so they must work and go to school which further inhibits them from graduating because they cannot take full course loads.
- Don’t plan the Terry Fox run when over half the students are in class. Participation would greatly improve. I for one.
- Decriminalize smoking on campus. I don’t smoke near doors or windows as a general rule so I hate being glared at because I have made the choice to smoke.
- Everyone register for courses at same no matter what credits or terms they took.
- Upgrade my high school courses so that I would be able to begin in a different cohort program.
- Smoother administration
- Manage its departments much more efficiently! You call one number to deal with a problem, and after waiting on the phone for 20 minutes, they pick up and tell you to that you actually need to contact a different department. It’s like a wild goose chase. This is extremely frustrating, albeit not the telephone operator’s fault. Ultimately, MORE STAFF are needed to ensure that each department runs more smoothly and cooperatively with the rest.
- Reduce the application criteria to business faulty for those who are eagering to getting into it to be there as soon as possible.
- budget money properly - there is far too much waste and misappropriation and just because sfu is a top 100 employer in canada, doesnt mean that this is beneficial to students at all....
- Improve its image by not lowering its standards. Foreexample, in order to accept more new students, the minimum requirements have significantly been reduced!
• Take out the mandatory Heath Plan that every one is entered into, and make it an optional service provided upon request
• Give exchange student who without a working permit a chance to earn something but not money (e.g. meals, books).
• Provide a better administration system.
• fix the course registrations, its unbelievably stupid that we can not drop a course without being penalized before we have even had a chance to try the course out. How do i know if want to drop a course or not until i have tried it? i think penalties should only be applied after the first week of classes and not a month prior to that week
• Lower the admission requirement for BBA
• Fund and actually promote Visual Art. Building a new building doesn’t give me more/better professors--just a nicer roof and nobody even knows we have a visual art program!
• Not make getting into the bba program so difficult by deducting .3 GPA from a transferring college
• Encourage learning in students for the sake of learning rather than grades
• Concentrate on teaching at the undergraduate level. Professors are pressured to publish and research, therefore teaching less and caring less when they do teach.
• There should be no fee for dropping classes until after the first two weeks of class. It is only fair that students get to go to two lectures before evaluating whether or not that class will work for them. If it won’t work for them they should NOT be penalized for dropping it. PROPER WARNING OF PENALTIES NEED TO OCCUR BEFORE A CLASS IS DROPPED.
• I would get rid of the distance education courses. The mark of a quality education is a personable and mentor-based professor-student connection.
• Hire better staff, some of the people that work at the offices are old ladies that feel their jobs are secure and they treat students in a mean way, specially if you are international student, they do not have patience with you. I do not understand how SFU can have such kind of people working for them. Most of the [*****] Advisors are useless, they do not help you at all and they make a lot of mistakes, and when you are an international student, those mistakes can be really expensive. I had once a problem with one of the [*****] advisors and when I went to speak with her supervisor, she made fun of my accent. I believe she still works there. Unfortunately, it does not matter how much information we provide to you in all these surveys, SFU will still have people with lack of manners working for them. It will not change.
• Change registration rules to ensure students with excellent academic standing have good registration times.
• clear directives of who to talk to about want and office hours
• Make everything easier such as applying and etc.. It is very frustratung for a high school students to be able to do everything.
• Do not allow the student society to run clubs such as Out on Campus and the Women’s Centre and all the other left-wing-agenda clubs at the expense of mandatory students’ fees.
• Compared to UBC, SFU is so much harsher on the grades... so lower failure rate in classes
• Be more considerate to the GPA's of students transferring from colleges
• Less touchy feely [*****].
• Become a more internationally recognized school.
• Making sure all the questions are answered by the students and not just assuming that they should know. For example, I had to submit my enrollment forms to student aid BC and I made an appointment with my advisor and he sent me to the registrar office and they sent me somewhere else and it was just all a big mess up until I figured it out for myself.
• Have a very detailed guide for new students that would include information on everything that seems common sense to 2nd and up year students.
- Receive more funding, as the cuts and increased operating costs have become noticeable. Not really something SFU can do themselves, but its the only thing that needs serious change in my eyes.
- Make it a more personal experience. SFU is so large, its easy to get caught in the cracks. I find allot of the processes unorganized and departments unable to communicate with eachother.
- Ensure that students are more respectful towards each other within lectures and tutorials.
- If SFU could expand the Burnaby Campus more so that events wouldn’t need to be held at Convo Mall as often. As it is situated right outside the library, the noise is very troublesome to students who are trying to study in quiet areas. Even if I found a place that is for silent studies, I could still hear the boom boom sounds of speakers from the Convo Mall.
- It seems like the money we’re putting into education is lost and the return is NOT worth how much we’re receiving. If we could choose how much a course is worth depending on the prof, ta, and course material - that would be great.
- Better classroom designations [e.g. All Criminology lectures in the Arts & Social Sciences building/Criminology building].
- It’s pretty great here, but could someone please make it more difficult to accidentally set off fire alarms? They go off way too often.
- Extend the date in which we are allowed to drop classes without penalty. It takes at least 3 classes to get a feel for whether not the class is for you, and since in the first week of school, we do not have tutorials, or class on monday, sometimes we have only been to 1, or 2 classes before we have to decide whether or not to drop the course. We could wait, but then we would be penalized for taking the time to make an intelligent decision.
- Improve it’s enrollment system.
- No be so competitive. Try to build team work - like the real workforce.
- Give me more credit for transfer courses.
- accept more transfer credits from colleges accept transfer credits towards the same subject that they were originally attributed to
- Give students more say in the university governance.
- Maintenance and funding to the Contemporary Arts
- More funding for the Biological Science department. Have a McDonalds on campus.
- Make enrollment easier/get all first years into residence!
- Be more accommodating to out of town students returning course material late.
- Get better grades.
- be more respectful to non-canadians and gays
- Make enrollment appointments closer in date for everyone. I have missed out on opportunities due to delayed appointments.
- Reduce enrollment so courses could focus on fostering education rather than milling degrees
- ok, build a campus in richmond.
- dont make a too strick GPA standard. I mean, I applied twice to business program, didnt get in because of 0.05 GPA difference
- We need more club funding!!!!!!!!!!!! You guys cut it in half!
- This [*****] kids in the computer labs who constantly play Star Craft -- they need to go. I hate them so much.
- the summer semester is a bit annoying, cause if i dun attend that semester, i have a 4 month break which is too long for me. I will suggest to shorten the semester to only 2 months , so we can finish it in july.
- sfu business is very hard and challenging to get into. I would lower the GPA
- The bureaucratic arm of SFU could definitely run a lot smoother. UBC is hands down far superior in terms of running more smoothly as a business. I’ve heard of many students transferring there due to this and not to mention the lack of implementation of the bell curve in classes as well.
• ban smoking on any of the school property... it is really gross to walk through other peoples second-hand smoke... :[plus cigarette butts often get ingested by birds that think the butts are food... then the butts breakdown inside these animals [over a few years] and all the toxic chemicals in the filters are released and this kills the birds .. I think SFU should have a no-tolerance policy toward smoking .
• streamline and simplify complicated academic procedures. (Choosing your courses, registering for co-op, seeing an advisor)
• eliminate curve system
• Make staff for each department more accessible.
• More course duplications other than just 5. Not everyone is a genius!!
• Better access to SFSS administration, more transparency.
• make enrollment easier
• Optional UPASS program for those who live in Langley.
• GPA Requirements should be easier. Clubs should be mandatory.
• Don’t use curve in giving grades, but count for percentage. If most people are perform quite well,say,most people got 90 out of 100, the one got 85 maybe fail. It’s unfair since he got 85 means that he master 85% of the knowledge.

Tuition/Fees and Financial Aid
• Provide more scholarship opportunities for students who a strong UDGPA and not just a strong CGPA [sometimes the first few years are rough and it’s sucks that we’re not considered for academic scholarships even if our grades drastically improved in upper division classes].
• Reduce international student fee, so its reasonable and fair
• The one thing SFU could do to improve my experience would be less student fees.
• The rising of tuition prices. The availability of courses and times.
• compensate my tuition fees to improve my mental health
• Lower the tuition
• Lower tuition
• charge a little less...
• lower the tuition fees for international students.
• Lower tuition.
• Cheaper!!
• Lower tuition costs.
• lower tuition cost
• Tuition costs, availability of courses and better profs
• Allow students to pay tuition with their credit cards!!
• Because I am in a cohort that meets off campus for the entire semester, I would like to have seen the fees that are attached to campus life taken off - including the UPass since I live approximately 10km from the nearest bus that only runs once an hour to a more central bus station where I would have to catch conncting busses.
• Lower all fees by 25% or more.
• The one most important thing SFU could do to improve my experience is to decrease tuition and textbook costs.
• Lower tuition.
• Lower tuition
• Cheaper tuition
• Give more money for book buybacks
• Income
• Accept credit cards [online] to pay for fees...can’t believe this isn’t allowed! It is in so many other institutions!
#1 let people pay for their tuition with a credit card to get points etc. other ideas: longer office hours for educ dept and registrar’s office and faster service would be greatly appreciated - in spite of technological change, the line ups are the same as ever
Free printing for a limited amount of pages.
Cheaper tuition
credit card can be use to pay for tuition fee. more economics and education classes is offer in surrey campus.
lower tuition rates
give the students more access to open scholarships. apparently after so many credits - regardless of gpa - one is no longer eligible for such funding. that’s just not fair.
lower tuition/book/student fees
lower tuition
Reduce tuition fees.
Decrease tuition and book costs.
lower tuition
Lower tuition and textbook prices.
process of paying for tuition
Reduce study fee
Fair pricing on student fees especially the cost of the bookstore. We spend lots of money on textbook and you guys pay little money to buy back and then resale it again in an expensive price. It’s not fair. 2.) Washroom, we need new washroom… alot of washroom are old and smelly. 2.) Parking - there’s no reason to increase the price and offer more parking pass.
Reduce tuition fees.
Cheaper tuition.
Let us pay tuition on credit cards.
I believe reduction in tuition fees, and opt outs of programs such as the U-Pass. I am the minority that doesn’t use public transports at all, yet because a lot of other students are, I have to pay extra fees for things that I don’t even use.
Lower tuition. It’s very stressful having to work full time while going to school just to barely pay for tuition alone. If I didn’t have to work so often, I might have some time to enjoy campus life!
Make it more affordable
Lower tuition fees
Tuition costs are too steep. Don’t necessarily reflect the education we are getting.
Charge less for tuition.
make things more affordable, including tuition.
Lower tuition fees
cheaper tuition
Lower tuition fees
lower tuition fees -.-
Tuition fees, they are getting higher and higher, making it harder and harder to pay. At least take off the interest rate if students cant pay it within 1-2 months - after that, applying interest is fine.
cheaper classes. webct needs to be better. more accessible teachers!
Lower the tuition and have more shops open for students. Renevate the tennis courts.
Lower book costs
Lower tuition.
Make tuition more affordable.
Decrease Tuition Costs!!!
cheaper tuition and add tutorials for the psych classes as oposed to having another hour lecture.
cheaper tuition
No tuition/book fees.
- Reduce tuition fees. Or make some other fees optional at least (eg athletic)
- cheaper tuition fees/food
- Actually, I think the tuition for international students is really expensive and I worry about it a lot.
- SFU could allow students to pay online by credit care again, this makes it much more easier for people that lives far from school.
- Reduce tuition (specifically for distance education courses where you don’t need to pay a 
  professor to teach. Most of time in my experience we are getting TA’s and minimal support even 
  from them. We do the work on our own but pay the same fees as an on campus course. 
  Ridiculous...but that applies to most of your courses considering the prices at other institutions.
- The books price at SFU bookstore is a bit too high, so maybe lower the price for textbooks.
- Cheaper tuition
- Most probably the financial aspects. Perhaps by lowering tuition, I would not have had to worry 
  about paying so much [for instance, taking one class is really expensive]
- take away unnecessary student services & rec and athletics fees that does not benefit me.
- I believe that tuition is too high. Also, I don’t agree with only being able to make cash payments. I 
  pay for all my own school and sometimes I can’t afford cash and would like to use my credit card. 
  And if I don’t pay on time, I am then charged interest. It’s a cycle!
- reduce the tuition of international students, it’s too expensive!
- Reduce bookstore prices. Increase buy back prices to a reasonable amount.
- Funding
- Lower tuition and offer more humanities based scholarships
- Everything was pretty good—maybe lower the tuition :)
- Lower Tuition
- Reduce the tuition for international students
- It’s really good and the only thing I would like to say is that the bookstore is so expensive and so 
  is Chartwells.
- tuition fee

Instructors and TAs
- Creating a positive and encouraging atmosphere and providing teachers and professors that have 
  an invested interest in their students.
- Force professors to take a teaching course before they are allowed to teach. If teachers need a 
  university degree to teach easier subjects why do professors need no training to teach much 
  harder subject matter?
- Get better pros who can devote more time into office hours.
- professors
- I think SFU can provide the business program with better professors. The lack of professionalism 
  with some of the professors make the learning experience a really bad one. On the other hand, 
  some professors can’t even speak the language and yet they’re trying to teach. It’s hard to learn 
  and it makes the SFU business program seem like a complete scam for tuition money.
- Employ T.A.’s that major or are in graduate programs in the actual field of the classes we are 
  taking. Ex: have Kin majors/graduate students T.A.-ing Kin classes, not biomedical engineers
- Hire TAs that can actually teach!!!! An ability to communicate in fluent English is important and 
  yet very rare among TAs.
- better professors!! [*****] [*****]... he doesn’t want to teach man, just get him to do something 
  else
- establish a higher international/national profile through attracting high profile professors and 
  moving away from limited term instructors
- SFU should monitor the performance and efficiency of TAs more closely.
• I love being at SFU. My experience so far has been great because I have met so many nice, talented people and I have been able to maintain my "good" GPA. However, during certain times during the semester I get annoyed by the level of incompetency of some TA's. Some TA's don't know what they are doing and should not allowed to TA. Achieving an "A" in a class is not good enough to become a TA!
• I really think the TA's need to be better. I've had so many TA's that just didn't know the material or couldn't convey it to us.
• make sure that the TA's and some professors have a better command of the English language so that students can actually understand them rather than just having to study from the textbook and basically paying $500 for the course for nothing.
• it would be nicer if there is more opportunities of interaction between students and profs and TAs. Their office hours are limited (too short)
• The only thing I would like changed is perhaps more events where students and faculty could interact. I like to build relationships with my instructors and have them know and understand my opinions and concerns regarding the courses.
• I really want those lecturers who have very badly accent could improve their oral English. Because there are so many international students and immigrants. Thanks a lot.
• get better profs so they can teach better
• I would insist that all Professors and TAs have a level of proficiency in conversational English such that all native English speakers would have no difficulty determining whatever might be said in Lecture or Tutorial. ESL students would also find this helpful, given that they probably often have difficulty puzzling out mis-pronounced words and poor grammar spoken by instructors who speak English poorly. I have no doubt that each of the SFU instructors are entirely proficient within their respective fields of expertise, but a GOOD instructor must be able to CLEARLY communicate his or her expertise to students. While I understand that universities often employ individuals to conduct research, and that instructing is often an unhappy complication to that research, I nonetheless feel that, given the costs incurred by students who pay for this research through tuition, and especially for first and second years students, ALL instructors should be articulate orators.
• make teachers who are teaching year one courses, focus on what they said the course is about. I'm taking a course that says introduction to .... but he teaches like we already have back ground in the course, why is it introduction when he expects us to have a background in the course.
• Find someone who is really have the passion of teaching and interested in his/her course material.
• Improve selection criteria of choosing professors to ensure they are have STRONG ENGLISH SPEAKING skills.
• Once the course outlines have been posted, I don't think it is fair for the tasks and outline to be changed. It said I would not have a mid-term but then in class, My prof changed it so that I did have a mid-term. That sort of bugged me.
• quality of teaching
• Change the professors for biology [*****], they have such a complicated and worthless marking rubric, it's simply too high of an expectation for second year students, I'm sorry but testing unbelievably material orientated answers is unrealistic. WE THE STUDENTS DO NOT JUST TAKE ONE CLASS, TO GIVE UP ALL OUR NIGHTS FOR THAT ONE CLASS STILL ONLY TO FAIL.
• improve faculty, better retention, recruitment and selection of
• Better instructors with passion.
• INSTRUCTORS THAT SPEAK THE LANGUAGE INTENDED TO INSTRUCT THE CLASS!!! This means french instructors speaking french but more importantly English speaking instructors who can communicate at ease!
• Get better professors that can actually teach.
• Hire better chemistry professors.
• The TAs do not have enough experience to teach
• It would be nice if TA’s were selected according to ability to teach, not just as a subsidy. It’s been so painful to sit through so many tutorials with TA’s who openly state that they don’t care.
• Better TA’s
• Hire sessionals with possibly more teaching experience. Knowledge of a subject will only get you so far.
• Have professors more involved in marking tests/papers. I cannot believe that a TA, who is still completing their graduate studies, is able to give me my final mark.
• SFU can chose professional TAs and tutors. Some TAs and tutors seem to study and understand the material with us. In addition, tutors are so unorganized. More specifically, Statistics tutors are usually late.
• Lecturers who can speak english.
• find better teachers some are unable to teach
• Hire TA’s who speak fluent English.
• Increase fundings for teaching assistants
• Hire TA’s that can speak english. It would make it a lot easier to learn the subject
• I have found the level of instruction to be below my expectations. I thought the teaching would be a lot better then it is.
• Quality control of teaching faculty. Some are not meant to teach. Ever.
• test the competence of their professors on a regular basis and train them as required.
• Get in contact with the professors more
• Actually listen to student concerns about staff. When a whole class says asks that a teacher be observed they should be. When most students in a class write detailed evaluations explaining a teachers inadequacies they should be interviewed and the university should look for other more qualified teachers. It is unfair to require students to take (and pay for) classes that are being taught by teachers that have already been evaluated by past students as being ineffective at teaching their subject.
• Hire TA and instructor who can speak better English, at least be able to communicate clearly.
• Make it easily possible to interact with the profs, and not just have them as the tiny person at the front. Get to know them, and they us.
• more support from professors, TAs
• Get less monotonous to teach CMPT [*****]
• More observation towards Profs and their teaching skills/abilities. Too many times I have taken classes with Profs who are unorganized, lack basic English skills, or are unfair/biased towards students.
• Introduce Virtual TAs for courses other than in CMPT - sometimes, one hour of tutorial per week is not enough.
• More teaching assistants for classes, there are too few in some of my classes and it’s hard to get a question answered sometimes.
• Hire an economic geology professor
• better professors
• Have more “qualified” TAs for tutorials. (marking schemes varies among different TAs for the same course)
• Have the professors go through an “education/teaching” class. Most of the professors here (over 85%) do NOT give good lectures or teach well. They simply read off their powerpoint slides word for word, which makes going to class seem useless and boring. I don’t need someone to read the words off the slides because I can do that myself. Maybe they can learn a thing or two from college (not university) professors. Most of the professors I had at Langara College had an excellent teaching ability.
Better Profs, allow more repeat courses
Professors - Exams expectations are why too high, often times, we are tested on questions that we have never seen before - regardless of how many practice questions the students have done - the class avg is still extremely very low. This again, does not motivate students to continue to work hard and study [esp. the ones who have studied really hard for the exams] renovating the AQ/RBC building- the lightings are too dimmed which makes it absolutely depressing which doesn’t make me feel motivated to go to school.
Not so much SFU but the teachers that I have had aren’t the best.
Put money into great teachers - understanding that they operate better in reasonably sized class rooms.

Transportation
Fix the roads properly to make them smoother. (the current road system looks like it was made out of blocks of concrete instead of continuous stretches of asphalt)
Cheaper parking permits.
More frequent buses!
get more buses for the 145 production station, it comes hardly ever, and passes the 2nd stop so many times. There should be a bus that just stops at the 2nd stop [near west mall] first when it gets busy.
Lower parking rates
Have a direct bus to SFU from Lougheed Town Centre that ran frequently. Many students have to take the Skytrain for ONE stop to get to Production Way every single day.
Have a bus that goes directly to SFU from Richmond.
make parking cheaper
I think that having better transit service up to campus would be most ideal.
Improve bus lines for peak hours from the campus
Demand more busses [and ones that go faster than 20k]. Pressure should be put on translink.
Improve the bus system up the mountain
public transportation
transport, because at 800-830 coming up and 430-5 leaving you generally have at least 1 bus drive by you
frequent buses esp.145 [need to line up for long time]
more buses
Please increase the number of buses traveling from the skytrain station to the campus. Especially during midterm and final examination periods when the most students will be attending.
Cheaper Parking
better transit services, student and teacher communication before semester with outlines, important dates, readings for first week
Perhaps a better, faster way of transportation up the mountain, instead of waiting in the cold from the bus from production way station
decrease parking rates
the 145 bus should run more frequently, especially at night. People couldn’t get on the bus
PARKING. And please remember, we’re students. Continuing increase in parking rate isn’t helping at all when the transit system is not that reliable.
The things I dislike about SFU you could not change - it is awkward to get to because of all the transit transfers.
more buses up to sfu
- Parking is ridiculously expensive/inconvenient and the prices have only risen extremely fast esp. in the Bby campus. If parking was a bit more affordable and convenient, then I would be more willing to come up to the campus more just for recreation purposes, etc.
- Enforce residence parking more strictly to discourage people from stealing spots.
- public transportation/accessibility
- Transportation.
- Not be so far away
- A skytrain line ALL the way to sfu :)
- an express bus to richmond
- better transit up to SFU
- Parking is too expensive, especially adding on top of gas price in this economy
- One this for me which has become a big issue is the parking situation at SFU. The constant raising of the cost of parking pass is hard to keep up with. It is not feasible for student coming from Langley, Cloverdale, South Surrey and White Rock to use transit. It to time consumable for students and buses stops in some of these areas are not accessible easily. A standard reasonable rate would help. Further, Further, cleanliness at the Burnaby campus is an issue for me. The washrroms are always dirty and I have even seen the janitors on the phones in the washroom killing time ignoring what needs to be done. Even study tables around campus are not cleaned off regularly.
- Have the gondola ready to go. 145 bus is bad news.
- Transit
- I wish the roads to SFU burnaby campus could be reconstructed as It's very hard to drive on especially when it snows.
- More Buses!!!! More buses!!! More 143 Bus!!!
- Repave the road leading up to SFU!!! Not just sections of it, the entire length of the road after the intersection light at Galardi and Hastings.
- have a more accessible campus, or have more courses/bigger campus in surrey, so students are not spending hours everyday just to get to school
- I do not like how crowded it gets on the bus during early morning/mid afternoon. 2. There are also not as many options as there could be, in terms of food/restaurant selection. 3. Some of the professors are really bad at teaching or have a bad teaching attitude. The same goes for TAs. 4. There is almost limited seats in popular courses, and space doesn’t open up. The fight for seats makes me unable to get the courses I want.
- Better buses... getting to and from school in an environmentally friendly way is a nightmare!
- some roads need repair
- improve parking
- A bus to Univercity.
- I take transit to get to the school - it would be great if we could get more buses to come up to the Burnaby campus.
- More buses shuttling to adn from the school.
- Remove the Burnaby Campus into a more convenient location
- commuting up to mountain.
- cheaper prices for the parking lots
- Reduce parking fees and thus making campus more accessible.
- More buses.
- i believe there should be more visitor parking places available. Last semester I used to commute and usually had a hard time finding a parking spot.
- Better transportation. I think this is probably one of the biggest reasons students choose UBC over SFU. All roads lead to UBC it is much more accessible. Commuting to SFU is very tiring.
Services

- More times available for campus tours
- Maybe open the main library without closing [24-7]. This is really important, for most prestigious schools open their library for 24-7.
- More efficient registrar.
- I have had the most difficulty with SFU’s Housing Department. I find this department lacking in information and organization. I myself was not accepted into residence over a simple miscommunication whereby the department saw fit to only e-mail students about housing offers instead of also contacting them by phone and/or post. I think housing is a very important part of University learning and experience and therefore I feel that the Housing Department needs to be more diligent in communicating properly with prospective students.
- More options to recycle/compost waste
- Make students more welcomed.
- a trip for us to explore EVERYWHERE in sfu, even if its not our faculty
- Keep the library open for 24 hours!! A place to eat on campus that’s open for 24 hours!! [preferably near the library or in the WMC] We want better and warmer places that are available for studying during exam periods!! And they must be open for 24 hours!! PLEASE!
- A mini foldable campus map without having to download those big ones on paper which can’t even fit.
- offers more career-like conferences and exhibitions for students to attend and participate
- So far my experience at SFU has been amazing. I can’t say my grades have been amazing and that is why I have fallen off and now I am in the BOT program. One thing to improve on is continuing to expand and better the BOT program. Students deserve a second change and so far, the BOT proves that it can do that. This may benefit their future, the rest of the SFU career and obviously their overall experience at SFU.
- More conversations groups in english. All students do not speak english fluently when they arrive at SFU
- Shorten the lines for the book store if this is at all possible. Its very difficult to buy books first week of classes.
- The long lineups for U-pass and bookstores. I heard from my friend in UBC that you could upload your photo to the university and they will produce your U-pass and you just need to collect it afterward.
- Make the orientation FREE and on the day school starts. I’m not paying $40 for an orientation.
- help students get used to live in SFU
- There could be increased evening hours for the registrar/ information desk/bookstore at the Surrey Campus
- Help on job searching for students
- study harder
- It would be convenient to have Residence very near SFU Surrey. There are some students who rent places near SFU Surrey, but feel less secure because the school is not in authority to protect them there.
- Had more signs or maps available for students, especially for first year students.
- more helpful to students
- Provide more helps when students are struggling with their courses
- teach me how to start a conversation to the native speakers or English speakers.
- I think a bigger concentration on way finding for new students may be helpful. Some buildings are a little confusing to find ie. Sayward/Blunson being the same building, and finding the TACS from the AQ.
- Provide more assistance for senior undergrad projects.
- more help for my courses
- provide a better orientation for first-year students
- not limit registration to the main orientation.
- Have more sessions to familiar students with the campus and university life. The orientation was excellent, but, for example, a better science frosh would have been much more helpful
- Provide a substantially better introduction to the library!
- Give more chances for international students to learn both the culture and customs of Canada.
- More guidance
- Better maps/blueprints of the rooms and how to find rooms. The campus is pretty tricky and confusing, especially with all the floors. Plus Starbucks.
- They should provide more spot and date for orientation.
- Some useful study groups for international students.
- better resources for academic help, perhaps something that had a person who could help edit essays (beyond what the SLC does)
- help improving English faster
- More student support
- Have some type of support for mature students or students with kids.
- Increase in course helps. For example, more clubs about certain courses so that students who struggles can go and ask for help.
- I find that SFU Registrar Office is very unorganized, for this reason, if they could organize their system a bit better and provide better services to students that would great. Moreover, I find some TA’s I have had were not that great in terms of their English or teaching style, so have a better TA selection process!
- As a first year student, I found it extremely difficult to navigate during the first few days. It would’ve been very helpful if there was a person to ask for directions.

**Course Content, Format and Workload**

- Make all course material available online as well as recordings of course lectures.
- Labs for Psychology courses... it’s difficult with such a large class and with one professor. It’s harder to ask questions until later- only through e-mail.
- more reasonable work load
- Having a more evenly formatted type of teaching. Such as all professors posting power point slides and have lectures recorded. Not all students are always able to attend classes and even so, reviewing the material at home makes for better memorization
- -conduct physics workshops just like calculus ones
- reduce the software learning courses which rarely used in the industry such as MAX/MSP, increase the usage of handful softwares such as Maya, Flash, and other related ones.
- Shorter lectures, but more frequently during the week.
- More open workshops for math classes.
- lectures should be more interesting some how. especially the 3-hour lectures. its almost impossible to stay in one seat for 3 hours.
- continue the tutorial system
- restore tutorials
- For a undergrad who is first time arriving in other mans world, that experience could be weird for him, at starting most of the time for him is wasted in figuring things out and above it there’s assignment and exams. So at least these so called midterms, at least first one should start in November or so only. Or there’s one more way, these first midterms should not have that much weight age in our whole grading system.
- The amount of questions we need to complete on midterms for quantitative courses are often unreasonable for the amount of time given...
- Get better GPA
• To find a way to make learning a more hands-on experience to suit the needs of students with different learning styles.
• More hands on learning instead of lecturing.
• easier courses
• I have noticed that there have been remarkable shortages of tutorials and TAs which I found very beneficial in previous years. I feel that if SFU could have these tutorials available for their courses, than it would definitely improve many students’ experience.
• stop seminars which are four hours long
• Shorter class times. Most of my classes are 3 or 4 hours long, and I find it very difficult to keep my focus after the first 2 or 2 and a half hours.
• There are some course lasts about 3 hours, and it is boring!
• bring back tutorials for psychology. I feel that I did not get ample opportunities to really learn and interact with my profs/TA’s/fellow students about my studies. instead I wandered alone through my studies.
• Less textbook reading, instead, use lectures to deliver the main content of the course.
• Add more time to the midterms.
• Have more interactions in classrooms
• For the business courses, try to balance the workload of the whole semester and not to leave too heavy workload to students in midterms.
• Encouragement of student interaction through more tutorials.
• to be interactive with learning process
• bring back the recorded lectures for psychology and have recorded lectures for all courses in lecture and seminar format. That way students who live in Abbotsford or other cities will not have to come into class sick in order to get adequate notes so their grades won’t decrease.
• Eliminate tutorials
• tutorials, I noticed a major decline in them since starting. the role of a TM is quite minimal compared to a TA
• Its hard to get good mark at sfu [compare to UBC and other institute ]
• make webct and recorded lectures mandatory
• the math/calculus/algebra workshops are key to student success, more of such workshops could be opened up for other courses such as computing, physics, chemistry, engineering subjects and list goes on and more hours and more TAs should be available for the existed ones , most importantly, they should be operating during the weekends too.
• allow more freedom for students to express their full thoughts in essays. Three hundred word limits with six questions to answer is a bit too much to expect.
• more ‘class as collective’ experiences. I feel that once I leave the classroom I’m disconnected from the teacher and my classmates until next class.
• Get rid of tutorials. I feel like I am being babysat on a daily basis with classes having attendance grades and manditory tutorials were the self proclaimed ‘smart’ people put down people with thoughts unlike their own. It is a horribly intimidating enviroment and I do not agree with them. My learning experiences were better at UVIC then here at SFU

Food
• SFU needs more places to eat at
• The food choices and their prices should be appropriate for student.
• Give us Free Food.
• Better places on campus, like restaurants, etc.
• dining
• Make Chart-Wells food plan optional.
• having a starbuck on campus
• make the food in school cafe cheaper~
• More food choices.
• Better selection of food on campus.
• a food corner on the campus, not coffee or sandwich.
• Improved food selection.
• I think SFU needs much more commercial facilities like restaurants for students to hang out with and need not to go very far from campus in order to enjoy their time better
• Lower prices of food.
• Free beer mandatory; free speech optional.
• Cheaper food.
• food selections, fast foods, better restaurants, more cafes
• Improved food options for first year residence students.
• more fast food restaurants
• Nothing that I can think of, mainly personal issues. It would be nice to have half portions offered at a lower price in the res dining hall- the meals are very large and expensive compared to what I eat.
• FOOD
• BETTER FOOD IN THE CAFETERIA! First year was considerably more difficult than it hat to be for me. Chartwells is not a good company to go with!
• have more businesses on the SFU residence meal plan.
• Run a pub with cheap food! Like UBC’s “The Pitt.” That establishment truly knows how to run a student pub. Definitely inquire as to how this place operates.
• more restaurants..or eatery’s
• When i first came to SFU there were very few food choices. Even though it has improved recently, i feel this is something that can still be improved
• To have more good places to eat!
• Replace chartwells with a real restaurant. If they’re going to charge ‘restaurant equivalent prices’ then they should prepare restaurant quality food and hire some real chefs.
• Accessible and affordable food.
• shorter line-ups at food services,
• Remove Chartwell’s monopoly on cafeteria services.
• Cheaper food on campus.
• It would be great if the food choices on campus were more affordable. There are now more choices on campus, but they are still too expensive. For instance, I know that UBC has more affordable options for food spread out around campus.
• feed us with more food
• provide more fast food restaurant such as McDonald

Programs
• Organizing affordable exchange trips to world-known universities such as Harvard University and Yale University.
• Providing more opportunities for students to study abroad.
• My experiences within the Education department have been very, very disheartening. I think that the PDP program needs to evaluate its modules and ensure that all are receiving QUALITY
• I think the opportunity of cooperative education is good enough to improve my experience here.
• More career related events.
• Open up more positions of work study (as remove the limitation for students who do not have financial crisis but still able to work with professors to gain more related experience.)
• Offer more programs (i.e. Nursing)
more health related programs such as nursing etc and more grants and bursarys for people with
of financial aid
Have a communications department that wasn’t a joke.
To have a fiction-writing inclined program, rather than general English.
Paid practicums
More Field School Opportunities
I have been completing all studiees locally here in Fort St. John, BC. I would have liked the
opportunity to meet some representatives from the program and SFU prior to our grad in
December to feel more connected to SFU.
I’m in a mixed elementary and highschool group, so it would be nice to have my fa’s focus more
on elementary school teaching. Yet all the information is valuable.
i wanna go to a good company to learn something usefu.
A visit to one of the police deparments or forensic labs around the area!
have more job opportunities in co-op
The get fully into development projects in Africa, work with govts, university and help Africans
improve.
I think I would have volunteered in a research lab. I do a lot of volunteering and work outside of
school but I think doing something in school would have made me feel better connected to the
school overall. I am almost done my degree so I am not sure if I will have this opportunity.
SFU would have an english program that was not so general and left room for specification.
provide small volunteer opportunities, rather than large roles
More exchange program to china
more part time work / internship opportunities for undergraduates
I want them to activate more Co-op programs that everybody wants to take part in.
Create a greater diversification of exchange and work opportunities.
more co op opportunity
Have a course that talk about canadian culture.
The school is a bit too liberal, a bit left winged in the contemporary arts, having it a bit more
balanced would improve the program quite a bit.
Internship
I am very frustrated with the constant changes in the major programs in kinesiology. I think the
department needs to set up a guideline of required course and stick to it for more than a year or
two. It makes it really difficult to know which courses I need to take to earn my degree
Industrial experience consultation.
create a FNST major program
Introduce a Climatology program, or a certificate.
I could be more organized to cop myself with the tight programs in SFU

Communication of Information to Students
make it clear as to what subjects need to be taken for a specific graduate program.
The school could be more organized with the admission process. I found I felt that i was always
the last to know things. I had no idea how the sfu email system worked and all of my
informational emails went there. I had 3 days to find out that my transcripts werent sent and to
get them there. I was so upset because I had no idea what had happened and I had next to no time
to get my things together.
More details and breakdowns of fees and the extras included in that [e.g. health plan information]
Refrain from spaming students with masses of emails
Advanced warning of front-loaded courses. For example Pre-calculus had homework due the
first day before classes even began! The information was put up last minute on webct and no
warning given. May students who take this course have no idea what to expect and starting a
course “behind” especially a quantitative course is not ideal. For myself it resulted in being behind from the beginning and led to poor exam performance, such that I have never personally experienced. In addition Lon-capa for math was a real time waster as there were multiple problems with the system. I.e/ one loncapa session took me 8 hours which in mathematics would be better spent on doing the work on paper. It is a useful visual tool but the payback as far as learning results were not there.

- Announce important dates that a first year undergraduate student might be interested in into a newsletter or email so that it is easier to be aware of options. For example, dates for co-op, or other general meetings.
- For me, one thing that bothered me was, I wasn’t clear that math 11 mark had to be over 70% in order to take quantitative courses. I had gotten 69% and last minute they emailed me saying I could no longer take one of my courses. Being new, I barely checked my email also not aware that this kind of thing would happen. So as soon I got the email mid-august I dropped the course right away but still had to pay the 50 dollar drop fee. It was sort of an annoyance as I felt it wasn’t really me who wanted to drop the course it was because I had to, also by the time I found out about having to drop the course..no other courses I would like to take were available.
- SFU needs to have a more efficient way to let students know of school events that may allow students to converse more with other students and get involved [for instance, a main bulletin in the AQ (with a protective casing to prevent vandalism and updated regularly so students in turn, will take notice), rather than simply via email or the occasional poster] -- I find many students that do not feel a ‘School Spirit’ or pride for the school
- More information about all the services available through subsidy on our tuition...like the gym
- maybe more signs to make locations more clear
- Organize there institution information better. (websites, program information, keeping students updated on current news)
- Put up signs or directories to show which part of the staircases of lower levels of the AQ will lead up to which corresponding AQ room on the 5000 level, it is especially useful to newer students. I have been late to many classes around that area because I went up the wrong way and had to go a big round to finally get to my class.
- I would like to pay attention to the movie theater activities. I pass by very often and I do not see what’s going on theatre.
- It would be great to know of all charges slightly in advance. Student recreation fee is the one that comes to mind. I live too far from Burnaby to be able to use it, but was charged that amount nevertheless.
- Be more specific with grading schemes, gpa, cgpa, and units for course. Also be more specific or have booklets available about how many credits are needed in order to be consider 1st year, 2nd year, 3rd year etc.
- provide an environment where new students are failure with their program requirements. For me the largest anxieties come from the lack of information about the classes that I should be taking.

SFU Online
- More time before classes actually start to navigate and get used to webct...the sheer volume of posts in the first week, coupled with the unfamiliarity was really time-consuming without even getting any work done...
- Improve the usage of go.sfu and webct
- The on line application was confusing especially for me having to enroll in prerequisite courses. I wish I had had a PDP expert beside me.
- to have the online lectures easily accesible and more common knowledge
- Fix the financial accounts. The whole set up is horrible with the amount owing etc. I had an amount owing of $600 but on the overall balance it said that SFU owed me money! I got charged
interest on money I didn’t know I owed, and wasn’t allowed to enroll. Also, when you put money onto your account it goes to the thing that is owing. I had to put $250 deposit for a program on there, and the system put it towards my residence fees. So I had to pay another $250 dollars. I don’t have that much money until my student loan came in and because of the system I was short $250. Please find a better system to handle the finances of students that clearly states what is owed and charged and where the money we are paying is going.

- Improve the go.sfu.ca website, in particular the section for class registration. It is needlessly difficult.
- Better, more clearer and direct layout of the student information system site. Currently, the navigation of the site is difficult and confusing at times. Having one system to tie together all of the SFU web programs (such as webmail and webct) would be a great addition.
- I wish SFU has one website for all the homework and work material instead of several sites to sign in. It gets too confusing.
- attempt to increase the number of courses using webct as a class resource WebCT is excellent and i think that it’s best used when the entirety of your courses are on WbCT
- an online, interactive, 3-D, model of the campus
- Better student information system. (enrollment/schedule/finding classes)
- WebCT is great but I sometimes find the Student Information System (SIS) is a little difficult to navigate.
- SFU could improve its online course registration program, such as add functions of wishlist (UBC has it) so we don’t need to search for the course again and again everytime.
- make the website easier to navigate!
- I wish the Go SFU site loaded easier...the javascript does not allow students to navigate easily because everything is so encrypted...

**Academic Advising**

- have more informed advisors on deadlines and what’s needed to declare majors
- Guide a little more in the process of enrolling for example, have an advisor call you.
- more informed junior advisors
- More guidance about career paths for your degree.
- Increase students support. Decrease wait times for academic advising
- Somehow have a better advising system. Or an online resource where one could figure out the requirements, deadlines and methods with regards to getting a degree.
- Easier access to academic advisors
- Better academic advisors. Also, having more transferrable courses
- Making any kind of advising appointment is impossible, after waiting on the phon or up to an hour, you have to wait upto 2 weeks to even get in and see anyone. It’s impossible to get face to face with anyone in advising.
- To provide better experiences with academic advisors. It’s hard to schedule an appointment with them.
- Better advisors who get back to you fast and know what they are talking about.
- Improve interaction with transfer students upon transfer from college. Advising about declaring a major was extremely and faculty advising and general advising did not have very helpful communication
- Better help with planning out class schedules.
- More help during course planning
Class Size
- I can’t think of anything that has really bothered me that isn’t already being addressed. the only thing is, tutorial classes shouldn’t have more people than there are desks... [not often an issue, but happens occasionally, especially in french classes].
- To add more classes for the third and forth year students so that there are not 200 people in a third/forth year classes. So busy.
- If SFU could do one thing to improve my experience, SFU should provide better class assistance. One teacher, two TA’s, and 300 students are not adequate for a class!
- If I could improve my experience here it would be to have more one-on-one class discussions where the teachers have less students and encourage a positive learning environment.
- classes with smaller numbers of students
- Reduce some of the lecture sizes
- smaller classes.
- smaller classes
- Smaller class sizes
- Cater to smaller classes, it’s a bit difficult to concentrate on things, especially in classes of 500 students.
- Smaller classes.
- SFU needs to provide more smaller classes and help students achieve goals by doing several types of testing to encourage many learners

Curriculum, WQB Requirements
- Standardization of classes, i.e. the curriculum should not change between two classes if taught by two different professors [unless it is a special topics course].
- Eliminate WQB requirements
- allow more flexibility with the majors
- Eliminate WQB requirements for business, held more competitions and conferences at university
- Having more undergrad options in regards to core courses or at least an explanation of why the chosen ones are so important.
- Offer programs that are set out for you, somewhat similiar to what BCIT offers.
- Increased research opportunities for undergraduates and possibly turning it into a requirement.
- Giving undergraduate students more opportunities to do researches in labs of Computing Science!
- take away the QWB requirement. completely useless.
- Less restrictions and changes on graduation programs New policies [specially in the Business Administration] program are changing all the time
- Remove the need for irrelevant courses from curriculum... For example, a lot of majors have to take both calculus courses, though most of the students probably won’t use calculus ever again in their studies or career.

Nothing/Don’t Know/Positive Comment/Blank
- I am pretty satisfied overall
- nothing
- Not sure.
- So far, my overall experience has been excellent.
- I have only been here for three months, so I can’t really think of anything right now.
- nothing more, nothing less.
- I haven’t found anything yet..
- I haven’t encountered something that I would like to have improved yet.
- none
- Unsure
- I only use online classes with SFU and am satisfied with them
- Nothing, I am thoroughly pleased with my experience here.
- n/a
- Can’t think of anything.
- Nothing really..
- everything is good
- So far, so good.
- I can’t think of anything
- actually, right now everything is good
- I was able to find new friends and get along well with most of the Teacher Assistance.
- Everything is fine.
- I really don’t have any complaints because I’m very much satisfied what SFU has offered me so far
- Everything is great, no complaints.
- cannot think of one, at the moment.
- Can’t think of anything in particular
- Quite possibly everything.
- Hard for me to answer as I am strictly a distance ed student now.
- I honestly can’t think of anything.
- N/A
- - I don’t know
- Nothing so far
- nothing at all
- [The remaining 62 analyzed responses were left blank by respondents.]
Section 2: Why Did Students Choose SFU for their Studies?

The following is a list of 1,000 randomly selected comments provided in answer to the following question on the 2009 SFU Undergraduate Student Survey:

“Why did you choose SFU for your studies? Please be as specific as possible.”

The comments are separated by topic. In cases where a student discussed more than one topic, the comment is counted under all topics addressed. Topics are listed in order based on the number of students who discussed them (with the exception of the “Blank/Unclear Comment” category, which is listed at the end.)

An analysis of these responses is available in Appendix D of the full report, available at: http://www.sfu.ca/irp/surveys/ugss/index.html

Programs at SFU
- It offered the Interactive Arts & Technology program which I thought was good at the time.
- I received an entrance scholarship and I heard it was the top university for students wanting to study Business. Also I was accepted into the Business Administration Program.
- Close to where I live, and I was very interested in the molecular biology and biochemistry major.
- I chose SFU because it has programs I’m an interested in and I was interested in living on the west coast.
- Communications was not offered at UBC.
- Only school in BC that has Communications.
- Since SFU has a good reputation for BBA program and tuition is not as expensive as UBC’s.
- It is where I wanted to study and the English department is considered one of the best in the province.
- I chose SFU because it has a renowned International Studies Program.
- Location and proximity to leisure as well as strong business school.
- I chose SFU to study Mechatronic Systems Engineering. I also know that SFU is unique for its MSE because it is containing business education. SFU is also cheaper than some other, although I know that I will not be able to study next year because of my financial problems.
- Famous for business program.
- Government/ Education programs.
- I heard the Kinesiology program was well done.
- I was attracted by the term “new media”, which included animation and related technique skills.
- SFU compared to UBC: - is more innovative - is more open-minded - is very flexible in course selection - catered more to students - allowed students to take courses outside their faculty - had a tri-semester system - had a strong biochem faculty - newer and smaller - was considered at the time to be the “hippy” school - always finished in the top 10 university list in Canada.
- The school offered an acclaimed varsity woman’s soccer program and a very good academic undergraduate reputation. Location (Vancouver) was also considered.
- I chose SFU, as I heard it had the best program in BC for Kinesiology and it was much closer to my home versus UBC.
- The International Studies program was of interest to me, and managed to have all the academic areas that I was looking for. Also, SFU is situated in Vancouver which, although I’m not from here, I love.
- I heard they had a good education program and eventually I want to go into teaching. Also they were fairly close to home, offered me a decent scholarship and the campus wasn’t TOO big!
I chose SFU because it was close to my home, I seemed to like the campus and the school also had the faculty I am interested in.

It offered a program that I felt was just right for me. Also because it's very close to home.

Heard it had a good business and computer science program as well as the campus being relatively close.

While I was preparing myself to come to Canada, I did lots of researches about all the Canadian Universities and I found that SFU is known as one of the best Universities in my field (Computer Science). While reading about SFU I found that I love Vancouver and SFU environment makes it the place I like to be in.

I'm in the Dual Degree Program set by SFU and ZU (in China), and the program requires me to finish my last two years at SFU.

Good linguistics program, flexible schedule, location

I have interest in Interactive arts and technology, especially in design and informatics concentration, so I choose SFU since they offered great courses here in that program

It has good courses and also because it is very accommodating to international students.

I chose SFU specifically for the Kinesiology program

Friends were attending SFU. Best business program.

Best computing science program. Close to my home.

Heard that the CRIM department is awesome.

Because I perceived SFU would be the proper place to study philosophy.

Because the education program is very reputable

I was attending VIU and enjoyed it there, but SFU offers a great French program, which was what I was looking for. It also offers an excellent study abroad program and I am very interested in doing just that. The program that I am now studying is the French COHORT Program and the third year enables me to study abroad in either France, Belgium or Montreal, so I found it to be exactly what I was looking for.

Location and education program

They had the program I was searching for (mechatronics), it is a great campus, and my sister went to SFU Burnaby so I had some good pointers from her.

I initially attended the Surrey campus and it was very conveniently located close to my home. The first year Explorations program allowed me to attend post-secondary without knowing what I had in store for myself and helped me find what I wanted to be here for. I had also heard great things about SFU.

It is close to my home, and SFU’s reputation regarding BBA’s is very good among those I have talked to in industry.

Great PDP program.

Fit what I wanted to study.

It was local and had the program[s] that I was interested in. Also my grandfather was the first Dean of Sciences, which is kind of cool.

It was smaller than UBC and was known for their business and geography faculties

Since I heard it has a good computing science department.

I heard the comp sci program is better than that of UBC’s.

Computing Science, SFU-ZU Dual Degree Program with an Information System Concentration

I wanted to go into business and SFU sounded like a good place to get my BBA from.

For the International Studies program. SFU is the only public institution in BC that offers it.

I heard that SFU business has a higher percentage of students who land highly sought after jobs directly after graduation than UBC does.

Close to home, great Arts program, heard great things about it.

SFU has a good co-op program and it’s known for having a good business program.

Close to my home and the degree that I was interested in was offered.
• One of the few schools that have such a major renowned Criminology program.
• SFU was the only university that offered Communication major.
• Their criminology program and [***** *****]. Coming from the same university as her definitely makes a difference.
• Costs less to live in Burnaby than around UBC. Also, SFU seemed to have a great environmental science program (I was attracted first by the master’s degree of Resource and Environmental Management).
• Because I believe that SFU has the best business school in western Canada.
• Athletics and Communications.
• I chose SFU for my studies because of the range in activities I can get involved in, the wide range of subjects I can take and the overall academic environment. I also feel like it is not as intimidating as UBC. I feel very comfortable here and have had a great experience so far as an undergrad.
• unique program in Canada [BSc in HSCI], location (Vancouver, plus removed from city), scholarships.
• Close to home - new health sciences program.
• I am studying Actuarial Science at SFU since SFU is the only university offer this program at BC. And I like it very much.
• MBB. For electives, I choose film and english courses.
• Convenience of SFU Surrey for living in Langley and commuting to school. Also the Explorations program. Also, a scholarship.
• University transfer for economics.
• to go further into my education and study what I am interested in.
• I wanted to study Environmental Science, and a far as I could see SFU has the best program for that. Also it is fairly close to home so I wouldn’t have to spend money on living in residence.
• good program for what I want to become - French immersion elementary school teacher, also close to home.
• Kinesiology program is second to none in Canada. Business program is outstanding.
• I was told the Political Science department was more progressive than some other options, and I liked the idea of a comparatively smaller school.
• It has an excellent Business Administration and co-op program.
• From a financial perspective, I do not have the resources to study outside of BC without incurring massive debt. As my educational fund stands right now, I am only capable of studying within B.C., and living at home without the cost of food or residence is a plus. My grades were also not good enough to get into UBC in my first year. As of right now, I’m applying for the second time to SFU’s film program, which if accepted will be me incentive to stay. Otherwise, I am willing to try other options, like reapplying at UBC for film studies there.
• Business Program Co-op.
• It is the best choice in what I can choose as I’m a transfer student. Then I like SFU because of it has the best business major.
• it’s close, and offers the program I want. also it’s a good school with a good reputation.
• I think the Business major in SFU is great .And ,I know that if you want to learn,learn from the best,so I choose the Business in SFU.
• It was within traveling distance of my current location, and I knew it was a school with a strong criminology program, which is what I am majoring in.
• pdp.
• It offered a Communication program when UBC didn’t and I couldn’t afford to move away from home to go to McGill or Ryerson.
• Close to home, has the graduate program I want to get into. Needed 3rd and 4th year courses and couldn’t stay at College for them.
I chose SFU because the Surrey campus offered smaller class sizes and Science Year One looked like a good program for me to decide what area of Science I wanted to continue on with. Also, the Surrey campus is close to home.

It had the most selection for classes in the field I wanted to major in, and I could still reach the campus using mostly public transit. The university nearest my home did not have much in the way of choice for completing my undergrad degree.

earth sciences and physical geography
It was the topic that came closest to what I was interested in
Because they have better program than those offered in UBC.

It was the topic that came closest to what I was interested in
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It had the most selection for classes in the field I wanted to major in, and I could still reach the campus using mostly public transit. The university nearest my home did not have much in the way of choice for completing my undergrad degree.

shortest commute for the program that I wanted
SFU offers the SIAT program at Surrey Campus.

Much closer than UBC and has great arts program.
i heard it was great for teaching programs and it was a much shorter commute than my other option, UBC.

It’s pretty convenient in terms of the commute. It offers PDP and I have heard some good things about the program since I am thinking of heading in that direction.

For a BA Economics degree. Knowlegde for the future personal needs[peace keeping, music, etc]

Convenient location and has a good business program.

Business Coop program
I chose SFU because I wanted to get away from home and didn’t want to be around my entire graduating class at UFV. I also thought the history courses looked interesting and I knew my grades weren’t quite high enough to qualify for UBC.

My brother is a student at SFU and he has been praising it. Also the program I am enrolled in is terrific here.
i wanted to take criminology, and i heard SFU is known for it’s criminology and business courses
ubc and uvic were too far from home. Also sfu will join the NCAA

I feel SFU has a very strong business program. As I decided early in my grade 12 year that I wanted to pursue a career in business, SFU appealed to me.

Because sfu was the only university that offered a criminology program.
it had a new health sciences faculty i was interested in and SFU is close to my home
I was looking to get into the Publishing industry and SFU is the only university that offers it as part of a degree program.

Had the programs that I wanted
because there was a good criminology program and I could get the university experience with smaller class sizes

I did a lot of research before I enrolled into the SFU. I found that SFU’s Business courses are stronger than other universities in Canada.

I heard the Business program is very good.

Proximity to home and good selection of programs.
Due to the Criminology program, as well as the fact that others had mentioned positive experiences at the school.

Close to home; friends were here; supposedly had a good engineering program
I heard how diverse the student body is at SFU. In addition it was close to home yet still had a multitude of classes for me to look at.

Honestly, I was accepted to UBC with scholarship, but the reason why I chose SFU is because SFU had very well-organized ESL class (FAL-X99), which I didn’t want to take but which is helping me a lot with my English. Also, SFU’s great reputations were the other reasons.
I chose SFU because I wanted to major in communications and possibly minor in business. I understand that SFU is one of five schools in North America that offers this program, therefore I decided to attend SFU.

It was the closest school to where I live that offered a degree in the program I wished to take (English BA).

- close to home - good reputation - had the program I wanted
- SFU provides faculty that other local universities do not have: Kinisiology
- For Criminology and psychology programs
- I hope to enter the PTEM module of the PDP, which isn’t offered at other universities. It made sense to transfer for the remainder of my undergrad.
- The campus is closer to my home and I heard the business program is very good
- I transferred from Douglas Criminology program to SFU partially because I heard that SFU’s program was excellent. Other deciding factors was location and a more engaging campus life.
- I wasn’t enjoying UBC and I was moving so SFU was the next best option. There was also a program I was interested in at the time (International studies) and it wasn’t offered at UBC.
- I live up north, and am in the AHCOTE program, which requires us to be SFU students
- Closer to where I lived. Has crim department which others did not.
- It is the only school I could find that had a program like PTEM.
- was the only univercity with chemical physics degree
- I received a scholarship and heard that SFU was better than UBC in the faculty of arts
- Admission, Kinesiology, reputation
- It’s an international study opportunity for us undergraduates. SFU is famous for its computing science major. Also, Vancouver is a beautiful city.
- I want to be a Chartered Accountant
- Location is close to home, also had the program I was interested in.
- Because it was close to my home and offered a wide range of course with a good reputation.
- Didn’t get accepted into first choice faculty elsewhere. SFU has one of the top Business programs in Canada.
- business
- to enroll in the pdp program
- - Closer to home - greater Scholarship awarded - bba program is known to be good
- Because of the reputation of their Education program. I am currently in PDP, and love the high expectations that applicants must meet to be accepted.
- I chose SFU because it was convenient for me to live here and study. It offered bachelor’s degrees and continuing studies in the science and researching fields. My siblings have studied here as well, and it was comforting knowing that family have studied under the same professors.
- only SFU has health science courses
- PDP program is the best in the province.
- I heard that the PDP program was absolutely the best
- The PDP program and the availability of a major as unique as Cognitive Science to pair with my B.Ed.
- Best Kinesiology program in Western Canada and good recommendations.
- Prereqs for grad program in counselling after my BA at ufv
- Only SFU had Criminology in Lower Mainland
- has a good criminology program
- I wanted to get into the PDP program so I decided to go to SFU after my first two years were finished at Langara
- SFU offered the exact course that I was interested in taking.
- Great archaeology program. Campus with great resources and facilities
Chose SFU Business over UBC because we are known for our successful history in business case competitions.

It has a very good Computer Science program and I live about 10 minutes away.

one of my high school teachers told me sfu had a good psychology program. it is also close to home.

They were guaranteeing acceptance for highschool students with an average of 86% or higher, so they were the only school I applied to. They also have a great Criminology program!

It’s one of the only two universities which offered me an admission. SFU is better ranked than the other one in the program that I’d like to study.

SFU had the program I was interested in.

Closer to home than UBC Entrance Scholarship Prestigious Business Faculty

Best Criminology Program

I heard my program was good at SFU (ie: learn alot, lots of job opportunities, etc)

For the communications program

The computing science faculty is extremely strong

Interest in the International Studies program

Because they have a renowned Archaeology program.

SFU is closer to where I live , and the program I’m interested are only offer in SFU, SIAT

I was originally planning on applying for the PDP program and I have heard the the SFU PDP is quite good.

both my older sister’s went to sfu and they have a good criminology program

Closer to home than UBC Excellent business program Tri-mester system allows me to take full courses in summer

The Kinesiology program, and the proximity to my home.

program i wanted (communication)

People say the business program is the best at SFU. I think it is a great university to learn and expand my knowledge here. Friendly environment and nice people.

Good business and economics programs

The program I was interested in was only available at SFU.

offered me the largest scholarship and the program i wanted

good reputation for kines program

Very good school. Reputation. Option of doing a Degree in my field.

The rating of the University, the programs it offered.

want to study in Vancouver and i like the courses here

SFU business has a very good reputation and I was accepted into that program. I chose SFU over UBC for that reason

i am studying criminology and the SFU program is well regarded

SFU has my program and I was also waitlisted in another college

Interested in the Contemporary Arts Music program for its focus on composition in contemporary modes.

The health sciences faculty opened, which attracted me back to getting a post-secondary education.

It is close to home, and the commute is not long. The business faculty at SFU is highly regarded and is the best (as I think) in this area. And that the faculty I am in.

Because it is both local and has very good linguistics and French departments and I got an entrance scholarship

Intuition, as well as because the music composition program was in line with my interests and goals, and the because of the reputation for the computing science program which I was also interested in.

business program. Great profs and lecture material. Always entertaining.
Because of the Film Program it offers.
SFU was in a convenient location for me. Also, it had a good reputation for its business program.
I picked SFU because it seems like a good school with a high status. Also SFU is credited for having a good arts program therefore i decided to go to SFU instead of UBC
PDP
Want to transfer into business admin. heard it was better than UBC’s
I chose SFU for my studies because I thought that it was a well known institution for my major, International Studies. I liked that the campus was smaller and thought it would be more community like, compared to big universities such as UBC. I also wanted to attend post secondary away from home in a big city like Vancouver. I’m originally from Calgary and going out East seemed just way too far and Vancouver seemed very appealing.
-the program was very interesting
I wasn’t sure what I wanted to study, so I chose a school that appeared to offer a variety of fields of study. It was only later that I discovered this to be an illusion. Also, I was pressured by my family to choose SFU.
Close to home. Well-known for their PDP program. I didn’t want to go to UBC because it has a ‘snotty’ reputation.
It had the co op program for business and computer science and it was the closest to my house
Exchange opportunity through home university. International Studies department and good Economics faculty.
Because I wanted to get a Criminology Degree and SFU has one of the best programs for that.
1.Close to where I live 2.It has a great criminology program 3.Has a good reputation
i choose sfu for my studies because sfu is know for their criminology program and i had the gpa to get into sfu compared to ubc. Also, i want to get my bachelors.
Being a member of the BA Health Science Faculty I was able to address both my interests that being the arts, learning to help people within the health system. And I wanted to stay in BC
The program i wanted wasn’t available in my home province ( contemporary dance fpa). I didn’t want to move out east so i had to choose between Calgary or Vancouver. I thought if i have to move away mise as well really move!!!!
The new Health Sciences program seemed interesting.
Most practical in terms of what I wanted to study; business, I also chose SFU because of the modest size of the campus...not overwhelmingly big. Another merit was the coop program that I heard about.
They have the courses i prefer [SIAT]
great criminology reputation
More flexibility then UBC (ex. in terms of concentrations for BBA), availability of evening classes, helpful admin staff, lots of variety of subjects and degrees to choose from.
I am currently a criminology student who has transferred from Douglas College; SFU has a transfer program and being that SFU is within travelling distance and has a great crim department it was my decision to attend SFU.
Good reviews from family and friends. Good program
Because I was recruited to come play for the SFU hockey team
I chose SFU for my studies because i received great responses from my fellow friends who have also chose SFU as their university focus. SFU has the courses that i like and it’s been a joyful ride so far.
Because of the great athletic department
Because the business faculty is famous.
To complete a degree in Political Science. I have always felt SFU has a strong program.
close to home, good reputation, offered program I was interested in, criminology
- It offers a more comprehensive business studying compare to other universities. It’s very reputable in the business area and things learned from courses are more practical compared to the others.
- For SFU is one of the universities that has the Archaeology Faculty.
- I was attracted to SFU for their new Surrey campus and Crim One program. In addition, they have wonderful Arts & Social Science programs
- BGS program
- Many of the courses I was interested in was offered at SFU. While I haven’t had time to select a computer programming/computer graphics course yet, it’s on the list of subjects I want to attend. The transportation to the three different campus locations was also easier for me to use.
- due to excellent criminal justice and forensics program offered
- I am interested in Actuarial Science, and there are few schools that offer it. I chose SFU for the Actuarial Science program, and because they have a good scholarship program. I also was drawn to the B.C. climate (I’m from Saskatchewan).
- Closer to home; better program for computing science than UBC; not accepted for first choice of program at UBC; higher scholarship offer.
- SFU has better reputation for economics and business classes than other universities. Also, I have more friends at SFU than other universities.
- SFU is a more progressive school and has a lot of progressive organizations/ student groups and programs. SFU is also the first university to have a women’s studies department in Canada.
- It offers the BBA program and it has a pretty good reputation in this field.
- Because only SFU offers IAT at the undergrad level worldwide.
- Because I heard it had a good psychology program.
- Close to home, had a great course that I needed to take, and also because SFU offered a higher scholarship.
- It is located in a pretty nice city. And the education system here attracted me, especially the popular and fabulous undergraduate courses.
- It has a good business faculty, probably the best in BC.
- UBC didn’t have a graphic arts program like how SFU does so I chose it.
- The French Political Science Cohort Program ad the scholarships I was offered.
- good kinesiology program
- One of the reason was that attending SFU would get me out of Richmond, where I’ve lived for 6 years. Another one being that SFU has it’s reputation of business faculty and since it’s the faculty that I had wanted to go in, SFU was the first choice on the list.
- Strong Arts departments Semester system Scholarship
- It has the program I want and BC is closest to home for me.
- The program offered met my needs
- The Geography program
- It is convenient....... I mean I can still live at home and save a lot of money. And also I get enrolled in Business which is a very good program.
- 1)Famous engineering department 2)Offering the program I’m interested in 3)suggestions of a few of my friends
- They have a great school of criminology with a variety of different classes to choose from
- Because I completed the Criminology diploma program at Douglas College, and transferred to SFU to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology; though I have not yet entered the Criminology program at SFU. I chose SFU to obtain my degree because I heard that it has a great crim program.
- Because it has a double minor program which I am in under the faculty of General Sciences.
- Location, I lived in Burnaby and UBC was too far and did not offer CRIM.
- I had heard positive reviews of SFU’s PDP from former students.
- Good Criminology Program/Not accepted at UBC
- SFU has the best communications school in all of Canada! Also, it's on a mountain!
- I chose SFU for its film program, wanting a mixture of practical work and theory. I was also interested in going to school outside of Ontario, where I'm from originally.
- They have one of the best Communication Schools.
- I'm on exchange from Copenhagen Business School, and when I had to choose where I wanted to go, Canada and SFU was my first priority. I've always wanted to see British Columbia, and when I researched SFU it seemed like a natural choice for me to go here. The exchange business programme is so good, and I had only heard good things about it from previous exchange students! So far, my experiences have also only been good. The course levels are impressive, and as an exchange student I've had the best welcome. I got to choose exactly the courses I wanted (some of them, I can't even get at home), and the International Office is very, very helpful. Apart from that, the student environment and residence life are great - and I love it here already!
- I was interested in pursuing my education in French. SFU's French Cohorte Program was exactly what I was looking for.
- I chose SFU for the entrance requirements and the political science reputation.
- Good education program with a module that fit my lifestyle
- To try the interdisciplinary arts program and to move to BC.
- It is easily accessible by sky train. It has courses that, once taken, should allow me to get into the PDP program, hopefully next year.
- I choose it for it is famous with its computing science here.
- Because of the criminology program
- SFU is the only university which has communication study in BC. And it's close to my apartment.
- Because of the well-known business faculty
- It is located in BC which is a beautiful place. There are some programs or course which I can not study in other university.
- Good reputation. Especially the Kinesiology program.
- I heard from various people in college that SFU had the best Criminology program.
- Choose it because of the high standards in education especially for the kinesiology department.
- They have a good archaeology program.
- Because they were offering the Biomedical Engineering program which I was interested in studying
- I felt SFU's PDP provided adequate environmental learning [enviro ed].
- because of the microbiology and biochemistry classes
- Because it has a better computer science program, and I was rejected from UBC Arts.
- SFU has the program I want
- reputation as a leader in the education program
- I was interested in the Health Science faculty and the SFU society seemed very welcoming. Also, I have heard great feedback from students that have attended their first year at SFU.
- To get into the business program.
- UBC does not have a criminology program. SFU is known for their crim program. SFU would take less time to get to.
- I was interested in middle eastern history and you seemed to have a good program on that topic. Originally for their famous criminology program. Now I remain here because I am not too far from graduation and I do not see the purpose of transferring to UBC.
- I like the business program in SFU.
- Heard its business program was way better than UBC’s, and at the time I was interested in joining the wrestling team. I’m not very science minded and I perceived SFU to be less numbers-focused than UBC (thus more enjoyable).
- Business co-op opportunities and international exchange program
• Only option in BC for communication.
• I chose it for the Kinesiology program. I heard it was exceptional.
• It was mentioned by many people that SFU has a pretty good Kinesiology program compared to UBC.
• French Immersion Cohort Program
• This is because it is more near to where I live. Also my major, computing science I'm taking is better in SFU than elsewhere.
• Cognitive science program
• It was close to home and the Education department is renowned for its professors.
• Large enough university that offers programs I want, but not too big that I feel like a number.
• Because it is near my house and SFU Business is quite well known.
• the new environmental department
• Because I wanted to take CMNS and it wasn’t offered at UBC...
• close to home, good class choices, parents attended
• SFU offers a degree in Interactive Arts and Technology.
• It had the program I wanted and was close to my house.
• Good business program reputation. More business concentration choices than ubc.
• Lectures paired with tutorials. Most universities don't have a tutorial group option. Also the culture and history of SFU. Compared to UBC, I know that the Political Science program is stronger, in course selection and the fact that there are tutorials.
• I wanted to go into design/art but I did not want a specific program that focused on only one specialization because I didn’t know what I would want to specialize in, i.e. animation, graphic design, so SIAT at SFU was the right choice because it is a broad program about design and technology.
• I chose SFU because of the tremendous representation of faculty, as well as for its diverse athletic programs.
• For its location and the business administration program.
• My program (communications) isn’t available at many other schools.
• close to home good pysch/communications programs
• I heard that Computing Science program at SFU is really great with great co-op opportunities.
• Because it is one of the best University in Canada, that offers strong social sci courses.
• It's reputation among other universities and well designed study programs.
• Good Criminology program
• It’s better than my second choice (which is abroad) and I heard in Canada, it has the highest standards for the School of Communication.
• Convenience of location (i.e. nearness to home), reputable PDP which I ultimately aim to finish my time at SFU with.
• because of the good criminology department
• I was interested in doing an undergraduate degree in Criminology and SFU is known for its Criminology program.
• It is close to where I live, and has a good business program (co-op, exchanges, etc). SFU also has a really good wrestling varsity team as well.
• English Good reputation in business I get support from home country (not in US) Close to good skiing
• SFU has a good reputation, offered the courses I wanted, had a campus close to home (Surrey), and offered the most amount of scholarship money.
• I live in Vancouver and SFU has a Criminology program; whereas, UBC does not.
• Because this university is in the program in which I participate.
• It was close to home and had the program I wanted, (i.e., PDP and BGS).
• business program is very famous.
I chose SFU because I was told it was a great school and I wanted to complete my degree and apply for the education program there.

I chose SFU because I was interested in studying criminology and I heard that SFU has a very good criminology program.

Some people said that SFU business department is good.

I wanted to stay close to home for my first year university, and I was interested in the faculty of Health Sciences.

I heard there is a program called, SIAT [School of Interactive arts and technology] and I am very interesting in how technology related to arts. Now, I am a SIAT student and I think it is worth to join this program.

PDP education program- looked like a very strong program compared to other schools.

SFU has a good business program and I want to pursue business in the future, so I decided to come to SFU.

I chose SFU because it offers academic program which is not provided at my country. (Czech Republic)

Education program

good business program

It was closer to my home, and travelling there is not as much of a hassle. It has all the courses I require to meet the specifics for the job I wish to acquire.

It has an excellent criminology program

Heard that SFU has a great polisci program which is my major.

I wanted to take the PDP program. I am currently taking it right now. I liked this program better than UBC.

SFU is close to where I reside. Also, it has reputation-able Computing Science studies which allowed me to choose SFU.

Because of the Crim program it offers,

I choose SFU for the SIAT program as it was the only university that was offering a similar program at the time.

Closest university to my home in maple ridge, had the program, mechatronics engineering, that I was most interested in. I originally went to Burnaby campus because of its great location, who doesn’t want to learn on top of a mountain right. Had a pretty great experience up there last year. SFU Surrey, although aesthetically appealing doesn't have a ton going for it yet. Its alright, but Im definitely thinking about looking into taking some of my courses at burnaby next semester if I can.

I thought the Health Science program at SFU would provide a better learning experience than the UBC program.

I chose SFU because it was the top university in the field of study that I wish to pursue (nanochemistry). It was also the closest to my home and I was offered an entrance scholarship.

I did not get admission into UBC and SFU offers a good teaching program which I plan on going into eventually.

SFU was the only university to offer the PTEM program.

SFU is very close to home, therefore I would not have to live on residence, it offers the courses that I require to get the degree I want and its a well recognized post-secondary institution.

They offered the most flexible program. General studies which allowed me to more or less take a variety of classes and they also have a great Criminology program.

for the health science program

I choose SFU as it is the closest university to me, I am somewhat familiar with the campus after volunteering with the summer camp, it is the school my closest friend graduated from and most importantly offers the program that I want to complete.
It was assumed university is better than just a college or a trade school, but I was more interested in Interactive Arts... which is only offered by SFU at that time.  
SFU offers various undergraduate programs, and has a high reputation for quality education. It is much easier to find a job with an undergrad degrees issued from SFU.  
For the linguistics program and also because I was told numerous that it was a great school to go to.  
close to home, great kines program, awesome co-op program  
I chose SFU because I know many people who have attened this University and have had great experiences. This appealed to me, and hearing it has an excellent Communications Program helped me finalize my decision to choose SFU.  
because i heard business was awesome in SFU  
It was close to where I live and it has the program that I wanted to major in.  
I wanted to study in British Columbia and I was offered an entrance scholarship (Shrum). I was offered scholarships at other schools, but decided I wanted to attend a smaller university for my undergrad. I was interested in the French Cohort Program.  
my two choices for University Transfer from Cap were UBC or SFU and my decision was threefold: 1)Commuting time to SFU was shorter than to UBC; 2)I will be applying for PDP and the teaching program at SFU was said to be superior to that of UBC 3) after such a positive experience at Cap with a small professor to student ratio, I was wanting to attend a smaller university to continue to get the most personal attention and guidance from professors that I could.  
Better business school  
At first I wanted to go to UBC but did not get admitted, so my next decision was to go to SFU. I also heard that the area I am studying is better here than in UBC.  
the business faculty of sfu is infamous  
Before deciding upon entering Communication school, I fancied going to UBC to major in English Literature or Language. Since I had a long time ambition of writing to support my living, Communications turned out to be the most practical solution and the best entry field into the world of publishing and journalism... Also I live in Downtown, very close to hastings, so I’m close to 135, and i’m very close to harbour centre  
I wanted to stay in Vancouver, and it provided the best teachers and material for my choice of major: International studies. In addition, it has a downtown campus, which cuts down on transit time.  
For the IT program offered in 2003 at TechBC  
SFU have the program that I wants.  
AHCOTE program  
Because their english program was the best in BC and the campus is very cool  
The course offerings were considered the standard for the application process for my BCRPA TFL status - i went to SFU straight out of high school because i loved the atmosphere and it was a natural choice to choose SFU again for after my degree for my health and fitness certificate  
I heard that SFU’s business and finance is very good even better than UBC  
because it’s one of the most famous university in Vancouver that doing great at business major.  
It is the only university in the area with a criminology program  
Recommendations from fellow students for the Cognitive Science program.  
SFU offers a wide range of academic opportunities and a fair degree of freedom to students to follow their interests in almost any field, academic or otherwise.  
Transfered from kwantlen to get a degree in international business.  
Criminology department  
I chose SFU for my studies because it was close enough that I could commute, I liked the look of the Visual Arts program and the Burnaby campus had a very nice atmosphere. The PDP program
also has a great reputation and as I am interested in pursuing a teachers degree after I have completed my fine arts degree SFU seemed like a great place to begin.

- MBB program good quality over other institutions
- I chose sfu because it was the best school for me and what i wanted to do (psychology)
- SFU has a good reputation, especially with regards to its Communications program. However, I have not been able to register myself in this program, even after two semesters.
- track and field originally, then throwing coach quit coaching for sfu, then i just liked sfu
- Its much closer to my house, than UBC, and also it said to have good science one program
- first of all, Sfu had the program that i am interested in and close to my house.
- Only SFU has actuarial science study and with good reputation in BC.
- The centre for sustainable studies
- Friends had given good feedback on the school and the courses offered were in line with my interests.
- SFU was closer to home then UBC was and they also had a criminology program
- It was the only school in the lower mainland with a Communications Department and I wanted to major in Communications. Also, it was close to home.
- I liked the program options, the location, and the services offered like co-op
- SFU seems to be well known for its social science courses more so than other institutions.
- because of its criminology department.
- Because it is close to home and offers all of the programs that I want/need to take.
- Close to Home, has the program I wanted.
- I had heard good things about it’s sociology program, and it was in the Lower mainland.
- It had the program specifics I was looking for and was best suited to my learning style.
- It has one of the best education programs and my career choice is wanting to become a teacher.
- I want to go into marine biology and SFU was the closest Bamfield member university to me. It allowed me to do the prerequisites for the courses at Bamfield while living at home. Also, I am in a serious relationship and I did not want to move even farther away from my boyfriend, who already lives 70 km away.
- Close location to my house, with a good reputation and a strong faculty of Computing Science.
- Criminology and Theatre Production weren’t available at UBC.
- Heard from friends and family that SFU had a great Business Administration Program.
- Archaeology, and it’s close
- Heard of it’s world renown arts programs and its high level of international involvement.
- It had lots of programs that I am interested in and I wanted to go to school close to home.
- It had the program that I wanted and it is a good school with a good reputation.
- In the business program. Heard about the readily available co-op program.
- Heard a lot of good things about sfu engineering program.
- Faculty of Business is very competitive among all the institutions in Canada. All the requirements for this pathway is approachable for me. Though I haven’t been a student under this department yet, I still strive for it.
- My High school graphic design teacher recommended that I look into the SIAT program at the surrey campus. I asked friends that were in the program and they said they felt they were learning a lot and was able to apply what they learned to their current jobs.
- had a health science faculty
- It was close to my home and they had a good teaching program [PDP]
  - French programs offered
- It is a close distance from home and the business programs offered are pretty famous. In addition, they provided more entrance scholarships compared to few other universities.
- because of EBP
- I live closest to SFU. It offers the programs that I’m interested in studying.
- I wanted to do business and SFU is a better choice.
- It provides a program that I want to take
- I’m really interested in the program that was offered by SFU. I have also met students from SFU and I like the camaraderie.
- wide range of courses, word of mouth
- my brother graduated from SFU - close to home - entrance Scholarship - good Business program
- To be honest, because it had an environmental design program, which it doesn’t.
- because my goal was to get into engineering
- It was the local University that offered a Business Administration degree
- SFU is known for my major [school of criminology] and I figure it is best to graduate from here than any where else.
- best Criminology courses in BC
- The Criminology program is suposed to be the best in the country.
- I chose SFU because I heard it has the best art programs in British Columbia.
- SFU’s music program is unlike any other in the country. One need not study performance in order to study composition. Also, the emphasis on electroacoustic music and world music was attractive to me.
- -close to home - Business Faculty recognized
- Wanted to get into a University after highschool, but took a semester off. at that point i was under the impression that UBC did not take people in the beginning of the new year, so i applied at SFU. Also i have also been interested in the Criminology program as well.
- They had a communications program
- Ive been told in university fairs and by friends that it is a good arts program and for a mid sized university- a better transition from high school - not so overwhelming
- my hometown did not offer criminology as a degree
- Criminology, humanities, political science, psychology
- It was the only institution that offered a part time teacher education module [PTEM]
- programmes and the school itself
- Close to home, unique informatics program that carters to my interest
- New Health Science Faculty, not available elsewhere. Smaller more connected campus. Never attended SFU before.
- SFU is one of 2 schools in BC to offer a Communications Major - the other option is Royal Roads. Unlike SFU the program at RR is structured and does not allow for broad range electives [more business focused]
- I liked the Criminology and Psychology program. Also campus is closer to my house and easier to commute too.
- Proximity to home -focus on humanities-tuition costs- excellent History Dept. faculty-nice campus
- The only Bachelor of Health Sciences in BC
- economic
- I am studing in the school of interactive arts and technology [SIAT] and only SFU offered such a major, so I chose SFU. Also, I like it’s Surrey campus location. I can take sky-train to go there. I also like Burnaby campus. I always take some courses there every semester.
- I chose SFU for my studies because it has a good business program.
- reputable BC kinesiology program with more of a science base (vs. ubc)
- I’m studying business and at the time I heard the SFU business co-op program was one of the best.
- SFU offered the courses I needed and were the most helpful about arranging it for me.
- I had heard they had a good communication program so that’s why I chose SFU.
- Health Sciences Faculty: I aspire to get into nursing
- Great place to be - good crim prog. - convenient location - lots of distance Ed classes
- Because it’s either you go to UBC or sfu. But sfu has my major while UBC dont
- offers the course i wanted
- It offered more linguistics courses than capilano university (which is the closest university to my house)
- Best Visual Arts Program I saw out there.
- The high reputation of the school, as well as it being one of the schools that has professional programs to train and certify teachers.
- for their PDP program
- Because the PDP program is shorter than at UVic.
- I chose SFU because I heard it had a good International Studies program. Also because it is my the ocean and mountains and I love the rain.
- SIAT interested me
- It is a reputable school with a good psychology program. SFU give students more freedom in course selection; there are three semesters, and students can choose their pace.
- I chose SFU because I’m interested in education and you have a great PDP program.
- it has the program i need to be succeed
- It was close to my home and I heard it had a good psychology program.
- I wanted to major in Actuarial Science and SFU was the only Canadian university that offered it. I have now transferred into Business though.
- -Its proximity to my place of residence. -It’s academic programs.
- Because SFU is one of two famous Universities in Vancouver, and also it provide the Second degree program for me.
- Health Sciences Program
- because of the school of criminogy as I am persuing my crim degree
- close to home, had the courses I was looking for.
- High ranking in survey 2) Excellent engineering program 3) Vancouver
- Close, accessible, offered courses that I was interested in.
- SFU had a good reputation and I was interested in SIAT program it offered
- They’re well known as a good school for the sciences, my major.
- Came to be on the track team and love bc. Heard awesome things about this school.

Location
- family members have gone here, close to my house, well respected school, good economic teachers too.
- close to my home
- Proximity to home. Scholarships given. Co-op preeminence.
- Good Scholarship offer, good location.
- close to home
- Location.
- because it’s more close to my home than ubc
- Location, coop program
- It was convenient - I have lived in the Lower Mainland most of my life. I also was interested in the co-op program here.
- Close to where I live, and i was very interested in the molecular biology and biochemistry major
- I chose SFU because it has programs I’m an interested in and I was interested in living on the west coast.
• Closer to home than UBC.
• Close to home, it’s a university, and did not get into ubc
• Close to home, Friends were there, got entrance scholarship,
• Closer to home than UBC. and enterance scholarship was offered.
• It’s a recognised institution, plus the commute is not that bad,
• The name is more recognizable than my college degree. UBC is too far for me to commute.
• It is closer to home.
• Proximity to Vancouver, focus on liberal arts, easier enrollment requirements (vs. UBC).
• Location and proximity to leisure as well as strong business school
• logistical purposes, it was a good school, and close to where i live
• because it’s closest from nvan
• cuz sfu is near my house! plus it has smaller class for studying.
• The school offered an acclaimed varsity woman’s soccer program and a very good academic
[undergraduate] reputation. Location (Vancouver) was also considered.
• SFU is the closest university and offered the most scholarship type money to me.
• Because it was the closest establish university to my home (in Langley) and because I was initially
offered more in an entrance scholarship for academic achievement.
• After getting a Diploma of Technical studies from BCIT and subsequently losing my job with the
economic downturn, I took advantage of the mature student entry. Since I was applying a little
late, SFU was my only local option, though with the programs available here I will be looking to
complete my degree here.
• I chose SFU, as I heard it had the best program in BC for Kinesiology and it was much closer to
my home versus UBC.
• The International Studies program was of interest to me, and managed to have all the academic
areas that I was looking for. Also, SFU is situated in Vancouver which, although I’m not from here,
I love.
• I heard they had a good education program and eventually i want to go into teaching. Also they
were fairly close to home, offered me a decent scholarship and the campus wasn’t TOO big!
• I chose SFU because it was close to my home, I seemed to like the campus and the school also
had the faculty I am interested in.
• It offered a program that i felt was just right for me. Also because its very close to home.
• close to house
• Heard it had a good business and computer science program as well as the campus being
relatively close.
• While I was preparing myself to come to canada, I did lots of researches about all the Canadian
Universities and I found that SFU is known as one of the best Universities is my field [Computer
Science]. While reading about SFU I found that I love Vancouver and SFU environment makes it
the place I like to be in.
• one of the top universities in BC and it was easy to travel to using transit.
• vacinity, was close enough to home but far enough to have my own space
• Good linguistics program, flexible schedule, location
• Close to home and my parents wanted me to go to university
• Although I was accepted by UBC, I chose SFU because it’s campus was much closer than UBC. In
retrospect, I regret my decision, as UBC is now much more appealing. I am hoping to transfer to
UBC as soon as I can.
• Best computing science program. Close to my home.
• It is close to home, and as I trasfered from a college, I was able to transfer the most amount of
credits to SFU as opposed to other universities, makeing the length of my undergraduation
degree as short as possible.
• actually iam international student and i wanna complete my study in abroad and then somebody suggest that SFU university is very good and thats why i apply there
• located near by - recommended by family - received Summit Scholarship
• Because it’s closer than UBC
• Close to home (short commuting time), more comprehensive
• Location and education program
• I initially attended the Surrey campus and it was very conveniently located close to my home. The first year Explorations program allowed me to attend post-secondary without knowing what I had in store for myself and helped me find what I wanted to be here for. I had also heard great things about SFU.
• Close to home
• It is easy to get there from my house by public transport. My dad is a full-time staff member so I get a full tuition waiver. I was granted a larger scholarship than UBC offered me. I had heard good things about the first-year experience and helpful services.
• It is close to my home, and SFU’s reputation regarding BBA’s is very good among those I have talked to in industry.
• Because it was convenient to where i live. I also grew up at sfu at the daycare centre so I felt at home.
• Scholarship, location of Vancouver, Bamfield courses
• I choose to attend SFU because of the location and my grades.
• It was local and had the programs that I was interested in. Also my grandfather was the first Dean of Sciences, which is kind of cool.
• location
• closer to home
• Good credibility as a university with diverse programs. Accessible by bus and includes U-Pass.
• Full facilities with several recreational clubs.
• close to home
• It has a good reputation for academics, and it’s only 20 minutes from my house.
• Close to home, great Arts program, heard great things about it.
• It was close to my house and I had all of the prerequisites.
• I chose it because I wanted a warmer climate and i didnt want to goto ubc
• Simon Fraser University was closest to home. By going to SFU, I am able to live home and commute on a daily basis. Also, I have heard great improvements [recent years] before coming to SFU. Two years later, these stories appear to be true as I watch the new Health Science building develop [as well as under development new Chemistry building].
• Close to my home and the degree that I was interested in was offered.
• It was very close to me, i would of preferred ubc or uvic but it was too expensive. I just wanted to be able to get away and this was the furthest i could afford
• There’s three campus’ for me to choose from. Also, it is also close to home compared to the distance travelled for UBC.
• It was much closer to my house than UBC and my friends and sister also went to SFU.
• Costs less to live in Burnaby than around UBC. Also, SFU seemed to have a great environmental science program [I was attracted first by the master’s degree of Resource and Environmental Management]
• it is close to where i live
• Close campus, smaller classes.
• unique program in Canada (BSc in HSCI), location (Vancouver, plus removed from city), scholarships
• Close to home - new health sciences program
• Convenience of SFU Surrey for living in Langley and commuting to school. Also the Explorations program. Also, a scholarship.
• I wanted to study Environmental Science, and as far as I could see SFU has the best program for that. Also it is fairly close to home so I wouldn’t have to spend money on living in residence.
• My two choices of schools were SFU or UBC. I ended up choosing SFU because I wanted to go to SFU surrey, which is conviently close to my house, and transiting up to burnaby isn’t as bad as going all the way to UBC. The school is well known, and I could get my Bsc from here.
• good program for what I want to become - French immersion elementary school teacher, also close to home.
• I chose SFU because of the natural setting of the Burnaby Campus (I am from Vancouver Island), the accessibility of the Harbour Centre campus to Skytrain and just an overall impression of it being a very progressive and forward thinking university.
• Closest to home.
• Closer commute and lower fees than UBC.
• My wife works near SFU, so when we moved from Victoria, it was a great fit.
• From a financial perspective, I do not have the resources to study outside of BC without incurring massive debt. As my educational fund stands right now, I am only capable of studying within B.C., and living at home without the cost of food or residence is a plus. My grades were also not good enough to get into UBC in my first year. As of right now, I’m applying for the second time to SFU’s film program, which if accepted will be me incentive to stay. Otherwise, I am willing to try other options, like reapplying at UBC for film studies there.
• Close location
• -got accepted -good reputation -somewhat easy to get to [from home]
• it’s close, and offers the program I want. also it’s a good school with a good reputation.
• It was within traveling distance of my current location, and I knew it was a school with a strong criminology program, which is what I am majoring in.
• it was the only local university that accepted me
• Commute was easier than to UBC.
• Close to home.
• It offered a Communication program when UBC didn’t and I couldn’t afford to move away from home to go to McGill or Ryerson.
• Close to home, has the graduate program I want to get into. Needed 3rd and 4th year courses and couldn’t stay at College for them
• it’s close to home
• I chose SFU because the Surrey campus offered smaller class sizes and Science Year One looked like a good program for me to decide what area of Science I wanted to continue on with. Also, the Surrey campus is close to home.
• I love BC and Vancouver and heard great things about SFU and thought it looked like a fun and friendly place to go.
• It was closer to my house and SFU had offered me a full scholarship.
• It had the most selection for classes in the field I wanted to major in , and I could still reach the campus using mostly public transit. The university nearest my home did not have much in the way of choice for completing my undergrad degree.
• Closest University to home.
• close to home - heard it had a Great PDP program for my later studies - school I have wanted to go to Since the beginning of Highschool - Affordable for university
• To stay close to home and get a post secondary education.
• shortest commute for the program that I wanted
• Much closer than UBC and has great Arts program.
i heard it was great for teaching programs and it was a much shorter commute than my other option, UBC.
SFU is only 15 minutes away from my house.
It’s pretty convenient in terms of the commute. It offers PDP and I have heard some good things about the program since I am thinking of heading in that direction.
SFU is close to home.
I actually initially applied for UBC after completing the IB program in highschool, but could not get admitted. Consequently, SFU was the next best choice. It was also closer to my home in Surrey, so it became a selection of convenience.
Convenient location and has a good business program.
I chose SFU because I wanted to get away from home and didn’t want to be around my entire graduating class at UFV. I also thought the history courses looked interesting and I knew my grades weren’t quite high enough to qualify for UBC.
ubc and uvic were too far from home. Also sfu will join the NCAA
Close to home.
SFU located in Vancouver, which is a city I like so much. SFU is one of the Canada’s top Comprehensive Universities.
heard good things about the school and its close to home
cost rating location
it had a new health sciences faculty i was interested in and SFU is close to my home
It’s close to where I live, and I always liked SFU better than UBC for some reason
Close to home and free tuition
Good reputation, close to home, moderate entrance requirements
Proximity to home and good selection of programs.
Close to home; friends were here; supposedly had a good engineering program
it is close to my house.
Reputation. My sister graduated from here so she was able to show me the ropes. I received a scholarship. It was closer to my house than UBC. Especially SFU surrey =] I like the fact all the buildings are connected and you can get from one end to the other almost without getting wet! The community and support. I like the volunteering opportunities.
I heard how diverse the student body is at SFU. In addition it was close to home yet still had a multitude of classes for me to look at.
Location, Money from Scholarships, what I heard from friends and family.
Close to home
close to home
Because it’s closer to home (than ubc) and because I was offered a larger entrance scholarship by sfu.
close to home
It is close to home and I have heard good things about the school
It was the closest school to where I live that offered a degree in the program I wished to take (English BA)
SFU offered a great scholarship to me at the time. In addition, it was a closer commute from Surrey than UBC would have been.
-close to home -good reputation -had the program I wanted
close to home
It was close to home and it was a real university.
The campus is closer to my home and I heard the business program is very good
Because it is one of the best university in BC. Another main reason is because it is close to my home.
I transferred from Douglas Criminology program to SFU partially because I heard that SFU’s program was excellent. Other deciding factors was location and a more engaging campus life. I live up north, and am in the AHCOTE program, which requires us to be SFU students. Closer to where I lived. Has crim department which others did not. Location, atmosphere, and reputation of the university. Close to home no commute, SFU surrey is 10 minutes away from my home .. SFU surrey is a beautiful campus, meanwhile comparable to most top universities close to home, good university. It is close to family, less intimidating than UBC, and residence is cheaper than at UVIC. Location and advise/reputation from teachers. It’s an international study opportunity for us undergraduates. SFU is famous for its computing science major. Also, Vancouver is a beautiful city. Location is close to home, also had the program I was interested in. Because it was close to my home and offered a wide range of course with a good reputation. It is a well-known university that is fairly close to home. close to home. Closer to home. Proximity of campus. -Closer to home -greater Scholarship awarded -bba program is Known to be good. Locations around metro vancouver. It was preferential in terms of weather and climate; I’d heard good things about the school and it’s quality of education. And I didn’t want to winter in Manitoba. I chose SFU because it was convenient for me to live here and study. It offered bachelors of sciences degrees and continuing studies in the science and researching fields. My siblings have studied here as well, and it was comforting knowing that family have studied under the same professors. The campus is closer to my home and they offered me a larger scholarship amount than my other university options. I transferred from UVic after my 2nd year because SFU was close to my parents house and I would not have to pay for rent. It is the closest University to my home. Close to home. because along with UBC, they are the only 2 major universities in vancouver. it is very close to my current residence close to home. It has a very good Computer Science program and I live about 10 minutes away. one of my high school teachers told me sfu had a good psychology program. it is also close to home. Close to my home and some of my friends are going to SFU. Closer to home than UBC Entrance Scholarship Prestigious Business Faculty. I had heard positive mention of it and interesting interviews with proffs on CBC. I wanted to experience life on the opposite coast to where I’m from and wanted a university that was academically stong and recognized but not pushing certain conventions, like UBC. Location. my family lived in vancouver and i ran out of money while living on my own when going to the university of toronto. SFU is closer to where I live , and the program I’m interested are only offer in SFU, SIAT. Closer to home than UBC Excellent business program Tri-mester system allows me to take full courses in summer.
The Kinesiology program, and the proximity to my home.
Close to home
1. got admitted by sfu before ubc 2. close to home 3. most high school friends are going to sfu
because it was the closest and most reputable university to where i live with. Also my sister
attended this school.
I wanted to experience the atmosphere of North American university, which many of Asian
universites regards as a role model
I was awarded an entrance scholarship and it was the furthest university I could go to from home.
I attended the orientation in October and liked SFU very much. Also, it's close from home.
Close to home.
I like the weather in Vancouver. Also, the environment in SFU is great I think.
It's because I had book reward and SFU is closest school from my home
want to study in Vancouver and I like the courses here
It was on the West Coast and my best friend was attending SFU on an entrance scholarship. SFU
would accept my scholarships, and I wanted to move from Ottawa to be closer to my best friend.
Scholarship, closeness to home, class size, MacLeans rating
close to home
It is close to home, and the commute is not long. The business faculty at SFU is highly regarded
and is the best [as I think] in this area. And that the faculty I am in.
Because it is both local and has very good linguistics and French departments and I got an
entrance scholarship
close to my house
Close to home
SFU was in a convenient location for me. Also, it had a good reputation for its business program.
The locality of the university from my home. I wasn’t ready to go abroad when I wasn’t sure what
I wanted to pursue.
I chose SFU for my studies because I thought that it was a well known institution for my major,
International Studies. I liked that the campus was smaller and thought it would be more
community like, compared to big universities such as UBC. I also wanted to attend post
secondary away from home in a big city like Vancouver. I’m originally from Calgary and going out
East seemed just way too far and Vancouver seemed very appealing.
Close to home. Well-known for their PDP program. I didn’t want to go to UBC because it has a
’snotty’ reputation.
close to home; familiar with the campus
I live near to the school. [Coquitlam]
It had the co op program for business and computer science and it was the closest to my house
It was closer to home than UBC. I wanted to save on travel time since I don’t want to live on
residence.
Commuting distance, cheaper education
Closer to home
1. Close to where I live 2. It has a great criminology program 3. Has a good reputation
Location. It is 10 minutes away.
Being a member of the BA Health Science Faculty I was able to address both my interests that
being the arts, learning to help people within the health system. And I wanted to stay in BC
Close to home and I liked the area.
The program i wanted wasn’t available in my home province [contemporary dance fpa]. I didn’t
want to move out east so I had to choose between Calgary or Vancouver. I thought if I have to
move away I’m as well really move!!!!
• I am currently a criminology student who has transferred from Douglas College; SFU has a transfer program and being that SFU is within travelling distance and has a great crim department it was my decision to attend SFU.
• Because of the downtown campus and it’s smaller than UBC
• close to home, good reputation, offered program I was interested in, criminology
• Many of the courses I was interested in was offered at SFU. While I haven’t had time to select a computer programming/computer graphics course yet, it’s on the list of subjects I want to attend. The transportation to the three different campus locations was also easier for me to use.
• I am interested in Actuarial Science, and there are few schools that offer it. I chose SFU for the Actuarial Science program, and because they have a good scholarship program. I also was drawn to the B.C. climate (I’m from Saskatchewan).
• Closest location for a Post secondary institute
• Closer to home; better program for computing science than UBC; not accepted for first choice of program at UBC; higher scholarship offer.
• To get the hell away from my parents who live in Ottawa. Also, free tuition was a large incentive.
• Close to home, had a great course that I needed to take, and also because SFU offered a higher scholarship.
• It is located in a pretty nice city. And the education system here attracted me, especially the popular and fabulous undergraduate courses.
• It is a top university in Canada and close to home.
• Close to home  Good reputation
• Wanted to go straight to university, and was .1% under the UBC cut off. Close, convenient.
• One of the reason was that attending SFU would get me out of Richmond, where I’ve lived for 6 years. Another one being that SFU has it’s reputation of business faculty and since it’s the faculty that I had wanted to go in, SFU was the first choice on the list.
• I chose SFU because its a close location to my house. I didn’t know what I wanted to do, but, I heard that they had a good arts and social science program.
• Initially, because they offered me a scholarship, and it was closer to home than my other choice of UVIC. I realize now that I made a good choice because the program I am in is very extensive and had a multitude of interesting classes to choose from.
• It has the program I want and BC is closest to home for me.
• I wanted to be in Vancouver for my post-secondary studies and I liked the location and campus of SFU moreso than UBC. I found UBC to be too large and confusing.
• It is convenient...... I mean I can still live at home and save a lot of money. And also I get enrolled in Business which is a very good program.
• because I don’t want to leave vancouver
• Location, I lived in Burnaby and UBC was too far and did not offer CRIM.
• I chose SFU for its film program, wanting a mixture of practical work and theory. I was also interested in going to school outside of Ontario, where I’m from originally.
• Minimized transportation time - Comparatively, offered a better entrance Scholarship
• Local -Its close to my house and I adore that it is on a mountain.
• close to home
• It’s one of the top universities in BC, it’s close to my home.
• I had an entrance scholarship to the university and it is within commuting distance from my home.
• SFU is close to home.
• I’m on exchange from Copenhagen Business School, and when I had to choose where I wanted to go, Canada and SFU was my first priority. I’ve always wanted to see British Columbia, and when I researched SFU it seemed like a natural choice for me to go here. The exchange business programme is so good, and I had only heard good things about it from previous exchange
students! So far, my experiences have also only been good. The course levels are impressive, and as an exchange student I’ve had the best welcome. I got to choose exactly the courses I wanted [some of them, I can’t even get at home], and the International Office is very, very helpful. Apart from that, the student environment and residence life are great - and I love it here already!

- To try the interdisciplinary arts program and to move to BC.
- I applied to SFU and Kwantlen because those were the two universities that were within the greater Vancouver area and accepting applications for Fall09 term up until the end of May. Other universities closed their application deadline in February and it was April when I applied. I chose SFU over Kwantlen because of its reputation and I knew other students who were attending SFU.
- It is easily accessible by sky train. It has courses that, once taken, should allow me to get into the PDP program, hopefully next year.
- SFU is very famous in Van, and i love business !!!!!!!!
- Geographic location was the main factor: I live in Burnaby, which makes SFU a convenient choice. The campus itself also played a role. SFU is small enough to walk from one end to the other.
- free tuition - parent works there, also, way way closer than ubc. can’t pay for housing at ubc
- SFU is the only university which has communication study in BC. And it’s close to my apartment.
- I got a scholarship and it was closer than UBC.
- It is located in BC which is a beautiful place. There are some programs or course which I can not study in other university.
- I chose SFU because it seemed to be a university with good teaching methods and smaller classes. I also came to SFU for the smaller size as I am from Edmonton, and did not want to live in a larger city and go to a larger university.
- I chose SFU since it is close to where I live and work. Also, SFU’s application deadline for fall term was longer than UBC’s.
- I started in Sciences. SFU Surrey was close to my home so I entered in Science One.
- Because it’s a great university and its close to home.
- i thought it would be a leftist university that was within the lower mainland.
- UBC does not have a criminology program. SFU is known for their crim program. SFU would take less time to get to.
- Location to my home and daycare.
- It was between SFU and UBC, they are both the most amazing schools ever, but I chose SFU because it seemed more relaxed and homey, also it is closer to my house.
- It is a convenient school. My sibling as well as many friends go there. It just sort of worked out that way.
- Because of location and there are only basically only two universities in BC.
- I live with my parents in Burnaby. Its close.
- Location and cost
- Live close to campus
- location to my home 2) course offerings are more flexible - different campuses, distance ed, etc.
- Class sizes, close to home, personal choice. Getting a good education from a good university.
- This is because it is more near to where I live. Also my major, computing science I’m taking is better in SFU than elsewhere
- I didn’t have any particular reason: I was choosing between UBC and SFU, and somehow decided to apply to SFU. I have a lot of friends there, my sister is studying there and I used to live on campus (I like the campus on mountain, plus the fact that there are two more campuses and on of them is in Downtown). Plus, I like social life in SFU: a lot of different clubs and student unions.
- SFU has a well-known academic repute;I like Vancouver;SFU offers me $4500 entrance scholarship.
- I chose to go to SFU because it was closer to my extended families house. This allowed me to live with them while going to school and it helped reduce costs
- It was close to home and the Education department is renowned for its professors.
- Combination of Location and reputation
- Because it is near my house and SFU Business is quite well known.
- close to home, good class choices, parents attended
- It had the program I wanted and was close to my house.
- Closest to home, easy for transportation
- Closer to my house
- close to home
- For its location and the business administration program.
- close to my house
- The coop program provide a huge variety of job postings. Also, its closer to home.
- close to home good pysch/communications programs
- the only one in the area that met my needs. And was supported by my employer
- I didn’t want to go to Douglas College and this was the next closest place.
- It’s the closest to my house, and since my Dad used to teach at SFU, I get free tuition.
- Because its close to my house
- It’s better than my second choice (which is abroad) and I heard in Canada, it has the highest standards for the School of Communication.
- Convenience of location (ie. nearness to home), reputable PDP which I ultimately aim to finish my time at SFU with.
- Closest university to my home, I’m comfortable at SFU
- closer to home
- It is close to where I live, and has a good business program [co-op, exchanges, etc]. SFU also has a really good wrestling varsity team as well.
- English Good reputation in business I get support from home country [not in US] Close to good skiing
- Sfu has a good reputation, offered the courses I wanted, had a campus close to home [Surrey], and offered the most amount of scholarship money
- I live in Vancouver and SFU has a Criminology program; whereas, UBC does not
- Close to home.
- close to home
- It was close to home [I live in Port Coquitlam].
- It was close to home and had the program I wanted, (ie, PDP and BGS).
- Close to home, liked atmosphere of SFU
- Close to home
- I’m an international student, and I decided to come to SFU because of its location (on a mountain in Vancouver), and because I got a full scholarship.
- I needed to get a post-secondary degree and I was not in a position to travel. Thus UBC and SFU were my only two choices. My marks were not high enough for UBC so here I am
- I live closest to SFU.
- It is close to where I live and I won a scholarship back in high school.
- Closer to home.
- amongst the other schools I applied, SFU was the closest and most convenient
- Proximity and I have always had liked SFU
- It had always been my plan to attend SFU. It appealed more to me than SFU, it’s reputation was less intimidating, in terms of size, and it is geographically a lot better for me to come to SFU
- Convenient location [campus is minutes away from my house], good reputation among lower mainland [maybe not quite up to par with UBC? But SFU is still a well-established university], and the entrance scholarship was a good incentive.
- location/price
I was accepted into the program I liked, after listening to presentations at my high school. SFU's advisors have always been very helpful and professional. In addition to that, SFU was close to the place I lived.

I wanted to stay close to home for my first year university, and I was interested in the faculty of Health Sciences.

Thought it would be easier than UBC. Closer to home [SFU Surrey]. Best friend recommended.

Because it was the closest university to my home.

It was closer to my home, and travelling there is not as much of a hassle. It has all the courses I require to meet the specifics for the job I wish to aquire.

it was the closest to home and I did not want to commute very far as it is not very productive

SFU is close to where I reside. Also, it has reputation-able Computing Science studies which allowed me to choose SFU.

Closest university to my home in maple ridge, had the program, mechatronics engineering, that I was most interested in. I originally went to Burnaby campus because of its great location, who doesn’t want to learn on top of a mountain right. Had a pretty great experience up there last year. SFU Surrey, although aesthetically appealing doesn't have a ton going for it yet. Its alright, but I'm definately thinking about looking into taking some of my courses at burnaby next semester if I can.

There seemed to be no difference between the same program offered at UBC. Since SFU was a closer commute for me, I chose SFU.

I chose SFU because it was the top university in the field of study that I wish to pursue [nanochemistry]. It was also the closest to my home and I was offered an entrance scholarship.

not too far of a commute

SFU is very close to home, therefore I would not have to live on residence, it offers the courses that I require to get the degree I want and its a well recognized post-secondary institution.

closer to home

because it was accessible via transit and had a good reputation.

convenient location

SFU is one of the prestigious post secondary institutions in BC; the Surrey campus is in a very convenient location.

Location, entrance scholarship, more flexible in comparison to UBC in terms of scheduling

I choose SFU as it is the closest university to me, I am somewhat familiar with the campus after volunteering with the summer camp, it is the school my closest friend graduated from and most importantly offers the program that I want to complete.

My dad works at sfu so I get free tuition, also it’s very close to my house and is very convenient.

close to home, great kines program, awesome co-op program

It was close to where I live and it has the program that I wanted to major in.

I wanted to study in British Columbia and I was offered an entrance scholarship [Shrum]. I was offered scholarships at other schools, but decided I wanted to attend a smaller university for my undergrad. I was interested in the French Cohort Program.

my two choices for University Transfer from Cap were UBC or SFU and my decision was threefold: 1) Commuting time to SFU was shorter than to UBC; 2) I will be applying for PDP and the teaching program at SFU was said to be superior to that of UBC 3) after such a positive experience at Cap with a small professor to student ratio, I was wanting to attend a smaller university to continue to get the most personal attention and guidance from professors that I could.

close to home

It was closer to my place of residence. I didn’t want to travel long distances to school.

Compare to UBC, smaller campus of SFU means the smaller and closer community between other students. All other campuses of SFU can be used with public transportation (except one or
few very snowy day). Within the campus, even it is raining, you don’t need to use an umbrella
everytime. Once you are at the school, you are okay from the weather!!!

- Before deciding upon entering Communication school, I fancied going to UBC to major in English
Literature or Language. Since I had a long time ambition of writing to support my living,
Communications turned out to be the most practical solution and the best entry field into the
world of publishing and journalism... Also I live in Downtown, very close to hastings, so I’m close
to 135, and i’m very close to harbour centre
- I wanted to stay in Vancouver, and it provided the best teachers and material for my choice of
major: International studies. In addition, it has a downtown campus, which cuts down on transit
time.
- Because i live closer to SFU
- commutable location
- Close to home and reputable.
- because it’s one of the most famous university in Vancouver that doing great at business major.
- It’s closer to home.
- close to home, and has a very good academic standing throughout canada. the closeness to home
was a clincher over ubc definately.
- It’s close enough to home to commute, and I received a scholarship.
- Closer to home
- I chose SFU for my studies because it was close enough that I could commute, I liked the look of
the Visual Arts program and the Burnaby campus had a very nice atmosphere. The PDP program
also has a great reputation and as I am interested in pursuing a teachers degree after I have
completed my fine arts degree SFU seemed like a great place to begin.
- It was a close commute from home Liked the idea of having smaller tutorials along with big
lectures able to get a nice and convenient class schedule
- Its much closer to my house, than UBC, and also it said to have good scinece one program
first of all, Sfu had the program that i am interested in and close to my house.
- SFU was closer to home than UBC was and they also had a criminology program
- It was the only school in the lower mainland with a Communications Department and I wanted to
major in Communications. Also, it was close to home.
- Accessibility by transit from my home
- closest university to home
- I liked the program options, the location, and the services offered like co-op
- Didn’t get into UBC Vancouver. Didn’t want to go to the Okanagan. UVic was too far.
- near home better teaching staf
- Because it is close to home and offers all of the programs that I want/need to take.
- Close to Home, has the program I wanted.
- I had heard good things about it’s sociology program, and it was in the Lower mainland.
- It is the closest university to my house.
- it was closer to home and i was in the program i wanted.
- I want to go into marine biology and SFU was the closest bamfield member university to me. It
allowed me to do the prerequisites for the courses at Bamfield while livinge at home. Also, I am
in a serious relationship and I did not want to move even father away from my boyfriend, who
already lives 70 km away.
- Close location to my house, with a good reputation and a strong faculty of Computing Science
- Archaeology, and it’s close
- It was close to home.
- location
- It had lots of programs that I am interested in and I wanted to go to school close to home.
- It was close to home.
- SFU was well known and it was close to my residence
- It is a great complex university in Canada
- Location and reputation
- It was close to home, while still providing quality compared to my other options.
- It was close to my home and they had a good teaching program (PDP)
- Location and rent prices compared to UBC
- It is a close distance from home and the business programs offered are pretty famous. In addition, they provided more entrance scholarships compared to few other universities.
- Proximity to where I live and because it’s a recognized school across Canada and beyond
- I live closest to SFU. It offers the programs that I’m interested in studying.
- I chose SFU because I live relatively close. It takes about 20 - 30 minutes to get there by bus.
- I chose SFU for my studies as it was closer to home as well as I had been told by many people that SFU is a great school. There is more opportunities for hands-on experiences and a chance for all students to get involved in their school!
- close to home easy access with 2 campuses
- I thought that it was one of the best post secondary schools in the lower mainland
- Because of its reputation among all of the Canadian schools, and it’s location (close to Vancouver, but also located quietly on the Burnaby Mountain)
- It was the closest university to my house.
- My brother graduated from SFU - close to home - entrance Scholarship - good Business program
- It was not as far as UBC and I had heard that the quality of education is the same as anywhere else.
- It was the local University that offered a Business Administration degree
- It is close by, I’ve lived on SFU before, and it’s one of the better schools to accept me.
- close to home - good academic programs
- close to home
- close to home
- close to home - Business Faculty recognized
- closer then ubc
- Higher learning than college, convenience factor.
- -The university is close to where I live. -It was the default choice. -I didn’t have the money or ambition to make a proper application to better schools.
- close to home
- Close to home, unique informatics program that caters to my interest
- I liked Vancouver as a city, and the size of SFU
- University closest to where I live.
- The school offered me many scholarships, and I loved the location. The application process was great, too.
- Its the only place that offers what I want while being driving distance from home.
- I liked the Criminology and Psychology program. Also campus is closer to my house and easier to commute too.
- close to home, good national and global reputation
- close to home
- Proximity to home - focus on humanities-tuition costs- excellent History Dept. faculty - nice campus
- It was closeby, liked the campus.
- I wanted a University degree from an institution that was close to home.
location. I live in Burnaby
I am studying in the school of interactive arts and technology (SIAT) and only SFU offered such a major, so I chose SFU. Also, I like its Surrey campus location. I can take sky-train to go there. I also like Burnaby campus. I always take some courses there every semester.
SFU was the university with the closest distance to my house. Also, I liked the interior design of SFU.
Location
Close to home, therefore saving money that I would have spent on housing. Also, SFU has a good reputation around the world.
It was closer than UBC to Coquitlam, where I live. I had volunteered with SFU Summer Camps and was familiar with the campus. I like the environment and the view on Burnaby Mountain. I had a piano teacher who was a student here. I like the way students can take electives from other faculties.
Live close to it. I like that the courses are a semester each (where as I think at UBC the programs are made so that courses extend over two semesters). Also I have some friends who go here.
Proximity Reputaition
Great place to be - good crim prog. - convenient location - lots of distance Ed classes
Because it’s either you go to UBC or sfu. But sfu has my major while UBC dont
It offered more linguistics courses than capilano university (which is the closest university to my house)
closest to home
I chose SFU because I heard it had a good International Studies program. Also because it is my the ocean and mountains and I love the rain.
Located close to home.
cuz its close to my house and there r 3 campus so i dun hav to stay in one campus
Close to home and not as snobby as UBC.
Very close to home, within 15 minutes
Close to home therefore no rent.
It was close to my home and I heard it had a good psychology program.
-Its proximity to my place of residence. -It’s academic programs.
Because SFU is one of two famous Universities in Vancouver, and also it provide the Second degree program for me.
close to home, had the courses I was looking for.
High ranking in survey 2) Excellent engineering program 3) Vancouver
Close, accessible, offered courses that I was interested in.
Convenience. I live 10 minutes from campus.
Came to be on the track team and love bc. Heard awesome things about this school.

Reputation/Quality of Education [General, Not Specific to a Program]
family members have gone here, close to my house, well respected school, good economic teachers too.
close to home, it’s a university, and did not get into ubc
IT’S a recognised institution, plus the commute is not that bad, The name is more recognizable than my college degree. UBC is too far for me to commute.
Because I wanted to complete for a Bachelors Degree at SFU, instead of BCIT.
logistical purposes, it was a good school, and close to where I live
SFU is one of the best schools in BC, Canada and even the world. To be able to attend such a prestigious institute is a very big deal for me.
• SFU compared to UBC: - is more innovative - is more open-minded - is very flexible in course selection - catered more to students - allowed students to take courses outside their faculty - had a tri-semester system - had a strong biochem faculty - newer and smaller - was considered at the time to be the “hippy” school - always finished in the top 10 university list in Canada
• The school offered an acclaimed varsity woman's soccer program and a very good academic (undergraduate) reputation. Location (Vancouver) was also considered.
• one of the top universities in BC and it was easy to travel to using transit.
• I wanted to go to a Recognised University!
• Excellent campus, more emphasis on students then the alternatives, and good reputation.
• I heard the academic level of excellence is high, there are lots of extracurricular activities to engage in, and the campus is beautiful.
• I initially attended the Surrey campus and it was very conveniently located close to my home. The first year Explorations program allowed me to attend post-secondary without knowing what I had in store for myself and helped me find what I wanted to be here for. I had also heard great things about SFU.
• to pursue a career in life
• I liked the reputation that SFU had. It quickly accepted my application.
• SFU has a wonderful reputation, also the teachers in the Health Science department are very good
• Good credibility as a university with diverse programs. Accessible by bus and includes U-Pass. Full facilities with several recreational clubs.
• SFU is famous in it’s research and comprehensiveness.
• It has a good reputation for academics, and it’s only 20 minutes from my house.
• Good school and social aspects
• -friends attending -well respected -family encouragement
• Their criminology program and [***** *****]. Coming from the same university as her definitely makes a difference.
• It has a good reputation of university quality life.
• It is the second best university in BC.
• My two choices of schools were SFU or UBC. I ended up choosing SFU because I wanted to go to SFU surrey, which is conviently close to my house, and transiting up to burnaby isn’t as bad as going all the way to UBC. The school is well known, and I could get my Bsc from here.
• Good undergraduate reports
• -got accepted -good reputation -somewhat easy to get to (from home)
• it’s close, and offers the program I want. also it’s a good school with a good reputation.
• I had heard SFU was a great school, and i enjoyed the programs it offered.
• The reputation of SFU is always good.
• I love BC and Vancouver and heard great things about SFU and thought it looked like a fun and friendly place to go.
• The prestige it gained over the past decades.
• To stay close to home and get a post secondary education.
• Simon Fraser offers a high quality of education that involves a great environment and a community. Simon Fraser also has smaller classes which allows the build of real friendships.
• SFU located in Vancouver, which is a city I like so much. SFU is one of the Canada’s top Comprehensive Universities.
• SFU is more famous
• Good reputation, close to home, moderate entrance requirements
• I have chosen SFU to be my studies because I believe is a very well known school that has many outstanding professors.
Reputation. My sister graduated from here so she was able to show me the ropes. I received a scholarship. It was closer to my house than UBC. Especially SFU surrey =] I like the fact all the buildings are connected and you can get from one end to the other almost without getting wet!

The community and support. I like the volunteering opportunities.

Honestly, I was accepted to UBC with scholarship, but the reason why I chose SFU is because SFU had very well-organized ESL class [FAL-X99], which I didn’t want to take but which is helping me a lot with my English. Also, SFU’s great reputations were the other reasons.

It is close to home and I have heard good things about the school
- close to home - good reputation - had the program I wanted
- It was close to home and it was a real university.
- Because of the good courses that was offered by the faculty and because of its good reputation of student involvement
- Seemed like a respectable university across North America.
- Because it is one of the best universities in BC. Another main reason is because it is close to my home.
- I wasn’t accepted into UBC and capilano college wasn’t a university at the time.
- I choose SFU, because this is a high-leveled university.
- Location, atmosphere, and reputation of the university.
- close to home, good university
- I chose SFU because it was highly recommended by my parents and friends. Also I was told that it’s one of the best universities in BC.
- Admission, Kinesiology, reputation
- Because it was close to my home and offered a wide range of course with a good reputation.
- It is a well-known university that is fairly close to home.
- I have heard that it is a great university with a great environment for learning.
- Because I didn’t want to attend UBC. UBC seems to have a reputation of being a fraternity/sorority-type institution that is very much focused around sciences and research. SFU on the other hand has a more liberal, less conservative reputation amongst my generation and that is exactly what I was looking for in an institution.
- It was preferential in terms of weather and climate; I’d heard good things about the school and it’s quality of education. And I didn’t want to winter in Manitoba.
- I wanted to study at a University and not a College. I also did not think my GPA was high enough to get into UBC at the time.
- I had heard positive mention of it and interesting interviews with proffs on CBC. I wanted to experience life on the opposite coast to where I’m from and wanted a university that was academically strong and recognized but not pushing certain conventions, like UBC
- [***** *****]. I found him referenced many times in books I was reading. I made an appointment to meet him when I learned he was in Vancouver and instantly enrolled in school.
- Good reputation
- because it was the closest and most reputable university to where I live with. Also my sister attended this school.
- Very good school. Reputation. Option of doing a Degree in my field.
- It’s a good school, good reputation.
- The rating of the University, the programs it offered.
- SFU is the place I wanted to come since ages ago.
- Scholarship, closeness to home, class size, MacLeans rating
- I believe it to be an institution of great merit, supporting my own moral standards. It offers great opportunities for engaging learning, and the courses offered contain great material and inspiring tutors.
- The University ranking of SFU is good
• I picked SFU because it seems like a good school with a high status. Also SFU is credited for having a good arts program therefore i decided to go to SFU instead of UBC
• One of the most well known post-secondary schools in BC.
• I chose SFU because it has very good programs and the campus is not too big or too small so that I could interact with other students at campus.
  1.Close to where I live 2.It has a great criminology program 3.Has a good reputation
• because it one of the top universities in BC
• close to home, good reputation, offered program I was interested in, criminology
• I heard it was a great university to start post secondary life in.
• the co-op program and the reputation of the university
• It is a top university in Canada and close to home.
• Close to home Good reputation
• I chose SFU because it is a great school. However, the main factor in deciding between SFU and UBC was the fact that I was offered a greater scholarship to SFU.
• It’s one of the top universities in BC, it’s close to my home.
• I applied to SFU and Kwantlen because those were the two universities that were within the greater Vancouver area and accepting applications for Fall09 term up until the end of May. Other universities closed their application deadline in February and it was April when I applied. I chose SFU over Kwantlen because of its reputation and I knew other students who were attending SFU.
• Good reputation. Especially the Kinesiology program.
• I thought it would be a more progressive, radical school.
• For its reputation as a major university.
• Choose it because of the high standards in education especially for the kinesiology department.
• Because its a great university and its close to home.
• I thought it would be a leftist university that was within the lower mainland.
• SFU is a good university.
• one of the best universities in BC
• its reputation
• I chose SFU because I had the high school requirements to get in (that is, I had the right amount of classes that were acceptable). Also, I knew people who went to SFU and liked it.
• Class sizes, close to home, personal choice. Getting a good education from a good university.
• The campus had a good reputation and it was one of my best options
• because it is better than UBC and because my aunt, the only who has gone on to university in my family, went here
• Heard that it was an excellent school
• Excellent programs and professors
• SFU has a well-known academic repute;I like Vancouver;SFU offers me $4500 entrance scholarship.
• Combination of Location and reputation
• Because it is one of the best University in Canada, that offers strong social sci courses.
• It’s reputation among other universities and well designed study programs.
• Sfu has a good reputation, offered the courses I wanted, had a campus close to home (Surrey), and offered the most amount of scholarship money
• It is a very reputable institution. My sister and brother graduated from SFU.
• It had always been my plan to attend SFU. It appealed more to me than SFU, it’s reputation was less intimidating, in terms of size, and it is geographically a lot better for me to come to SFU
• Most of my highschool friends decide to come SFU after thier secondary school and I’ve heared SFU is one of high ranking university in BC.
• because of the history of this university and the amount of interesting i met when i came on campus earlier this year.
- Thought it would be easier than UBC. Closer to home (SFU Surrey). Best friend recommended.
- SFU is very close to home, therefore I would not have to live on residence, it offers the courses that I require to get the degree I want and its a well recognized post-secondary institution.
- because it was accessible via transit and had a good reputation.
- SFU is one of the prestigious post secondary institutions in BC; the Surrey campus is in a very convenient location.
- SFU offers various undergraduate programs, and has a high reputation for quality education. It is much easier to find a job with an undergrad degrees issued from SFU.
- Close to home and reputable.
- because it’s one of the most famous university in Vancouver that doing great at business major.
- close to home, and has a very good academic standing throughout canada. the closeness to home was a clincher over ubc definitely.
- its heard its a very good school
- Only SFU has actuarial science study and with good reputation in BC.
- find a job, 2) prestige
- near home better teaching staf
- beautiful campus, good science faculty reputation
- Close location to my house, with a good reputation and a strong faculty of Computing Science
- It had the program that I wanted and it is a good school with a good reputation.
- SFU was well known and it was close to my resisdence
- It is a great complex university in canada
- location and reputation
- Reputation; small environment
- It was close to home, while still providing quality compared to my other options.
- Proximity to where i live and because it’s a recognized school across canada and beyond
- I chose SFU for my studies as it was closer to home as well as I had been told by many people that SFU is a great school. There is more opportunities for hands-on experiences and a chance for all students to get involved in their school!
- I thought that it was one of the best post secondary schools in the lower mainland
- Because of its reputation among all of the Canadian schools, and it’s location (close to Vancouver, but also located quietly on the Burnaby Mountain)
- It was not as far as UBC and I had heard that the quality of education is the same as anywhere else.
- -close to home -good academic programs
- I chose SFU because had a good reputation in specific fields. It also offered the best program for a degree.
- Wanted to go into university (not a smaller college) and UBC seemed too big
- Extremely welcoming atmosphere--every single time I came here as a prospective student. Rigorous academics--much more so than at other universities I visited. Sense of community--everyone knew everyone else, faculty was interested in students’ points of view, etc. Scholarships--the impressive entrance scholarship program at SFU was a major drawing point.
- Higher learning than college, convenience factor.
- I wished to get a degree from a reputable institution. UBC was first on my list but I did not get accepted. UBC was first on my list because I’ve heard good things about UBC and bad things about SFU, also UBC was closer to where I lived.
- most famous university, and most usefull
- The professors are much more caring about students at SFU. Many more opportunities for undergrad research and coop.
close to home, good national and global reputation

Reputation

Close to home, therefore saving money that I would have spent on housing. Also, SFU has a good reputation around the world.

Proximity  Reputation

It has a good reputation and I wanted to be at a university with a good community feel.

The high reputation of the school, as well as it being one of the schools that has professional programs to train and certify teachers.

It is a reputable school with a good psychology program. SFU give students more freedom in course selection; there are three semesters, and students can choose their pace.

Cheaper than UBC but similar quality

Because SFU is one of two famous Universities in Vancouver, and also it provide the Second degree program for me.

High ranking in survey 2) Excellent engineering program 3) Vancouver

SFU had a good reputation and I was interested in SIAT program it offered

Campus Environment

I was impressed by the speakers who visted my highschool to talk about SFU. It seemed unqiue and the size or the school was perfect

I liked that it was smaller than UBC and secluded in nature. I also wanted somewhere that was politically aware and less money-grubbing than most universities. I felt SFU would have genuine individuals and not just drunk frosh losers. I liked the rejection of mainstream experiences like fraternities and greek life.

I wanted to go to a community-oriented, comprehensive university. SFU fit my needs perfectly.

cuz sfu is near my house! plus it has smaller class for studying.

I like the Burnaby campus environment

I heard they had a good education program and eventually i want to go into teaching. Also they were fairly close to home, offered me a decent scholarship and the campus wasn’t TOO big!

While I was preparing myself to come to canada, I did lots of researches about all the Canadian Universities and I found that SFU is known as one of the best Universities is my field [ Computer Science]. While reading about SFU I found that I love Vancouver and SFU environment makes it the place I like to be in.

it has good courses and also because it is very accommodating to international students.

Excellent campus, more emphasis on students then the alternatives, and good reputation.

The scene of SFU is excellent The people around here are so nice

I heard the academic level of excellence is high, there are lots of extracirricular activities to engage in, and the campus is beautiful.

Shrum scholarship offer. Smaller campus, smaller population. Residence

They had the program i was searching for [mechatronics], it is a great campus, and my sister went to SFU burnaby so i had some good pointers from her.

Because it was convenient to where i live. I also grew up at sfu at the daycare centre so I felt at home.

The Environment

it was smaller than UBC and was known for their business and geography faculties

Good credibility as a university with diverse programs. Accessible by bus and includes U-Pass. Full facilities with several recreational clubs.

I have heard that SFU provides better support to students [more student friendly]. For examples: gym, fitness centre etc. It gives student more chance to involve and that the burnaby campus is very concentrated and does not take whole lot time to commute from one room to another!

Good school and social aspects
• I chose it because I wanted a warmer climate and I didn’t want to go to UBC.

• Simon Fraser University was closest to home. By going to SFU, I am able to live home and commute on a daily basis. Also, I have heard great improvements [recent years] before coming to SFU. Two years later, these stories appear to be true as I watch the new Health Science building develop (as well as under development new Chemistry building).

• There’s three campuses for me to choose from. Also, it is also close to home compared to the distance travelled for UBC.

• I chose SFU for my studies because of the range in activities I can get involved in, the wide range of subjects I can take and the overall academic environment. I also feel like it is not as intimidating as UBC. I feel very comfortable here and have had a great experience so far as an undergrad.

• Close campus, smaller classes.

• I was told the Political Science department was more progressive than some other options, and I liked the idea of a comparatively smaller school.

• I chose SFU because of the natural setting of the Burnaby Campus (I am from Vancouver Island), the accessibility of the Harbour Centre campus to Skytrain and just an overall impression of it being a very progressive and forward-thinking university.

• It is a small university.

• I chose SFU because it was a smaller school than UBC, and I thought it would be easier to adapt to university life in a smaller school. Also, UBC was not sure they could offer me residence, and this was essential for me to go to school. That was the deciding factor. I also found it much easier to get information about SFU than it was for UBC. Also, my mother attended SFU and suggested I go here.

• I liked that the class sizes were smaller than UBC and the overall vibe that I got from SFU was very welcoming.

• Because there are too many Asians in UBC, I want more friends from different countries.

• I chose SFU because the Surrey campus offered smaller class sizes and Science Year One looked like a good program for me to decide what area of Science I wanted to continue on with. Also, the Surrey campus is close to home.

• I love BC and Vancouver and heard great things about SFU and thought it looked like a fun and friendly place to go.

• Not doing so well at Kwantlen plus I needed to transfer before I got too many credits. Doing better at SFU.

• Scholarship offer, friendly peers and faculty.

• Simon Fraser offers a high quality of education that involves a great environment and a community. Simon Fraser also has smaller classes which allows the build of real friendships.

• It’s close to where I live, and I always liked SFU better than UBC for some reason.

• Because there was a good criminology program and I could get the university experience with smaller class sizes.

• Reputation. My sister graduated from here so she was able to show me the ropes. I received a scholarship. It was closer to my house than UBC. Especially SFU Surrey =) I like the fact all the buildings are connected and you can get from one end to the other almost without getting wet! The community and support. I like the volunteering opportunities.

• I heard how diverse the student body is at SFU. In addition it was close to home yet still had a multitude of classes for me to look at.

• Because of the good courses that were offered by the faculty and because of its good reputation of student involvement.

• I transferred from Douglas Criminology program to SFU partially because I heard that SFU’s program was excellent. Other deciding factors was location and a more engaging campus life.
• I wasn’t enjoying UBC and I was moving so SFU was the next best option. There was also a program I was interested in at the time (International studies) and it wasn’t offered at UBC.
• Location, atmosphere, and reputation of the university.
• smaller campus than UBC offered larger scholarship than UBC
• no commute, SFU surrey is 10 minutes away from my home .. SFU surrey is a beautiful campus, meanwhile comparable to most top universities
• It is close to family, less intimidating than UBC, and residence is cheaper than at UVIC.
• I have heard that it is a great university with a great environment for learning.
• It doesn’t give any sense of isolation whether it is between students and students or students and professors
• Great archaeology program. Campus with great resources and facilities
• I had heard positive mention of it and interesting interviews with proffs on CBC. I wanted to experience life on the opposite coast to where I’m from and wanted a university that was academically stong and recognized but not pushing certain conventions, like UBC
• For the night and weekend program and for the possibility to study either downtown and in Burnaby
• People say the business program is the best at SFU. I think it is a great university to learn and expand my knowledge here. Friendly environment and nice people.
• I wanted to experience the atmosphere of North American university, which many of Asian universities regards as a role model
• They had space in rez available when UBC did not, along with comparable entrance scholarships. I also liked that it was a smaller university.
• I like the weather in Vancouver. Also, the environment in SFU is great I think.
• Scholarship, closeness to home, class size, MacLeans rating
• I chose SFU for my studies because I thought that it was a well known institution for my major, International Studies. I liked that the campus was smaller and thought it would be more community like, compared to big universities such as UBC. I also wanted to attend post secondary away from home in a big city like Vancouver. I’m originally from Calgary and going out East seemed just way too far and Vancouver seemed very appealing.
• Close to home. Well-known for their PDP program. I didn’t want to go to UBC because it has a ‘snotty’ reputation.
• close to home; familiar with the campus
• I chose SFU because it has very good programs and the campus is not too big or too small so that I could interact with other students at campus.
• Most practical in terms of what I wanted to study; business, I also chose SFU because of the modest size of the campus...not overwhelmingly big. Another merit was the coop program that I heard about.
• More flexibility then UBC (ex. in terms of concentrations for BBA), availability of evening classes, helpful admin staff, lots of variety of subjects and degrees to choose from.
• Because of the downtown campus and it’s smaller than UBC
• I was ready for a dramatic change, and decided to come here. The campus is very peaceful, too.
• SFU is a more progressive school and has a lot of progressive organizations/ student groups and programs. SFU is also the first university to have a women’s studies department in Canada.
• I didn’t wanted to live in a dorm [UBC] and SFU offered more entrance scholarship
• I wanted to be in Vancouver for my post-secondary studies and I liked the location and campus of SFU moreso than UBC. I found UBC to be too large and confusing.
• SFU has the best communications school in all of canada! Also, its on a mountain!
• Local -Its close to my house and I adore that it is on a mountain.
• I found the values of the university to be similar to my own. I also liked the fact that SFU had a personal touch in the sense that it provided many services to students entering university, which made it easier.

• I’m on exchange from Copenhagen Business School, and when I had to choose where I wanted to go, Canada and SFU was my first priority. I’ve always wanted to see British Columbia, and when I researched SFU it seemed like a natural choice for me to go here. The exchange business programme is so good, and I had only heard good things about it from previous exchange students! So far, my experiences have also only been good. The course levels are impressive, and as an exchange student I’ve had the best welcome. I got to choose exactly the courses I wanted [some of them, I can’t even get at home], and the International Office is very, very helpful. Apart from that, the student environment and residence life are great - and I love it here already!

• I visited the SFU Burnaby campus for a convention and fell in love with it. Also, the UBC campus is too big but I didn’t want to go to a small university/college and I decided SFU would be a perfect size for me.

• Geographic location was the main factor: I live in Burnaby, which makes SFU a convenient choice. The campus itself also played a role. SFU is small enough to walk from one end to the other.

• I chose SFU for my studies because they are well known for their Co-Op opportunities and also having a more interactive student body.

• I originally applied to UBC sciences, but ended up not getting accepted. Out of all the other universities in B.C., I thought SFU would provide me with the “big university experience” I was hoping for.

• The size of the school appealed to me over UBC and the fact it was on a mountain. The opportunity for scholarships was the biggest factor.

• I chose SFU because it seemed to be a university with good teaching methods and smaller classes. I also came to SFU for the smaller size as I am from Edmonton, and did not want to live in a larger city and go to a larger university.

• I was interested in the Health Science faculty and the SFU society seemed very welcoming. Also, I have heard great feedback from students that have attended their first year at SFU.

• It was between SFU and UBC, they are both the most amazing schools ever, but I chose SFU because it seemed more relaxed and homely, also it is closer to my house.

• Class sizes, close to home, personal choice. Getting a good education from a good university.

• I didn’t have any particular reason: I was choosing between UBC and SFU, and somehow decided to apply to SFU. I have a lot of friends there, my sister is studying there and I used to live on campus (I like the campus on mountain, plus the fact that there are two more campuses and on of them is in Downtown). Plus, I like social life in SFU: a lot of different clubs and student unions.

• Large enough university that offers programs I want, but not too big that I feel like a number.

• Lectures paired with tutorials. Most universities don’t have a tutorial group option. Also the culture and history of SFU. Compared to UBC, I know that the Political Science program is stronger, in course selection and the fact that there are tutorials.

• I didn’t want to go to Douglas College and this was the next closest place.

• Close to home, liked atmosphere of SFU.

• It had always been my plan to attend SFU. It appealed more to me than SFU, it’s reputation was less intimidating, in terms of size, and it is geographically a lot better for me to come to SFU.

• I was accepted into the program I liked, after listening to presentations at my high school. SFU’s advisors have always been very helpful and professional. In addition to that, SFU was close to the place I lived.

• Because of the history of this university and the amount of interesting I met when I came on campus earlier this year.

• Because it has a nice landscape [the hill] and SFU students have lots of freedom such as I can register for three classes rather than four per semester.
I choose SFU as it is the closest university to me, I am somewhat familiar with the campus after volunteering with the summer camp, it is the school my closest friend graduated from and most importantly offers the program that I want to complete.

I wanted to study in British Columbia and I was offered an entrance scholarship (Shrum). I was offered scholarships at other schools, but decided I wanted to attend a smaller university for my undergrad. I was interested in the French Cohort Program.

my two choices for University Transfer from Cap were UBC or SFU and my decision was threefold: 1) Commuting time to SFU was shorter than to UBC; 2) I will be applying for PDP and the teaching program at SFU was said to be superior to that of UBC 3) after such a positive experience at Cap with a small professor to student ratio, I was wanting to attend a smaller university to continue to get the most personal attention and guidance from professors that I could.

Compare to UBC, smaller campus of SFU means the smaller and closer community between other students. All other campuses of SFU can be used with public transportation (except one or few very snowy day). Within the campus, even it is raining, you don’t need to use an umbrella everyday. Once you are at the school, you are okay from the weather!!!

Because their English program was the best in BC and the campus is very cool

The course offerings were considered the standard for the application process for my BCRPA TFL status - I went to SFU straight out of high school because I loved the atmosphere and it was a natural choice to choose SFU again for after my degree for my health and fitness certificate

I chose SFU for my studies because it was close enough that I could commute, I liked the look of the Visual Arts program and the Burnaby campus had a very nice atmosphere. The PDP program also has a great reputation and as I am interested in pursuing a teachers degree after I have completed my fine arts degree SFU seemed like a great place to begin.

It was a close commute from home. Liked the idea of having smaller tutorials along with big lectures able to get a nice and convenient class schedule

I have always felt way more connected to SFU than any of the other universities in Vancouver. To me SFU felt very community oriented and treated their students and prospective students like a person not just another number

beautiful campus, good science faculty reputation

Reputation; small environment

I had visited the school as a guest and had loved the atmosphere of the campus. I felt it was its own remote community and I liked the secludedness of it.

I have a grudge against UBC

Classes sizes are smaller in comparison to UBC. SFU also offer more scholarship opportunities and bursaries.

I’m really interested in the program that was offered by SFU. I have also met students from SFU and I like the camaraderie.

close to home easy access with 2 campuses

Wanted to go into university (not a smaller college) and UBC seemed too big

Extremely welcoming atmosphere--every single time I came here as a prospective student. Rigorous academics--much more so than at other universities I visited. Sense of community--everyone knew everyone else, faculty was interested in students’ points of view, etc. Scholarships--the impressive entrance scholarship program at SFU was a major drawing point.

Ive been told in university fairs and by friends that it is a good arts program and for a mid sized university- a better transition from high school - not so overwhelming

I wanted to attend a smaller university after studying for three years at the University of Toronto. Close commute. Great reputation. Nice campus. Great PDP program. Very practical PDP program.
New Health Science Faculty, not available elsewhere. Smaller more connected campus. Never attended SFU before.

I liked Vancouver as a city, and the size of SFU

The professors are much more caring about students at SFU. Many more opportunities for undergrad research and coop.

Proximity to home - focus on humanities - tuition costs - excellent History Dept. faculty - nice campus

It was close by, liked the campus.

It listens to people

SFU was the university with the closest distance to my house. Also, I liked the interior design of SFU.

It was closer than UBC to Coquitlam, where I live. I had volunteered with SFU Summer Camps and was familiar with the campus. I like the environment and the view on Burnaby Mountain. I had a piano teacher who was a student here. I like the way students can take electives from other faculties.

Great place to be - good crim prog. - convenient location - lots of distance Ed classes

Because my relatives goes to this school and i heard a lot of good things about this university. Its so pretty too..

It has a good reputation and I wanted to be at a university with a good community feel.

I chose SFU because I heard it had a good International Studies program. Also because it is my the ocean and mountains and I love the rain.

cuz it's close to my house and there r 3 campus so i dun hav to stay in one campus

Close to home and not as snobby as UBC.

flexible course selecting system, small campus, coop experience

it’s a beautiful school and the competition is not so stiff

Scholarships/Lower Cost

The offer I received from SFU is more satisfactory than others.

Proximity to home. Scholarships given. Co-op preeminence.

Good Scholarship offer, good location.

I received an entrance scholarship and I heard it was the top university for students wanting to study Business. Also I was accepted into the Business Administration Program.

Since SFU has a good raputation for BBA program and tuition is not as expensive as UBC’s.

Close to home, Friends were there, got entrance scholarship,

Closer to home than UBC. and enterance scholarship was offered.

I chose SFU to study Mechatronic Systems Engineering. I also know that SFU is unique for its MSE because it is containing business education. SFU is also cheaper than some other, although I know that I will not be able to study next year because of my financial problems.

because my mom works here and i get tuition waiver

SFU is the closest university and offered the most scholarship type money to me.

Because it was the closest establish university to my home [in Langley] and because I was initially offered more in an entrance scholarship for academic achievement.

I heard they had a good education program and eventually i want to go into teaching. Also they were fairly close to home, offered me a decent scholarship and the campus wasn’t TOO big!

football scholarship

it was cheaper than UBC and they offer three semsters..

I was offered a scholarship.

located near by - recommended by family - received Summit Scholarship

Shrum scholarship offer. Smaller campus, smaller population. Residence
- It is easy to get there from my house by public transport. My dad is a full-time staff member so I get a full tuition waiver. I was granted a larger scholarship than UBC offered me. I had heard good things about the first-year experience and helpful services.
- Scholarship, location of Vancouver, Bamfield courses
- It was very close to me, I would have preferred UBC or UVic but it was too expensive. I just wanted to be able to get away and this was the furthest I could afford
- I was given a scholarship.
- unique program in Canada (BSc in HSCI), location (Vancouver, plus removed from city), scholarships
- Convenience of SFU Surrey for living in Langley and commuting to school. Also the Explorations program. Also, a scholarship.
- Received a Shrum scholarship here. SFU was also very quick in contacting me to offer me a spot (much faster than UBC).
- Closer commute and lower fees than UBC.
- It was closer to my house and SFU had offered me a full scholarship.
- Because of a scholarship
- close to home - heard it had a Great PDP program for my later studies - school I have wanted to go to since the beginning of Highschool - Affordable for university
- An excellent international program and highest scholarship offer.
- Scholarship offer, friendly peers and faculty
- Scholarship offer was highest
- cost rating location
- closest to home and free tuition
- I originally planned to attend the Université de Montréal. However, because of the scholarship funds that I received for SFU being far superior to those of the UdeM, I chose to attend SFU for my first year
- Reputation. My sister graduated from here so she was able to show me the ropes. I received a scholarship. It was closer to my house than UBC. Especially SFU Surrey =] I like the fact all the buildings are connected and you can get from one end to the other almost without getting wet! The community and support. I like the volunteering opportunities.
- Location, Money from Scholarships, what I heard from friends and family.
- Because it’s closer to home [than UBC] and because I was offered a larger entrance scholarship by SFU.
- SFU offered a great scholarship to me at the time. In addition, it was a closer commute from Surrey than UBC would have been.
- Because I got a scholarship
- I get free tuition...
- smaller campus than UBC offered larger scholarship than UBC
- It is close to family, less intimidating than UBC, and residence is cheaper than at UVIC.
- I received a scholarship and heard that SFU was better than UBC in the faculty of Arts
- It offered the best scholarship of the universities to which I applied.
- Closer to home - greater Scholarship awarded - bba program is Known to be good
- The campus is closer to my home and they offered me a larger scholarship amount than my other university options.
- Closer to home than UBC Entrance Scholarship Prestigious Business Faculty
- Scholarships
- The tuition fee for international students is slightly cheaper, and SFU offers good co-op program.
- I chose this school because it gave me a scholarship
- offered me the largest scholarship and the program I wanted
- I was awarded an entrance scholarship and it was the furthest university I could go to from home.
• It is the best cheaper alternatives compared to UBC
• They had space in rez available when UBC did not, along with comparable entrance scholarships. I also liked that it was a smaller university.
• It’s because I had book reward and SFU is closest school from my home
• It was on the West Coast and my best friend was attending SFU on an entrance scholarship. SFU would accept my scholarships, and I wanted to move from Ottawa to be closer to my best friend.
• Scholarship, closeness to home, class size, MacLeans rating
• Because it is both local and has very good linguistics and French departments and I got an entrance scholarship
• Commuting distance, cheaper education
• I am interested in Actuarial Science, and there are few schools that offer it. I chose SFU for the Actuarial Science program, and because they have a good scholarship program. I also was drawn to the B.C. climate (I’m from Saskatchewan).
• Closer to home; better program for computing science than UBC; not accepted for first choice of program at UBC; higher scholarship offer.
• To get the [*****] away from my parents who live in Ottawa. Also, free tuition was a large incentive.
• I was introduced by the agency in China and I thought the tuition fee is moderate and acceptable
• Close to home, had a great course that i needed to take, and also because SFU offered a higher scholarship.
• I didn’t wanted to live in a dorm [UBC] and SFU offered more entrance scholarship
• The French Political Science Cohort Program ad the scholarships I was offered.
• Initially, because they offered me a scholarship, and it was closer to home than my other choice of UVIC. I realize now that I made a good choice because the program I am in is very extensive and had a multitude of interesting classes to choose from.
• Strong Arts departments Semester system Scholarship
• Minimized transportation time - Comparatively, offered a better entrance Scholarship
• I chose SFU because it is a great school. However, the main factor in deciding between SFU and UBC was the fact that I was offered a greater scholarship to SFU.
• I had an entrance scholarship to the university and it is within commuting distance from my home.
• I received a substantial entrance scholarship at SFU
• free tuition - parent works there. also, way way closer than ubc. can’t pay for housing at ubc
• The size of the school appealed to me over UBC and the fact it was on a mountain. The opportunity for scholarships was the the biggest factor.
• I got a scholarship and it was closer than UBC.
• I recieved a scholarship.
• Coming from high school, SFU gave me the highest entrance scholarship in BC.
• Location and cost
• SFU has a well-known academic repute;I like Vancouver;SFU offers me $4500 entrance scholarship.
• tri-semester, a little more flexible with scheduling, entrance scholarship
• I was offered a spot in the French Cohort Program, which at the time of my enrollment seemed like exactly what I wanted to do. I was also offered an entrance scholarship of 3500 dollars, but I would have come to SFU with or without the scholarship.
• At the time I enrolled (2006), SFU offered free tuition to seniors.
• It’s the closest to my house, and since my Dad used to teach at SFU, I get free tuition.
• SFU gave me more scholarship money than UBC.
• English Good reputation in business I get support from home country [not in US] Close to good skiing
• Sfu has a good reputation, offered the courses I wanted, had a campus close to home (Surrey), and offered the most amount of scholarship money
• I’m an international student, and I decided to come to SFU because of its location (on a mountain in Vancouver), and because I got a full scholarship.
• location/price
• I chose SFU because it was the top university in the field of study that I wish to pursue (nanochemistry). It was also the closest to my home and I was offered an entrance scholarship.
• Location, entrance scholarship, more flexible in comparison to UBC in terms of scheduling
• My dad works at sfu so I get free tuition, also it’s very close to my house and is very convenient.
• I wanted to study in British Columbia and I was offered an entrance scholarship (Shrum). I was offered scholarships at other schools, but decided I wanted to attend a smaller university for my undergrad. I was interested in the French Cohort Program.
• It’s close enough to home to commute, and I received a scholarship.
• Classes sizes are smaller in comparison to UBC. SFU also offer more scholarship opportunities and bursaries.
• Location and rent prices compared to UBC
• It is a close distance from home and the business programs offered are pretty famous. In addition, they provided more entrance scholarships compared to few other universities.
• Offered more scholarship money than UBC
• my brother graduated from SFU - close to home - entrance Scholarship - good Business program
• scholarship
• Extremely welcoming atmosphere--every single time I came here as a prospective student. Rigorous academics--much more so than at other universities I visited. Sense of community--everyone knew everyone else, faculty was interested in students’ points of view, etc. Scholarships--the impressive entrance scholarship program at SFU was a major drawing point.
• The school offered me many scholarships, and I loved the location. The application process was great, too.
• Proximity to home -focus on humanities-tuition costs- excellent History Dept. faculty-nice campus
• Cheaper than UBC but similar quality

Accepted by SFU
• UBC's admission is too high. SFU needs only 80%. [main reason]
• I received an entrance scholarship and I heard it was the top university for students wanting to study Business. Also I was accepted into the Business Administration Program.
• close to home, it’s a university, and did not get into ubc
• I applied late and only SFU was open for application at the time. :)
• Proximity to Vancouver, focus on liberal arts, easier enrollment requirements [vs. UBC].
• After getting a Diploma of Technical studies from BCIT and subsequently losing my job with the economic downturn, I took advantage of the mature student entry. Since I was applying a little late, SFU was my only local option, though with the programs available here I will be looking to complete my degree here.
• Offered me the most transfer credits for my previous diploma, and the co-op program
• Couldn’t get into UBC.
• It is close to home, and as I transferred from a college, I was able to transfer the most amount of credits to SFU as opposed to other universities, making the length of my undergraduation degree as short as possible.
• no need for LPI
• Because I did not get accepted into UBC.
• I liked the reputation that SFU had. It quickly accepted my application.
• I choose to attend SFU because of the location and my grades.
• SFU offered me Science entrance, UBC didn’t
• It was close to my house and I had all of the prerequisites.
• My choice was between sfu and ubc and only sfu accepted my application
• Mainly because I did not know what I wanted to do with my life - education wise. My grades qualified for SFU.
• I had chose two options, either studying Science at UBC or Interactive Arts at SFU. I got the admission from SFU and not from UBC.
• Received a Shrum scholarship here. SFU was also very quick in contacting me to offer me a spot (much faster than UBC).
• From a financial perspective, I do not have the resources to study outside of BC without incurring massive debt. As my educational fund stands right now, I am only capable of studying within B.C., and living at home without the cost of food or residence is a plus. My grades were also not good enough to get into UBC in my first year. As of right now, I’m applying for the second time to SFU’s film program, which if accepted will be me incentive to stay. Otherwise, I am willing to try other options, like reapplying at UBC for film studies there.
• - got accepted - good reputation - somewhat easy to get to (from home)
• Acceptance
• it was the only local university that accepted me
• While I was in high school, I never thought that I could go to university and thought that I should aim for something like a community college. After I graduated however, I was really surprised at how good my grades were. I thought that if was possible for me to get into SFU, why should I settle for anything less? So, I wasn’t really planning on coming to SFU, it was more of a fluke. (I’m ecstatic that I’m here though.)
• No mail in application.
• I actually initially applied for UBC after completing the IB program in highschool, but could not get admitted. Consequently, SFU was the next best choice. It was also closer to my home in Surrey, so it became a selection of convenience.
• I chose SFU because I wanted to get away from home and didn’t want to be around my entire graduating class at UFV. I also thought the history courses looked interesting and I knew my grades weren’t quite high enough to qualify for UBC.
• no other option for post-secondary schooling
• Good reputation, close to home, moderate entrance requirements
• It was actually a backup plan at first and UBC was my first choice. However after coming here, I’m glad I got to have the opportunity to come, I love it here a lot!
• I did not meet the GPA requirement for UBC.
• I wasn’t accepted into UBC and capilano college wasn’t a university at the time.
• i couldn’t get in ubc
• Admission, Kinesiology, reputation
• Didn’t get accepted into first choice faculty elsewhere. SFU has one of the top Business programs in Canada.
• I wanted to study at a University and not a College. I also did not think my GPA was high enough to get into UBC at the time.
• SFU can accept all my courses which were taken from Kwantlen.
• It was the only school I was accepted to.
• They were guarenteeing acceptance for highschool students with an average of 86% or higher, so they were the only school I applied to. They also have a great Criminology program!
• It’s one of the only two universities which offered me an admission. SFU is better ranked than the other one in the program that I’d like to study.
• SFU offered credits for courses I’d already taken at another institution.
• because it offers winter admission
• 1. got admitted by sfu before ubc 2. close to home 3. most high school friends are going to sfu
• SFU business has a very good reputation and I was accepted into that program. I chose SFU over UBC for that reason
• SFU has my program and I was also waitlisted in another college
• i got my acceptance letter from SFU first
• I was accepted after graduating from high school, after doing a year of transfer courses at Fraser Valley College
• i choose sfu for my studies because sfu is know for their criminology program and i had the gpa to get into sfu compared to ubc. Also, i want to get my bachelors.
• I am currently a criminology student who has transferred from Douglas College; SFU has a transfer program and being that SFU is within travelling distance and has a great criminology department it was my decision to attend SFU.
• Closer to home; better program for computing science than UBC; not accepted for first choice of program at UBC; higher scholarship offer.
• I didn’t get into ubc
• Couldn’t get in UBC
• Wanted to go straight to university, and was .1% under the UBC cut off. Close, convenient.
• It is convenient....... I mean I can still live at home and save a lot of money. And also I get enrolled in Business which is a very good program.
• Easy credit transfer from Douglas College.
• Good Criminology Program/Not accepted at UBC
• SFU would accept my degree and allow me to enter into the PTEM program.
• I chose SFU for the entrance requirements and the political science reputation.
• I applied to SFU and Kwantlen because those were the two universities that were within the greater Vancouver area and accepting applications for Fall09 term up until the end of May. Other universities closed their application deadline in February and it was April when I applied. I chose SFU over Kwantlen because of its reputation and I knew other students who were attending SFU.
• I originally applied to UBC sciences, but ended up not getting accepted. Out of all the other universities in B.C., I thought SFU would provide me with the “big university experience” I was hoping for.
• I chose SFU since it is close to where I live and work. Also, SFU’s application deadline for fall term was longer than UBC’s.
• Because it has a better computer science program, and I was rejected from UBC Arts.
• I have to take English here in order to transfer to UBC.
• I chose SFU because I had the high school requirements to get in (that is, I had the right amount of classes that were acceptable). Also, I knew people who went to SFU and liked it.
• Because SFU is the only campus that accepts student during the Spring semester.
• The credits I had at Langara transferred well into my chosen degree.
• I was offered a spot in the French Cohort Program, which at the time of my enrollment seemed like exactly what I wanted to do. I was also offered an entrance scholarship of 3500 dollars, but I would have come to SFU with or without the scholarship.
• Did not have confidence that I would be accepted to UBC. Only applied to SFU.
• didn’t get into ubc
• I needed to get a post-secondary degree and I was not in a position to travel. Thus UBC and SFU were my only two choices. My marks were not high enough for UBC so here I am
• I was accepted into the program i liked, after listening to presentations at my high school. SFU’s advisors have always been very helpful and professional. In addition to that, SFU was close to the place i lived
I did not get admission into UBC and SFU offers a good teaching program which I plan on going into eventually. Because I couldn’t get into UBC.

At first I wanted to go to UBC but did not get admitted, so my next decision was to go to SFU. I also heard that the area I am studying is better here than in UBC.

got accepted in science faculty

The best post-secondary that is on the accepted list.

Because I was accepted into the program I wanted

They accepted me before UBC

Initially, my grades weren’t high enough for UBC’s early admission but they were high enough for SFU. But, had I known I was going to major in Geography, I would have chosen SFU for that in a heartbeat.

Didn’t get into UBC Vancouver. Didn’t want to go to the Okanagan. UVic was too far.

it was closer to home and i was in the program i wanted.

I actually wanted to go UBC but things went wrong and I happen to come SFU. However, I am very satisfies in SFU right now. Almost all professors are very nice and well entertained. Also, Sfu have excellent view of mountains and I like it

I didn’t choose. Its the only university i got into besides ubc that i actually wanted to go to

I didn’t get into UBC science.

have three semesters that available for transfer student

I needed to complete the last two years of my degree and it was easiest to transfer to SFU

More of my courses transferred here instead of of to UBC.

It is close by. I’ve lived on SFU before, and it’s one of the better schools to accept me.

Wanted to get into a University after highschool, but took a semester off. at that point i was under the impression that UBC did not take people in the beginning of the new year, so i applied at SFU. Also i have also been interested in the Criminology program as well.

I chose SFU for my studies because they have a different semesters where you can start enrolling in. I completed my post-secondary transfer in the winter, and cannot apply to UBC during that time.

The university is close to where I live. -It was the default choice. -I didn’t have the money or ambition to make a proper application to better schools.

I wished to get a degree from a reputable institution. UBC was first on my list but I did not get accepted. UBC was first on my list because I’ve heard good things about UBC and bad things about SFU, also UBC was closer to where I lived.

If was the only option available to me.

The school offered me many scholarships, and I loved the location. The application process was great, too.

I was accepted by SFU for Fall 2005. In addition, I was also accepted by UBC and U of Alberta. I choose SFU because SFU did not need LPI.

was accepted into SFU Business but not into UBC Sauder School of Business

Because i got accepted here

SFU was the only option for me.

There are only two universities in Canada. Since I cannot get into UBC, I went to SFU for her business program offering.
Personal Recommendation

- Family members have gone here, close to my house, well respected school, good economic teachers too.
- Close to home, Friends were there, got entrance scholarship.
- My parents wouldn’t pay for me to go anywhere else - because they both went here. I also liked what I heard about RezLife... My cousin lived and worked as a CA in rez, and it seemed like a very appealing job opportunity.
- Close to home and my parents wanted me to go to university
- Friends were attending SFU. Best business program.
- Because it was the school my highschool and family chose for me.
- actually iam international student and i wanna complete my study in abroad and then somebody suggest that SFU university is very good and thats why i apply there
- Located near by - recommended by family - received Summit Scholarship
- They had the program i was searching for [mechatronics], it is a great campus, and my sister went to SFU burnaby so i had some good pointers from her.
- It is easy to get there from my house by public transport. My dad is a full-time staff member so I get a full tuition waiver. I was granted a larger scholarship than UBC offered me. I had heard good things about the first-year experience and helpful services.
- It was local and had the program[s] that I was interested in. Also my grandfather was the first Dean of Sciences, which is kind of cool.
- -friends attending -well respected -family encouragement
- Close to home, great Arts program, heard great things about it.
- It was much closer to my house than UBC and my friends and sister also went to SFU.
- I chose SFU because it was a smaller school than UBC, and i thought it would be easier to adapt to university life in a smaller school. Also, UBC was not sure they could offer me residence, and this was essential for me to go to school. That was the deciding factor. I also found it much easier to get information about SFU than it was for UBC. Also, my mother attended SFU and sugested i go here.
- I heard from my friends that SFU is a really good school
- My brother is a student at SFU and he has been praising it. Also the program I am enrolled in is terrific here.
- heard good things about the school and its close to home
- Due to the Criminology program, as well as the fact that others had mentioned positive experiences at the school.
- Close to home; friends were here; supposedly had a good engineering program
- Reputation. My sister graduated from here so she was able to show me the ropes. I received a scholarship. It was closer to my house than UBC. Especially SFU surrey =] I like the fact all the buildings are connected and you can get from one end to the other almost without getting wet!
  The community and support. I like the volunteering opportunities.
- Location, Money from Scholarships, what I heard from friends and family.
- I chose SFU because it was highly recommended by my parents and friends. Also I was told that it’s one of the best universities in BC.
- Location and advise/reputation from teachers
- I heard from other students that it is a good school, and from teachers in high school
- I chose SFU because it was convenient for me to live here and study. It offered bachelors of sciences degrees and continuing studies in the science and researching fields. My siblings have studied here as well, and it was comforting knowing that family have studied under the same professors.
- My girlfriend and best friend were going there. That’s it.
- Best Kinesiology program in Western Canada and good recommendations.
• Prereqs for grad program in counselling after my BA at ufv
• one of my high school teachers told me sfu had a good psychology program. it is also close to home.
• Close to my home and some of my friends are going to SFU
• i am an alumni
• both my older sister’s went to sfu and they have a good criminology program
• [***** *****]. I found him referenced many times in books I was reading. I made an appointment to meet him when I learned he was in Vancouver and instantly enrolled in school.
• 1.got admitted by sfu before ubc 2.close to home 3.most high school friends are going to sfu
• because it was the closest and most reputable university to where i live with. Also my sister attended this school.
• It was on the West Coast and my best friend was attending SFU on an entrance scholarship. SFU would accept my scholarships, and I wanted to move from Ottawa to be closer to my best friend.
• Intuition, as well as because the music composition program was in line with my interests and goals, and because of the reputation for the computing science program which I was also interested in.
• I wasn’t sure what I wanted to study, so I chose a school that appeared to offer a variety of fields of study. It was only later that I discovered this to be an illusion. Also, I was pressured by my family to choose SFU.
• because most of my friends in SFU
• Good reviews from family and friends. Good program
• I chose SFU for my studies because i received great responses from my fellow friends who have also chose SFU as their university focus. SFU has the courses that i like and it’s been a joyful ride so far.
• Sfu has better reputation for economics and business classes than other universities. Also, i have more friends at SFu than other universities.
• I was introduced by the agency in China and I thought the tuition fee is moderate and acceptable
• 1)Famous engineering department 2)Offering the program I’m interested in 3)suggestions of a few of my friends
• I had heard positive reviews of SFU’s PDP from former students.
• parental expectations.
• I’m on exchange from Copenhagen Business School, and when I had to choose where I wanted to go, Canada and SFU was my first priority. I’ve always wanted to see British Columbia, and when I researched SFU it seemed like a natural choice for me to go here. The exchange business programme is so good, and I had only heard good things about it from previous exchange students! So far, my experiences have also only been good. The course levels are impressive, and as an exchange student I’ve had the best welcome. I got to choose exactly the courses I wanted (some of them, I can’t even get at home), and the International Office is very, very helpful. Apart from that, the student environment and residence life are great - and I love it here already!
• I applied to SFU and Kwantlen because those were the two universities that were within the greater Vancouver area and accepting applications for Fall09 term up until the end of May. Other universities closed their application deadline in February and it was April when I applied. I chose SFU over Kwantlen because of its reputation and I knew other students who were attending SFU.
• I heard from various people in college that SFU had the best Criminology program.
• I was interested in the Health Science faculty and the SFU society seemed very welcoming. Also, I have heard great feedback from students that have attended their first year at SFU.
• It is a convenient school. My sibling as well as many friends go there. It just sort of worked out that way.
• because it is better than UBC and because my aunt, the only who has gone on to university in my family, went here
I didn’t have any particular reason: I was choosing between UBC and SFU, and somehow decided to apply to SFU. I have a lot of friends there, my sister is studying there and I used to live on campus (I like the campus on mountain, plus the fact that there are two more campuses and one of them is in Downtown). Plus, I like social life in SFU: a lot of different clubs and student unions.

close to home, good class choices, parents attended
the only one in the area that met my needs. And was supported by my employer
because of friend’s referral.
not sure—sister went here and liked it
It is a very reputable institution. My sister and brother graduated from SFU.
I chose SFU because I was told it was a great school and I wanted to complete my degree and apply for the education program there.
Most of my highschool friends decide to come SFU after their secondary school and I’ve heard SFU is one of high ranking university in BC.
It was either SFU or UBC. More people I knew were going to SFU.
Thought it would be easier than UBC. Closer to home (SFU Surrey). Best friend recommended.
Due to siblings previous experience
I choose SFU as it is the closest university to me, I am somewhat familiar with the campus after volunteering with the summer camp, it is the school my closest friend graduated from and most importantly offers the program that I want to complete.
For the linguistics program and also because I was told numerously that it was a great school to go to.
I chose SFU because I know many people who have attended this University and have had great experiences. This appealed to me, and hearing it has an excellent Communications Program helped me finalize my decision to choose SFU.
The course offerings were considered the standard for the application process for my BCRPA TFL status—i went to SFU straight out of high school because I loved the atmosphere and it was a natural choice to choose SFU again for after my degree for my health and fitness certificate.
Recommendations from fellow students for the Cognitive Science program.
Friends had given good feedback on the school and the courses offered were in line with my interests.
My parents let me in.
Heard from friends and family that SFU had a great Business Administration Program.
My High school graphic design teacher recommended that I look into the SIAT program at the surrey campus. I asked friends that were in the program and they said they felt they were learning a lot and was able to apply what they learned to their current jobs.
First university I ever went to. I decided to come back to complete my degree here.
wide range of courses, word of mouth
my brother graduated from SFU - close to home - entrance Scholarship - good Business program
I have been told by friends and others that have attended SFU that it is an excellent school. I had a choice between applying to UBC and SFU for the Secondary PDP program, and I chose SFU because I believe that it’s philosophy and outlook in regard to education fit mine more so than UBC. SFU is also not as focused on marks as some other school are, it is about the students, their feelings, and them having the best possible university experience they can have.
I’ve been told in university fairs and by friends that it is a good arts program and for a mid-sized university-a better transition from high school - not so overwhelming
Recommended by family members
my relatives advised me to come here.
It was closer than UBC to Coquitlam, where I live. I had volunteered with SFU Summer Camps and was familiar with the campus. I like the environment and the view on Burnaby Mountain. I
had a piano teacher who was a student here. I like the way students can take electives from other faculties.

- Live close to it. I like that the courses are a semester each (where as I think at UBC the programs are made so that courses extend over two semesters). Also I have some friends who go here.
- Because my relatives goes to this school and i heard a lot of good things about this university. Its so preetty too..
- My brother went to this school.
- Came to be on the track team and love bc. Heard awesome things about this school.
- The majority of my highschool teachers were from SFU.

**SFU’s Focus/Philosophy**

- Proximity to home. Scholarships given. Co-op preeminence.
- Interest in Co-Op Opportunities/ Field Study options
- Location, coop program
- It was convenient - I have lived in the Lower Mainland most of my life. I also was interested in the co-op program here.
- Proximity to Vancouver, focus on liberal arts, easier enrollment requirements (vs. UBC).
- flexibility to course load, mode of course delivery (distance ed, SFU Vancouver, SFU Bby and interdisciplinarity
- SFU compared to UBC: - is more innovative - is more open-minded - is very flexible in course selection - catered more to students - allowed students to take courses outside their faculty - had a tri-semester system - had a strong biochem faculty - newer and smaller - was considered at the time to be the “hippy” school - always finished in the top 10 university list in Canada
- Offered me the most transfer credits for my previous diploma, and the co-op program
- SFU Now program was ideal for me as I was applying as a mature student.
- Because it lets me have room to explore various areas in my studies, unlike some schools rigid program tracks.
- it was cheaper than UBC and they offer three semesters..
- I was attending VIU and enjoyed it there, but SFU offers a great French program, which was what I was looking for. It also offers an excellent study abroad program and I am very interested in doing just that. The program that I am now studying is the French COHORT Program and the third year enables me to study abroad in either France, Belgium or Montreal, so I found it to be exactly what I was looking for.
- Close to home (short commuting time), more comprehensive
- Because it has an exchange contract with my school.
- Scholarship, location of Vancouver, Bamfield courses
- SFU offers 3 semesters per year so i could study on summer semester as well if i wanted to
- Heard good things about the coop program, but was a bit disappointed after knowing they let some companies that were very shady in. (ie. making students pay $100 prior to being hired, and if not hired will refund you the $100...what company does that?)
- SFU has a good co-op program and it’s known for having a good business program.
- For me SFU is the place where my dreams appear to a reality. It has given me a lot of exposure to the real world in such a short time.
- because it is a very flexible institution.
- I chose SFU because of the natural setting of the Burnaby Campus (I am from Vancouver Island), the accessibility of the Harbour Centre campus to Skytrain and just an overall impression of it being a very progressive and forward thinking university.
- It has an excellent Business Administration and co-op program
- Business Program Co-op
summer semesters make completing a degree more convenient
An excellent international program and highest scholarship offer.
I chose SFU Business because it provides an ideal combination of academic instruction and real life application.
I like the way SFU works and how the courses are required and how they can be chosen by students with choices, rather than having required courses with no choice.
Chose SFU Business over UBC because we are known for our successful history in business case competitions.
For the night and weekend program and for the possibility to study either downtown and in Burnaby
The tuition fee for international students is slightly cheaper, and SFU offers good co-op program.
Closer to home than UBC Excellent business program Tri-semester system allows me to take full courses in summer
I believe it to be an institution of great merit, supporting my own moral standards. It offers great opportunities for engaging learning, and the courses offered contain great material and inspiring tutors.
Exchange opportunity through home university. International Studies department and good Economics faculty.
Most practical in terms of what I wanted to study; business, I also chose SFU because of the modest size of the campus...not overwhelmingly big. Another merit was the coop program that I heard about.
More flexibility then UBC (ex. in terms of concentrations for BBA), availability of evening classes, helpful admin staff, lots of variety of subjects and degrees to choose from.
the co-op program and the reputation of the university
I feel that SFU will provide me with many tools that will ensure me a bright future. It will help shape me into a well-rounded individual and will prepare me for the real world.
Strong Arts departments Semester system Scholarship
Because it has a double minor program which i am in under the faculty of General Sciences.
I found the values of the university to be similar to my own. I also liked the fact that SFU had a personal touch in the sense that it provided many services to students entering university, which made it easier.
I chose SFU for my studies because they are well known for their Co-Op opportunities and also having a more interactive student body.
School in Canada offering Student Exchange.
location to my home 2) course offerings are more flexible - different campuses, distance ed, etc.
Heard its business program was way better than UBC's, and at the time I was interested in joining the wrestling team. I'm not very science minded and I perceived SFU to be less numbers-focused than UBC (thus more enjoyable).
Business co-op opportunities and international exchange program
tri-semester, a little more flexible with scheduling, entrance scholarship
Lectures paired with tutorials. Most universities dont have a tutorial group option. Also the culture and history of SFU. Compared to UBC, i know that the Political Science program is stronger, in course selection and the fact that there are tutorials
The coop program provide a huge variety of job postings. Also, its closer to home.
Unique course structure.
I chose SFU because it had more flexibility over what type and combination of degree[s] you could have (ex. major, minor, joint social science degrees).
Because it is an interactive university
Strong Co-op programme
Location, entrance scholarship, more flexible in comparison to UBC in terms of scheduling
• because it has a nice landscape (the hill) and SFU students have lots of freedom such as I can register for three classes rather than four per semester
• close to home, great kines program, awesome co-op program
• SFU offers a wide range of academic opportunities and a fair degree of freedom to students to follow their interests in almost any field, academic or otherwise.
• prefer the 3 semester year.
• It was a close commute from home Liked the idea of having smaller tutorials along with big lectures able to get a nice and convenient class schedule
• for co-op program
• I liked the program options, the location, and the services offered like co-op
• I have always felt way more connected to SFU than any of the other universities in Vancouver. To me SFU felt very community oriented and treated their students and prospective students like a person not just another number
• It had the program specifics I was looking for and was best suited to my learning style.
• Heard of it’s world renown arts programs and its high level of international involvement.
• For distance education - I work full-time and it is important to me to be able to complete my courses on-line, on my own time.
• Co-op programs
• I chose SFU for my studies as it was closer to home as well as I had been told by many people that SFU is a great school. There is more opportunities for hands-on experiences and a chance for all students to get involved in their school!
• I’m in Applied Sciences. Compared to UBC, SFU seemed much more ‘practical’ - which is what I was looking for. (ie. Not extensively concentrating on science and theory)
• I felt the program gave me flexibility to explore in my studies while still leading me to a useful degree that will give me a career I will enjoy.
• I have been told by friends and others that have attended SFU that it is an excellent school. I had a choice between applying to UBC and SFU for the Secondary PDP program, and I chose SFU because I believe that it’s philosophy and outlook in regard to education fit mine moreso than UBC. SFU is also not focussed moreo on marks as some other school are, it is about the students, their feelings, and them having the best possible university experience they can have.
• co-op opportunities (you have lots of them!)
• The professors are much more caring about students at SFU. Many more opportunities for undergrad research and coop.
• Only school in BC that doesn’t require a second language.
• It was closer than UBC to Coquitlam, where I live. I had volunteered with SFU Summer Camps and was familiar with the campus. I like the environment and the view on Burnaby Mountain. I had a piano teacher who was a student here. I like the way students can take electives from other faculties.
• Live close to it. I like that the courses are a semester each (where as I think at UBC the programs are made so that courses extend over two semesters). Also I have some friends who go here.
• Great place to be - good crim prog. - convenient location - lots of distance Ed classes
• Because it offer summer courses like regular semesters
• It is a reputable school with a good psychology program. SFU give students more freedom in course selection; there are three semesters, and students can choose their pace.
• I can co-op program, and earn some money
• flexible course selecting system, small campus, coop experience
University Recruiting

- I was impressed by the speakers who visited my high school to talk about SFU. It seemed unique and the size of the school was perfect.
- When I was in high school, someone came to the school and told us how amazing it was. It was smaller than UBC but still a community, and if I went to college first, it would be easy to transfer to SFU. In the end, this did not turn out to be the case but it is what happened initially.
- I attended the orientation in October and liked SFU very much. Also, it’s close from home.
- Because I was recruited to come play for the SFU hockey team.
- When a lady came to my high school to talk about SFU, she made it seem like a very easy going school. That made it an easier choice in choosing where I wanted to spend my next 4 years of my life.
- I was accepted into the program I liked, after listening to presentations at my high school. SFU’s advisors have always been very helpful and professional. In addition to that, SFU was close to the place I lived.

Blank/Unclear Comment

- I work here.
- I chose my studies in sciences because I did very well in science during high school and found chemistry to be an interesting major.
- History 130 Kin 143 Political Science 100 Sociology 100
- An employee here, currently with the Faculty of Education
- not great
- I wanted to try and see if I can finish my degree, it is an intellectual challenge for me.
- No english class needed for engineering
- I did not know what else to major in, I have yet to decide my path of life … I enjoy what I study but don’t know what I will do with it in the future
- Humanities 101 Psychology 100 Sociology 150 English 105
- [plus 26 respondents who left this question blank]
Section 3: What Makes Students Feel Connected to SFU?

The following is a list of 1,000 randomly selected comments provided in answer to the following question on the 2009 SFU Undergraduate Student Survey:

“What is the ONE out-of-classroom experience that has made you feel the most connected to other people at SFU (students, faculty, or staff)?”

The comments are separated by topic. In cases where a student discussed more than one topic, the comment is counted under the first topic addressed. Topics are listed in order based on the number of students who discussed them (with the exception of the “Nothing/Don’t Know/Not Applicable” category and the “Blank/Unclear Comment” category, which are listed at the end.)

An analysis of these responses is available in Appendix E of the full report, available at:
http://www.sfu.ca/irp/surveys/ugss/index.html

Clubs/Athletics

- Clubs
- Clubs
- Clubs
- being part of a club
- Being active in clubs
- Bible Study
- Sfu chess club.
- Club activities
- Clubs
- Joining the cheerleading club.
- Altered Reality Club
- CSSS
- club events
- Going to football games and connecting with a larger portion of the student body
- Social club meetings
- Joining clubs
- I enrolled in a martial arts course for the first time, and it’s basically been the only extra-curricular experience I’ve had in my 3 years at SFU.
- Ball room dance club
- Joining student clubs.
- Joining job related clubs such as ASA club, Finance club and SFU Investment Club
- Club week
- Clubs
- Club Days
- clubs (students)
- joining BASS’s executive team
- club activities
- Being an executive of a club.
- club meetings
- Sporting events
- Attending a football game.
- joining student clubs
- clubs activities
- Football Game
- SFU Surrey Halloween Dance.
- joined a club.
- altered reality club
- Being a member or a volunteer of the many clubs here
- Club related event (MSA).
- Playing basketball during open-gym, sports always create a sense of belonging!
- SFPIRG
- Definitely the club days, it made all the different students mix into a group, no matter what year they are in
- student clubs
- The clubs
- Playing Ultimate frisbee with the SFU Ultimate club.
- Club event
- intramural
- school clubs
- Joining SFU Ballroom Dance Club and taking lessons.
- Dance student union
- Interfaith Core study group
- playing basketball
- Work-study at CJSF
- Going to football games
- Joining a student club and becoming part of them. It is like a second family to me. It gives me something to look forward to when i go up to campus
- SFU Improv Club
- Being apart of the Geography Student Union
- Club events.
- clubs
- clubs
- Attend to student clubs
- club day
- Club events.
- Getting involved in the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) Board of Directors and Senate (because it makes me feel like I can make a lasting difference at SFU by getting informed, involved, and speak up when needed).
- Clubs Days where you get to see what the school has to offer, and eventually meet (usually) long lasting friendships.
- clubs
- student clubs
- SFU Ice Hockey
- Clubs, particularly at Surrey campus. Everyone is friendly, and interested in the same things, and willing to explain things to a newbie.
- Club retreat.
- Being on the board of executives of a student society has connected me to more students and teachers than any classroom experience could.
- Club days
- Student clubs
- Archaeology Students Society
- AIESEC
- Joining clubs
- the clubs fair
- Student Unions.
- The varsity football games when everyone is wearing school colors and cheering for the same team.
- attending different clubs
- club activities
- Inter-varsity christian fellowship
- clubs
- department student unions
- the SFPIRG orientation day where food was being served and the ppl responsible for it were so nice and chatty to everyone
- Joining with the MSA Group
- Joining a club and help planning social events.
- Starting a club
- basketball games
- Student clubs and events.
- varsity sport
- clubs
- Playing tennis
- When we plan and go to events in different clubs. For example SMS [Shia Muslim Society] where we had prayers and then a lecture from a very good Speaker. Or going to the Aquarium for the Biology student Union....Games Night...ect
- Varsity Soccer.
- SFU Connect
- intramurals
- Intramural Soccer
- Hillel on campus behind cornerstone where Jewish and non jewish students (such as myself) are immensely welcome and safe to hang out. Very well funded, furnished and always has fun people and great food!
- Clan Meetings I got to know a lot of people and learned a few new “games” and then I was able to meet new people and have fun together too!
- Club offers opportunities to socialize and meet new people, and therefore it makes me think it is the fastest connection to bridge relationships.
- Being in my Departmental Student Union
- ethnicity clubs
- Being in the Guitar Club.
- Being involved in the WGSSU
- Club date
- Club meetings
- Going to club events.
- when I am in the club. I feel connected to the students and friends.
- Clubs
- Athletic team
- SFU Swimming
- basketball court
- Clubs
- SFU Cheerleading Club
- Intramurals Soccer
- rec fencing
- joining a club
- Campus for Christ is amazing at SFU
- in club
- joining the club
- joining clubs
- Club activities
- Clubs Day
- Club Day was great.
- being active in a variety of student clubs
- Icebreaker for club
- the c4c club
- Anything run by Student Development!
- Clubs
- clubs day
- clubs
- The Highland Dance classes which have just been offered this semester- it’s been a really great class so far, and I hope they continue to offer it.
- Playing badminton/squash with friends
- joining students club
- Playing in a band with another SFU student
- Convication Mall Club Day, there was a great atmosphere around each table wanting to attract new members.
- Joining extra curricular clubs.
- sports activities
- shrum bowl
- Working with student clubs
- clubs day
- student club
clubs
SFU Rowing Team
getting involved in student clubs
Attending the club-fair
SFU Skeptics. (It’s a social awareness club.)
football games
join in a club
Student clubs such as the SFU Golf Club
Aiding in the organization and running of the board games club.
Joining the TSU and meeting and networking with students within my program
martial arts
Joining clubs
Clubs
native students assoc.
club meetings and events
Clubs
joining clubs
Club events
General meetings of a club.
Watching Football
Attending SFU Chamber orchestra
The wold literature student union meetings.
Joining the Ski and Snowboard Club
I went to the SFU Ski ans Snowboard AGM.
intramurals
the inter faith center at burnaby campus
club involvement
being associated with school clubs
I honestly cannot think of a good answer to that question. Most of my interactions with faculty is in class or office hours, and I tend to meet more people in class than outside of class at SFU. If I had to answer I guess it would be clubs or events around campus.
clubs of similar interest
Clubs Day
clubs
Going to the PSA show which is held by PSA club members.
Being involved in the Student Union.
SASS, PSA socials. PSA basketball team [co-ed], Co-ed Volleyball team.
Clubs
Varsity athletics
Soccer?
A club I have joined, called Universities Allied for Essential Medicines, where I have been able to meet students who share the same interest in implementing global access principles/policies in University Industry Liaison Offices.
Student Clubs.
• clubs
• My involvement with the S.F.U. undergraduate Archaeology Student Society.
• departmental student union events
• business clubs and events
• martial arts programs that are offered
• Clan meetings,
• Attending athletic events
• tennis club

Students/Friends
• sitting in the grassed area of the aq with other students playing bocci ball and studying.
• Chatting and smoking in the quad.
• students, faculty
• when i was a first year i was lost a few times and all i had to do was ask one person and i got a
  smile and helpful directions
• every weekend we go out to explore
• Students
• students
• learning from other students through discussion
• Students
• Discussing how miserable and depressing the campus is in the fall and winter semester
• Just talking with students outside of class.
• eating subway with my media lab classmates late at night.
• Knowing students in their second year and being introduced to their friends.
• Just meeting so many friendly people that are now friends.
• students
• students
• Stress about the class curve.
• seating beside someone.
• student within the same program
• One other person was just as lost as I am.
• students
• the group of students
• Going out and hanging out.
• chatting with fellow students before or after class
• Meeting people that are taking night courses.
• Meeting people who attend SFU in social situations like dinners, parties, etc.
• most people are very friendly. you can go up to almost anyone and ask a question!
• Eating meals together
• on convocation of CGA, I met many students graduated from SFU, which I feel pride of.
• Meeting various new friends around campus
• Talking to my peers about the same classes who are in the same program I am taking (TechOne)
• recently had a french potluck with some other students in my french classes during a large
  afternoon break we had.
• walking around the AQ and bumping into many groups of friends. it made it alot easier to make friends.
• Meeting friends with common interest and changing the world with having such interest.
• Creating a clan with some of my friends
• meeting for coffee with classmates
• Getting food with people after class.
• talking to students
• students
• Student interaction and participation
• Made a friend in Calculus class and we went for a hike in Lynn Canyon it was epic.
• Making news friends...
• During out-of-classroom intervals, other students have shown great flexibility in providing help: once when I was lost looking for a class in my first year, several students are more than willing to help students in need of help. This really showed me that all students in this school are part of a community in some way.
• I think it would be going to the pub last St. Patrick’s day it was nice to see all the other students unwind just like you and with the hockey game on it reminds you that other students share your interests as well
• Voluntary social gatherings with other students.
• making new friends
• studying
• I was sitting at a big table of students studying, and no one knew each other then some small conversations began then within 10 minutes everyone was talking to each other and it was really cool to hear about what other students are studying and what they want to do with their degree. I’ve heard people say the Burnaby campus is really cold, and everyone keeps to themselves, this experience definitely disproved that.
• every day I run into people from my various classes in the halls and we stop for a brief chat
• complaining to other students about how bad a professor is at guiding a class
• I began a conversation with a random student i had never previously met
• When there was that outrageous snowfall last year and we all got stuck up there...we were all in the same boat. That made me feel more connected.
• Meeting graduates from SFU outside of school
• classmates
• hanging out with students outside of class, going to the pub.
• Meeting my fellow classmates at the pub to celebrate being done final exams last june after intersession
• Just having lunch with friends.
• eating lunch with classmates
• Eating with friends.
• Occasionally meeting people you met in first year interdisciplinary courses. --Networking!-- Also, commuting with your prof...
• Just sharing stories with fellow SFU students.
• Meeting and becoming friends with students outside my Major by way of mutual friends
• student
- student
- although lecture halls are big, able to find friends very easily
- hanging out, shopping, watching movies etc. with new friends who study at the same university.
- Bunking
- when i was lost, many friendly students would like to help me :)
- i would say i have made lots of friends here
- Enjoying lunch breaks with three or more friends and taking a break from studying to just enjoy time together and eat.
- hanging out between lectures with other students in my program
- The other students that I have met at SFU, who have been their longer and are showing me my way around.
- Going to the pub after class.
- Students.
- Myself and a group of students from a SFU spanish class all went out for dinner downtown at the end of the semester.

**SFU Orientation**

- orientation
- Orientation
- Orientation
- orientation
- BusinessFrosh
- Being an Orientation Leader!
- Being an orientation leader.
- Orientation
- Becoming involved in the orientation program was hugely important to boosting my own confidence and for getting me more involved in campus.
- Orientation
- Orientation leader
- Orientation is ultimately the best way to meet people!
- SFU Orientation
- Orientation
- orientation
- Being part of the SFU Orientation Program, and returning as an Orientation Leader.
- first year orientation at burnaby campus
- Orientation Day.
- orientation
- Orientation
- orientation!
- The Orientation on my first year and free BBQ at the starts of the semester.
- FroshOne
- Frosh
- My experience at my first year orientation that took place at the end of August last year.
- Orientation
- SFU New student orientation
- the orientation!
- orientations
- Orientation and the subsequent activities with my clan.
- orientation
- Being a orientation leader
- The orientation.
- Orientation!!!
- ORIENTATION!!! 3 years in a row now.
- Freshman orientation.
- Business Frosh
- Orientation, I love it
- Orientation made me feel connected to people
- Orientation session
- Orientation
- Orientation
- SFU Surrey orientation.
- orientation
- orientation
- orientation?
- orientation
- Week of Welcome
- Orientation
- first year orientation
- the orientation groups, the clan activites
- Orientation day
- orientation
- Orientation for first years, and Business Frosh
- The orientation.
- Orientation day :D
- orientation
- Orientation
- Orientation
- Orientation helped me meet a lot of people in my program and since SFU Surrey is tightly knit, we can spot each other and help each other out.
- orientation for new students meeting new people
- Frosh
- Orientation
- Orientation
- orientation
- Definitly orientations were amazing and all of the various rha, rez life and other programs. They are amazing opportunities to meet people and make connection that are valuble emotionally and even academically by like forming groups to study with.
- Orientation.
Orientation musical performances
orientaton
Orientation at Burnaby Campus
Orientation
orientation
orientation - hands down. almost all of the connections I have made on campus have started as a
direct result of being involved with orientation

Non-Department/Faculty/Program Events and Activities
Attending various free lectures (not linked to specific courses) and being invited to a “celebration
for the top students in history/graduate school info session” luncheon.
Rick Mercer Spread the Net
The rally for more funding last semester
The Farmer markets :)
As I was unable to attend Orientation, the rest of the events that took place during the week of
welcome were beneficial for me. I got to have a chance to meet and speak with new and current
students, and overall felt a great positive energy from the people who put on the events, making
me comfortable in the new educational environment.
joining the GPS program through SFU International
noon hour theatre shows
Applying for my ISS
Terry Fox Run
visited my friends at their convocation
Terry Fox Run
parties
BAFF/OFFA
social events.
School parties/dances.
Terry Fox Run
the president’s forum at John wosk centre for dialogue with prime minister of lesotho and
ministers of his government as well as three department representatives from SFU (health
science, communications and political science)
Social Anxiety Group at Health and Counseling services put on by [*****].
Rick Mercer @ SFU to promote his “Spread the Net” challenge
activities organized by the BAFF/OFFA
noon hour shows at theatre
After term/exam dinners.
Attending the rally in the spring semester about how SFU was cutting jobs and funding. It’s
always great to see people come together for a case.
Sustainability and environmental awareness initiatives (particularly joining clubs and
organisations, but also events).
convocation times
attending info-sessions or workshops
school events in the convo mall
mostly the promotional events that outside companies come to the school for. example: last year’s amp event
All the evenys
rick mercer (spread the net)
attend event and fair
Surrey/Siat open house in feb.
I have noticed presentations and seminars at the Vancouver campus which made me feel connected to other students and staff at SFU, because I was able to connect with their area of study and relate it to a personal experience of mine. They were knowledgeable, friendly, and interested in speaking to me.
The Shagg in the Magg Dance in the Maggie Benson Centre
Buying a harvest box.
Planning an event for SFU
Organizing dance shows
the night party on boat that intended for international students
Peer health educators program
on and off campus pub nights
611 alexander meet and greet
The events that are held on campus such as dances.
the mindfulness meditations workshops are the only things that I have attended
Attending Intellectual property lecture at Hbr. Centre with some fellow classmates in the spring
Socials
Terry Fox Run
guest speaker Louise Arbour.
school events
first day barbecue
Bridge to a Cool Planet
Open House
networking seminar
A seminar held by sfu, other than that nothing
free food events

Department/Faculty/Program Events and Activities
CaseIT - Business case competition :]
Events organized by students who are also a part of the Engineering Science student society, like barbecues and first week events.
The honours symposium
Engineering Midnight Madness!
program related projects
A World Lit meeting
Western Engineering Competition
Faculty events such as out annual toonies for Terry BBQ
Dragon boating with PDP program
- Contemporary Arts BBQ at the beginning of the semester.
- events that are put on by the communications department
- early in the fall, the faculties set up tables in the AQ, which allows the students to walk by and view all the different faculties available and make a better decision
- I’m in the PDP through Maple Ridge/Mission and we have great FA’s and a great cohort. Other than that, I’m not connected to the campuses at all.
- CaseIT. CAC. SFU Business SAO events and Business clubs!
- Going to the theatre as a class
- Business case study
- Going to a pub as a wrap-up of a class.
- Having lunch at the pub with classmates and professor at end of term.
- Health Science faculty, has made my experience very welcoming.
- Probably in explorations during my first year
- Sushi fridays at the Communications co-op dept where sushi is provided and CMNS co-op students can mingle and chat with the co-op advisors and other students
- CARMHA Rounds, and SFU stopped funding them :(
- Monday’s 10:30 to 12:20 Science students and faculty meet in room on 5th floor for Mind Teasers social.
- Case competitions - SFU business
- Department socials
- The campus tour for our C3 module during the first week of class.
- me and a whole bunch of people from my acting class went to see our teacher in his play downtown
- The faculty party
- Engineering Pub Crawl.
- Economics Welcome 2008
- Well after one of my best class which is iat [*****], everyone from that class went out to eat together in an all you can eat sushi broadway where everyone was enjoying each others company and for us to catch up on what happened after the class and what are the classes that we are taking next semester
- Before school started, when we got to meet people who were taking the same program.
- department based social event at the campus pub.
- WMC - Business school feeling
- Faculty Socials
- monthly dinner with other students and prof (by choice)
- The Geography department soccer game held at the start of October with undergrads, grad students, and a few faculty.
- chem socials
- The major department meeting
- talks on cognitive science lectures
- chem socials
- faculty party.
- lecture at VPL main location from the World Lit department in 2008
- meeting classmates and my professor at the pub for a drink at the end of the semester; talking to students and profs on the bus.
- Department get-togethers.
- history of psychology

**Group Work**
- Forming study groups
- Study Sessions for finals with peers and extra study sessions held by professors
- Group Assignments
- Doing assignments with other classmates outside of lectures
- Obligation, by classes, to attend art events such as The Fringe Festival; people of that class often group up, attend the required event together, and then discuss it later on.
- group assignments
- Study groups.
- Lab.I think some small group of courses will connect people better.
- Seminars where you really engage with your peers
- TechTeams
- Group meetings for class projects and study groups.
- Having to work with a partner on a presentations.
- I had had a group work study. I think it is really good to connect to other students out of classes.
- a group project
- Working on assignments and projects with classmates and friends.
- in class discussion and group presentation
- Study groups
- study groups
- studying in groups, essential to be successful I think!
- Study-groups
- group projects
- Group Studying?
- Study groups
- Open discussion with a smaller number of classmates (lower than 100 people).
- education 330 group project
- team meetings.
- Group study sessions
- group study sessions that we plan among ourselves
- teamwork and group work
- Engineering Group Project
- Studying with people in my program.
- other people = colleagues taking the same courses.working on a project, discussing and helping each other to understand the assignment.
- When studying together with classmates or friends at whether school studying areas or outside campus.
- lab work that encourages work in small groups, as well as tutorials that give credit for participation and therefore give initiative for speaking in class
• CET lab
  • The study groups set up by students for particular classes to help us all study together for midterms and exams.
• Lab work
• study groups
• group projects
• Team based projects.
• doing assignment together
• the overall discussions that i have had as groups in lecture and tutorials
• There isn’t really one event. In lecture, there are too many people and you don’t get to talk to any. However, in tutorials and labs, you get a chance to talk to people, especially through partner work. Some of these relationships that I made have carried on outside of the classroom.
• studying with friends
• labs

Residence
• Living in Residence.
• living on campus and REZ 0!
• living in rez
• In first year I participated in Residence Orientation and that made me much more aware of the community on Burnaby Mountain. In second and third year I was a residence orientation leader and that helped me get closer to the community up here as well. Residence Orientation was definitely my favourite part of the SFU experience so far!
• Living on residence for a semester, and creating deep friendships that transcended the classroom or university boundaries.
• living in residence my first year
• Living in residence
• Residence orientation
• Residence Orientation
• The one nice thing about living in residence is you really get to know everyone else that is living there too, since the community is not that large.
• Being a CA in residence
• Living in Rez
• The friends I’ve made in Residence who don’t mind if I stay and hang out with them after class.
• I live in residence, so I would definitely say Rez life
• Living on campus
• Living in residence.
• Residence Orientation
• Someone in my residence made me rice when I felt sick and it was really sweet of them.
• Life in rez
• Block activities in the townhouses
• Residence
• Living on residence.
• Living in residence!
• Hanging out with my awesome floormates and having a good time.
• Living in residence
• living in residence.
• Living on campus
• Living in the residence
• Residence Orientation
• When I lived in residence was probably the only out of classroom experience that I felt more connected to others.
• SFU Residence (particularly since I became a CA
• the winter formal last year on rez
• Residence Orientation
• Living in the campus residence.
• live with a SFU student
• Living within the residence community
• Living in Rez
• Living in residence
• Rez life
• Probably the parties that goes on in the dorms, if that counts.
• Living in residence
• Living on campus especially in residence.
• Residence
• residence living

Instructors/TAs/Workshops
• Meeting with the professor in their office hours, joining a club, attending club-meetings
• Professors recognizing you outside of class, and being able to talk to them about things other than school
• Meeting and working with professors outside of class hours for advice on papers, classes, graduate studies, etc.
• None, beyond friendships made with TA’s and fellow students
• Seeing my professor in the hallway and having her say hello to me. (Made me feel good that the professor actually realised who I was)
• does the q workshop count? a terrific resource and opportunity to meet people
• Just meeting professors in their offices to talk.
• Attending Math Workshop
• Merely through Faculty, Academic Advisors, and Co-op Coordinators.
• office hours.
• My anthropology professor, she really was there to support me
• tutorial
• tutorial playing wii in eng [*****]
• workshops
• I had a chat with one of my first year professors about the profession I’m interested in, and he gave me great advice on it
• tutorials
A prof from last semester added me on facebook
Q workshops
faculty has inspired me in my work a great deal
TA office hours
profs that make you feel comfortable
Faculty
I find it comforting, that the tutors are willing to help the students outside of the academic arena, ie. have classroom discussions with few around campus, not only in the seminar room at the given instruction time.
teaching assistant
Student Central services have been really helpful, I attend workshops often.
faculty....
Faculty
Being able to go to the highland pub after a day is over and continue a conversation [started in lecture] with my prof over a beer.
Physics Class, the prof actually goes around offering help to students. The lectures are short and precise and very helpful. Makes the class very interesting.
TAs mostly made feel connected to SFU
In tutorial time
Only one, the Chemistry Lab professor actually takes interest in her students and provides a connection. The rest of the school’s staff regulates on a go-go-go basis.
tutorial sessions and student dances
Talking to the professors who are not snobs.
tutorial
Visiting professors during their office hours.
my [*****] economics teacher [*****] emails us to have a good weekend every single week
Conversing with caring professors
faculty

General Environment on Campus
The Community
Wings night at the Highland pub. I always see people there I know. Its a great way to connect with friends and relax after class on Wednesday.
the pub
The French Cohort student lounge.
The understanding for crisis situations which occur for each of us students.
White spot.
waiting between classes.
Standing in line to pay registration fees in the MBC.
the fitness facility
The computing science student society common room. Helped me meet people.
I think that Cornerstone and the small little village-like feel when I hang out there is very nice.
The food and people are enjoyable
Time spent at the highland pub has helped me connect with othe Students
- Small classes
- I think the Surrey campus building allows more interaction between students as it is smaller, and easier to meet new people
- restaurants/coffee shops
- The mezanine at Surrey campus. We can study, have meetings, eat, etc... in a place where we can see teachers, TAs, and other classmates coming and going.
- the atmosphere when eating at the pub
- atmosphere
- reading the peak
- Physics common room... !
- The Fitness Centre/ Weight Room
- One public spot where most students hang to socialize and work on projects. This one spot is where we get to see other students often, building a great sense of community in the school. SFU Surrey Mezzanine achieves just that, though it still can be improved a bit more
- Highland Pub
- Study rooms
- Games room.
- The SFU gym, working out there and talking to other students who like to work out as well.
- having a place to smoke
- Time spent in the museum
- gym
- the pub =]
- pub
- Pub nights
- Drinking at the Highland Pub.
- the way people are friendly and how everyone know everyone.
- study spaces and study rooms

Work/Volunteer Experiences
- Co-op program.
- meeting other sfu students at coop workplace
- Volunteering in WICS(Women in computing science)
- volunteered in SFU open house
- As a volunteer for the Rec Centre.
- Getting involved with volunteering whether it is with a club or the Dean’s office.
- Co-op BOL
- I think working in Academic Advising and Student Success as a program assistant and as a student advisor.
- working at the Farmer’s Market on campus
- volunteered as one of the o-crews during the orientation week.
- working on film sets
- Working at The Higher Grounds coffee shop
- Volunteering for CJSF Radio Station
- volunteering
• co-op
• via my workstudy
• Working at SFU Summer Camps.
• volunteering with peer programs
• Probably volunteering with the SFU Women’s Centre which helped ground my theory in reality, and got me in touch with some amazing individuals on campus.
• Participating as a volunteer at one of the EWB’s fundraisers was a great way to connect with other students at SFU, especially ones with similar interests to mine. Not only that, but we had a total blast!
• seeing fellow students at work
• Volunteering at various events, and with different clubs.
• Working here
• Volunteering at the SFU Food Bank
• helping out to prepare an event on campus
• Volunteering as a Burnaby OL.
• Volunteering for as a career peer educator for Peer Programs.
• work study..highly encourage it
• becoming an international mentor with SFU international.
• participation as a volunteer in the FBA Writing Mentor Program
• Volunteering for an event
• I am part of the Peer Educator program, which connects me to other peers both within the program and outside the program whom i help.
• working in a professor’s lab
• volunteering with the o-crew at orientation

Field Trips/Study Abroad
• excursion
• The Cuba trip during PDP
• the seattle trip with IAT [*****]
• field trip
• A trip downtown to see a guest lecturer at the Vancouver Library let me get to know other students in my program better
• fieldtrips. eg Bamfield with algae & invertebrate classes
• field school
• Field trips, such as to Bamfield help to create a sense of community within a class.
• weekend fieldtrips to Bamfield with Bisc [*****] and Bisc [*****] -- does that count? intramural leagues!
• Seatle Field Trip. IAT [*****]
• iat [*****] seattle trip
• field trips, if any
• Field-trip --> going to prisons with my class, and socializing/interacting out of the classroom/institution.
• I went on a fieldtrip with one of my classes and we had to arrange carpools. It kind of felt like we were all just hanging out together as friends rather than just classmates.
Field Trip
PDP retreat
Fieldtrips with my deparments
international exchange
Study abroad exchange

The fieldtrip to Bamfield with my BISC [*****] class was a major experience that made me feel most connected to my classmates, TA and professor. It gave us the opportunity to interact with one another outside of the classroom and gave me the opportunity talk to my professor about different topics of interest.

Over-night experience at Stave Lake with my class
a walk down to Burnaby Mountain with a class.
Overnight field trip with Geog [*****], to Cache Creek

Transit
Parking
we all commute very far to get to school.
Waiting for a 143 bus to show up!
taking transit
Talking to random people on the bus
Riding the bus up and down the hill.
Commuting to the university
The bus ride or drive to and from school.
UPASS
commuting on the skytrain and bus together
Transit Bus in the Winter
Seeing my prof on the bus across from me.
Riding the 135 down Hastings.

Technology
Online discussions
...none? WebCT discussions...? maybe...
The use of Web CT.
Web Forum for class discussion at Dialogue Central (Moodle?)
Help through email when I was sick. A lot of people were eager to help me with notes and assignments
facebook
Email exchange, arranged meetings outside of class time.
the ability to communicate via email and sfuconnect
my distance class using first class; even though the discussion was online I felt a great connection to my classmates based on the reflective nature of the course
facebook
using WebCT
TA assistance through WebT
Library/Bookstore
- buy and sell of books
- library
- studying and researching at library
- Library
- hanging out in library
- bookstore
- study rooms in the library
- Student Learning Commons
- Libraries

Staff
- Hanging out in Arts Central with the advisers. They’re really nice and always ready to chat. :]
- friendly staff
- I cannot recall one specific event but I have found that from the beginning of my time at SFU to the present, the advisors have become less biased towards students that don’t have a 3.5+ CGPA. This is very encouraging for me because I have had a very rough two years in my life and it is unfortunately reflected in my marks. Knowing that people will still respect me after seeing this gives me hope that they understand that this does not mean that I am not smart.
- Excellent service at Registration.
- Health and Counselling Services
- My counseling experience.
- Working with my advisor - [*****]. She always provides updates (through email) and is quick to answer any of my questions (through email and in person).

Nothing/Don’t Know/Not Applicable
- N/A
- n/a
- im not sure ...
- N/A
- None.
- Nothing.
- none
- none
- Not sure
- not applicable
- N/a
- I have not participated in any out-of-classroom experiences.
- none
- NONE
- none
- Can’t really say that I could pinpoint any.
- None so far.
- nothing
none.
nothing, this is the most boring place on earth.
none
none
n/a
N/A
I haven’t been to any out-of-classroom events (sadly...I’ll try to go to one this year)
None
I have no idea. I don’t think there has been an out-of-classroom experience that has done this for me.
NA
none so far
I don’t have one
None
I only take DE courses because of my work schedule, for my undergrad I also had none, I worked and studied.
Not applicable
n/a
my first year in sfu, and i haven’t experienced anything related yet
n/a
I don’t know.
I have yet to experience anything that has made me feel connected to other people at SFU.
n/a
I’m not sure.
none
n/a, I have yet to experience an out-of-class moment that has made me feel connected to others at SFU.
I haven’t experienced much as of yet to be able to answer this question. Maybe later on in the year I will be able to answer this!
N/A. I pretty much attend lectures and tutorials, study during breaks and go home after everything is finished. There isn’t much else to do.
nothing.
N/A
n/a
N/A
n/a
There hasn’t been one out-of-classroom experience that has made me feel actually connected to other people at SFU.
I don’t really feel that connected.
nothing
Nothing at all, out of class, out of mind lol please do something about this.
None in particular -images theather is the nicest hall tho -all lecture halls should be like this
I’m sorry, I can’t think of one
n/a
So far, I haven’t been to one since I started attending SFU this year. I’m just getting settled in and I believe I’m taking more course than I was ready for which makes it kind of hard for me to go and spend time else where besides home or the library to study.

I don’t have one

Does Not Apply.

NONE

None

Can’t think of anything

It is my first year and I did not have the chance to have any out-of-classroom experience

I currently work 2 jobs and school, I simply do not have the time for out-of-classroom experiences. But if I had the time, I believe club events would make me feel very connected.

none

n/a

can’t think of one

Nothing specific comes to mind.

Unfortunately, family commitments makes out-of-classroom involvement practically impossible.

No.

N/A

None so far

N/A

I am a distance education student. I have no opinion.

I’m not sure.

nothing

I come up to campus for class and then I leave.

none

none

I can’t say that I’ve experienced anything very significant yet...

none

I don’t feel connected.

Absolutely nothing. sorry.

none

I don’t feel connected to anyone at SFU.

Not sure. Can’t think of one. I honestly don’t feel that there’s a sense of community at SFU.

nothing

I have not had one yet as I am a single mom with young children I don’t have a lot of time to become involved outside of the classroom.

none

not applicable

nothing I don’t try

None
- none
- I am not sure.
- none
- N/A
- n/a
- N/A
- I don’t know.
- nothing as yet.
- I am a distance education student
- none
- no
- not sure
- Has not happened yet.
- none
- not really sure
- N/A
- Unfortunatly I can think of nothing that has led to feelings of connection outside the classroom.
- I don’t know
- I am a new student in SFU, so I didn’t attended the experience yet.
- Nothing. It’s boring on campus. I leave afterwards or go to the library to study.
- noothing
- is none....I haven’t attended anything thats outside of the classroom.
- non until now
- I have not attended any out-of-classroom activity nor do I intend on attending anytime in the future. I am interested in school only for courses.
- none
- Did not have one.
- n/a
- Havent found any yet.
- N/A
- none..
- none
- nothing inparticular..
- Don’t really feel any special connection to people at SFU
- I don’t feel very connected to other people. I’m older than my classmates and haven’t really had many opportunities to meet anyone.
- NO COMMENT
- nothing
- none

Blank/Unclear Comment
- helpful
- lower GPA for Accounting major
- [plus 164 respondents who left this question blank]