

Student Services

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Life at Southwestern is designed to be an enriching experience. Graduate students are encouraged to participate in the spiritual and social activities provided through Student Services.

Spiritual Life

Activities are promoted which contribute to the spiritual development of students. An important part of this program is the daily chapel period shared by the entire university community. Students are challenged by the administration, faculty, visiting guest speakers, and fellow students. Graduate students are welcomed to participate and encouraged to join the entire campus body in these chapel services.

Emphasis also is placed on personal devotions. Spiritual life on campus is encouraged through several organizations and ministry groups.

Global Prayer Focus

SAGU functions as a Global Prayer Center representing the desire of the districts of the Southwestern region that SAGU serve at the center of a worldwide prayer movement. The Road to Emmaus Prayer Walk features a paved walk of 1/3 mile with 10 enclaves containing prayer information for 10 major prayer burdens. Administrators, faculty, staff, and students use the walk daily for prayer and exercise. The Hugh Jeter Prayer Center is open daily to inspire intercessory prayer for all regions of the world as well as personal needs.

Student Ministries

Southwestern's primary objective is the training of individuals to enter worldwide Christian service. Therefore, in keeping with this objective Student Ministries compliments academic training with essential practical training in Christian service. In addition, the Student Ministries Office coordinates requests concerning short-term ministry opportunities. All students are expected to be faithful in church attendance and are strongly encouraged to participate in local church ministries. Christian service should be a characteristic of every student's life.

Personal Life

Southwestern is always concerned about the personal life of its students. All students (married or single, off-campus or on-campus, graduate and under-

graduate) are expected to conduct themselves at all times in accordance with **the teachings of the Word of God, the accepted standards of the Assemblies of God, and the standards of conduct held by SAGU.** Southwesterners must realize the importance of being examples of Christian living both on and off-campus.

With those from various backgrounds, it is necessary that each student becomes acquainted with SAGU's standard of conduct and dress. The University states its intentions of making Biblical principles its primary basis for conduct as referred to in the Assemblies of God By-Laws, Article IX, Section 6, as follows:

In view of the alarming erosion of national moral standards, we reaffirm our intention of holding up Bible standards against all forms of worldliness. We urge all believers "Do not love the world or anything in the world...For anything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of the eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world" (1 John 2:15-17).

In its teaching regarding worldliness, the Scripture warns against participation in activity which defiles the body, or corrupts the mind and spirit; the inordinate love of, or preoccupation with, pleasures, position, or possessions, which lead to their misuse; manifestation of extreme behavior, unbecoming speech, or inappropriate appearance; any fascination or association which lessens one's affection for spiritual things (Luke 21:34, 35, Romans 8:5-8, 12:1, 2; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; Ephesians 5:11; 1 Timothy 2:8-10; 4:12; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17, and Titus 2:12).

Student Conduct Committee

The Student Conduct Committee has the responsibility of maintaining the high Christian standards of the university. The committee seeks to identify models of excellence in Christian behavior and service on campus. It functions to remedy difficult problems but may also require a student who does not embrace the aims and ideals of the university to withdraw if the general welfare demands it. The committee membership is comprised of faculty members.

General Services and Policies

Accounting Office

The Accounting Office serves the students of Southwestern in all their financial matters. Students are encouraged to make use of these services.

1. Statements are sent out monthly to the student.

2. Limited check cashing is available for students with whom the university has had good financial experience.
 - a. Check Cashing Policy: The Accounting Office will receipt any check, money order, traveler's check, or cashier's check that is properly endorsed to your school account. Due to limited cash on hand, checks in excess of \$50.00 cannot be cashed. The last two weeks of school no checks will be accepted to allow all checks to clear the bank.
 - b. It is recommended that students who cash checks regularly open an account at a local bank.
 - c. Any returned check must be cleared immediately with cash, cashier's check, or money order. No additional checks will be cashed if this is not done. If two checks are returned during a semester, no additional checks will be cashed for one year. A \$30.00 returned check fee is charged for all returned checks. Writing an insufficient check is a major infraction of the university rules and could subject the student to disciplinary action (see Major Infractions in Student Handbook).
3. Cost schedules and financial counseling are available upon request.

Founders Bookstore

The campus bookstore, located at Sycamore Place, carries a complete stock of all textbooks and supplies necessary for classes. Gift items, music, personal items, stationery, jewelry, school emblem jackets, sweaters, and assorted items are also available.

Post Office

All university mail is distributed by the campus post office which is located at Sycamore Place. All students enrolled in the on-campus programs are required to rent mail boxes in order to receive in-school communication and mail. Graduate student mail boxes are located at the Harrison School of Graduate Studies.

Career Services

Southwestern's Career Services Office provides assistance to students and alumni in developing, evaluating, and/or implementing career, education, and employment decisions and plans. A variety of services are available to all majors and professional interests. Job Fairs and Career Days are organized to give students exposure to professionals who are looking for employees. Assistance is available for resume writing. Planned seminars address needs relating to Career Services.

Counseling Services

Southwestern is concerned about each student. Faculty members are available at stated times during the week for conferences. Professional help may sometimes be needed by students in dealing with problems of social, emotional, or interpersonal nature. The counseling ministry located in the Davis Building serves students who need Biblically-based counseling in the following areas:

- * **Personal Counseling** covering such issues as stress, loneliness, anger, self-esteem, and other relational, emotional, spiritual, moral and cultural problems that may arise in daily life.
- * **Premarital Counseling** for pre-engaged or engaged couples; and seminars each semester which cover such topics as conflict, communication, Biblical roles and responsibilities, finances, sexual relationships, and setting up family devotions.
- * **Marriage and Family Counseling**
- * **Personality Testing**
- * **Support Groups**
- * **Career Counseling**
- * **Seminars** on topics such as Grief, Boundaries in Dating, The Positive Side of Being Single, etc.
- * **Referral Services** to additional professional counselors.

The student attending a Christian university benefits from close relationships with the faculty. At Southwestern, instructors take personal interest in the spiritual, educational, social, and professional welfare of all students.

Each student is assigned a program coordinator for academic counseling. The coordinator seeks to establish rapport with each student in dealing with academic related situations the student may encounter.

Employment for Students

Many students seek outside employment to finance at least part of their expenses. Although Southwestern is unable to guarantee employment, it certainly desires to give every possible assistance in aiding students to find jobs either on or off campus. Part-time jobs are available in the vicinity of the university and at local businesses, such as, private homes, stores, shops, daycare facilities, florists, factories, and offices offer student employment. Full and part-time employment is available in nearby Dallas and Fort Worth for students whose financial responsibilities are heavy. The Career Services Office offers assistance to students needing employment.

Health Services

The health care needs of Southwestern Assemblies of God University are coordinated through the Office of Student Services and Student Life.

Campus Nurse: Student applications at the university are surveyed by the Campus Nurse to determine health care needs that should be brought to the attention of food service personnel, directors of athletic activities, faculty, staff and/or administrators. A professional nurse services the health needs of the student body on a part-time basis. The Campus Nurse maintains contact with a local physician. Students are referred to other qualified health care personnel for medical consultation, diagnosis, and/or treatment as necessary.

The Campus Nurse maintains daily office hours which are posted on the Health Services Office door and will be available on-call through the Student Services Office or the Student Life Office. The Health Services Office is located in the Davis Hall Student Services Center (see campus map).

The Campus Nurse is also available for consultation to all students living off-campus, faculty, staff and administration.

Insurance: Southwestern Assemblies of God University requires medical clearance and accident insurance coverage for each student admitted. Participation in the student accident insurance program of the university is required. Accident insurance coverage purchased in the university program applies only to the semester for which the student has paid. During the summer, accident insurance will be provided by the school for students engaging in SAGU-sponsored ministry or athletic tours. It should be understood that SAGU does NOT provide a health or medical insurance program for students.

HEW Regulations

HEW Regulation 84.21 . . . “No qualified handicapped person shall, because a recipient’s facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by handicapped persons, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity provided by the university.”

For further information on the HEW Handicapped regulations, contact the Office of Student Services.

Dress Code

Although informal dress is appropriate, students' attire must be consistent with the university's standards of professionalism and decorum. Therefore,

students will wear modest attire; shorts, tank tops, sweat pants are not acceptable for classroom dress. Classroom decorum also excludes the wearing of hats or caps. This code applies during all classes and chapel.

Child Care

Child care is not provided by the university. Parents are expected to make arrangements for child care other than in the classroom or at the graduate school's facilities.

The Graduate Focus

The Graduate Focus is the official voice of the graduate school. It is a periodical which includes news, updates, announcements and other information pertaining to the graduate programs and students.

The SAGU Web Page: www.sagu.edu