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University Analysis
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Sacred Heart University

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY
5151 PARK AVE
FAIRFIELD, CT 06825 – 1000
General info:(203) 371 – 7999
Financial aid office:(203) 371 – 7980
Admissions office:(203) 371 – 7880

Undergrad: 4,131
Grad: 1,822
Male: 37.0% Female: 63.0%

Instate Tuition: \$19,260
Out – of – State Tuition: \$19,260
Room and Board: \$8,430

STUDENT BODY:
African – American: 6.8%
American Indian: 0.2%
Asian: 1.6%
Caucasian (non – hispan): 84.2%
Hispanic: 6.8%
International: 1.6%
Unknown: 0.0%

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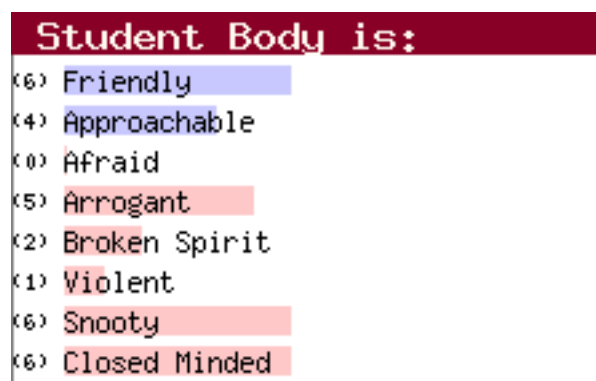
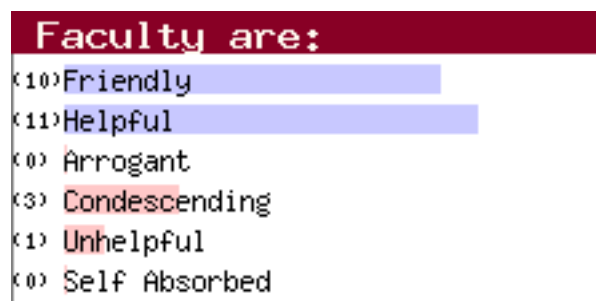
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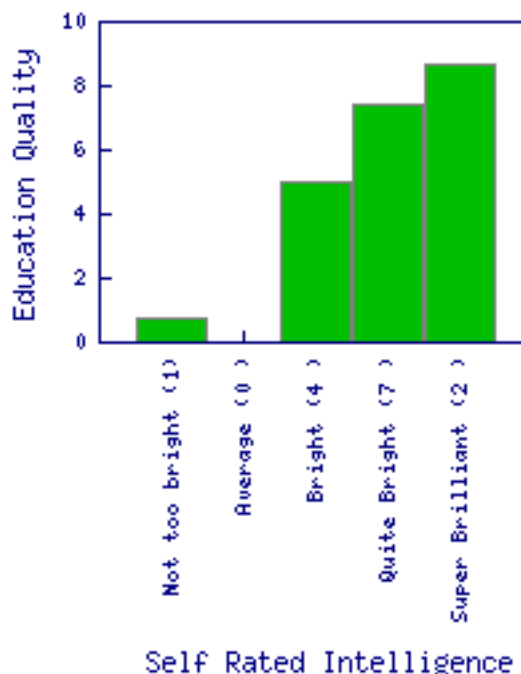
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18. Ithaca College – Ithaca, NY
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20. Saint Thomas University – Miami, FL

Student Survey Results

Out of 14 Students, 8 (57.14%) would not choose to return to SHU, while 6 (42.86%) would return.



Education Quality	6.5, B-
Individual Value	5.8, B-
Collaboration/Competitive	6.0, B-
Innovation	5.7, C+
Schoolwork Useful	6.2, B-
Friendliness	6.4, B-
Faculty Accessibility	7.2, B
Social Life	4.1, C-
Scholastic Success	6.5, B-
Extracurricular Activities	5.9, B-
UniversityResourceUse	5.1, C+
Perceived Campus Safety	5.9, B-
Surrounding City	4.3, C
Campus Aesthetics	6.5, B-
Campus Maintenance	4.7, C
% of teachers who do not speak satisfactory English	0-10%



Student Comments

☹️ *Accounting - Male*

This University is all about money. Every little thing is accounted for and every department tries to capitalize to get every penny out of every student. Parents are starting to realize it too as many more are coming forward with issues regarding basically every aspect of this so called University. This University is on the downfall fast, and I predict will fall into a league like University of Bridgeport has. Once a renowned University, now a dump. Myself, as well as many others have taken the next step in informing everyone we know looking at this college to step in another direction. Right now I am responsible for three people changing their minds after getting accepted here and it is a great feeling. I wish I knew what I do know now about this place when I first applied.

☺️ *Computer Science - Female*

I don't understand why some people do not like it here. I'm in the Honors Program and I have not had any bad experiences with

teachers. The teachers here are great There are some groups of students that are a little snobby, but you will find that at any school you go to. Party scene: if you don't want it, you won't have it rubbed in your face. if you do want it, you can find it. Parties at the rugby house every friday (only \$5), tons of bars and clubs if you have a fake. Also, you can drink in your room if your not stupid about it. I do really like it here; i have made many friends that will be life – long friends. The campus is gorgeous. There are shuttles that take you to the mall, movies, and grocery store if you do not have a car. freshmen can only have cars in special circumstances. The rooms are pretty nice too, especially compared to the other colleges I visited. One hint: if you can't turn your heater off, put the nob between low and medium and you'll hear when it shuts off. Tons of clubs, NCAA division I sports teams, and intramural sports. Fun events on campus – BINGO is my fave – lots of great prizes. There are also movies shown on campus and theres a DVD machine too. The laptops are pretty cool too – the internet is mad fast. Sometimes things go wrong with the computers but that is expected with any computer – there is a tech center for clearing up problems and getting replacement parts (free because we pay for the computers as part of our tuition). The one thing i do hate is the food – it really sucks. They know it sucks but they have a contract with the company that makes the food so they cant get out of it :(plus, they definitely put laxatives in the food, but i have friends who say they do that at their college too, so it's not just here.

😊 *Computer Science - Male*

I spent 1yr on campus and 3yrs community from home. This school has many on campus events every week to make sure there is always something to do. If you don't want to participate there are several bars and clubs nearby. If you want to visit NYC

it's only a short train ride away.

The campus is ALWAYS being renovated, which is nice, some of the classrooms are dated in terms of seating (old highschool style desks) but the school is always clean, and the cleaning crew is always working.

The staff at the school is extremely helpful and always willing to work with you to help fix anything that's wrong. The deans are EXTREMELY approachable some even teach classes

I have been very happy at SHU and I'm proud to say I'm graduating with a BS in CS from SHU.

If you want to attend a school where the professors will know your name, and provide personal attention and help then this is the school for you.

😊 *English - Male*

When I first got into Sacred Heart I didn't want to go because frankly, it wasn't well known. To me that was important at the time. Now, well now I don't want to leave. I would never dream of transferring. It's such a great environment. I feel it's small enough that you don't feel overwhelmed but large enough that you can still meet new people all the time. The small size means smaller classes, which means more attention from teachers (good or bad depending on who you are ;)) Overall, it's not the best school...yes there are drawbacks...but you're going to find disadvantages and disappointments anywhere you go. Nothing and nowhere is perfect. But this school really tries its hardest to make you feel accepted, wanted, intelligent, and to make sure you have a fantastic time outside of the classroom. Oh, last thing...if you are offered to enroll in the Honors Program...do it. It's not a significant amount of work (in fact I think I often have less work than many of my others friends) and the perks are great (eg: they pay for airfare if you choose to study abroad).

☹ *Psychology - Male*

I will not be back here next fall. I can almost feel the life being sucked out of me everyday. Why pay 30k a year for something that isn't even really college? I feel like im in the 13th grade here. Im off to quinnipiac in the fall mainly bc of my outdoorsy and nature inclinations and hobbies. Its a similar school academically with so much more to do and around it and a better name.

• *Psychology - Male*

Surely you jest...to the below poster you are in honors, thus you must be fairly intelligent. Why not look elsewhere? You are a freshmen though so give it time. I am a sophomore and only here for athletic reasons. However, I am running away as fast as possible. If you take the time to visit and compare this school to others you will see just how much of a small little suitcase school this is with an ugly campus, apathetic student body, and just a high school feel to it. Now maybe that's your (not directed to anyone) thing but its not mine.... im merely deciding between fairfield and binghamton for transfer bc in terms of adequate preparation for masters and doctoral programs this place just wont cut it.

☹ *Criminal - Male*

This just isn't a very good college. I will fully admit that the only reason I went here was because I didn't do well in high school. Like most students I didn't apply myself fully, and I paid for it come admissions time. The administration at is VERY hypocritical in the policies, and in a school that pledges to be for the catholic tradition it fails miserably. Members of the opposite sex are not allowed in one's room past two o' clock, which i understand because it is supposed to be "catholic." Yet there is a Gay Alliance club present on school grounds. A school that pledges to be committed to good Catholic practice should get its act together. If you want to come here because of the religious aspect, then DON'T. It is non - exist-

tent here. The level of student productivity here is also extremely low. The people here simply aren't very intelligent, and it shows. There are much better schools with a better class of people in the same area (Go check out Fairfield University) At nearly 30 thousand dollars a year, the school is vastly overpriced. As a current freshman, I cannot tell you the amount of incoming freshman who are transferring. People are leaving left and right. I know I certainly am. When you go to college, your goal should be people congratulating you when you tell them where you graduated from (hopefully a good school.) If you told them you graduated from Sacred Heart University, they would laugh in your face. Save your money, and find a much better school that you can be proud of. One more committed to not being hypocritical in its policies, and one that has much better academics than this school has to offer. You owe it to yourself to make your mark on life. The only thing that going to Sacred Heart University will help you do, is make your mark on hamburgers as you're flipping them.

Steve Bierfeldt
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☺ *Criminal - Female*

I like it here...at first i didnt and i wanted out my first semester but i stuck through it and now i really enjoy it. yes its not in the most busy part of the state and yes its small but thats what i wanted in a school. cj is slowly building up the teachers are absolutely wonderful in cj and are so resourceful and willing to help. it is slightly pricy as well but its a beautiful campus and well worth it, especially if u think about how the University of New Haven costs the same and its a total dump. i would faintly recomend SHU. and while ur at it if ur a female join the rowing team

☺ *Criminal - Male*

Sacred Heart is absolutely Awesome. Don't know what people are talking about. It's

just fantastic, and a real treat to be there. Beautiful setting and the faculty and administration are extremely helpful. Pay no attention to any "other" reviews. This place is a joy to go to.

– Steve Bierfeldt



Political Science - Female

This school is just too new yet. That and that fact that it's VERY money hungry. If you have money to waste on nothing but an ok time of drinking in your dorm room with your RA then come on down. The teachers that I have had in the Poli Sci dept are great, CJ teachers are good too, other than that I can't say too much except don't expect helpfulness or class. Everyone (including faculty) think they are better than you and they'll let you know. The housing dept is by far the worst part of SHU. No one here really cares about you, your needs, or your happiness, they just want your money. I had a better, happier, and more productive time in my public high school then I have at 3 yrs in the private university. It's a real joke. If you brave the journey here – good luck. I would wait till at least 2050 before anything decent comes out of the school.



Political Science - Male

Overall, a good school with excellent faculty and students who are friendly.

Don't go here if you are look for a school with an aesthetically pleasing campus.

Widespread use of technology, but library seems to lack sufficient resources.

Cafeteria food is decent. Not much social activity.

In my opinion, there are an above average number of politically consevative students and professors. (This is obviously a positive thing if you are a George W. Bush supporter like myself, or you are tired of extreme liberal bias at our colleges and universities.)

That being said debate and free thought is encouraged (especially in political science.)

Nobody at SHU is trying to push a specific religious agenda.

How to 'get in'

- *Computer Science*

Bright - Female

I applied and wrote an essay. Got decent financial aid. I was offered full tuition to Marywood University but I turned it down to go here because I love the atmosphere so much. Apply ASAP because you will get more fin aid – i applied kinda late to all the colleges because I have a procrastination problem. If you get accepted and decide to go – get your deposit in ASAP or you'll get stuck in a triple, which happened to me and it totally sucks.

- *English*

Super Brilliant - Female (SAT: 1330)

I got into the SHU very easily. It is not the most selective school, which creates a good diversity among students. Joining many clubs in high school, showing a good amount of service (at least one thing), and making sure your academics are up to par are the only things I can recommend. The school is trying to increase its reputation and status, and hopes to be ivy league in the near future. As far as that goes, the admission policies may become a little stricter, but go for it. Be honest about who you are, the interview is easy because the staff is very warm and welcoming.

- *Psychology*

Not too Bright - Male

sacred heart accepts anyone with a pulse get it lol oh man that was bad. . . .

- *Criminal*

Quite Bright - Male (SAT: 1150)

I fooled around in high school, and that is the only reason i went here. To all high school students. Work hard and try to get into a good school. I'm stuck here for the rest of the year, but you don't have to be.

- *Criminal*

Quite Bright - Male (SAT: 1150)

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the only reason i went here. To all high school students. Work hard and try to get into a good school. I'm stuck here for the rest of the year, but you don't have to be.

- *Criminal*

Quite Bright - Female (SAT: 1180)

work hard and the more effort u put in the more you will get out of it

- *Political Science*

Quite Bright - Female

Just talk about how good you are at sports. In fact, I wasn't even very good at all but I was on a few teams in high school and all through my interview the women was asking me if I would be on a team at SHU. If you're not into sports or being an arrogant frat guy or soriety girl then don't waste you're time coming.

Honestly though – they did respect how hard I worked in HS with a great scholarship – but sports and sport related majors are #1 in SHU's book.

Sports

Baseball	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Field Hockey	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Men’s Basketball	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Men’s Cross Country	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Men’s Ice Hockey	NCAA Division I – Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Men’s Lacrosse	NCAA Division I – Colonial Athletic Association
Men’s Soccer	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Men’s Tennis	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Men’s Track, Indoor	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Men’s Track, Outdoor	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Men’s Volleyball	NCAA Division I – Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association
Men’s Wrestling	NCAA Division I – Colonial Athletic Association
Women’s Basketball	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Women’s Bowling	NCAA Division I – Independent
Women’s Cross Country	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Women’s Equestrian	NCAA Division I – Independent
Women’s Fencing	NCAA Division I – Independent
Women’s Golf	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Women’s Ice Hockey	NCAA Division I – ECAC Division III East Women’s Hockey League
Women’s Lacrosse	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Women’s Rowing	NCAA Division I – Independent
Women’s Soccer	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Women’s Softball	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Women’s Swimming	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Women’s Tennis	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference
Women’s Track, Indoor	NCAA Division I – Northeast Conference