

**Southeastern Louisiana University**  
**Transfer Analysis**  
**2004 Cohort**

Graduation Rates have quickly become one of higher education's front-runners for measuring success. This metric is highly defined and standardized so that comparisons can be made across institutions. The basic definition starts with the students who make-up the cohort; students who are full-time, first-time, degree-seeking freshmen. These students are tracked to see how many graduate within a six-year time frame. However, Southeastern graduates many more students who did not meet this strict definition of the cohort. Students who transferred into Southeastern, students who started in the spring semester or students who started their higher education career as a part-time student will never be a part of Southeastern's graduation rate. Furthermore, those students who started in our cohort but didn't graduate from Southeastern within six years may still have the opportunity for personal success. These students could still be enrolled and take longer than six years to graduate or they might transfer to another institution to pursue a degree.

The purpose of this report is to take a look at a group of our students who met the 2004 cohort definition and did not graduate from Southeastern, but transferred to another institution of higher learning.

The transfer information came from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC). They represent over 3,300 institutions across the nation and 93% of all higher education students in the country. NSC is the most comprehensive site from which to obtain enrollment and graduation data. NSC will provide confirmation of enrollment of students and the names of the institutions where they are enrolled. Only when a student graduates will NSC provide degree and major information.

There are 2,137 students in the 2004 cohort. 714 students or 33.4% of the cohort graduated from Southeastern within six years. An additional 26.6% of the cohort are represented by the 569 confirmed transfers. The majority of the transfer students were freshmen and had a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.000. There were 161 freshmen who transferred with 15 or fewer cumulative hours earned. This indicates that a majority of the students that transferred out were in academic trouble when they left Southeastern. The following information is based on transfer students from the cohort.

## I. When our students left Southeastern:

What was the last Student Classification at Southeastern?

Freshmen	308	54.1%
Sophomore	84	14.8%
Junior	158	27.8%
Senior	19	3.3%

Cumulative GPA before Transferring:

0.000 – 1.999	269	47.3%
2.000 – 2.499	86	15.1%
2.500 – 2.999	91	16.0%
3.000 – 3.499	79	13.9%
3.500 – 3.999	37	6.5%
4.000	7	1.2%

Major before Transferring:

BS in Nursing	125	22.0%
Undecided	88	15.5%
BS in Biology	43	7.6%
BGS in General Studies	23	4.0%
BA in Psychology	22	3.9%
BA in General Business	20	3.5%
BA in Criminal Justice	19	3.3%
BS in Computer Science	18	3.2%
BS in Physics	15	2.6%
BA in Art	14	2.5%
BA in Communication	14	2.5%
BA in Management	14	2.5%
BS in Accounting	13	2.3%
BS in Early Childhood Education	12	2.1%

BS in Family and Consumer Sciences	5	0.9%
BS Music Education	5	0.9%
BM in Music	5	0.9%
BA in Sociology	5	0.9%
BS in Finance	4	0.7%
BA in Political Science	4	0.7%
BA in Social Work	4	0.7%
AA in Criminal Justice	3	0.5%
BBA General Business	3	0.5%

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Top Ten Institutions

Delgado Community College	131	23.0%
Louisiana State University	63	11.1%
Our Lady of the Lake College	41	7.2%
University of New Orleans	41	7.2%
River Parishes Community College	23	4.0%
University of Phoenix	22	3.9%

### III. Students who Graduated from Another Institution

A total of 569 students were verified as transferring to another institution. Of those students we can verify that 149 of those students actually graduated from another institution. These 149 students have a statistically higher ACT average and are older than those transfer students that did not graduate. They also had significantly higher cumulative GPAs and had more hours earned when they left Southeastern than those students who transferred and did not graduate. This represents an additional 7.2% of our initial 2004 cohort. That leaves 416 students who transferred to another institution but have not yet graduated.

Degrees that were Conferred to our Transfer Students:

Associates	26	17.5%
Baccalaureate	100	67.1%
Did Not Disclosed Degree Conferred	23	15.4%