



IU Southeast Graduating Student Survey: Facilities Report

BACKGROUND

The Indiana University Southeast Graduating Student Survey is administered to students when they apply for graduation and collects data regarding post-graduation plans, employment and income, applied learning experiences, factors influencing student satisfaction with their experiences at IU Southeast, diversity and culture, campus safety and self-perceived levels of abilities. This multi-year report is intended to provide information regarding how these data have changed from year to year and to support decision-making that facilitate change in response to the dynamic needs of the student population.

Individual question response rate varies. We include partial responses in the report and, unless otherwise indicated, non-respondents are excluded in tabled data counts and percentages.

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RESPONDENTS

Survey respondents for 2020 consisted of eight hundred eight undergraduate respondents, and one hundred two graduate respondents; 65% were female and 35% were male.

Table 1: Respondents:

	2020		2019		2018	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Undergraduates	808	89%	794	91%	834	88%
Graduates	102	11%	79	9%	109	12%
Total	910	100%	873	100%	943	100%

SATISFACTION: IU SOUTHEAST EXPERIENCE

Satisfaction with the classroom environment and quality of specially equipped labs and training facilities remains high, with each category experiencing a 1% increase in satisfaction from the previous year. While the majority of respondents were satisfied with the availability of parking on campus and campus food services, satisfaction with food services on campus dropped by 2%.

Table 2: IU Southeast Experience Satisfaction:

	2020	2019	2018
Quality of specially equipped labs and training facilities.	84%	83%	85%
Classroom environment (temperature, cleanliness, comfort of seats)	82%	81%	83%
Availability of parking on campus.	63%	63%	67%
Food services on campus.	61%	63%	58%

The percentages total the "Very Satisfied" and "Satisfied" categories.

When comparing the graduate and undergraduate groups, the graduate group indicated higher levels of satisfaction than the undergraduate group for classroom environment and availability of parking on campus; the undergraduates indicated higher satisfaction with the quality of specially equipped labs and training facilities and food services on campus. Less than half of the graduate group was satisfied with the food services on campus.

Table 3: IU Southeast Experience Satisfaction (Graduates vs. Undergraduates):

	2020		2019		2018	
	GR	UG	GR	UG	GR	UG
Classroom environment (temperature, cleanliness, comfort of seats)	88%	81%	93%	80%	90%	82%
Quality of specially equipped labs and training facilities.	80%	85%	87%	83%	87%	85%
Availability of parking on campus.	71%	62%	78%	62%	73%	66%
Food services on campus.	47%	63%	60%	63%	44%	60%

The percentages total the "Very Satisfied" and "Satisfied" categories.

SAFETY

The large majority of respondents continue to always feel safe at IU Southeast.

Table 4: Campus Safety:

	In Campus Buildings			Walking on Campus			In Campus Parking Lots		
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018
Always Safe	81%	80%	82%	71%	73%	75%	65%	67%	68%
Usually Safe	18%	19%	16%	26%	25%	24%	29%	29%	28%
Sometimes Safe	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	6%	3%	4%
Rarely Safe	--	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%
Never Safe	--	--	<1%	--	--	<1%	<1%	--	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 5: Campus Safety – In Campus Buildings:

	2020		2019		2018	
	GR	UG	GR	UG	GR	UG
Always Safe	79%	81%	83%	80%	87%	81%
Usually Safe	21%	18%	17%	19%	13%	17%
Sometimes Safe	--	2%	--	1%	--	1%
Rarely Safe	--	--	--	<1%	--	<1%
Never Safe	--	--	--	--	--	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 6: Campus Safety – Walking on Campus:

	2020		2019		2018	
	GR	UG	GR	UG	GR	UG
Always Safe	70%	71%	73%	73%	80%	74%
Usually Safe	27%	26%	25%	25%	20%	24%
Sometimes Safe	3%	4%	1%	2%	--	1%
Rarely Safe	--	<1%	--	<1%	--	<1%
Never Safe	--	--	--	--	--	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 7: Campus Safety – In Campus Parking Lots:

	2020		2019		2018	
	GR	UG	GR	UG	GR	UG
Always Safe	68%	64%	71%	67%	77%	67%
Usually Safe	28%	29%	28%	29%	22%	28%
Sometimes Safe	4%	6%	--	4%	1%	4%
Rarely Safe	--	<1%	1%	1%	--	<1%
Never Safe	--	<1%	--	--	--	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 8: Campus Safety – Graduate Center (Graduates):

	2020	2019	2018
Always Safe	85%	76%	84%
Usually Safe	13%	22%	14%
Sometimes Safe	1%	--	2%
Rarely Safe	--	2%	--
Never Safe	--	--	--
Total	100%	100%	100%

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Respondents were asked to provide any additional comments or suggestions about safety:

1. I am an online student - above questions do not apply regarding campus
2. More lighting on campus
3. I was a remote student.
4. Too cold on winter nights in the classrooms!!
5. There should be cameras in the parking lots.
6. I never stayed in the dorm rooms, but because of at least one incident, I am concerned about the safety of future students.
7. I felt safe.
8. None
9. Geese are only threat to safety
10. none
11. None
12. I never see police canvassing the campus making sure nothing suspicious is happening. I don't mean any disrespect, but it is disconcerting to notice the lack of police presence outdoors unless they're checking for parking permits.
13. N/A
14. I have never felt unsafe while on campus.
15. Felt safe here
16. Maintenance on gators came close to hitting myself or other students very often. Other routes need to be available for them
17. For students that take only evening classes - Allow them to park closer in the professor spots and not ticket them if it's after 6PM. (The spots are never full at that point anyways) We get out of class when it's really dark. As a woman, it's hard to feel safe. Even though the distance isn't that much further, it would still feel safer being as close to the building as possible.
18. n/a
19. Maybe just a little more lighting on paths
20. I felt safe all over campus.
21. n/a
22. Infinitely Safer than U of L
23. NA
24. provide more lighted areas in campus
25. More lighting on paths, more emergency call stations
26. online student
27. Very Safe School
28. N/A
29. N/A

30. I feel safe as a man, however more lighting would need to be incorporated at night for me to feel safe as a woman.
31. At ISU, there were police poles every 30-50 yards or so for safety with access to push a button and notify police if needed and this was a nice feature while attending the other University.
32. The parking lot is very lit at night, so it feels safe.
33. I had a roommate with a very possessive boyfriend who made me, and many other people uncomfortable. He was eventually expelled from IUS due to his actions.
34. There have been times when I was walking the path from the Life Sciences building to the main parking lot and the street lights were not working, making the path dark. This was fixed after a couple of days, however, and nothing happened to me. Also, it is a bit spooky sitting in the computer lab in the UC in the middle of the night with no one around but the possibility of anyone coming in. I know there are campus police around and are just downstairs, but it is still a concern that has passed through my mind before.
35. The reason why I put usually safe for walking on campus and campus parking lots is because I feel safe during the day, but once it starts to get dark outside that is when I begin to feel unsafe.
36. I would feel more comfortable with more police presence by the housing lodges.
37. I never felt unsafe since I was on campus during the day only. However, I was always alert to any potential threat.
38. Didn't mean to reply to the one about the Graduate Center at Water Tower Square
39. More lighting all around campus would make me feel safer to walk around at night (when I get out of classes/work).
40. I take classes in the evening and there is not a visible police presence at all. It makes me nervous, especially walking out to my car at night, considering all of the crime alerts regarding stalking and threats on and around campus.
41. Police should have increased personal to monitor suspicious activity, specifically in reference to the stalking incidences in the last few months.
42. Very safe campus!
43. The police were great about making me feel welcome and safe
44. none
45. N/A
46. no
47. Replacing the lighting by Crestview/Life Sciences
48. NONE
49. The geese can be a bit much
50. Speed limit needs to be reinforced. Campus police are diligent about handing out parking violations when the real problem that needs to be addressed is the speed limit. That includes outside of normal business hours.
51. IUS needs to rego over their list of tenured professors. Some of them are ineffective as instructors.
52. IU Southeast is a very safe campus.
53. NA
54. I work the night shifts in IT at IUS, and walking across campus at night is scary regardless of how safe IUS actually is.
55. The parking lot during winter time can be dangerous
56. Do something about complaints of people stalking women on campus.
57. lights on pathways throughout campus
58. Parking lots are not well lite
59. I always felt safe on campus.
60. I felt safe during my entire time at IU Southeast
61. N/A
62. I was followed by a car on and off campus. while it took a while for police to respond they eventually did respond.

63. I would suggest more lights in the center pathways of campus as it can get quite dark walking between buildings for night classes especially in the Winter.
64. I really think that the buildings need to be updated. The lack of bathrooms, cleanliness of bathrooms, and overall inside look of the buildings are not reflective of the overall campus.
65. Maybe lock campus doors at night
66. The ability to conceal & carry on campus.
67. Having more accessible and visible blue lights on campus would increase the feeling of safety on campus especially when walking to your car at night.
68. The Campus Police do a great job
69. I have always felt safe while being on-campus during classes and living here in the lodges.
70. I think the reason that I always felt so safe on our campus was because of how present the campus police always are on campus. They make sure their presence known, in a good way, and they are always super approachable. I visited another campus for a conference and I did not feel like I could ask their campus police for directions when I got turned around on campus.
71. More lighting around campus needed
72. Parking lots and stairs were never treated for ice during winter seasons.
73. More speed limit enforcement in the parking lots; especially for evening classes
74. Felt safe
75. Have more police presence in parking lots for night classes.
76. When ice is on the sidewalks they are extremely difficult to avoid areas and become slippery often.
77. N/A
78. I really appreciate the email updates when safety concerns like stalking or sexual violence happen.
79. No Comment
80. I was a 100% Online Student.
81. Did not stay on campus later in the night, hence unable to answer the above.
82. Mandatory closed doors in hallways at school
83. More lights on campus around the walkways, At night, the middle of campus around Crestview is always too dark.
84. No comments
85. Never had an issue
86. more security lights for late night classes
87. NA
88. Reiteration of strength in numbers and offerings of basic to advanced self defense should be offered as an option to decrease the chances of violent campus crimes including but not limited to: attempted rape, battery and/or assault.
89. I have heard about certain unsafe situations occurring on campus, but usually it is either at night or on the weekends.
90. I would only feel uncomfortable at night and there are many evening classes
91. police should help always, in any EMERGENCY. Even with women cars... which usually do not know how to fix or change something with their cars. A flat tire, gasoline, battery etc. These kind of things happen... women do not planned so, police campus should help to anyone who needs ANY kind of help.
92. IUS is a safe enviroment and campus to attend
93. I always prefer to walk with others or in group jut for safety reason.
94. the territory of the university is safe
95. No issues or concerns.
96. I left many blank lines because they are not applicable. Some lower scoring questions may be due to this being an online program
97. It took them over two weeks to replace a light that was out in the parking lot. I have all night classes, so when I would get out of class it would be dark, and I felt like since that light was out, I was a little unsafe.
98. I do not have any suggestions, I felt save at all times at IU Southeast Campus

99. Nothing really as I look to provide others safety than seek safety myself. I would prefer to carry a weapon, but so far I have not experienced a situation where possible safety issues become a concern.
100. N/A on-line student

APPENDIX A

The electronic survey instrument follows. Note that some of the questions are routed to only be seen by Undergraduate or by Graduate respondents. Not all routing is apparent in the printed version of the electronic instrument.