

WHY SOUTHERN?



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WAYS WE STAND OUT



1 A High Value Education at an Affordable Price

Southern is one of the most affordable universities in Connecticut. We offer a variety of financial aid options to ensure access to higher education, including grants, loans, scholarships, fellowships, veterans' aid, and work study. In the 2021-2022 school year, close to 75% of students received some form of aid.

3 Faculty and Staff Invested in Your Success

Southern faculty are among the best and the brightest in the profession. Even before graduation, Southern students get hands-on experience and learning opportunities conducting cutting-edge research in the lab and the field with faculty. Our diverse community of faculty and staff reflects the communities we serve.

2 Academic and Career Success

Academics come first. They're why you're here! With academic advisement tailored to your specific needs, assistance with study skills and writing in the Academic Success Center, and guidance on building your future through the Office of Career and Professional Development, you'll realize your potential during your college years and beyond.



Location!

New Haven offers a wealth of history and culture. Southern is located just a few miles from the heart of downtown New Haven, putting you close to tremendous internship and cultural and career opportunities! While at Southern, you are minutes away from the theater district, world-class museums and galleries, biotech firms and large healthcare systems, and public service organizations, to name a few.

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Perfect Class Size

For a university of more than 8,800 students, our average class size is less than 20. You'll not only meet award-winning professors, you'll engage with them on a daily basis, both in and outside the classroom.

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6 Let's Go, Owls!

Southern students take their sports seriously — and have serious fun doing it! We offer a full roster of NCAA Division II athletics, plus a wide selection of club sports and intramurals. Southern's athletic program ranks among the top NCAA Division II in the nation, with 81 individual titles and 10 team championships. We also boast a long record of dominance in the Northeast-10 Conference.



7 Never a Dull Moment

Through “Owl Connect” there are more than 125 clubs and organizations on campus. So, play in a Southern band, join a co-ed volleyball team, get involved in Greek Life, run for SCSU Student Government Association, or start a new club. From academic-focused groups to residence life to community service groups, you’ll feel your Owl pride in no time.



8 Advancing Southern – a Social Justice and Anti-Racist University

We are committed to a mission of social justice and anti-racism, and ours is an inclusive campus culture that welcomes varying perspectives and constructive dialogue. We treat each other with dignity, respect, kindness, compassion, and civility. We work to identify and address systemic barriers to equality, access, and success for all members of our community. It is who we are and what we do.



9 An Engine of Social Mobility

Earning a Southern degree changes lives! CollegeNET’s “Social Mobility Index” (SMI) ranks Southern in the Top 25 nationally. The SMI measures to what extent higher education institutions are helping solve the declining levels of economic mobility in the U.S. The index looks at the cost of attendance, economic background of the student body, graduation rates, and early career salaries to determine if schools are accepting economically disadvantaged students and graduating them into well-paying jobs. We celebrate the importance of Southern’s role in ensuring individuals can move up the income ladder and are proud to have a large and vibrant first-generation community.

10 Globe-Trotting Opportunities

SCSU’s Office of International Education offers study abroad experiences across the globe: Chester and Liverpool, England; Iceland; Paris, France; Peru; Puerto Rico; Rome and Tuscany, Italy; South Africa; Spain; and more!

Cutting-Edge Facilities

During the past 10 years, Southern has invested in the construction of numerous projects designed to spark creativity and propel innovative ideas. These include our new state-of-the-art health and human services building, academic science and laboratory building, renovated and expanded library, and the new School of Business, scheduled to open in fall 2023.

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12 We’re a Residential Campus

We guarantee on-campus housing for all four years of your undergraduate experience. Our nine residence halls offer a variety of living and learning communities that encourage the academic, cultural, and social growth of students (think nightly programs, lectures, workshops, and entertainment events!).

13 Newsworthy Standing

The U.S. News and World

Report ranked Southern Connecticut State University as a U.S. News 2022-2023 “Best” College in these categories: Public Regional Universities, Social Mobility, and our Nursing (BSN) program. U.S. News & World Report rankings are based on measures of academic peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving.



14 Thriving Alumni Network

Following spring 2022 commencement,

Southern’s alumni community reached more than 100,000 members — a number that continues to grow each year. This extensive network provides students and graduates with people to turn to for mentorship, advice, and internship or job opportunities. While 88 percent of Southern alumni live in Connecticut, the network stretches across the country, operating in Boston; Washington, D.C.; Florida; and New York.

