At dusk on the campus green, you gather with other new freshmen in a circle around the Lamp of Learning. Its flame casts a golden glow on the faces of the family members who stand behind you.
"I was handed a publication about SNU that said "Character, Culture, Christ" — and that was something I wanted to be part of. I wanted to be part of a school where Christ was glorified, where people had values. I wanted to live around people of integrity. This is it!"

— Adriana Zuniga, Elementary Education, Fort Worth, TX

A candle is lit, the fire is passed — your quest for faith, learning and transformation begins.
Four years later, commencement. Another circle, this time around Centennial Fountain, side-by-side with friends who have become like family. Together, in this community you’ve come to love, you hold a long ring of ivy.
"We educate through our commitment to shape and transform men and women of the Cross, guided by the Romans 12 admonition: 'Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.' Graduates go out into the marketplace and live out their faith through irresistible influence."

— Dr. Loren Gresham, President, SNU

The President cuts a section, places it in your hands, and sends you out to make your mark.
More than 2,000 students from all walks of life feel a warmth and acceptance here. The hospitality starts at the top with our president and his wife, who host some 500 people in their home each year for meals, parties, and receptions. This is a close-knit community where character is shaped and spiritual growth is inspired.

Speaking with seniors from Southern Nazarene University, you would think they had gone through some remarkable metamorphosis during their journey here. With fond memories, they tell of deep discussions with gifted mentors, travel abroad, spiritual retreats, experience with sophisticated equipment, internships, mission work, NAIA championships, and endless unique encounters.

Indeed, the entire SNU education is built on this series of eye-opening encounters. During your experience here, you will be exposed to a myriad of life changing opportunities which will ultimately prepare you to become a responsible Christian in a world much in need of men and women of character.

Senior Melissa Cauthron describes her growth this way: “As a freshman, I was judgmental toward people who didn’t believe exactly as I did. But my eyes have been opened to see a different perspective. I’ve learned to accept differences, to grow because of them, and to love in all circumstances.”

Classmate Chanda Thomas explains the SNU transformation this way: “We’re being shaped into a different culture, a different character than the world is used to seeing. We’re tested and challenged academically, as well as in faith, character, and the way we live our lives. We’re not conformed to this age and hopefully people see something different in us.”
"I came all the way from Portland, Oregon, because I think SNU is the place to be. It's good to step out of your comfort-zone, make new friends. I'm definitely getting the education I need to prepare for ministry, and the faculty care about me way beyond the classroom. I've even made a lot of friends just playing sand volleyball, because SNU is just such a great community of people."

— Carl Zoch, Theology & Ministry major, Portland, OR

The SNU campus — located in suburban Bethany, Oklahoma, just minutes from downtown Oklahoma City — offers the ideal setting for exciting discovery and quiet reflection. It features beautiful fountains, a community mall area, thought-provoking sculptures, large shade trees, and sidewalks that crisscross wide open green space.

Our faculty is comprised of caring individuals who offer one-on-one attention and an open door office policy. The integrity and joy modeled by our professors challenges you to stretch your mind, expand your dreams, and fully develop your leadership potential.

The transformation our students undergo begins evolving even before classes start, when freshmen gather for what many call one of the most memorable experiences of their lives — New Student Institute (NSI). From the moment our "luggage luggers" help you move in, the fun begins, as you team up with your new "family group" for an unforgettable week of fellowship, food, insight, and adventure.

During NSI, you'll learn your way around campus, find out what's expected of you, make new friends, learn how to join campus clubs, become involved in community service, and find out more about your new city and surroundings!
## Undergraduate Programs

- Accounting
- American Studies
- Athletic Training
- Aviation – Business
- Biology
- Biology – Chemistry
- Biology Education
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Chemistry Education
- Christian Education
- Church Music
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Early Childhood Education
- Education – Liberal Studies
- Elementary Education
- English
- English Education
- English – Literature
- Environmental Studies
- Exercise Science
- Finance
- History
- Human Relations
- International Studies
- Journalism – Broadcast
- Journalism – Print
- Kinesiology
- Management
- Marketing
- Mass Comm. – Journalism
- Mathematics
- Math Education
- Missions
- Music Business
- Music Education
- Music – Instrumental Performance
- Music – Keyboard Performance
- Music – Vocal Performance
- Nursing
- Physical Education – Health & Safety K-12
- Physics
- Pre-Agriculture
- Pre-Allied Health
- Pre-Dental
- Pre-Dietics
- Pre-Engineering
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Psychology
- Science Education
- Social Studies Education
- Sociology
- Sociology – Criminal Justice
- Sociology – Pre-Social Work
- Spanish
- Spanish Education
- Speech Communication
- Speech / Comm. Education
- Sport Information
- Sport Management
- Sport Marketing
- Systems Network Management
- Theology and Ministry
"We want our students to live with conviction in a world of ambiguity. We want them to think clearly about society and culture from a Christian worldview. Our strong general education core helps them achieve these goals."
— Dr. Don Dunnington, Academic Vice President

Our innovative academic program allows students to combine academic strengths with areas of personal interest to create their own multidisciplinary major. One student customized her own major in finance and music, while another created a major in art and human relations.

Students with particularly high academic scores are encouraged to participate in our Track III Enrichment Program, which enables you to take advanced courses in place of some general education courses for an even broader scope of learning.

Our graduates enjoy extremely high acceptance rates into the nation's finest law, medical, and dental schools — and physician assistant programs.

Each new student is appointed an academic advisor who provides insight about academic direction and career goals. Our Academic Center of Excellence and Student Support Services teams are present to offer motivation, tutoring, accountability, counseling, and help with everything from study skills to financial assistance.
Life changing encounters that span the globe — they are what make SNU so different, and what help our graduates lead such rewarding lives. Maybe it's a horsemanship or aviation class that introduces you to a lifelong hobby. Or, perhaps it's a mission trip that turns your world upside down and prompts you to teach overseas. Such encounters will transform your mind, equip you for the future, and challenge you spiritually, socially, and academically. They'll also transform the community around you!

Students respond wholeheartedly to our challenge to become involved in service to God and their fellowman. "We cover the world with non-stop opportunities and cultural experiences," says one student. The denomination's popular Youth In Mission program sends students abroad for summers of service in Bangladesh, Venezuela, Japan, and beyond. Many of our graduates find fulfillment in meeting our president's challenge to serve one year somewhere in the world before pursuing their vocational goals.

In recent years our students have ventured to more than 35 countries and to inner city neighborhoods from Oklahoma City to Harlem, to serve humankind with a variety of ministry groups. They've worked in AIDS hospices, hosted health fairs, toured with musical groups, ministered in urban Indian churches, hosted children's rallies, worked at orphanages, helped people grow their own food, performed street concerts and friendship evangelism, mentored disabled students, and helped clean up entire communities.
“Watching students and faculty sacrifice of themselves during Christmas and summer breaks for missions, and being involved in missions through SNU, has impacted my life far beyond the normal college experience. I am grateful SNU challenges me to be a part of my community through service, on and off campus.”
— Shannon Guillot, Urban Ministries / Urban Studies major, Pearland, TX

Music enthusiasts relish our state-of-the-art Music Computer Lab, where students create, write, and produce their own CDs — and music for our lively musicals and stage productions. Our School of Music is an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music. Its faculty is recognized for its extensive real-world experience.

Elementary education students gain in-depth experience in every facet of the educational process at the SNU School for Children, a K-5th grade elementary school situated on the SNU campus — the first of its kind in Oklahoma. Graduates of our School of Education consistently rank high among students who pass the Teacher Certification exam.

SNU is one of only two Oklahoma universities that offer the study of cadavers at the undergraduate level. Throughout our curriculum, students have access to top-notch resources and equipment, including sophisticated chemistry and computer labs, modern athletic training rooms, and classrooms that feature advanced “blackboard” technology.

You can live, study, and research at our own “rain-forest-campus” in Costa Rica, the Quetzal Education Research Center. Our students interact with professors while studying the environment, tropical medicine, and more. While testing the fluid in small plants, one student discovered two organisms that produce antibiotics — a major find!
SNU is a life experience. It's about freedom and exploration, finding out who you are and what you believe. It's about building relationships, seeing the world, having fun, seeking God, establishing values, and growing in integrity. SNU is a journey — in character, in culture, in Christ!

One of the focal points of life on campus is Chapel, when all of our students come together for an uplifting time of fellowship, reflection, worship, prayer, and the practical application of God's Word. While many of our students are Nazarenes, those from all denominations are welcome as we grow in Christ together.

SNU is a creative, upbeat community that's alive with Broadway musicals, talent shows, recitals, art exhibits, theatre productions, operas, film nights, and concerts. Eight talented SNU music ensembles tour locally, regionally and internationally.

Moving from center stage to center court — intercollegiate athletics are incredibly popular at SNU, which has one of the largest and most elite athletic departments in the country. A member of the NAIA and the Sooner Athletic Conference, SNU fields 18 teams and one of the most impressive lists of championships in the country, including national titles, runner-up, and final four appearances in basketball, track, football, golf, and soccer.
"There's nothing like SNU community life. We hang-out, fellowship, discuss class topics, and encourage each other. There are theme parties like Modge Podge and Roller Rag, Bible studies, water gun fights, and spiritual life retreats to places like Red Rock Canyon."

— Angela Mills, Music Education, Enid, OK

There are many vibrant clubs and organizations at SNU, from our student newspaper and yearbook staffs to College Republicans, International Student Organization, Circle K, and Campus Crusade for Christ. As part of our Student Government Association, you can help make key decisions on campus, including plans for favorite events, such as the Queen of Hearts Ball and Homecoming.

SNU offers seven residence halls, each with cable TV, high-speed Internet access, and sophisticated ID security systems. There are many great meeting spots on campus, from Centennial Plaza to "The Storm Cellar" cafe in Webster Commons, where you can grab a Starbucks and take a break in our upscale game room.

For the person who loves sports but doesn't play for the "Storm," our line-up of intramural sports is a welcome sight, including basketball, soccer, floor hockey, softball, and flag football. You'll have access to our campus pool, tennis courts, weight room and fitness center, gymnasiums, running track, and sand volleyball court.
"I'm from Houston and my perception was that Oklahoma City was small; boy was I wrong. I attend a church downtown and that's allowed me to find out just how much Oklahoma City has to offer. It's an incredible city!"
— Michael McNabb, Environmental Studies, Houston, TX

One of the most underrated assets of SNU is our safe, convenient setting within the small city of Bethany, Oklahoma, and our close proximity to high energy Oklahoma City. This powerful combination gives you the comforts of "home" as well as the freedom to tap into the excitement of a huge metropolitan area.

Bethany's peaceful yet plentiful setting gives you quick, easy access to everything you need: banks, restaurants (Chili's, Bahama Breeze), car repair shops, shopping (Walmart, Barnes & Noble), and, of course, the Java Joint — a student hot spot. You and your friends will love the many beautiful parks and lakes that surround campus.

When you want to spread your wings beyond Bethany, the cultural, entertainment, and recreational offerings of Oklahoma City will satisfy your every yearning. With more than one million people in the metro area, the city offers fun outdoor arts festivals, marvelous botanical gardens, hip restaurants, and cozy coffee shops. The community is virtually custom-made for rock climbing, golf, mountain biking, and hiking. You and friends can hop the Oklahoma Spirit trolley to see the city. You may want to take in a concert or hockey game at the new Ford Center, a live show at the Civic Center Music Hall or Stage Center, or a Redhawks AAA baseball game at Bricktown Ballpark.
SNU is known for transforming students' futures because of our connections in Oklahoma City. Our students enjoy "shadow" experiences working on shift with professional nurses and physician's assistants, and they gain invaluable experience working at local corporations, schools, medical centers, and cultural organizations, including the Metropolitan Opera.

Our students break from the books for special outings to places like Six Flags Over Texas, the Omniplex science center, the City Arts Center, Frontier City Theme Park, the Oklahoma City Zoo, and the touching National Memorial built in remembrance of the tragic bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

College Days provide the perfect time for you to visit the SNU campus, to stay in a residence hall, eat in the café, visit classes and, most importantly, meet students and professors! Find out when our College Days are by calling or emailing our Office of Admissions: 800.648.9899/admissions@snu.edu.
"I'm sorry to admit it, but I didn't care about people before I got here. Now, I realize how my actions and words impact others; and I realize how God is in everything... Coming to SNU has made me a better person. I wouldn't trade anything for what I've received here."
— Julie Surles, Music Education, Oklahoma City, OK

What kind of price tag should you put on an educational journey that will transform your life — one that will build character, expose you to a world of culture, draw you closer to God, and nurture you with unconditional love and support?

Sarah Walker, a nursing student from Tulsa, Oklahoma, says her experience at SNU has literally been priceless. "SNU helped me keep my head above water when nothing else could. There was a tragic accident in my family. I had to come back to a full schedule of nursing classes, and there was this overwhelming outpouring of compassion. My professors cried with me and prayed with me. I heard from people I didn't even know. I have very strong feelings about this university. If I had been anywhere else, I wouldn't have survived."

Many people would invest a great deal to attend the university Sarah describes. However, at SNU we specifically keep our prices down so we can enroll students like Sarah — and every person who longs for this kind of transforming community. In fact, we are one of the most affordable private Christian institutions in the nation. Of the 97 reporting member institutions of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities, SNU ranked among the top 20% of those considered "most affordable."
To apply for financial aid, fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available from our Financial Aid Office, from your high school guidance counselor, or on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

About 85% of our students receive financial assistance in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study programs. The average financial aid package equals more than 30% of each student’s college expense! To find out how much you are eligible to receive, you must first apply for admission. Contact us for an application by calling 800.648.9899, emailing admissions@snu.edu, or visiting our web site at www.snu.edu.

Of the 4,000 degree-granting institutions of higher education in the U.S., only 100 have qualified for membership in the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) — and SNU is one of them! The mission of the CCCU is to advance the cause of Christ-centered higher education and to help its institutions transform lives by faithfully relating scholarship and service to biblical truth.