

About the Southern System

What began as a dream more than 136 years ago is today a living legacy of determination, commitment, and success. The Southern University and A&M College System is the only historically black university system in America.

The System has a diverse enrollment of more than 12,000 students with locations in Louisiana's capital city of Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Shreveport. A law school and agricultural and research center also are located in Baton Rouge. The System campuses appeal to students with various undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree offerings.

Widespread accomplishments of faculty and alumni have positively impacted society at every level. With a strong foundation, a proven record of achievement, and a fresh vision for the future, Southern University's charge to advance the mission of its founders' remains at the heart of our administrators, faculty, students, and alumni.

The campuses of the Southern University and A&M College System pride themselves with distinct learning environments, each having its own identity and brand. Despite the differences in the constituencies that they serve, the commonality of all campuses lies in providing quality educational experiences that are affordable and accessible to all. Each of our campuses is deeply rooted in their respective communities and is responsive to regional intellectual, cultural, and labor needs by supporting economic and workforce development that bring benefits to the state and region.



SUAREC and CAFCS FAQs

Units:

- Southern University Agricultural, Research and Extension Center (SUAREC)
- College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS)

1. How many full/part-time employees does SUAREC currently have?

Answer: A total of 118 is reported in the January, 2019 SUS Handover Research Economic Study

2. What is the approximate annual operating budget for SUAREC?

Answer: \$14,515,019 for FY 18-19

3. Is SUAREC headquartered?

Answer: SUAREC is headquartered in A.O. Williams Hall on the Baton Rouge campus, however, due to renovations faculty and staff are housed in other buildings on campus temporarily.

4. SUAREC consists of extension and research programs, what are the extension programmatic areas?

Answer:

- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Community and Economic Development
- Family and Human Development
- Nutrition, Health and Wellness
- Youth Development

5. What is the SUAREC Experiment Station?

Answer: Located in Alsen, Louisiana, the research station is a 385-acre farm which houses three animal units that include beef cattle, sheep and goats. Current research involves forage and parasite studies. The farm also houses forage test plots, ponds, and a Livestock Show arena.

6. What is the Center for Rural and Small Business Development?

Answer: The Center for Rural and Small Business Development operates as the result of a contractual agreement between Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and The United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Business-Cooperative Service. It was established to provide technical assistance for business creation in economically challenged rural communities, to conduct educational programs that develop, improve upon the professional skills of rural entrepreneurs, provide outreach and promote USDA Rural Development programs.

7. How many parishes does SUAREC currently serve?

Answer: Our extension employees are housed in 34 parishes and serve 52 parishes.

8. What is the operating budget for the CAFCS?

Answer: \$2,175,176.00 for FY 18-19 SUBR (General Fund Budget)

9. How many degrees do we currently offer?

Answer: 5

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| A. | Agricultural: | 1 Degree (Bachelor with 5 Concentrations) |
| B. | FCS: | 1 Degree (Bachelor with 3 Concentrations) |
| C. | Urban Forestry: | 3 Degrees: (Bachelor, M.S. & Ph.D) |

10. Do we offer any online courses?

Answer: Yes.

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| A. | Agricultural: | 2 AGSC-110 & AGSC-431 |
| B. | FCS: | 1 HNFD & 1 hybrid course in AMTX |
| C. | Urban Forestry: | Future Plan Environmental Science & GIS/RS |

11. How many faculty & staff members do we currently have in the CAFCS?

Answer: Faculty: We have 16 full-time faculty and 5 part-time faculty.

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| A. | Associate Dean: | 1 Full-time |
| | Staff | 1 Full-Time |
| B. | Agricultural: | Faculty: |
| | | 1 Full-time |
| | | 5 Part-time |
| | | 5 Joint Appointment |
| | Staff: | 1 Full-time |

C.	FCS:	Faculty:	7 Full-time
		Staff:	1 Full-time
D.	Urban Forestry:	Faculty:	8 Full-time
		Staff:	1 Full-time

12. Are the faculty and staff engaged in national and global activities?

Answer: Yes, the faculty and staff of CAFCS continues to engage in national and global research and extension initiatives. Additionally, The College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences has had two faculty members to receive USDA Awards for Excellence in College and University Teaching in the Food and Agricultural Sciences Program.

13. How many students do we currently have enrolled full/part-time in the CAFCS?

Answer: 326 (285 undergraduates and 41 graduate students)

A.	Agricultural:	135
B.	FCS	109
C.	Urban Forestry:	41 Undergraduate
		10 Masters
		31 Ph.D
	Total	326

14. What is our graduation retention rate for the CAFCS?

Answer: The average is 67.4%

		Fall:	2017	2018	
A.	Agricultural:		32	22	68.8%
B.	FCS:		18	9	50%
C.	Urban Forestry		6	5	83.3%

15. What student organizations do we currently have and how many participants?

Answer: We have 10 student organizations in the CAFCS. Several are in various fraternities and sororities. Some students are in more than one organization in the CAFCS.

		# Of Participants
A.	Agricultural:	
	Animal Sciences/Pre-Vet	20
B.	FCS:	
	Family & Consumer Sciences	10
	Food, Nutrition & Dietetics Assoc.	12
	Elite Fashion Society	16
	Child Development & Family Life	19
	Phi Epsilon Omicron	15
C.	Urban Forestry:	
	SU SAF	20
	Urban Forestry	30
	Urban Forestry Graduate Assoc.	20
D.	CAFCS:	
	MANRRS	64

