

Student Life FAQ

Questions from perspective students. Answers by current students and faculty.

Do students have time outside of school and clinic to enjoy Knoxville?

Yes, it depends on your classes and caseload at the time, but there are plenty of social opportunities.

Do students have time to work outside of the department? How many students do this?

Some students have off-campus jobs, and they are usually evening/weekend jobs since classes and clinic start in the morning and go through the day. Some students find jobs babysitting or tutoring (short hours, only 1-3 times a week type jobs). It depends from year to year, but there are always a handful of students who choose to do this; however, most students do not.

How safe is campus and the surrounding area?

There is an on-campus police department and an alert system that sends alerts directly to mobile phones and email addresses. There are also emergency phones all over campus that are always lit and available for any use. This is generally a safe campus and area.

Is it hard to find parking?

No! Compared to many programs, parking is abundant. There are commuter parking garages (G10, G13) directly across from our facilities that are very convenient for our students, allowing for an easy commute to class. Depending on the day of the week and time of day, parking lots may be busier, but students can always find nearby parking. During special events on campus, there can be restrictions on certain parking locations.

Should I live close to campus or farther from campus?

It depends what each student wants and what they want their commute to be like- if they have means of transportation, etc. It is generally agreed upon that living off-campus in an area that is not dominated by undergraduate students is most fitting for graduate students. Refer to the housing guide, suggested by graduate students, for recommended housing.

How much is a parking pass?

Prices can be found at this link: <https://parking.utk.edu/about-permits/students/>

Is there a bus system to campus? How much is a bus pass?

There are many transportation systems around the city. Some housing complexes offer direct transportation to campus, typically at a reduced rate. There is a city bus as well as several buses that are solely on campus. Campus buses are free, but the city bus requires a pass. Refer to the following link for fares: <http://katbus.com>

What is there to do around campus or in the Knoxville area?

Knoxville is an extremely diverse area. There are tons of local spots to listen to live music, shop, visit museums and see local art. For the outdoorsy type, there is plenty of hiking, fishing, water sports, running, rock climbing, etc. The old city has a fun night life, and there are famous local attractions to visit. The list of things to do in Knoxville is never-ending.

Are there opportunities for sports teams/clubs/fitness/exercise?

Graduate students are able to use the sports/fitness facilities on campus with their ID cards. The gym offers fitness classes that students like to take advantage of. There are also intramural teams that students can participate. Knoxville and the surrounding areas host many marathons as well as 5Ks and 10Ks. Knoxville also has tons of greenways that are perfect for biking, walks and runs.

How many people are usually in a cohort?

Typically, around 35-45 students per cohort for SLP, and 15-20 for AuD.

What is the cost of living in the area?

The average student pays about \$600-\$700 for rent. Prices are variable subject to how many roommates you have, what part of town you live in, what type of housing you prefer (house, apartment, townhome, etc.).

How close are the students and faculty?

One of the best things about this program (from a student perspective) is the closeness of the faculty and students. The faculty members truly care about each student and their success. They are always available for assistance and demonstrate a true sense of care for each student.

Who attends the ASHA convention?

Whoever has research to present: Ph.D. students, master's thesis, AuD research project. They are usually allotted some funding to attend. Students who want to go on their own usually have to pay themselves.