

ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM  
AND THE UNIVERSITY LIFE AS EXPRESSED  
BY SENIOR UNDERGRADUATES

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The students who sat for their second year examination in the Science Faculty of the University of Jaffna were administered questionnaire on their opinion with regard to academic programme, library facilities, living conditions, extra-curricular activities and university life of the students.

Majority of the students were happy with lectures (66.3%); found tutorials useful (88.1%); satisfied with course unit system (76.9%), examination system (86.9%) and university regulations (75%). However 49.3% of these were unsatisfied with practical facilities. Only 31.9% of them discussed their problems with their academic staff.

Although the library facilities satisfied nearly half the student population, daily use of the library by the students was rather low. In the library, students did reference work (16.9%), self studies (22.5%), additional reading to substantiate lectures (38.1%). But 30% of students did not read daily newspapers.

Medical facilities satisfied 60% of the students, but only 38.8% of the students went to the University Medical Officer for their health problems.

Only a very few (6.3%) lived in the University hostels. 73.1% of the students did not have enough funds for living and 68.1% of the students were Mahapola/Bursary/Endowment etc. Sport facilities available in the University satisfied 41.3% of students, but majority of the students (70%) did not take part in sports.

It could be concluded that majority of students enjoy university life both academically and personally, although they face a few limitations in the university.