

Loyola 24-7

- Loyola is predominately a school of privilege with many students who take their class status for granted.
- Furthermore, many students assume that all of Loyola's students must have the same background if they attend the same institution.
- Students who cannot afford the same lifestyles of their peers are forced into lifestyles within their means.
- This decreases the chances of interactions of others from different backgrounds; further decreasing chances of fostering diversity and cultural understanding.
- There are also students who attempt to live outside of their means in order to fit into the lifestyles of their peers; putting themselves at financial risk.

We would like to invite everyone to participate in our experiment called "Loyola 24-7". It doesn't require much time, thought... or money. All you need is \$7. We are asking Loyola students to choose one day between November 15 - 19, during which they are limited to a \$7 budget for the day.

The guidelines are as follows:

- Students must **only** use \$7 for the entire day for all of their expenses.
- All swipe transactions are included within your \$7 budget.
- All food within one's home is off limits for the day with **a penalty of \$2** for each item eaten.
- All participation is welcome. It's okay if you cannot make it through the entire day! (We want record that information as well).

We ask that you please complete the survey at the following link by **Friday November 19 at 5pm.** <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8WHR9NF>

Comments from the Survey

"I was really tired and I wanted buy a snack, but I couldn't... I'd consider myself on a working class budget and it was still hard to do."

"I enjoyed the experiment, though it was difficult. I don't usually eat many meals at the room cooking, but that is what I had to do all day. I got frustrated when people would ask me if I wanted to get lunch or dinner with them and I would not be able to join because of my spending limit."

"I rarely check how much I spend on food in Boulder, after Thanksgiving I'm bringing back meals that I can eat in my room rather than spending so much at Boulder."