Graduating Student Survey (202210)

Start of Block: Default Question Block

Congratulations on completing your degree! Please take a few minutes to complete this survey regarding your experiences at the University of South Alabama. We will use your feedback to improve the academic and social experiences of our students. Your responses will remain anonymous.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Institutional Effectiveness at (251) 460-6447 or email us at southsurveys@southalabama.edu.

Thank you for your input and we wish you the best in your future endeavors.

We would like to keep up with all of the awesome things you do in the future. Please provide your permanent email address, phone number, and mailing address so that we can stay in touch.

- ○ Permanent Email Address (4) _____
- ○ Phone Number (5) _____
- ○ Mailing Address (Address, City, State, and Zip Code) (6) _____

End of Block: Default Question Block

Start of Block: Block 1

In this first section, please answer a few questions about yourself.

You are graduating:

- ○ On time. (1)
- ○ Earlier than I thought I would. (2)
- ○ Later than I thought I would. (3)

Please tell us the main reason you aren't graduating on time.

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For this degree, what was your status when you entered USA?

- ○ First-time college student (1)
- ○ Transfer student (2)
- ○ Returning USA student (3)

How many hours a week do you work for pay (on & off campus)?

- ○ 0 (1)
- ○ 0 to 10 (2)
- ○ 11 to 20 (3)
- ○ 21 to 30 (4)
- ○ More than 30 hours (5)

While attending USA, on average, were you a:

- ○ Full-time undergraduate student - I took 12 or more hours per semester. (1)
- ○ Part-time undergraduate student - I took less than 12 hours per semester. (2)
- ○ Full-time graduate student - I took 6 or more hours per semester. (3)
- ○ Part-time graduate student - I took less than 6 hours per semester. (4)

End of Block: Block 1

Start of Block: Block 2

Communication Department Graduates

Are you graduating with a degree from the Communication Department?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Which program are you graduating from?

- B.A. (1)
- M.A. (2)

Please indicate what concentration you finished your degree in by selecting the corresponding letter.

- Multimedia Journalism (1)
- Broadcast Journalism (2)
- Digital Cinema and TV (3)
- Strategic Communication Public Relations (4)
- Strategic Communication Advertising (5)
- Strategic Communication Visual Communication (6)
- Communication Studies (7)

Communication Major

	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither agree nor disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)
Because of the courses I took from the Department of Communication, I believe I am well prepared to enter the communication workforce. (1)	○	○	○	○	○
My communication major has developed my leadership skills. (2)	○	○	○	○	○
I believe the communication faculty were helpful as I pursued my communication degree. (3)	○	○	○	○	○
The communication faculty provided excellent advising for me as I choose which courses to take each semester. (4)	○	○	○	○	○
When I pursued an internship, I believe the courses in the communication department had provided me with the skills and knowledge I needed to succeed in the internship. (5)	○	○	○	○	○

End of Block: Block 2

Start of Block: Block 3

In this section, we'd like to know about your employment plans after graduation.

Are you currently employed?

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (3)

After graduation, which of the following will be your primary activity related to employment?

- ○ Stay in my current job. (1)
- ○ Start a new job. (2)
- ○ Look for a job. (3)
- ○ Serve in the Armed Forces. (4)
- ○ Serve in an international or national volunteer organization. (5)
- ○ Do volunteer work. (6)
- ○ Other (7)

If you selected "Other" in the previous question, please specify in the space below.

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In what city and state is your employer located?

- City (4) _____
- State (5) _____

Did your major or field of study prepare you for your current position?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Somewhat (3)

Please indicate your salary (before taxes) in the space provided.

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Would you say you are:

- Not at all satisfied with my current position. (1)
- Somewhat satisfied with my current position. (2)
- Satisfied with my current position. (3)
- Very satisfied with my current position (4)

What is your start date?

- ○ Within the first month after graduation (1)
- ○ Two to three months after graduation (2)
- ○ Four to six months after graduation (3)
- ○ More than six months after graduation (4)
- ○ Other time frame (5)

In what city and state is your employer located?

- ○ City (7) _____
- ○ State (8) _____

Did your major or field of study prepare you for your new position?

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)
- ○ Somewhat (3)

Do you plan on working:

- ○ In the state of Alabama (1)
- ○ In another state (2)
- ○ Other (3)

Do you believe that your major or field of study has prepared you for the type of position you will seek?

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)
- ○ Somewhat (3)

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End of Block: Block 3

Start of Block: Block 4

In this section, please answer a few questions related to your educational plans after graduation.

After graduation, what are your plans in regards to continuing your education within the next year?

- ○ I have been accepted to graduate or professional school. (1)
- ○ I have applied to graduate or professional school but haven't heard about my acceptance yet. (2)
- ○ I will be pursuing another undergraduate degree. (3)
- ○ I plan on continuing my education, but haven't applied yet. (4)
- ○ I don't plan on continuing my education. (5)

Where did you apply?

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Where will you apply?

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When do you plan to start?

- ○ Within the first month after graduation (1)
- ○ Two to three months after graduation (2)
- ○ Four to six months after graduation (3)
- ○ More than six months after graduation (4)
- ○ Other time frame (5)

If you selected "Other time frame" in the previous question, please explain in the space below.

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What school are you attending?

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List the degree and name of the program you are pursuing.

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Where else were you accepted? (List all institutions)

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List the name of the degree and program you plan on pursuing.

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What is the highest degree you plan to obtain?

- ○ Bachelor's (1)
- ○ Master's (2)
- ○ Professional (J.D./M.D.) (3)
- ○ Ed.S. (4)
- ○ Ph.D. or doctoral level (5)

End of Block: Block 4

Start of Block: Block 5

Next, please answer a few questions about your experiences with advising at USA. If a statement does not apply to you, please mark N/A.

Advising

	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly disagree (4)	N/A (5)
The information my advisor provided about graduation requirements was accurate. (1)	○	○	○	○	○
I was satisfied with the quality of advising for career planning. (2)	○	○	○	○	○
I was satisfied with the quality of advising for planning for graduate/professional school. (3)	○	○	○	○	○
The frequency with which I met with my advisor was sufficient. (4)	○	○	○	○	○
I had adequate access to my advisor. (5)	○	○	○	○	○

Did you encounter any of the following problems with your advisor (check all that apply)?:

- [ ] Incorrect information from my advisor regarding General Education requirements (1)
- [ ] Incorrect information from my advisor regarding Major requirements (2)
- [ ] Incorrect information from my advisor regarding Minor requirements (3)
- [ ] Incorrect information from my advisor about University policies and procedures (4)
- [ ] Trouble with making or keeping an appointment with me (5)
- [ ] Inadequate information regarding campus resources available to students (6)
- [ ] Other (7)

If you selected "Other," please explain.

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Do you have any suggestions that would improve advising in your program?

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End of Block: Block 5

Start of Block: Block 6

In this section, please provide feedback related to Career Services experiences you had while a student at USA.

What services available at USA Career Services did you use to search for or secure a job? (**Select all that apply**.)

- [ ] Attended career fairs (1)
- [ ] Attended career-related seminars/ events (2)
- [ ] Facebook (3)
- [ ] Met with Career Advisor (4)
- [ ] Participated in a mock interview (5)
- [ ] Pinterest (6)
- [ ] Received assistance with resume/interview preparation (7)
- [ ] Searched postings in the job binders (8)
- [ ] Twitter (9)
- [ ] Used the career resource library (10)
- [ ] Used the Career Services website (11)
- [ ] Other (12)

If you selected "Other" in the previous question, please specify in the space below.

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Have you visited the Office of Career Services in the past year?

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)

Career Services

	Excellent (1)	Good (2)	Fair (3)	Poor (4)	N/A (5)
How would you rate your overall experience with Career Services? (1)	○	○	○	○	○

Please explain your rating.

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Why didn't you visit the Office of Career Services in the past year?

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End of Block: Block 6

Start of Block: Block 7

This set of questions focuses on your academic resource experiences while a student at USA. If a statement does not apply to you, please mark N/A.

Academic Resources

	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly disagree (4)	N/A (5)
Library resources were sufficient to meet my needs. (1)	○	○	○	○	○
Labs, studios, and other academic spaces were sufficient to meet my needs. (2)	○	○	○	○	○
Computing resources (labs, machines, software) were sufficient to meet my needs. (3)	○	○	○	○	○
Available technology/instrumentation/equipment was sufficient to meet my needs. (4)	○	○	○	○	○

Please add any comments you have regarding University facilities and computing resources in the space below.

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End of Block: Block 7

Start of Block: Block 8

This set of questions focuses on course offerings.

Course Offerings

	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly disagree (4)	N/A (5)
Courses in my major were offered with sufficient frequency. (1)	○	○	○	○	○
I felt the variety of electives available to me in my major were sufficient. (2)	○	○	○	○	○

Please add any comments you have regarding course offerings in the space below.

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End of Block: Block 8

Start of Block: Block 9

This set of questions focuses on your experiences with faculty and coursework while a student at USA. If a statement does not apply to you, please mark N/A.

Faculty and Course Work

	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly disagree (4)	N/A (5)
In general, faculty were interested in my academic success. (1)	○	○	○	○	○
Faculty were accessible outside of class. (2)	○	○	○	○	○
As an undergraduate, I felt that my general education courses at USA prepared me for the courses in my major. (3)	○	○	○	○	○
The coursework for my program was engaging. (4)	○	○	○	○	○
Overall, my coursework was challenging. (5)	○	○	○	○	○
The foundational courses in my program prepared me for the upper-level courses. (6)	○	○	○	○	○
I felt well prepared to take the licensure exam. (Respond only if a licensure exam is required for you to practice.) (7)	○	○	○	○	○

Please add any comments you have regarding your experience with faculty and/or coursework in the space below

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End of Block: Block 9

Start of Block: Block 10

This set of questions focuses on other educational opportunities you had while a student at USA. If a statement does not apply to you, please mark N/A.

Educational Opportunities

	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly disagree (4)	N/A (5)
There was ample opportunity to apply what I was learning to real-world problems or jobs. (1)	○	○	○	○	○
There was ample opportunity to take part in an internship or co-op. (2)	○	○	○	○	○
There was ample opportunity to take part in service-learning. (3)	○	○	○	○	○
There was ample opportunity to work with faculty on research outside of class. (4)	○	○	○	○	○
There was ample opportunity to engage in independent research outside of class. (5)	○	○	○	○	○

Please add any comments you have regarding opportunities in the space below

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End of Block: Block 10

Start of Block: Block 11

In this section, please provide feedback related to any Internships or Cooperative Education experiences you had while a student at USA.

Have you participated in any of the following (**select all that apply**):

- ☐ Internship (paid) (1)
- ☐ Internship (unpaid) (2)
- ☐ Cooperative Education program (3)
- ☐ I have not participated (4)

How did you find out about your internship?

- ○ Faculty member (1)
- ○ Family (2)
- ○ Friends (3)
- ○ Staff member (4)
- ○ Other (5)

If you selected "Other" in the previous question, please specify in the space below.

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Did you receive academic credit for your internship?

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)

End of Block: Block 11

Start of Block: Block 12

In this section, please tell us about your experiences as a graduate student. If a statement **does not** apply to you, please mark N/A.

Graduate Student Experience

	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly disagree (4)	N/A (5)
My thesis/dissertation advisor encouraged my intellectual growth and curiosity. (1)	○	○	○	○	○
My thesis/dissertation advisor provided regular, constructive feedback to me regarding my progress. (2)	○	○	○	○	○
I was encouraged to develop my writing skills and submit work for publication. (3)	○	○	○	○	○
The graduate program included instruction that emphasized the importance of research integrity and professional ethics. (4)	○	○	○	○	○
The graduate program included research projects and/or papers requiring individual effort and independent learning. (5)	○	○	○	○	○
My interactions with the Department Graduate Coordinator/Chair were handled promptly and accurately. (6)	○	○	○	○	○

My interactions with the College Director of Graduate Studies Office were handled promptly and accurately (7)	○	○	○	○	○
My interactions with the USA Graduate School were handled promptly and accurately. (8)	○	○	○	○	○

End of Block: Block 12

Start of Block: Block 13

In this section, we'd like to know about your experiences with student organizations.

How many student organizations were you involved in while a student at USA? If none, answer "0."

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Student Organization

	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly disagree (4)	N/A (5)
Being involved in a student organization added value to my experiences as a student at USA (1)	○	○	○	○	○

How many leadership positions did you hold in student organizations? If none, answer "0."

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End of Block: Block 13

Start of Block: Block 14

This section focuses on your overall experiences as a student at USA.

Safety

	Very safe (1)	Safe (2)	Somewhat safe (3)	Not safe (4)	N/A (5)
Overall, how safe did you feel while on campus? (1)	○	○	○	○	○

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In the space below, please explain your response.

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If you had it to do over again, would you attend USA?

- Definitely no (1)
- Probably no (2)
- Probably yes (3)
- Definitely yes (4)

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In the space below, please explain your response.

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If you had it to do over again, would you graduate with the same major?

- Definitely no (1)
- Probably no (2)
- Probably yes (3)
- Definitely yes (4)

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In the space below, please explain your response.

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If you had to do it over again, what one thing would you do differently?

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If you had to do it over again, what one thing would you **NOT** change?

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End of Block: Block 14

Start of Block: Block 15

Finally, let us know how you would like to stay connected to the University after graduation.

As an alumnus/a, what kinds of activities would you like to participate in (**select all that apply**)?

- [ ] Tailgates at football games (1)
- [ ] Concerts and exhibitions on campus at a discount (2)
- [ ] Concerts and exhibits around town at a discount (3)
- [ ] Mentoring current students (4)
- [ ] Other (5)

If you selected "Other" in the previous question, please specify in the space below.

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As an alumnus/a, how would you like the University and your college/school to keep you informed about activities and events at USA (**select all that apply**)?

- [ ] Email (1)
- [ ] Postal Mail (2)
- [ ] Facebook (3)
- [ ] LinkedIn (4)
- [ ] Twitter (5)
- [ ] Other (6)

If you selected "Other" in the previous question, please specify in the space below.

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What's the best way for your college/school to keep in touch with you (select all that apply)?

- [ ] Email (1)
- [ ] Phone (2)
- [ ] Address (3)

End of Block: Block 15