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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.

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

Phone Number

Mailing Address (Address, City, State, and Zip Code)

Block 1

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

You are graduating:

On time.

Earlier than I thought I would.

Later than I thought I would.

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

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

First-time college student

Transfer student

Returning USA student

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

0

0 to 10

11 to 20

21 to 30

More than 30 hours

While attending USA, on average, were you a:

Full-time undergraduate student - I took 12 or more hours per semester.

Part-time undergraduate student - I took less than 12 hours per semester.

Full-time graduate student - I took 6 or more hours per semester.

Part-time graduate student - I took less than 6 hours per semester.

Block 2

Communication Department Graduates

Are you graduating with a degree from the Communication Department?

Yes

No

Which program are you graduating from?

B.A.

M.A.

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

Multimedia Journalism

Broadcast Journalism

Digital Cinema and TV

Strategic Communication Public Relations

Strategic Communication Advertising

Strategic Communication Visual Communication

Communication Studies

Communication Major

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Because of the courses I took from the Department of Communication, I believe I am well prepared to enter the communication workforce.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My communication major has developed my leadership skills.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe the communication faculty were helpful as I pursued my communication degree.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The communication faculty provided excellent advising for me as I choose which courses to take each semester.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Block 3

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

Are you currently employed?

Yes

No

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

Stay in my current job.

Start a new job.

Look for a job.

Serve in the Armed Forces.

Serve in an international or national volunteer organization.

Do volunteer work.

Other

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

In what city and state is your employer located?

City

State

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

Yes

No

Somewhat

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

Would you say you are:

- Not at all satisfied with my current position.
- Somewhat satisfied with my current position.
- Satisfied with my current position.
- Very satisfied with my current position

What is your start date?

- Within the first month after graduation
- Two to three months after graduation
- Four to six months after graduation
- More than six months after graduation
- Other time frame

In what city and state is your employer located?

City

State

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

Yes

No

Somewhat

Do you plan on working:

In the state of Alabama

In another state

Other

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

Yes

No

Somewhat

Why not?

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.

I have applied to graduate or professional school but haven't heard about my acceptance yet.

I will be pursuing another undergraduate degree.

I plan on continuing my education, but haven't applied yet.

I don't plan on continuing my education.

Where did you apply?

Where will you apply?

When do you plan to start?

Within the first month after graduation

Two to three months after graduation

Four to six months after graduation

More than six months after graduation

Other time frame

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

What school are you attending?

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

Where else were you accepted? (List all institutions)

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

What is the highest degree you plan to obtain?

Bachelor's

Master's

Professional (J.D./M.D.)

Ed.S.

Ph.D. or doctoral level

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	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
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	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
The information my advisor provided about graduation requirements was accurate.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was satisfied with the quality of advising for career planning.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was satisfied with the quality of advising for planning for graduate/professional school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The frequency with which I met with my advisor was sufficient.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I had adequate access to my advisor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

Incorrect information from my advisor regarding General Education requirements

Incorrect information from my advisor regarding Major requirements

Incorrect information from my advisor regarding Minor requirements

Incorrect information from my advisor about University policies and procedures

Trouble with making or keeping an appointment with me

Inadequate information regarding campus resources available to students

Other

If you selected "Other," please explain.

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

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

Attended career-related seminars/ events

Facebook

Met with Career Advisor

Participated in a mock interview

Pinterest

Received assistance with resume/interview preparation

Searched postings in the job binders

Twitter

Used the career resource library

Used the Career Services website

Other

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

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

Yes

No

Career Services

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	N/A
How would you rate your overall experience with Career Services?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your rating.

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

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	Agree	Disagree	
Library resources were sufficient to meet my needs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Labs, studios, and other academic spaces were sufficient to meet my needs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Computing resources (labs, machines, software) were sufficient to meet my needs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Available technology/instrumentation/equipment was sufficient to meet my needs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

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

Block 8

This set of questions focuses on course offerings.

Course Offerings

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
Courses in my major were offered with sufficient frequency.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
I felt the variety of electives available to me in my major were sufficient.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

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	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
In general, faculty were interested in my academic success.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Faculty were accessible outside of class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
As an undergraduate, I felt that my general education courses at USA prepared me for the courses in my major.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The coursework for my program was engaging.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall, my coursework was challenging.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
The foundational courses in my program prepared me for the upper-level courses.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt well prepared to take the licensure exam. (Respond only if a licensure exam is required for you to practice.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

Block 10

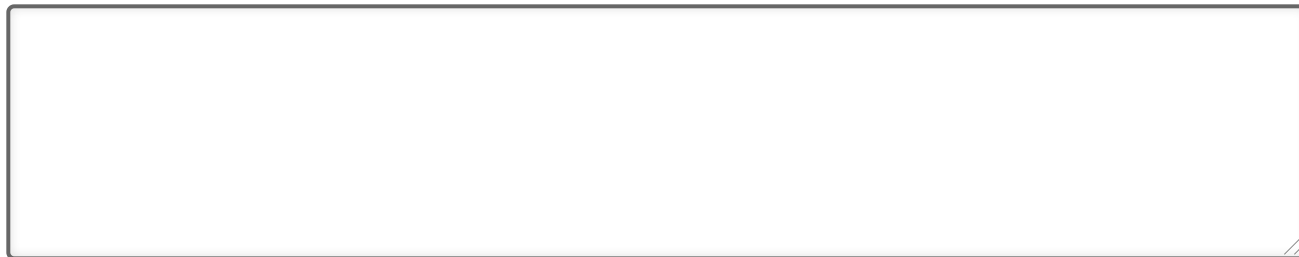
This set of questions focuses on other educational opportunities you had while a student at USA. If a statement **does not** apply to you, please mark N/A.

Educational Opportunities

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
There was ample opportunity to apply what I was learning to real-world problems or jobs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There was ample opportunity to take part in an internship or co-op.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
There was ample opportunity to take part in service-learning.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There was ample opportunity to work with faculty on research outside of class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There was ample opportunity to engage in independent research outside of class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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



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)

Internship (unpaid)

Cooperative Education program

I have not participated

How did you find out about your internship?

Faculty member

Family

Friends

Staff member

Other

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

Did you receive academic credit for your internship?

Yes

No

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	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
My thesis/dissertation advisor encouraged my intellectual growth and curiosity.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My thesis/dissertation advisor provided regular, constructive feedback to me regarding my progress.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was encouraged to develop my writing skills and submit work for publication.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
The graduate program included instruction that emphasized the importance of research integrity and professional ethics.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The graduate program included research projects and/or papers requiring individual effort and independent learning.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My interactions with the Department Graduate Coordinator/Chair were handled promptly and accurately.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My interactions with the College Director of Graduate Studies Office were handled promptly and accurately	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
My interactions with the USA Graduate School were handled promptly and accurately.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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."

Student Organization

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
Being involved in a student organization added value to my experiences as a student at USA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

Block 14

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

Safety

	Very safe	Safe	Somewhat safe	Not safe	N/A
Overall, how safe did you feel while on campus?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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
Probably no
Probably yes
Definitely yes

In the space below, please explain your response.

In the space below, please explain your response.

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

Definitely no
Probably no
Probably yes
Definitely yes

In the space below, please explain your response.

In the space below, please explain your response.

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

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

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

Concerts and exhibitions on campus at a discount

Concerts and exhibits around town at a discount

Mentoring current students

Other

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

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

Postal Mail

Facebook

LinkedIn

Twitter

Other

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

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

Email

Phone

Address

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