



# USA Alumni Survey

**Date Conducted:** Spring Semester 2007

**Population:** Randomly selected alumni graduating with an *undergraduate* degree within the last 5 years (2002-2006)

**Number of Participants:** 402

**Method:** Telephone interview by USA Polling Group

## Basic Frequencies

### 1. How would you evaluate your overall educational experience at the University of South Alabama? Would you say it was ...?

	Frequency	Percent
Excellent	161	40.0%
Good	221	55.0
Only fair	19	4.7
Poor	1	.2
DK/NA	0	0
Total	402	100%

### 2. If you had it to do over again, would you attend the University of South Alabama?

	Frequency	Percent
Definitely yes	274	68.2%
Probably yes	86	21.4
Probably no	16	4.0
Definitely no	22	5.5
DK/NA	4	1.0
Total	402	100%

### 3. The next few questions concern academic advising. How satisfied were you with the advising you received specific to your major?

	Frequency	Percent
Very Satisfied	144	35.8%
Satisfied	182	45.3
Neither (volunteered)	8	2.0
Dissatisfied	48	11.9
Very dissatisfied	16	4.0
DK/NA	4	1.0
Total	402	100%

**4. What about academic advising for general education requirements?**

	Frequency	Percent
Very Satisfied	83	20.6%
Satisfied	206	51.2
Neither (volunteered)	25	6.2
Dissatisfied	41	10.2
Very dissatisfied	11	2.7
DK/NA	36	9.0
Total	402	100%

**5. Advising regarding career options and opportunities?**

	Frequency	Percent
Very Satisfied	75	18.7%
Satisfied	175	43.5
Neither (volunteered)	25	6.2
Dissatisfied	70	17.4
Very dissatisfied	22	5.5
DK/NA	35	8.7
Total	402	100%

**6. In the next few questions, I want you to rate USA according to how well your undergraduate experience prepared you in several areas. First, in preparing you to solving complex real world problems, would you rate your USA experience ...?**

	Frequency	Percent
Excellent	117	29.1%
Good	210	52.2
Only fair	55	13.7
Poor	7	1.7
DK/NA	13	3.2
Total	402	100%

**7. How would you rate USA when it comes to helping you develop written communication skills?**

	Frequency	Percent
Excellent	152	37.8%
Good	198	49.3
Only fair	43	10.7
Poor	3	.7
DK/NA	6	1.5
Total	402	100%

### 8. What about helping you develop oral communication skills?

	Frequency	Percent
Excellent	160	39.8%
Good	184	45.8
Only fair	48	11.9
Poor	3	.7
DK/NA	7	1.7
Total	402	100%

### 9. Developing critical thinking skills?

	Frequency	Percent
Excellent	169	42.0%
Good	188	46.8
Only fair	41	10.2
Poor	1	.2
DK/NA	3	.7
Total	402	100%

### 10. Developing skills to analyze quantitative problems?

	Frequency	Percent
Excellent	141	35.1%
Good	183	45.5
Only fair	67	16.7
Poor	6	1.5
DK/NA	5	1.2
Total	402	100%

### 11. Preparing you to work effectively with others?

	Frequency	Percent
Excellent	187	46.5%
Good	173	43.0
Only fair	33	8.2
Poor	2	.5
DK/NA	7	1.7
Total	402	100%

**12. Developing the ability to learn effectively on your own?**

	Frequency	Percent
Excellent	190	47.3%
Good	177	44.0
Only fair	28	7.0
Poor	2	.5
DK/NA	5	1.2
Total	402	100%

**13. What about helping you to understand people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds?**

	Frequency	Percent
Excellent	158	39.3%
Good	161	40.0
Only fair	54	13.4
Poor	10	2.5
DK/NA	19	4.7
Total	402	100%

**14. Developing a personal code of ethics?**

	Frequency	Percent
Excellent	152	37.8%
Good	188	46.8
Only fair	43	10.7
Poor	2	.5
DK/NA	17	4.2
Total	402	100%

**15. Using computing and information technology?**

	Frequency	Percent
Excellent	150	37.3%
Good	180	44.8
Only fair	52	12.9
Poor	12	3.0
DK/NA	8	2.0
Total	402	100%

**16. Preparing you to contribute to the welfare of the community?**

	Frequency	Percent
Excellent	154	38.3%
Good	170	42.3
Only fair	62	15.4
Poor	10	2.5
DK/NA	6	1.5
Total	402	100%

**17. Which of the following best describes your educational experience after graduating from USA?**

	Frequency	Percent
I earned an advanced degree.	60	14.9%
I am currently enrolled in an advanced degree program.	74	18.4
I plan to pursue an advanced degree in the future.	158	39.3
I enrolled in an advanced degree program, but didn't finish.	20	5.0
I did not pursue any advanced degree.	89	22.1
Refused	1	.2
Total	402	100%

**18. If you have completed or are currently pursuing an advanced degree, what type is it?**

	Frequency	Percent
Masters	112	83.6%
Ph. D.	11	8.2
M.D.	3	2.2
Other	3	2.2
Unspecified	4	3.0
Refused	1	.7
Total	134	100%

**19. Tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:**

My undergraduate experience prepared me well for success in graduate school.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly agree	62	46.3%
Agree	60	44.8
Disagree	5	3.7
Strongly disagree	0	0
DK/NA	7	5.2
Total	134	100%

**20. Are you currently employed ... ?**

	Frequency	Percent
Full-time	311	77.4%
Part-time	51	12.7
Not working	40	10.0
Total	402	100%

*Only employed alumni are asked q21:*

**21. How closely is your current job related to your field of study at USA?**

	Frequency	Percent
Very closely	226	62.4%
Somewhat closely	71	19.6
Not very closely	15	4.1
Not closely at all	50	13.8
Total	362	100%

*Those answering very or somewhat closely in q21 are asked q22:*

**22. How well did your education at USA prepare you for your current job?**

	Frequency	Percent
Very well	166	55.9%
Somewhat well	116	39.1
Not very well	12	4.0
Not well at all	1	.3
DK/NA	2	.7
Total	297	100%

**23. Would you mind telling me how old you are? (full range were collected; collapsed categories are reported here)**

	Frequency	Percent
20-25	143	35.6%
26-30	117	29.1
31-40	80	19.9
Over 40	55	13.7
Refused	7	1.7
Total	402	100%