Go Jags!

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

FRESHMAN SURVIVAL GUIDE
Welcome to the University of South Alabama! We could not be any happier that you chose to attend school here! We, the First Year Council of 2013-2014, have created this guide for first year students like you to help ease the transition from your senior year in high school to freshman year in college so that you are more comfortable and confident on campus. This guide includes everything from advice from current students and various maps of campus to different clubs and organizations on campus. We want your first year to go as smoothly as possible and we hope this guide helps you with just that.

The purpose of First Year Council is to serve as the sole voice of the freshman body at the University of South Alabama. Working hand in hand with South’s Student Government Association, First Year Council will strive to improve the freshman experience at the University of South Alabama. As First Year Council members work alongside SGA, they will also gain valuable insight into the executive, legal, and judicial branches of SGA. Furthermore, the President of First Year Council also serves as Freshman-at-Large and gets a vote in SGA senate proceedings.
WHY WE LOVE SOUTH

"I like the relatively small class sizes and how the school is expanding and constantly updating things like residence halls, new rec center, etc." -Kayla W.

"Everyone makes you feel right at home and the amour of school pride amazes me." -Hannah B.

"My major/classmates" -Emil K.

"It's a growing campus with limitless possibility and disc golf." -Colin Al-Greene

"The diversity on campus." -Marques I.

"Location-Beach, lots of outdoor parks." -William Pearson

"Class size!" -JuWan R.

"USA is like home. Everyone is friendly and welcoming, it's hard to feel out of place, and the spirit is awesome. Professors are exactly as I hoped they would be, and nothing beats calling myself a Jaguar!" -Kristoffer M.

"Everyone, students and staff, is so welcoming! The campus is quickly growing and it is great to be able to experience it first hand." -Hannah Fabbro

"It's a home away from home!" -Coleman Wolf

When you turn in a paper for class, print on both sides of the page.
**Advice and Experience**

**Favorite Place to Study**
- Dorm 52%
- Library 30%
- Residential Study Areas 11%
- Other 7%

**Favorite Sporting Events to Attend**
- Football 48%
- Baseball/Softball 33%
- Track & Field 4%
- Tennis 4%
- Basketball 10%
- Baseball/Softball 33%

**Favorite Place to Hang Out With Friends**
- Sporting Event 31%
- Off Campus 8%
- Dorm Room 15%
- Rec Center 15%
- The Caf’ 15%
- Student Center 8%
- Dorm Room 15%
- Other 8%

**Favorite Meal at the Caf’**
- Tacos 34%
- Salad 25%
- Chicken 17%
- Deli Sandwich 8%
- Fried Chicken 8%
- Other 8%
PLACES TO GO

MARX LIBRARY
Sunday 2pm – 9pm
Monday – Thursday: 7:30am – 9pm
Fri: 7:30am – 3pm

THE CAF’
Monday – Friday: 7am – 9pm
Saturday and Sunday:
10:30am – 9pm

JAVA CITY
Monday – Thursday: 7am – 9pm
Friday: 7am – 3pm

CAMPUS BOOKSTORE
Monday and Tuesday: 8am – 6pm
Wednesday and Thursday: 8am – 5pm

FOOD COURT DINING

CHICK-FIL-A
Monday – Friday: 7:30am – 8pm

PIZZA HUT
Monday – Friday: 9:30am – 8pm

BURGER STUDIO
Monday – Friday: 9:30am – 8pm

QUIZNOS
Monday – Friday: 9:30am – 8pm

STARBUCKS (Library)
Monday – Thursday:
7:45am – 12am
Friday: 7:45am – 6pm
Saturday: 10am – 6pm
Sunday: 1pm – 12am

RECREATION CENTER
Monday – Friday: 5am – 10pm
Saturday: 8am – 9pm
Sunday: 1pmv9pm

STUDENT CENTER
Monday – Friday: 7:30am – 10pm
Saturday: 10am – 2pm

SUSTAINABILITY TIP
In class, take notes on both sides of the page. It saves paper and trips to the bookstore!
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IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Admissions ~ (251) 460-6141
www.southalabama.edu/admissions

Athletics ~ (251) 460-7121
www.usajaguars.com

Campus Tour Hot-line ~ (251) 460-7834
www.southalabama.edu/studentrecruitment/visit

Campus Involvement ~ (251) 460-7003
www.southalabama.edu/campusinvolvement

Career Services & Co-Op ~ (251) 460-6188
www.southalabama.edu/careerservices

Enrollment Services ~ (251) 460-6494
www.southalabama.edu/enrollementservices

Dining Services ~ (251) 460-9296
www.usadiningservices.com

Financial Aid ~ (251) 460-6231
www.southalabama.edu/finaid

Greek Life ~ (251) 460-7003
www.southalabama.edu/campusinvolvement/aboutgreek

Housing ~ (251) 460-6185
www.southalabama.edu/housing

Honors Program ~ (251) 461-1637
www.southalabama.edu/honors

International Services ~ (251) 460-6050
www.southalabama.edu/intnatsrv

Intramural Sports ~ (251) 461-1627
www.southalabama.edu/intramurals

Multicultural Student Affairs ~ (251) 460-6895
www.southalabama.edu/omsa

Music (Band, Choir) ~ (251) 460-6136
www.southalabama.edu/music

Orientation ~ (251) 460-7093
www.southalabama.edu/orientation

Registrar ~ (251) 460-6251
www.southalabama.edu/registrar

R.O.T.C Air Force ~ (251) 460-7211
www.southalabama.edu/afrotc

R.O.T.C Army ~ (251) 460-6341
www.southalabama.edu/armyrotc/info

Special Student Services ~ (251) 460-7212
www.southalabama.edu/dss/index

Student Accounting ~ (251) 460-6195
www.southalabama.edu/studentaccounting

Student Programs/Special Events ~ (251) 460-7144
www.southalabama.edu/jaguarproductions

Student Recreation Center ~ (251) 460-6065
www.southalabama.edu/campusrec

Theatre USA ~ (251) 460-6305
www.southalabama.edu/drama

Veterans Affairs ~ (251) 460-6230
www.southalabama.edu/veterans

Allied Health ~ (251) 445-9260
www.southalabama.edu/alliedhealth

Arts and Sciences ~ (251) 460-6280
www.southalabama.edu/arts&sci

Mitchell Business ~ (251) 460-7176
www.southalabama.edu/mcob

Computer/Information Sciences ~ (251) 460-6390
www.cis.usouthal.edu

Continuing Edu./Special Programs ~ (251) 460-6283
www.southalabama.edu/scesp

Education ~ (251) 460-2737
www.southalabama.edu/edu/coe

Engineering ~ (251) 460-6140
www.southalabama.edu/engineering

Nursing ~ (251) 445-9400
www.southalabama.edu/nursing

Baldwin County Campus ~ (251) 928-8133
www.southalabama.edu/usabc
ADVISING INFORMATION

Advisers help identify goals and develop educational plans to achieve them
Help students understand degree requirements, course selection, and schedule planning
Connect you to resources on campus that can enhance your academic success
Clarify academic policies and procedures
Provide information about potential areas of study
Assist you with general information that may be helpful
Discuss difficulties and seek resolutions

Go to www.southalabama.edu/advising/advisors.html for a complete list of advisors & their contact information

CAMPUS HOT-LINES

University Police: (251) 460-6312 or 511
Student Health Center: (251) 460-7151
USA Weather & Emergency Hot-line: (251) 460-6999

Rape Crisis Center: (251) 473-7273
Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

Students are encouraged to register emergency contact info on the “USA Alert Link” sign-up page,
USA main page emergency section

SUSTAINABILITY TIP

Buy a water filter and refill a reusable container instead of buying cases of bottled water.
CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Ipha Epsilon Delta
Alpha Kappa Delta / Sociology Club
Alpha Psi Omega National Theatre
       Honor Society
Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society
American Advertising Federation
American Association of Petroleum Geologists
American Medical Women’s Association
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Society of Heating, Refrigerating,
and Air Conditioning Engineers
American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Amnesty International
Anthropology Club
Art History Association
Association of Computing Machinery
Association of General Contractors Student
       Chapter / AGC Student Engineers and
       Contractors
Baptist Campus Ministries
Basic Medical Sciences Student Organization
Bass Club
Beta Alpha Psi
Biomedical Engineering Society
Biomedical Sciences Society
       Camp Kesem
Catholic Student Association
       Chess Club, University of South Alabama
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship
Chi Epsilon
Chinese Students and Scholar Association
Christian Medical Dental Association
Circle K International
Civil Engineering Graduate Society
Clinical and Counseling Psychology
       Graduate Student Organization
College Democrats, USA
College of Medicine Class 2017
College of Medicine, Second Year, USA (COM II)
College Republicans
Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization
Collegiate National Association of
       Music Education
Color Guard , ROTC
COM IV
Communication Graduate Student
       Association (CGSA)
Converge
Cricket Club
Dance USA (Jazzin’ Jags)
Debating and Dialoging Religions at USA
Diamond Girls , USA
Disney Enthusiasts of USA
Eta Kappa Nu Association (HKN)
Exercise Physiology Club
Family Medical Interest Group
Fellowship of Christian Athletes ,
       South Alabama
Feminists for Progress
Financial Management Association
Free Libre Open Source Software
French Club, University of South Alabama
Friends of Internationals
Future Justice Professionals
Future Pharm.D Association
Gamma Theta Upsilon International
Geographical Honor Society
Geography Club
Geology Club
German Society , USA
Gerontology Club
Gulf Region Intelligent Transportation Society
Honors Program Organization
House Of Jags
IMPACT- USA
Independent Music Collective
Indian Student Association
Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers
Instructional Design and Development Graduate Association
Internal Medicine Interest Group
Jag Health Team
Jags for Christ
Jaguar Joggers
Jaguar Productions
Karate Club of University of South Alabama
Latter-Day Saint Student Association
Leisure Services Association, USA
Marine Sciences Graduate Student Organization
Mathematics & Statistics Club
Meteorology Club
Mitchell MBA Graduate Student Association
Model United Nations Association, University of South Alabama
Mortar Board Senior Honor Society
Muslim Student Association
National Society of Collegiate Scholars
National Student Speech Language Hearing Association
Nontraditional Student Union, The
Omega Chi Epsilon National Chemical Engineering Honor Society
Oracle Fine Arts Review
Orthopedic Surgery Interest Group
Pagan Student Association
Patchwork Mobile
Percussive Arts Club, USA
Phi Kappa Phi
Phi Sigma Iota
Philosophy Club
Physical Therapy Association
Physician Assistant
Pi Tau Sigma
Pi Theta Epsilon
Pinky Promise South Alabama
Pinoy South Society
Political Science Club, USA
Pre Occupational Therapy Club
Pre-Physical Therapy Association
Pre-Physician Assistant Society
Professional Sales and Marketing Club
Psi Chi
Psych Sign
Psychology Club
Public Relations Student Society of America, South Alabama Chapter
PUR
Quidditch Team, USA
Ranger Challenge (Army ROTC)
Reformed University Fellowship
Residence Hall Association
Respiratory Therapy Student Society, USA
Rock Climbing Club, USA
ROTC Intramural Sports
Russian Club
Sailing Club
SASOTA - South Alabama Student Occupational Therapy Association
Scabbard & Blade Honor Society
Secular Student Alliance

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Sigma Alpha Iota  
Sigma Tau Delta  
Silver Wings  
Social Work Student Organization  
Society for the Anime and Gaming Experience, South Alabama Student  
Society of Automotive Engineers  
Society of Human Resources  
Society of Physics Students  
Society of Women Engineers  
South Alabama Gamers Association  
South Alabama Jagettes  
South Alabama League of Legends  
South Alabama Prowlers  
South Alabama Rugby Club  
South Alabama Socialist Alternative  
Southerners  
SouthFit Club  
Steel Band Club, USA  
Student Academy of Audiology  
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)  
Student National Medical Association  
Student National Pharmaceutical Association  
Student Nurse’s Association, USA  
Student Veterans of America  
Students for Disease Research  
Students for Life USA  
Students in Action  
Students Today Alumni Tomorrow - STAT  
Sustainability Council  
Tau Beta Pi  
Theatrical Fight Club, USA  
To Write Love On Her Arm  
Trumpet Ensemble, USA  
Turkish Student Organization  
Upsilon Sigma Alpha - Chi Sigma Iota  
Video Game Development Club, USA  
Vietnamese Student Association  
Wesley Foundation  
Westminster Fellowship  
World Music Club, USA  
Club Volleyball  
National PanHellenic Council  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
College Panhellenic Council  
Alpha Gamma Delta  
Alpha Omicron Pi  
Chi Omega  
Kappa Delta  
Phi Mu  
Inter-fraternity Council  
Alpha Tau Omega  
Kappa Alpha Order  
Kappa Sigma  
Phi Beta Sigma  
Pi Kappa Alpha  
Pi Kappa Phi  
Sigma Chi  
Tau Kappa Epsilon  

For links & info, visit the university’s website.
ATHLETICS

MEN'S ATHLETICS
Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Tennis
Track and Field

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS
Basketball
Cross Country
Golf
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Track and Field
Volleyball

INTRAMURALS
Flag Football
Volleyball
Basketball
Softball
Soccer
Water Polo
Dodgeball
AND MORE!
Here are a few things freshmen around campus want you to experience during your first year!

**Oozeball**
A massive volleyball tournament in knee-high mud!

**J’s Up**
The signature hand sign at sporting events.

**Spirit Week**
Week long pre-homecoming festivities that will sure pump you up!

**Get on Board Day**
Meet 300+ student organizations in one place!

**Greek Week**
The Greek Games, fun and fundraising. A week full everything Greek!

**Homecoming**
The most celebrated week-long event of the year! Homecoming Court elections, a major show and the football game!

**Spring Fling**
A week in late Spring that is full of music, contests, games and more!

**International Spring Festival**
Learn more about culture through flag, food, dance, and a talent show! African-American Awareness Observance Observe Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday with a luncheon, memorial march, keynote speaker and many more activities!

**Sustainability Tip**
Incinerating 10,000 tons of waste creates 1 job, landfilling the same creates 6, while recycling the same creates 36 jobs.
FRESHMAN BUCKET LIST:

- Go to a sporting event
- Go to the Homecoming Parade
- Join a club or activity
- Participate in Junk the Jungle
- Get some JagWear
- See a play/music performance at Laidlaw
- Get discounted movie tickets from Jaguar Productions
- Introduce yourself to your dorm neighbors
- Join the Fit Freshmen Program
- Participate in Oozeball
- Go to school sponsored debates/lectures
- Rush a Fraternity/Sorority
- Participate in all of South’s “Traditions”

SUSTAINABILITY TIP
Report leaky faucets and shower heads to maintenance to save water.
ACADEMIC ROAD MAP

FALL 2014
- 15% of all tuition and fees due Mon. Aug. 4
- JagFest Sat. Aug. 16
- Classes Begin Mon. Aug. 18
- Last Day to Add a Course Wed. Aug. 20
- Balance of tuition and fees due Fri Aug. 24
- Time tickets posted for Spring 2015 Sept 25
- Fall Break Mon-Tue Oct. 6-7
- Deadline for students to meet with Advisor for Spring scheduling Fri. Oct. 10
- Last day to drop a course Fri. Oct. 24
- Last Day of Classes Thurs. Dec. 4
- Final Exams Mon.-Thur. Dec. 8-11

FOR A MORE DETAILED CALENDAR VISIT THE UNIVERSITY’S WEBSITE.

SPRING 2015
- 15% of all tuition and fees due Tue. Dec. 9
- Classes begin Mon. Jan. 12
- Last Day to add a course (5:59pm) Wed. Jan. 14
- Martin Luther King Holiday Mon. Jan 19
- Balance of tuition and fees due Mon. Jan. 19
- Mardi Gras Holiday Tue. Feb. 23
- Spring Break Mon.-Sun. Mar. 2-8
- Time Tickets posted for Summer/Fall 2015 Mar. 16
- Deadline for students to meet with Advisor for Spring scheduling Fri. Mar. 27
- Last day to drop a course Fri. Apr. 3
- Last Day of Classes Thurs. Apr. 30
- Final Exams Mon.-Thurs. May 4-7
- Resident Hall Check Out Deadline Fri. May 8

SUSTAINABILITY TIP
Reuse envelopes, advertisements and previously used paper for notes.
## Walking Times in Minutes

All times are averaged and we encourage you to walk your class route before classes begin.

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CONNECT BY SOCIAL MEDIA

DON’T FORGET TO LIKE YOUR CLASS ON FACEBOOK
AND FOLLOW THEM ON OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS!

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LOOK FOR YOUR
CLASS BY YEAR

@USA_FYC

WWW.SOUTHALABAMA.EDU/DEPARTMENTS/SGA/FYC

SUSTAINABILITY TIP
The average college student produces 610 lbs of solid waste each year.
For more information, please come by the SGA office. Student Center Suite 214
251.460.7191 or SGA@southalabama.edu