

Graduating Student Survey: Summer Semester 2020

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Executive Summary

The Graduating Student Survey was designed to gather opinions of graduating students related to various components of the educational experience at the University of South Alabama and their postgraduation plans. The Graduate Student Survey was conducted electronically using the Qualtrics survey system. It included Likert scale, multiple choice, and open-ended questions. The survey is typically launched four weeks prior to the end of the semester, and remains open until the semester ends. Participation was voluntary and reminder emails were sent to nonrespondents every three days before the close of the survey.

Sample

The sample consisted of students who graduated in Summer 2020. The final sample of graduating students consisted of ~~597~~ **344** students; **344** participants completed the survey for a response rate of 57%. Respondent demographics are displayed ([link to tables](#))

Strengths

- 90% percent of undergraduates reported that they were full-time students.
- 79% students were satisfied with computing, lab and technological and library resources.
- 55% of the sample expressed interest in continuing their education, with 18% already having applied or been accepted to graduate or professional school.
- 91% of students reported that classwork was engaging, and ~~93~~ reported that classwork was challenging
- Overall, graduate students were satisfied with their thesis

