

**The University of Mississippi**  
**Undergraduate Alumni Survey**  
**Cumulative Report for All Survey Respondents**  
**August 2007**

In spring 2007, The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment distributed a survey to alumni who received bachelor's degrees from the University of Mississippi from 2002 – 2005. Alumni were asked for their responses to questions in three general categories: demographic details, information on current professional and/or academic status, and perceptions of the undergraduate experience. Confidentiality is maintained for all respondents. The survey had a 12.9% response rate. Following are cumulative frequencies and percentages from respondents of all undergraduate degree types.

**Survey Respondents by Undergraduate Degree Type**

Undergraduate Degree	Frequency	Percent
Bachelor of Arts	160	41.3
Bachelor of Accountancy	25	6.5
Bachelor of Arts in Education	18	4.7
Bachelor of Arts in Park and Recreation Management	0	0.0
Bachelor of Business Administration	103	26.6
Bachelor of Engineering	2	.5
Bachelor of Fine Arts	4	1.0
Bachelor of Music	3	.8
Bachelor of Paralegal Studies	1	.3
Bachelor of Science	40	10.3
Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering	4	1.0
Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering	6	1.6
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	1	.3
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering	2	.5
Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science	5	1.3
Bachelor of Science in Geological Engineering	1	.3
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering	3	.8
Bachelor of Social Work	9	2.3
Total	387	100.0

**Survey Respondents by Approximate Final GPA**

	Frequency	Percent
2.00 - 2.50	26	6.7
2.51 - 3.00	97	25.1
3.01 - 3.50	129	33.3
3.51 - 4.00	135	34.9
Total	387	100.0

**Survey Respondents by Gender**

	Frequency	Percent
Female	214	55.3
Male	170	43.9
Did not provide	3	.8
Total	387	

**Survey Respondents by Ethnicity**

	Frequency	Percent
African American	21	5.4
Caucasian	349	90.2
Other	10	2.6
Did not provide	7	1.8
Total	387	100.0

*\* Other: American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic, Unknown*

**Survey Respondents by Graduation Date**

	Year graduated				Total
	2002	2003	2004	2005	
May	7	76	77	89	249
August	0	16	26	19	61
December	22	26	25	4	77
Total	29	118	128	112	387

## Information on Current Professional and/or Academic Status

### What are you currently doing?

Responses exceed 387 (n), as some respondents selected more than one answer.

	Frequency	Percent
I am working full-time for pay	279	60.1
I am working part-time for pay	34	7.3
I am working without compensation	6	1.3
I am in the military	6	1.3
I am self-employed	16	3.4
I am pursuing further education	103	22.2
I am unemployed and looking for a position	10	2.2
I am unemployed and not looking for a position	5	1.1
Other	5	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### In which type of degree program have you enrolled since receiving your undergraduate degree?

Respondents may select more than one answer.

	Frequency	Percent
I am taking classes as a non-degree seeking student	8	2.1
I have enrolled in another undergraduate degree program	7	1.8
I have enrolled in a master's degree program	47	12.1
I have enrolled in a professional degree program	48	12.4
I have enrolled in a doctoral degree program	2	.5
<b>Question Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>28.9</b>
(not answered – question N/A)	275	71.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Have you successfully completed a professional examination related to your discipline since graduating from The University of Mississippi?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	89	23.0
No	276	71.3
Partially Completed	22	5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### If yes, please enter the name of the examination.

Examination name	Frequency
Accreditation of Public Relations (APR)	1
American Speech Language Pathology Association Examination	1
Associate in Fidelity & Surety Bonding (AFSB)	1
AU	1
Bar Exam (South Carolina, Texas)	2
CCNA	1
Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam	10
CFA Exam	1
Child life Specialist Certification	1
Engineer In Training Exam	2
Fundamentals of Engineering Exam	6
Georgia Real Estate Exam	1
Insurance	1
Kentucky Licensing	1
Licensed Real Estate Appraiser	1
LOMA/ FLMI insurance designation	1
MS P&C License	1
NAPLEX	5
NASM Personal Training Certificate	1
National Board of Examiners of Optometry, part I	1
NCE	1
PE	1
PhD Qualifier	1
Praxis	23
Property & Casualty, Life & Health (Alabama, Louisiana)	4
Real estate exam	1
Registered Dietitian Exam	2
Series 6 Exam	1
Series 65 + 3	1
Series 7	1
Series 7 & Series 66	1
Serv-Safe	1
Social Work Licensure Exam	5
Texas Real Estate Exam	1
TeXeS	2
USMLE	8

### Did you pass the examination?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	86	22.2
No	3	.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>23.0</b>
N/A	298	77.0
Total	387	100.0

### Have you become licensed or certified since graduating?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	69	17.8
No	20	5.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>23.0</b>
N/A	298	77.0
Total	387	100.0

### In what professional area have you become licensed or certified?

Professional Area of Licensure	Frequency
"HACCP" Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point	1
Accounting	5
Broker	2
Child life	1
Counseling	1
Education	27
Engineering	2
Financial Services	2
Insurance	7
Investments	1
Law	2
Nutrition	1
Personal Trainer	1
Pharmacy	4
Real Estate	3
Real Estate Appraisal	1
Securities	2
Social Work	5
Speech-language pathology	2

### When did you receive your professional license or certification?

	Frequency	Percent
2002	1	.3
2003	9	2.3
2004	11	2.8
2005	27	7.0
2006	16	4.1
2007	5	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>17.8</b>
N/A	318	82.2
Total	387	100.0

### Indicate the range of your starting salary.

	Frequency	Percent
Under \$25,000	60	15.5
\$25,000 - \$35,000	116	30.0
\$35,001 - \$45,000	62	16.0
\$45,001 - \$55,000	38	9.8
\$55,001 - \$65,000	10	2.6
\$65,001 - \$75,000	3	0.8
More than \$75,000	14	3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>78.3</b>
N/A	84	21.7
Total	387	100.0

### How many job offers did you receive before accepting your first position?

	Frequency	Percent
0-3	111	28.7
4-6	78	20.2
7-9	35	9.0
10-12	13	3.4
more than 12	24	6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>67.4</b>
N/A	126	32.6
Total	387	100.0

### When were you offered the first full-time position you held after graduation?

	Frequency	Percent
Before graduation	275	71.1
1-2 months after graduation	27	7.0
4-6 months after graduation	1	.3
10-12 months after graduation	1	.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>78.6</b>
N/A	83	21.4
Total	387	100.0

### If you are not currently working for pay, why not?

	Freq	%
I chose not to enter the workforce at this time	7	1.8
It has been difficult to find a position in my field	6	1.6
It has been difficult to find a position paying an appropriate salary	2	.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3.9</b>
N/A	372	96.1
Total	387	100.

**Indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.**

*(cumulative percentages)*

	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>N/A</b>
The curriculum for my degree was relevant to the position I now hold.	23.3%	37.5%	18.1%	8.8%	8.0%	4.4%
My undergraduate experience fulfilled my expectations.	37.2%	44.4%	11.4%	4.9%	2.1%	0.0%
I would recommend my undergraduate degree program to other students.	43.2%	39.8%	10.9%	2.8%	3.1%	0.3%
I would recommend UM to other students.	74.2%	19.9%	3.9%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%

*(cumulative frequencies)*

	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>N/A</b>
The curriculum for my degree was relevant to the position I now hold.	90	145	70	34	31	17
My undergraduate experience fulfilled my expectations.	144	172	44	19	8	0
I would recommend my undergraduate degree program to other students.	167	154	42	11	12	1
I would recommend UM to other students.	287	77	15	4	4	0

**My undergraduate experience at The University of Mississippi ...**

*(cumulative percentages)*

	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>N/A</b>
prepared me for graduate study in my major field.	23.8%	32.8%	11.1%	4.1%	2.3%	25.8%
prepared me for professional employment in my field.	25.1%	39.5%	16.0%	7.0%	3.9%	8.5%
enabled me to compete effectively with colleagues educated elsewhere.	32.8%	43.7%	11.6%	4.4%	2.3%	5.2%

*(cumulative frequencies)*

	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>N/A</b>
prepared me for graduate study in my major field.	92	127	43	16	9	100
prepared me for professional employment in my field.	97	153	62	27	15	33
enabled me to compete effectively with colleagues educated elsewhere.	127	169	45	17	9	20

### While attending The University of Mississippi I developed ...

(cumulative percentages)

	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>N/A</b>
the ability to write effectively.	33.6%	46.0%	13.2%	4.1%	2.1%	1.0%
the ability to express myself effectively through speaking.	31.3%	44.7%	17.3%	4.7%	1.6%	0.5%
good listening skills.	33.9%	50.1%	12.9%	1.3%	1.3%	0.5%
the ability to analyze and evaluate contradictory points of view.	38.2%	48.1%	7.8%	4.9%	0.8%	0.3%
the ability to find, use, and document sources appropriately.	36.4%	44.4%	13.2%	3.4%	1.8%	0.8%
the ability to analyze and interpret data.	38.2%	47.5%	8.8%	3.9%	1.0%	0.5%
good presentation skills.	36.2%	46.8%	11.1%	4.1%	1.3%	0.5%
the ability to demonstrate quantitative literacy.	33.6%	47.0%	13.4%	3.1%	1.6%	1.3%
the ability to define and solve problems.	38.2%	51.9%	5.9%	2.3%	1.3%	0.3%
the ability to work in teams.	44.4%	44.2%	7.0%	3.1%	0.8%	0.5%
the ability to think globally.	32.0%	40.3%	19.6%	5.4%	1.8%	0.8%
a broad range of knowledge that enables me to be a good citizen.	43.9%	41.3%	11.1%	1.3%	2.1%	0.3%
an increased awareness of ethical responsibility.	39.5%	40.1%	13.2%	3.4%	2.6%	1.3%

(cumulative frequencies)

	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>N/A</b>
the ability to write effectively.	130	178	51	16	8	4
the ability to express myself effectively through speaking.	121	173	67	18	6	2
good listening skills.	131	194	50	5	5	2
the ability to analyze and evaluate contradictory points of view.	148	186	30	19	3	1
the ability to find, use, and document sources appropriately.	141	172	51	13	7	3
the ability to analyze and interpret data.	148	184	34	15	4	2
good presentation skills.	140	181	43	16	5	2
the ability to demonstrate quantitative literacy.	130	182	52	12	6	5
the ability to define and solve problems.	148	201	23	9	5	1
the ability to work in teams.	172	171	27	12	3	2
the ability to think globally.	124	156	76	21	7	3
a broad range of knowledge that enables me to be a good citizen.	170	160	43	5	8	1
an increased awareness of ethical responsibility.	153	155	51	13	10	5

### While attending The University of Mississippi, I ...

(cumulative percentages)

	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>N/A</b>
received accurate information from my academic advisor(s).	35.7%	35.9%	13.4%	8.5%	5.9%	0.5%
received good career advising from my department.	24.0%	26.4%	20.2%	17.3%	9.6%	2.6%
received good career advising from my school.	17.1%	26.4%	22.0%	19.1%	11.9%	3.6%
received academic mentorship from a faculty member.	26.1%	30.0%	14.0%	13.2%	10.6%	6.2%

(cumulative frequencies)

	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>N/A</b>
received accurate information from my academic advisor(s).	138	139	52	33	23	2
received good career advising from my department.	93	102	78	67	37	10
received good career advising from my school.	66	102	85	74	46	14
received academic mentorship from a faculty member.	101	116	54	51	41	24

### The skill that I which I had developed more extensively at the University is ...

<b>Skill Code 1 (SC1)</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Academic Discipline Specific Skills	11	5.76%
Business Skills	17	8.90%
Career Skills	43	22.51%
Classroom Experience	7	3.66%
Communication Skills	46	24.08%
International Skills	5	2.62%
Organizational Skills	10	5.24%
Other	11	5.76%
People Skills	9	4.71%
Research Skills	13	6.81%
Study Skills	6	3.14%
Technical Skills	13	6.81%
<b>Total</b>	191	100.00%
Total number of unique responses	176	
Number of responses listing more than 1 skill	15	
N/A responses	11	

### General comments regarding The University of Mississippi Undergraduate Experience

	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Negative	72	34.8%
Positive	135	65.2%
<b>Total</b>	207	100.0%
Total number of unique responses *	167	

\* some respondents issued both positive and negative statements under "General Comments"