Graduating Senior Survey

The University of ALABAMA

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INTRODUCTION

The Graduating Senior Survey has been administered at the University since Spring 2002. The instrument covers a wide variety of topics. First, information about the general knowledge, skills, personal development and professional growth of the students is questioned. Second, perceptions regarding major and core courses, faculty, instruction, advising, facilities, campus services and opportunities, and the overall intellectual environment at UA are requested. Third, extracurricular information about participation in clubs and organizations, and one’s work status throughout college is sought. Lastly, the students' job search and post-graduation plans, as well as their geographic employment preferences are queried. There is also ample opportunity to expand upon a response with open-ended questions.

The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment (OIRA) is responsible for the administration, tabulation, and dissemination of the results. While the data disseminated after the first administration in May 2002 has proven to be quite valuable and insightful to many on campus there remains a concern about the response rate. The response rate for the initial May 2002 administration was 39%. The response rate afterwards, however, dropped substantially to a low of 22.5% for the 2005-06 academic year. OIRA continues to try and get the colleges, and even the departments and programs, more involved in encouraging their soon-to-be graduates to complete the instrument. The response rate increased to 32.2% for the 2009-10 academic year due to better and extra email notification techniques, but dropped again to 25.5% for this current 2011-12 administration.
Data were collected using web-based submission. Students received email solicitations at the end of their last term or just after graduation. In total, 1,144 graduating undergraduate students completed the survey out of a total of 4,482 that graduated during the 2011-12 academic year, for a 25.5% response rate.

After the academic year ended, the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment provided demographic and academic information on all undergraduate graduates. The 1,144 respondents were broken down into various demographic and academic categories for comparison with all 4,482 undergraduate graduates. This was done to discern how representative the respondents were to the entire graduating population. These categories included sex, ethnicity, and major college.

### DATA COLLECTION & RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTICS

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Note: N = Number of Respondents, R% = Percent of Respondents, All% = Percent for All Graduates
SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the survey are broken down for each of the eight academic colleges and schools at UA in this report.

The survey is reproduced in the writeup. Percentages of structured responses are reported in tables, while students’ remarks to open-ended questions are listed and highlighted in *red italic text*. An ID number is provided each student to allow comparisons and context among their open-ended responses. For example, all open-ended responses for each number are given by the same graduating student. The number of respondents (N) for each structured item is given.

**Question 1: Student Identification**

Students were asked to provide their Campuswide ID. This was done to ensure that only graduating seniors were analyzed, and to be able to link to data in the student information system.
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**Question 4: Major Courses, Faculty, Instruction, Advising**

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Additional comments on the above core curriculum courses, faculty, and instruction.

1. I feel that there are more AAST classes that should be able to count for core curriculum. The Department of Arts and Sciences should make every effort to allow more AAST classes to be considered core curriculum (like when 20th Century African American History was designated as a History credit).

4. Too many TA’s, not enough professors.

5. Dr. Andrus; Geo 102 is the best no-major course. He makes you want to learn the material. Math at UA is terrible. Computers are not effective teachers. I dropped the class and took it at another institution.

8. Dr Dorr is a terrible professor. Her GTA graded unfairly. Her class was the only history class that I will have ever made a C.

13. My advisor craig wedderspoon was excellent. I switched to him after an awful experience with the advisor nancy shockley who signed me up for a drawing 110 course that I already had an AP credit for but I trusted she knew what she was doing more than me and that was a mistake. No more mistakes occured after I switched to advisor Craig Wedderspoon though he was great.

16. General education classes were often overfilled and hard to enroll in.

22. Majority of the faculty did care about the performance and learning content of the students. But there were a few professors that did not really show concern for the student’s learning and just taught the course more because it was their job.

28. I am disappointed with the overall curriculum courses, faculty and instruction received at the University of Alabama while acquiring my Bachelor’s Degree in Biology with a concentration in Ecology and Systematics.

36. I was in Blount so some of my core classes were eliminated

58. Roll Tide

65. The core classes were often too large for the instructors to know you by name, unless you visited them very often. However, the majority of the instructors were fair and decent teachers.

78. There are not enough teachers to teach so the classes are always large an hard to get into when I was a Jr. The facility my major is located in is out of date, dirty, and really out of the way. The entire department really needs to expand.

99. I was at UA for 2 1/2 years and I changed advisors 3 times. Advising for the Summer and Fall semesters were chaotic because of one advisor being available to all students. The sign in sheet was continuously full and I was treated very rudely when I had to register late due to not being able to obtain an appointment. I live an hour away from campus and was only attending classes two days a week; each time I tried to sign up for appointment, the sheet was full. I was made aware of the changes over spring break by email. It was very unorganized and stressful.

109. I enjoyed being a CJ major and believe I learned a good bit from it. As far as developing skills such as public speaking, and working with a team, I have to give credit to Army ROTC, not
Many of the skills and leadership that I have developed over the past 4 years is due to that.

I feel that most core classes have turned into almost a complete self learning class, and there is almost no reason for a teacher.

Incredible dance department and psychology department.

Overall the classes and instructors were great. I really enjoyed most of my core classes.

I don't know what to write...

A lot of core courses are too large for teachers to care about each individual student. I also find it more difficult to be interested in a class that is larger because teachers tend to use power points and lecture without much discussion. The only teacher I have had to be successful in including active discussion in a larger class thereby making it more interesting was Dana Patton for PSC 101.

Quite a few of my core classes were taken in 2001-2003, or credits were transferred from other institutions, so these answers only pertain to recent core classes I have taken.

100 level English classes are not taught in a way that actually improves the students ability to write. They need to be completely revamped to teach logical argumentative structures and grammar.

Only took a few core courses at UA- impression from those were too many students per classroom, couldn't get any meaningful instruction or feedback from GTAs.

Coming from a high school that placed much focus on independent learning, core/100/200 level courses were often uninspiring. Before attending UA I had written 4 in depth research papers and had 33 hours of credits from high school. After that, those 100/200 level courses only made me lazy and less inspired with learning.

Mathematics at UA is terrible until Calculus. The online setup does more harm than good.

TA's in 100 level logic course lab discouraged me from attending the course with poor attitude and unwillingness to help.

Overall, I felt the experience of the core classes was one of cramming as much information into a lecture as possible and then being unavailable for questions outside of class.

I came in with 32 hours of Advanced Placement credit, so I did not need to take many of the core classes at UA.

ten hoor needs better air conditioning in warm weather and better heat in cold. It was often miserable sitting in class, and it made learning extremely difficult.

Dr. Keel was the absolute best in AY101 and AY206. I feel very lucky to have been able to take his classes.

With the exception of my mentors, it was poor for the most part.

All courses helped me learn a lot. I enjoyed the faculty and instructions there. It was an honor to attend the University of Alabama.

I had just 2 GTA teachers that I can think of during my time at UA. The first was in astronomy and had no interest in teaching. His interest seemed to lie with the ladies in the classroom, which was a bit boring to watch. The second was with a girl GTA in geology, who knew her shit, but had no public speaking skills whatsoever and did NOT respond to emails. As a person, however, she was quite knowledgeable and kind. Perhaps with a bit more experience, her anxiety about public speaking will fade.

These questions are difficult to answer since I was in the External Degree program.

I was enrolled in New College; most of the questions above did not apply to my situation.

Most of my core curriculum requirements were completed prior to re-enrolling at U of A but my science core requirements were completed through the External degree program and they were great.

I must attend grad school elsewhere because UA does not offer my major, sports psychology. I had to cobble classes from KIN and PSY to make my transcript look attractive to grad schools and did so by leaving my PSY tract and joining New College. Why doesn't Alabama have any classes in sport and exercise psychology? It is baffling to me.

Dr. Jim Gleason was the only professors I had in the Arts and Sciences dept who took the time to not only help me with his classes but also advise and discuss my future. He took time to help me figure out my academic and career path.
AP credit took out most of my core work. Also, I was never taught by a GTA.

Core English classes for a Blount Liberal Arts minor were superfluous and obsolete.

Though I enjoyed most of my core classes, a lot of them seem rather unnecessary to my professional success. As a jazz studies major, I already have 145 hours in my degree program, and I ended up completing 160 hours. I would rather take additional music classes that would give me skills helpful to my career than a math or science class that I will never use again.

TA's in 100 level logic course lab discouraged me from attending the course with poor attitude and unwillingness to help.

I really enjoyed all the professor especially - Utz Mcknight, Ritter, Chotier and Baldwin.

Not nearly as good quality as the Political Science/History Departments- (which were excellent)

Most are good courses but if you are not in honors it can be difficult to get into the courses you are required to take in a timely manner. but this did not concern me.

The Political Science Department was fantastic!

They were great. This survey is redundant.

Dr. McKnight is the only reason UA was not poor all the way around.

I had an economics class (EC 309) taught by a GTA and it was considerably less quality than having a professor teach.

Get rid of tentfloor.

I enjoyed many of the core courses and elective courses more than my major courses.

My comment is directed at the GTA's in question #4. For the most part the GTA's were average and good but there was one particular GTA who was arrogant, rude, condescending and not at all helpful. I think the individual departments should listen to comments from class concerning this type of GTA. A college education cost entirely too much money for any student to have to endure such a crass individual at any level.

It is a major switch from 100/200 level to 300/400 level courses & some lower level courses/teachers do not prepare a student for upper level courses. It is often assumed one is prepared for advanced classes which is not the case. I had a plethora of issues with assumptions by teachers. How a teacher approaches teaching effects how I am able to learn.

poor advisement in arts and sciences

The course sizes in the psychology department are absurdly large, especially in the upper levels. 200 students is entirely too large for a 300 level course. There should be more sections of these courses with fewer students in each course.

Most of my core faculty were great, besides a few exceptions.

Faculty of Religious Studies professors and classes offered are the only reason I continued my studies at the University of Alabama.

Core classes are a challenging class to teach and as such there is much room for improvement; overall, though, my instructors were good. Some core requirements should be rethought, though, as they are lengthy, slightly antiquated and do not always make sense.

Advising was terrible! Very hard to get an appointment to get advised. There should be more than one person students can count on.

Hit or miss with the teachers, some were excellent others were terrible. The I didn't have a TA that was a good teacher.

Every accounting professor I had was great.

I had two professors during my time at UA that were absolutely terrible. Dr. Bachrach (MGT 300) actually had the balls to refuse my glo bus team and I help during office hours. Instead, he said, “I have only played this game for a few semesters. Go to Joyce Meyer and get her to help you. She is the glo bus expert.” Dr. Bachrach weighted the glo bus game 40% of our final grade. I have never had a professor (if you could call him that) refuse a student help who was willing to put in the necessary hours to learn the material. My team and I met with Joyce Meyers and although we were not enrolled in her course, when we explained the situation to her she was an excellent help. We ended up finishing first in our industry. I made an A+ in the course despite the poor and shameful instruction from Dr. Bachrach.

Take my opinion seriously. I am a good student. I majored in accounting with a biology minor. I got accepted into the 2016 class of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry (located at UAB).
My student number is 11174758. Look me up and take what I have said into consideration based solely on my academic performance.

414 Took core classes at Shelton State
446 My teachers were top notch. The most elite teachers in the nation, hands down.
456 Many core classes were too large for the professor to be able to effectively communicate and encourage academic success from students.
474 Jennifer Humber and Ann Margaret Vincent, CBA advisor and assistant deserve the highest esteem and, in my humble opinion, A RAISE!!!!
482 TA’s were useless. There are simply too many students being herded through culverhouse.

Profs are too busy getting published.

494 Core courses were good. Took some here, some elsewhere. Didn’t really have GTAs as teachers for the most part.

506 ST 260 Dr. Chakraborti was a terrible teacher and would be the only reason I did not give excellent responses to all of these questions. He did not care about his students’ success and was unwilling to answer questions during lecture. I failed his class. I received help outside of class at the CTL, and the tutors there were unable to help me with some of the material he covers.

515 I honestly think the majority of teaching assistants are not prepared to teach a 300 level class. The amount of money we (the students) pay to receive education should be taken in consideration when assigning an instructor.

525 I found that the majority of tenured professors only cared about themselves and the research they were conducting. They acted like teaching the students was a burden to them.

537 The JN faculty is amazing. The 300 level business classes instructors (GBA, OM, MGT) weren’t great.

542 The tougher lower level classes were harder to learn due to structure and too many students for one teacher to handle. My advisors acknowledge the class is poorly structured and hard but there is still nothing done about it. Very strange.

562 Core Math classes with foreign instructors are hideous for people needing help in Math. It took me 3 semesters to pass MA 125 but finally did when I got the right teacher that explained concepts in class correctly instead of just sending me to the Math lab.

567 I wasn’t included the required general business courses (FI 302, OM300, AC 210, MGT 300, MKT 300, LGS 200). Without fail, I have disliked every single one and the instructor because they have turned them into rote lessons with little to no actual value.

591 Overall I am very satisfied with the quality of the core curriculum in C&BA, with the exception of Accounting 210 that all business majors are required to take. My experience in that class was horrible, and not because I was unwilling to study the material. I have no problem with the class being by nature a difficult class that requires lots of studying. What I take issue with is that we were never properly taught the fundamentals of accounting. A prime example is we were never taught “debits and credits”, which is fairly essential knowledge for accounting. Also, our textbook was a complete joke. It was only after an accounting major friend of mine from another university mailed me her old accounting textbook that I realized how inferior our book really was.

After reading her textbook’s explanation of the particular concept in which I was having difficulty, I understood the concept perfectly. Her book explained the concept on over 10 pages with plenty of examples, while my text tried to cover the same thing in just 2 pages with no examples. By the way, I should mention that one of our exams had several problems testing our knowledge on that particular topic.

I believe that the only reason we were using that particular text is because a member of our faculty was the author. In general, I think it’s awesome to use a textbook that a UA faculty has written, but when that book is clearly inferior to other texts, the school owes it to their students to get a textbook that will actually explain the material clearly to the students that are trying to learn.

Needless to say, accounting was a very frustrating course for me (and for many other intelligent students, to which I have spoken).

Please look into making some changes to this course for the students that are willing to study and learn.

594 Thomas Downs was incompetent as an instructor. He is a very intelligent man and a fine individual but was unorganized and frustrating when attempting to teach. I spent more time
trying to figure out his system than studying/learning. FL302 was a disaster of a course. I really enjoyed having Dr.D for GBA490. We all, including Dr.D, felt that the online “game” was a poor use of our time and often fell on the shoulders of a single group member. Overall I learned a lot in this class.

Overwhelming numbers.. labs attached to lectures with TAs is not a successful equation. Have to find a way to get smaller classes with actual teachers.

Overall, I would rate them at a 9 out of 10

I took two classes with Dr. Stacy Morgan in the American Studies department during the last semester of my senior year. He and his classes made me wish I would have taken classes in the department much sooner. I felt he was the most encouraging professor I had during my college career and the one of the few who really showed interest in my future endeavors.

Teachers in Core classes tend to care less because they usually believe that students don’t take their class by choice, only by requirement

I was very unsatisfied at the education I received at Bama. Teachers lacked motivational skills, were hardly ever on time to class, cared very little about the well being of students, and usually lacked strong comprehension of the topics they were teaching in class. I learned more at my public high school and that education was free.

My favorite experience at UA was the English class size--event though I abhor English. I think I learned more in those classes because I was much more one-on-one engaged with my instructor, rather than a teacher giving a boring lecture to +100 students.

Overall, I felt the experience of the core classes was one of cramming as much information into a lecture as possible and then being unavailable for questions outside of class.

Very good

Teachers in my majors (Comm. studies and French) were great!

The professors and staff in the College of Communication and Information Sciences are awesome and the majority of my Psychology professors have been great as well.

Personally, I found that my experience at the University of Alabama was above par compared to friends of mine at different schools. I received attentive feedback from professors always promptly, and my advisor, Dr. Bennett, exceeded all expectations as far as advisors go (and compared to the advisors of friends of mine). Every professor in my major developed a relationship with me and encouraged me, except one (Janis Edwards). Every single one of my professors drew me to love my major and become an active participant in and out of class. I truly loved my experience, and will continue to brag about the Communication & Information Sciences department of Alabama for many years to come.

My core classes were so large that I doubt that many of professors knew I existed as a real human being. The main exception was my English course. The professors were great.

Dr. Boylorn was suppose to be my advisor, but she never returned my emails. The advisors in the Com Studies offices always helped me sign up for class. I only met with Dr. Boylorn once and she was not helpful. She was polite, but it was obvious that she wasn’t concerned with helping me schedule my classes.

Roll Tide

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I was usually unimpressed across the board with the GTAs in my minor classes (Spanish minor). I took four 100&200 level classes and only felt that one of those four GTAs was a good teacher. Outside of Spanish it was still hit or miss, but Spanish was a disappointment since I really cared about the study, but often did not have exceptional teachers.

The faculty, courses and instruction in the Communications college were exceptional.

The APR 260 GTA instructors were horrible. I didn’t have to take it, but I took it to get a more polished understanding of the design aspect of communication. I knew more than the GTAs, which was not very much. They were late to class often, but counted us if we were late, they didn’t teach at all and they were not well-versed in up-to-date design or communication. Perhaps the requirements for graduate assistants should be raised. I felt like I was being taught by an idiot that I felt like I should be teaching. The course seemed unfulfilling and wasteful.

For the Communications College to be ranked in the top nationally, Reese Phifer is lacking in up-to-date facilities. The projectors are not even reliable.
It is a college directed at educating students to distribute the most prompt information to the public as quickly as possible (Journalism, PR, Advertising, Telecommunications majors) and the tools provided, with the exception of the one new media center built this past semester, were all created in the 1990’s...Reese Phifer itself does not appear to have had an update in the last 20 years. But hey it is still better than the Biology building on UA’s campus.

All of my experiences have been great with the public relations department.

Core classes provided much more feedback

ROLL TIDE!!!

The classes were too large to even be noticed in. There needs to be more sections, more teachers, and more TAs.

Question 1-the issue of racial equality and the overall apathy by the administration was appalling. Our institution is in the news every other week for some racial issue and we are a laughingstock to the rest of the nation. The administration needs to step it up and stop with these frivolous emails/slaps on the wrist and come down hard by showing we do not tolerate this type of behavior.

My TCF 201 Nathan Daines killed my desire for my major classes.

The TCF department was not very impressive when I first started, but it has been on a nice upward climb since then.

Didn’t take core courses at UA.

Everything was fine.

The courses that are needed to fulfill requirements were often closed but overrides were always given.

Murray Silverstone, professor of physics, needs to reevaluate his teaching skills for physics. Too many of us are struggling with him not helping at all. His teachings and the book rarely correspond with the material on his tests.

I think in my major that more people should be involved in the courses and their students.

Biology classes were too large.

Some classes were a waste of time.

The conversion of the chemical engineering computer lab (which was donated by an ChE alumni) to a traffic hub for bama rides was an incredible burden for me during the Spring semester of 2010. Instead of having a 50 min class 4 days a week at 1:30 pm in Bevil, the class location was moved to ten Horr and the time was changed to 8 am. Having already scheduled my classes in the afternoon I was unable to switch my schedule around and was left with a 4 hour gap between classes. I had to commute from off campus housing to campus twice as much resulting in 2 times the gas for a student on a tight budget. Further, many of ChE classes require group work that can only be completed at night when everyone is free, only to wake up again at 7 am. Loosing the ChE computer lab forced me to waste money or be stuck on campus for 16 hours many many many week nights. I had no weekends because I only slept. I am informing you of this not whine but so that someone knows that the lack of a ChE computer lab does have a dramatic impact on the course load of chemical engineering student.

I felt that many of the core courses I took, even honors courses, were a waste of my time. I definitely tried to get interesting classes too (I wasn’t trying to pick out the easiest class I could like many students). I can say quite firmly that I only took one great class outside of my major. Most were mediocre.

Assuming “core curriculum” means classes like Chemistry, Calculus, etc. I never took an English class at UA, and took only one Humanities (PHL 252).

Faculty may need a friendly reminder that being too “encouraging” in matters outside of pure academia(such as clubs, volunteering, job search, etc) can sometimes be interpreted as harassment. Every student is unique, and so should be his or her education and life goals. Because of this, faculty should realize not every student will have the same academic plan!

Core teachers rarely could relate what we were learning to future uses my desired degree.

When I say advising in my major was fair, I am not referring to my adviser Dr. Marcus Ashford, who advised me sophomore through senior year. He did an excellent job and I recommend him for advising. It was the Freshman Engineering Group Advising program that was complete bogus. Freshman should be assigned to their adviser if they have already selected an Engineering major because that is the point in a college student’s life where he/she needs the most
guidance. Trust me. In particular, Sandy Wood led me down the wrong path and convinced me it was ok to take a 300 level humanities elective course for America West History. Not only did the course not count towards an acceptable elective, but it kicked my butt and marred my GPA. Had I not been a freshman, I would have caught this and there would have been no harm done.

973 Not enough computer labs in the building- hardaway hall
979 Everyone in the Apparel & Textile Design department is amazing. I never realized how lucky I was in having such great teachers, and an advisor until I got out of HES and talked to people in other majors who said their advisors don't even know them by name. I am very grateful for the time I spent in HES, and at UA.

986 I wish advisors were more help. My advisor really messed up my classes which pushed back my graduation date. She wasn't really any help. When you first get to UA you don't know what to expect as far as classes and advisors should be there to help. I wish I knew then what I know now.

1008 In my three years as an online learner, I only had one instructor with whom I could not connect or resolve issues and ended up having to drop the class.

1020 I felt like some teachers favored students heavily, while other students were blatantly not as important.

1047 ARH 252 was especially well presented this semester by Andrea Taylor. A majority of my core curriculum was completed via CELP exam so I didn’t have a whole lot of interaction with the faculty in this area.

1051 I love the College of HES! The educators were very much accommodating and accessible.

1054 I wish we would have received more information on careers in our field and been able to meet professionals in our field.

1055 Very large classes, No relationship between student and teacher. Many class room distractions, people talking, on cell phones and lab tops. Teaching methods are conductive of short term memorization not true learning. At the expense of actually covering and teaching material many classes broadly try to cover too much material in one semester. Power points provided in most classes are not very thought provoking or interactive.

1069 Find a different way to run the math classes for the lower maths because too many people struggle with having to teach themselves off of the computer.

1083 I took my core curriculum over several years. I was particularly pleased with two graduate students involved in teaching a course. One is no longer a graduate student and possibly no longer affiliated with UA, but Ms. McColloch who taught art history was excellent and instilled a love of art that has continued. Most recently Johnathan Ray was outstanding as an instructor of western civ. He was a knowledgable and lively lecturer who kept the material interesting.

1095 I took Biology I & II through Alabama ONLY because it would not transfer my previous credits from MS Gulf Coast Community College. This was a waste of time and money on my end as it was the exact same classes. I feel this needs to be revisited.

1121 The faculty is always available when needed.

1128 Excellent quality.

1144 Some core classes were helpful, others were a waste of time.
### Question 7: Campus Offices, Services, Opportunities

**How would you evaluate these offices, services, and opportunities?**

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Additional comments on the offices, services, and opportunities.

1. The registration process needs work. I was supposed to have priority registration, but there were times when my department was unorganized with registration and it kept me from registering when I should have been able to. The quality of the food on campus is good at all facilities except Lakeside. Their food and sanitation needs a lot of work. The campus health service is good, but the wait time is horrible. Also, they tend to diagnose everyone with similar illnesses, so maybe more experienced Registered Nurses, (or even Physician’s Assistants) need to be hired for those positions.

2. There needs to be more dorms, not sorority/fraternity houses. Not enough space in traditional style dorms.

4. I don’t think this university does nearly enough to engage students, especially non-greeks. I’m honestly not even sure what is meant by “campus recreational activities” unless you are talking about all the football-related opportunities to spend money. Also, the registration process (and pretty much anything else I had to use UA websites for) is very tedious and frustrating. Not being able to have more than one window open at a time and not being able to use the back button are ridiculous limitations at this point in time. Furthermore, I do not appreciate being forced to purchase food from Aramark. The food is unhealthy, of poor quality, vastly overpriced, and served to the students by a segregated staff of underpaid and unhappy workers.
Parking services were also poor

Trying to get assistance from the University in matters such as registration and financial aid was often a terrible experience. I was usually told to email someone, call someone else, go to another office, etc. and seldom got results or answers. The university's administrative offices were never helpful and generally caused more stress and irritation for me.

Some of the departments' employees were rude and not very helpful regardless of how polite I would be to them if I have to talk to them.

I think the university would benefit if departments would communicate better between one another and instead of saying they don't know people should try to find out an answer.

I swam for ya.

Residential Life: I feel that there should be a designated area in the parking lot for visitors, especially parents. During my four years at Riverside East, we frequently had problems loading and unloading when my parents came to visit. When possible they would park in the visitors section in the parking deck and did not mind paying the fee. So that could be a possible solution. My suggestion is that one row of parking spaces in each residence parking lot be designated for visitors, but for a minimal fee, which would discourage abuse.

The SHC is not very good. You have to wait forever, usually no less than one hour. The staff is often rude and refuses to write a prescription.

Parking services needs to be re-evaluated

The University of Alabama Veterans Services Office did a very poor job of assisting me as a recent combat veteran. I called and emailed NUMEROUS times to Tyrone Travis to get assistance. To this date, he has not returned any calls of emails from 4 months ago. I finally spoke to Eunice Taylor after calling and emailing her NUMEROUS times as well. I even went by their office and was told to wait to see her. 20 minutes later, I was forgotten about and left due to another appointment. I was finally helped by Mrs. Taylor after leaving her repeated messages. I feel that I was TRULY FAILED by the University veterans office and feel that it is really sad that the University veterans office would have such little concern in helping us in EVERY WAY they can.

I cannot comment on this subject constructively.

I have had few issues with registration. My sister goes to UGA and has a much harder time with registration than I ever had. I have also been surprisingly pleased with my experience at the SHC. I have heard many horror stories, yet I have had nothing but exceptional experiences there. I have always been treated quickly, and I have always been given prescriptions that have allowed me to get better.

Food service: encourages unhealthy meal decisions in that a cheeseburger, fries and soda (~$5.50) can all be purchased for cheaper than a salad by itself (~$6.90).

Health services: good but far too slow.

The SHC shouldn't close just because the freshman dorms have. There ARE still students on campus who need access to healthcare.

I had an extremely negative experience with the counseling center and had to seek treatment elsewhere.

Campus food and SupeStore stuff is overpriced. The SHC is slow.

Mallet Uber Alles

There should be more focus on the students rather then the football team and the greek system.

The career center is so great. Very helpful and everyone who works there is very nice.

There were great. Services were good and the opportunities were endless.

I have a feeling that most of the community service projects are brought up in frats and sororities. However, I had no interest in being part of the party hard, work hard, play the political game lifestyle that accompanies a sorority. I knew I would be miserable, so I avoided it.

great

Staff is extremely rude in Parking services as well as Financial Aid/Student receivables.

Student billing should show an overall record of payments instead of merely displaying the current period so students may view their full payment history at all times.

The student health center is a joke and everyone knows it.
Campus food issues are the main issue on campus. There needs to be healthier choices at reasonable student prices. Most students are on a tight budget and the only food available for a meal that is under $10 is burger king which is not acceptable.

The national merit housing portion of the scholarship really needs to allow student to apply the funds towards off campus housing. Being forced to stay in the dorms and be the grandpa amongst freshmen and sophomores makes the resident life chorelike.

Add Quidditch to intramurals through the SRC.

I feel like the registration process is unfair. I do agree that honors students should receive priority registration, but honors sophomores should only register before nonhonors sophomores. They should not be registering before juniors and seniors. I was frequently unable to take classes that I needed to graduate, and forced to graduate late because of this. Had honors underclassmen not been allowed to register ahead of me, this would not have been the case. It's really frustrating that I was forced to graduate two semesters late over something so simple. My tuition money is just as good as honors students, so why are they receiving better treatment?

Intramural department needs work. The refs are very good at not making good and fair calls when they know someone on the other team or they just don't like you. They also change the times frequently for playoffs and do not tell anyone.

Many people in the above areas seemed 'stand-offish' toward the common student. Patience was typically very thin as well. Maintaining an overall attitude of professionalism would go a long way.

I had countless difficulties with financial aid services at UA and was often given inaccurate information which led to much unwarranted stress. The university's Career Center needs a complete makeover; the website is difficult to use and does not provide much helpful information.

the teachers in political science are excellent

In regards to the Career Center there is less support for students majoring in Economics through the College of Arts and Sciences than there is for Econ majors in the Business School. I studied Quantitative Economics and graduated with Honors. Despite attempts to meet with the Business School branch of the Career Center I was given the “run around” and sent to the Career Center at the Ferguson Center. I think it is highly unfortunate to be caught in the middle of two Colleges. As an Econon (AS) I received no help from business school advisors and A&S advisors were less knowledgeable about Economic topics.

Get rid of tenfloor.

As students its hard to understand financial aid information when parents most often fill the information out. When we go to ask questions on their behalf which I have had to do multiple times they have been very cold and mean with their answers. I have always tried to be as discerning as possible. Financial aid personal front desk should keep in mind students are not always informed of financial decisions, benefits, etc.

Career Center was MORE than helpful in working with me in preparing my admissions essay and resume for grad school!

Student services employees are frequently unfriendly.

The help you recieve in the offices of financial aid is fantastic. However, the students who work at the front desk are horrible and seem to not care.

More than once I would email an adviser or another person trying to get help with something and would never get a response. On the other hand many people would bend over backwards to help me.

Plenty of opportunities to participate in activities of all kinds on campus.

Went to counseling center, was a terrible experience, had one session then was referred to someone else outside the university that said that the university didn't really know what they were doing.

The career center needs to work on bringing in more businesses providing jobs outside the state of Alabama

Univ Health Center makes you wait entirely too long to see the doctor.

Student Receivables is one of the worst offices I've ever dealt with, and I was in the military. The military is really bad but student receivables is worse. Very poor attitude, not helpful/knowledgeable of processes.
The only options I can comment on are the registration process and the career center. As a student who had the benefit of early registration due to Honors College and normal registration after dropping honors, I believe registration should be based on hours and GPA. Nothing else at the University rewards hard work and good grades, so why not registration?

Regarding the career center, I thought they did a good job for certain areas. However, I, along with other students wanting to go into investment banking or corporate finance, found it difficult to find any leads into these fields. While these are 2 very specific areas for one major, it was frustrating not even having a single lead into companies I would have loved to work for.

I was a Distance Learner and had no access to many of the services listed.

I feel that some of the University's honor societies discriminate against those students who are distance learners and disabled. If a student meets all qualifications for an honor society admittance and the student is disqualified simply because they cannot participate in community activities or university activities because of their disability or distance, this process is biased and discriminatory. I speak from experience.

Financial Aid service is efficient!

Financial Aid workers are not help. They just tell you to go online.

Bama food is ridiculous.

Crimson careers website was beneficial in me finding my first job.

The meal plan/dining dollar system could be reformed. Food on campus is so expensive and I never used half of the minimum meal plan package.

I rated the food services so low because it is highway robbery. The prices are insane and because of my class location the last 2 semesters I had to eat at Phil's in Lakeside a good deal and that has to be the most horrible customer service known to man (I have been in food service for 10 years). The older lady at Phil's is the only polite and attentive employ there. The younger guys are usually just "hitting on" the girls working there while we are trying to get served. This goes for the market cashier dude as well.

I didn't do any extra curricular activities or community service projects, but I had several opportunities to.

Going to the health center was a waste of time. The staff was rude, incompetent, and could not stick to any sort of schedule. I had negative experiences for five consecutive years.

Advising is terrible. A disgrace to the university. My kids will not be coming here if this is not changed.

They all make life great at the University of Alabama.

Out of the many years I've been on this campus, the lady at the Action Card office table has never returned a smile or said any nice at my numerous visits. I have probably said, how are you today 30 times and got nothing but a blank stare in return.

The workers at Subway in the Ferg are breaking many health hazards. They don't test the temperatures of the food on a regular basis (probably never), they use the same dirty knife to close the sandwiches (very bad for many reasons), they hardly clean their hands, and I could go on but I feel like I'm beating the dead horse because what I'm saying will just be thrown to the wind like my many honest teacher evaluations. (I worked at Subway in 2004, so I'm speaking from experience.)

Because I was required to buy a meal plan & live on campus freshman year and because of an adviser that informed me completely inaccurate information, I have spent over $2,000 dollars for nothing. That money would have been really helpful for the rest of my academic expenses. Bama dining has scammed students with this program. (+$8 a meal for some of their “quality food” is scam.) For $2 more, I can get a steak and two sides at a restaurant. Over-priced food, poor service, no seating: there is a reason everyone that pays for his/her own food hates Aramark/Bama Dining... Stop the monopoly and there will be progress.

The career center was not very helpful. The website was not helpful. I would be kicked off of the crimson careers. I wish there were more postings available in an easier way to view.

Overcrowding continues to be an overall issue with the UA campus in almost all aspects; however, it seemed like there was progress in this area this year compared to the 2010-2011 year. If growth was slowed for a few years while construction projects are finished, the campus environment would benefit greatly.

Roll Tide
Bama food is ridiculous.
The Career Center needs lots of attention. The employees acted like they had better things to do.
The doctors at the Health Center talked down to me every time I went.
University career center was the worst experience on campus! no one cared to help me out, they were just worried about getting me and getting me out! I WOULDN'T NEVER RECOMMEND TO SOMEONE
Registration process is outdated and confusing. Financial aid office is slow and rarely helpful. Campus food is too expensive. Campus health services are overcrowded and unhelpful.
The health services were like that of a 3rd world country. I, and many others, said never to go to the Student Health or DCH (Don't Come Here) because of SEVERAL lazy, impersonal, overall very poor experiences. Everything that my friends and I ever went for was not tested for properly and not diagnosed properly. My friends and I had to visit outside doctors to get told how horrible it was that we weren't tested for the ending diagnoses. The counselors that I came in contact with in my career were very unhelpful and told me things that I already knew. Others have had good experiences though.
I am very frustrated with the Student Recievables office. When I took an internship last Fall to help further my education, I was informed that instead of refunding me for the courses and tuition I had previously paid for that, that money would instead carry over to this spring semester to pay my tuition. Therefore, I was told to register for classes as normal and disregard any payment notifications, because my previous payment would carry over. However, there was a miscommunication with Student Recievables, they did not carry over the money and I was dropped from every class I signed up for and was forced to re-register. When I went to re-register all of my class were full and I could get an override written for them.I have a job on-campus too at the athletic ticket office, my work schedule had already been confirmed by the time I was dropped from all of my classes. Forcing me to rearrange not only my course schedule, but also my work schedule. I had an override written by the professor of the course and still could get in.
I did everything I was told to do, and because of the University's mistake I could not enroll in the course I desired. I wanted to be in the course because I had taken from the instructor before, and knew going into my senior year I would need reccomendations written from professors. By taking from the same professor my relationship would have be stronger, because they would have a better relationship with me as their student, and know my work ethic better than an instructor who taught me for only one semester. Not to mention this was the senior level course for my major that it thought to be the highest course, were your performance is demanding and influential of your future profession as a PR practictioner- the campaigns course.
Health center was extremely slow
Lived in Paty freshman year. Place needs to be torn down.
Campus Housing is terrible. The administration in the housing department is awful, and the whole department needs to be re-engineered. RAs are terrible as well. Rose Towers nearly killed me. Also, I was forced off campus because of an influx of freshmen. This is absurd. I had already paid tens of thousands of dollars, and they had yet to pay anything. Should have had priority housing, not them. The library was once shut down on a Thursday for a football game, this is ethically wrong. A university is supposed to be a learning institution, not an athletic club. I did poorly on a test the following Friday because the Library was not open normal hours on a SCHOOL NIGHT. I was disgusted, and had it not been for the fact that I was nearly finished with my degree, I would have left the University the following semester. I didn't want to pay for Dining dollars, but was required to, even though I never used them, I could have used that money to pay my rent or buy groceries, I was a very poor student and this 300 dollars forced me to not buy certain books each semester.
The student health center closed early on football game days, this was difficult for me, as multiple saturdays I needed medical attention that I would have normally received at the SHC, but was unable to. I don't like how this University puts football ahead of life and academia.
The parking on campus is also a nightmare. I won't be sending my children to the University of Alabama.
Campus health services: TAKES WAY TO LONG. Even if you schedule an appointment, you STILL have to wait hours. It does not make sense.
The student health center is relatively terrible. I know many people (myself included) who had very poor experiences there, as well as with counseling services. The dining options on campus are excellent, and all other divisions listed were helpful and effective.

I know that the University needs to have more traditional-style dorms. It might not seem like a good recruiting device, but I think the long-term effects of isolated (own-room-apartment-style-dorms) is drastic, in that I think it causes our students to develop anti-social, lonely tendencies. People need to learn how to co-habitate with another person of their demographic (gender, age, life stage, etc.).

Bama dinning has gotten better, keep up the good work.

Counseling services were not available if you couldn't come until 4. Please extend hours so all students have the opportunity.

Need more food options, and healthier options

Career Center was good but needed more networking with the aerospace engineering field.

Ferg food is crappy and over priced.

Campus food is expensive, of limited options, available only at peak hours, and/or with rude cashiers.

Not enough healthy food selection at the food courts. Most of the food selection is junk food.

I felt, and still feel, that being forced to buy housing and a meal plan the first year is scammy and it left a very poor taste in my mouth with regards to bama dining and the university. I greatly disliked my eating situation freshman year (forced to buy a meal plan, which I felt was ridiculously overpriced). I also felt that greek students being exempt from this rule was unfair. I resent it.

The SHC is terrible. They prescribe medication without actually performing any tests... and usually the medication is wrong or unhelpful. I don't want free medicine, I just want to feel better.

Housing needs help. The student to RA ratio is horrible. Each building needs to increase the number of RA's on each floor. Also “programs” are not effective way to reach out to students. More all campus events would better the community.

The woman in the career center satellite office for the engineering section was extremely helpful and inciteful. I would go back and see her any time.

The food was horrendous. All the ingredients were definitely not fresh, consisting of thawed and pasteurized food from Aramak. No wonder fast food is so successful in Tuscaloosa. Degree Works was an excellent navigation tool. The Career Center was way too conservative by not reaching out to more progressive start up companies. I felt the Career Center was just acting as a recruiting tool for major corporations like Schlumberger, Alabama Power, and Chevron. In my opinion, the Career Center failed to branch out geographically and emphasize that a student should be patient and wait around for a job they can love doing. But then again, how can a student get a job they love when the career center only recruits for oil, gas, coal, and steel corporations. However, the resume and cover letter review services were excellent.

Health Center needs more staff and also more than just general practitioners

Most departments were good. However, the allocation of parking has been extremely disappointing and very frustrating. I understand that only a certain number of parking spots are available on campus, but I walk 25 minutes from he REC lot to my building each morning and back in the evenings, passing three lots designated as faculty lots with hundreds of empty spots. The Bus Hub lot is never more than 10% full, making it a prime example of the need to redistribute parking zones to better suit students parking on campus.

I graduated in the distance learning program and did not spent very much time on campus.

I was a distance learner

I think that Bama Dining could be improved by offering more places that are open at lunch time. Also, there needs to be more parking spaces on campus. It is a hassle to try to find a spot and get to class on time. Even when allowing sufficient amount of time.

Financial Aid was a nightmare to deal with every semester. Usually required at least one trip to office to speak to someone to get it handled. Got the run around on the phone.
One of the most stressful offices to visit as a student is always Student Receivables, and there were many times the people working the windows there were very rude, making it even more stressful. Money is a problem for many students and they never really helped matters.

Ms. Carmen Kelly was extremely helpful throughout my entire collegiate career. Everytime I had any issue at all, even if it had nothing to do with the registrar’s office, she was able to help me. This made the entire college experience that much better.

Financial aid is very helpful and professional. Veteran services is somewhat helpful and professional, though could use some staff related improvements. Dining services are archaic in structure. Dining dollar system is horrible. Converting your money to a currency that may only be spent in the campus dining facilities that promote saturated fat and high amounts of sugar manufactured meals. (Fast Food) The 300 dollar required fee does not fit all students. Many students such as myself put themselves through college and that money is very important, especially when it could go towards healthier, local foods and not corporate restaurants. The career center was not very helpful, nor does it promote many career pathways other than traditional companies looking for young, eager low paid employee’s. The communication between what I was looking for and what the career center had knowledge on was not helpful.

You need to establish a 24 hr diner again. Why did you get rid of the Paty/Lakeside Diner?

The Intramural Rec. Office is very unorganized. As a member of several intramural teams, I found it very difficult to communicate with this office. They were unhelpful and rarely knew what our schedules were. There were multiple occasions when the online schedule was different from the schedule the intramural workers were given.

There should be some way to get food around Doster. I found myself unable to grab food inbetween classes because there was not a close enough option, besides Zoes which does not take Bama Cash/Dining Dollars.

My experience at the career center was excellent!

The campus health services are awful! I’m not sure where these doctors come from. I have tons of friends that have gone there and they were diagnosed with the wrong stuff. They also never gave me the right medicines for when I was sick and went there. I would always go somewhere else if I could. And... The food service people are terrible. They are are very rude, and always have an attitude when you try to ask them a question. Get new employees!

Mrs. Cheshire, Dr. Graves, and Dr. Handley were always helpful and gave feedback in a timely manner. However, when trying to get information re: graduate school I did not receive much help. Trying to get in touch with Pat McCullar was near impossible.

There are various opportunities at UA to be involved in.

Greek life is made too much the center of campus life. For a community who claims to value racial diversity, it seems like UA puts an awful lot of focus and attention on a group of organizations that put “tradition” ahead of racial diversity.
**Question 8: Professional Growth from Field Experience**

How would you evaluate your experience with a co-op, internship, practicum, student teaching, or other field experience in terms of its contribution to your personal and professional growth?

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**Question 9: Person who made Most Significant Positive Contribution**

Identify the person at UA who made the most significant positive contribution to your education:  *(Note: number indicates number of references.)*

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Question 10: Overall UA Intellectual Environment

All things considered, how would you characterize the intellectual environment at UA?

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Please explain your reason(s) for your answer.

1. I learned a lot here at UA, but the one thing that still needs work is the racial tension here on campus. Everyone here should be required to take a class on a culture/religion that is different from their own in order to help fix this problem.

2. Did not learn many skills that could transfer over life after college or help me find a job. Classes had a relaxed atmosphere and course work was challenging. I would have liked more opportunities to discover alternative majors early on in my college career, such as better advising for younger students. I felt as if I was stuck with the wrong major for me after changing following a poor Freshmen year; I did not have any guidance as to which majors would suit me, so I picked the best sounding. I regret my major but now it's too late, wish I could have sat down with someone and talked some options. All the adviser did was check my degree works (which I can do at home) and sign a sheet...not very helpful. Luckily I am joining the Army to get work experience, because I would have been SOL with an American Studies major in this economy.

3. Great curriculum and motivated teachers

4. Do I really need to explain this? Last week I read an opinion article in the Crimson White entitled “Don't hate us 'cause we're beautiful: Give UA some respect, Princeton Review” by Katherine Martin. She expressed outrage that UA had not come in first in Princeton Review categories concerning Greek recruitment and football fandom, categories completely irrelevant to the educational quality of a university. She was incredibly rude and dismissive to other schools, going so far as to label Vanderbilt students “nerds” for not being placed on the “Studies the Least” list. That's right. Vanderbilt students are nerds for actually caring about doing what universities are meant for. Learning. I will refrain from commenting on her tenuous grasp on grammar. I won't point out that if she had done a modicum of journalistic research before shoving her opinion into the limelight, she would have noticed that the rankings were based on opinion surveys conducted on UA students. I will just say that I was repulsed that our campus newspaper would publish such an inane and childish rant. Just when I thought I had been thoroughly embarrassed by my alma mater, I noticed in italics at the end of the article, these words, “Katherine Martin is the news editor of the Crimson White.” That, in a nutshell, explains my experience of the overall intellectual environment at UA.

7. Certain classes/departments had better environments vs some of the other classes/departments they were come to class, regurgitate on test then leave classes...

12. Very Intelligent teachers in art history dept;

13. I feel the art and art history department as well as the foreign language department(italian in particular) were excellent and had highly experienced faculty who truly cared about my success in school. My Italian professors, the Godoreccis in particular were extremely helpful to me and because of my ADD learning disability, they worked with me during their own time outside of class to help me achieve my goal of completing a minor in italian which was successful. My art and art history professors were also incredible and helped me outside of class whenever I needed help on a test or project. The teachers that were a great help to me were: Sky Shineman, Daniel Livingston,
Craig Wedderspoon, Tom Barnes, Robert Mellown, Mindy Nancarrow, Anne Herbert, and Tom Wegrzynowski, Barbara Godorecci, and Maurizio Godorecci

some students don't care at all and some of the classes allow for those type of students
For the most part, UA is a wonderful place to learn and I have enjoyed my experience here. Some classes and experiences with administrative and teaching staff have led me to believe that not everything is good however, and I have experienced some classes that I thought were completely unnecessary and badly taught. All things considered, I am happy that I made the decision to attend UA and I value the education that I have received here.
I am very happy with my education at UA. The only thing I would say negatively is that the art department needs some serious updating, such as facilities and classrooms. The teachers are great!
Too much football not enough academics. Many people in office positions were uncaring, rude, and were not knowledgeable of their jobs.
There are many professors with high ranking credentials and many students who come from all over the world just to be a part of the academic atmosphere. There are those few teachers who do not care much about the students' well-being in the course.
lots of smart people
School is more focused on sports and increasing its enrollment far past what it can currently handle than taking care of the academic needs of the students it currently has. I imagine almost any other flagship state school in the country would be better.
I feel academically prepared to continue my education at the next level.
Many courses allowed me to learn but only a few challenged me and provided me with skills that I will actually use later in life.
It's easy to find people who are as smart & bright as you, but the overall environment on campus isn't stellar.
There are lots of resources for continued learning on campus, and I really learned a lot.
We have a variety of organizations available to students of all backgrounds, and these groups encourage open-minded thinking and self-growth. We also offer an excellent program in the Honors College, which helped me exponentially advance my intellectual development.
Some people just aren't the brightest.
I felt the classes were so large that it was hard to be interactive in class. I found myself caring more and learning more in my smaller honors classes than in my large biology lectures.
I believe that I got a great education at UA. However, I do think that the school in general needs to focus more on education, rather than greek and athletics.
My courses were for the most part very well taught but some professors thrived on “weeding out” we students even in 400 level classes. I don't believe that should have been an issue but it was. Over all I perservered and succeeded and enjoyed my undergrad in Biology.
Some professors couldn't care less how you do. Dr. Churchill is a great example
Students are challenged to meet very high standards.
Previously attended Wake Forest- Alabama students within the sciences seemed academically driven and mature; other students are here for a good time.
Always stimulating and enjoyable
There are many intelligent students here. However, I've encountered my fair share of easy-major-5-day-a-week-drinkers as well. Five false fire alarms were pulled at Ridgecrest east while I lived there, usually by a drunk. The University should expand opportunities for qualified and willing students to be in more intellectually heightened environments.
For the most part, all teachers at the university take thier job very seriously and encourage students to preform to their maximum.
Got involved with research junior year and worked with very smart people
The courses while challenging, contained a wealth of knowledge that will help me in my future career. I believe every student should take CSM 204 because it teaches you about money and how to be responsible with it. I think this should be a required course so fewer students will get into financial problems after graduating.
The individuals in attendance seem to form a more pseudo-intellectual environment.
Good Teacher's but I'd like to see more teacher's make the classes interesting by getting the class involved.
As a part of the Honors College, I received an education above the average UA education, so I felt that I was more personally attended than most students. Involved with many organizations, intramural sports, etc. I learn better in smaller class sizes.

The teachers made sure that I understood what was being taught to me. I learned a lot and feel like I am very well prepared to enter the next phase of my life. Faculty in introductory chemistry and biology courses are disinterested in students and generally do not produce an environment conducive to learning, opting instead to assign large amounts of homework as a substitute for effective teaching. This contributes to a below average academic experience for the first half of college. However, in 300 and 400 level chemistry and biology courses, the quality of teaching and level of classroom involvement improves significantly.

There is an active culture of academia at the University. I believe I received a quality education. I was able to be involved in undergraduate research and took classes that challenged me in my major. I also feel that the Blount and Computer Based Honors Programs gave me a great education but I feel like my core classes were a little lacking. Bad students get good grades. Most students care only about grades and not about learning.

As a double major, I had the unique opportunity to evaluate two different departments. In my chemistry classes, I had a mix of excellent teachers with horrible teachers. I'm a 3.9 GPA student, so it's not me slacking off in those classes to make me say they were terrible. But there are several faculty that the departments/dean/university know are not good yet they continue to teach those classes. As a former school ambassador, I could not with good conscience recommend someone to our chemistry department. Economics, on the other hand, was a completely different story. I enjoyed every bit of my education in Bidgood and would recommend that major to anyone.

For many things, excellence refers to perfection. When people are involved, perfection does not exist.

UA expanded my academic as well as cultural knowledge. The people and environment I encountered was positive. I felt like the majority of the time I could have an intellectual conversation with a person. UA is focused on teaching the individual how to collect, analyze and conceptualize research projects. I felt that I was continuously learning during my time at UA.

It opened my mind, and I learned a lot. I now lobby politicians and I never thought they cared what I thought. I feel that the UA is SO big that you really are just a number until you get into the 300 and 400 level courses.

Great professors
It was an environment conducive for intellectual study, as well as provided the opportunity to engage in the “college experience”.
I think that any information you needed to find you have the resources here to find it.
Good group of students with like minds.

There are a lot of intelligent students and excellent academic departments on campus. However, I personally felt like the university was focused more on football and other sports than education.

We have some brilliant people working here and we also have some nuts, who may be even more brilliant then the brilliant people.
I think the environment is very conducive to learning.
I think UA is a place where you can make your own opportunities; but if you aren't willing to create those opportunities it can be a lackluster experience.
The quality of students in the Honors College was exceptional.
I didn't find a great deal of the school work to be intellectually stimulating. Mostly busy work. Wish I had taken more opportunities to initiate creative endeavors in and outside of class.
very informative
UA could be a much better school if sports was not dominate factor as opposed to academics

In my major you have to think about how to use your time and energy.
The lack of diversity coupled with the high frequency of didactic teaching styles contributed to the problems.

I have always felt pushed to do better. I have rarely been in contact with other students who I felt were inadequate. I think that UA students are extremely intelligent causing the learning environment here to be stronger.

Though I do feel as if my degree from UA is worth more than a degree from some other schools, I still don't feel as if I was challenged enough at this University.

Aside from the numbering snafu that many of us have noticed (this comment is for 9a, not the as yet unasked 10a), the general consensus of the student population is to just do good enough, rather than strive to do the best work possible. This has become more pronounced with the last two entering freshman classes; I honestly overheard a freshman complain last fall because he had a 4 page reading assignment to do over a weekend. I think that with the expanding enrollment numbers the University has been working for, more students are being admitted who, while qualified, are not committed to the idea of a higher education and are simply trying to get the “college experience.”

All my teachers were very knowledgeable and excellent in their field of study. I thoroughly enjoyed my learning experience here at the Capstone.

UA seems to be building its academic prowess, but the intellectual environment definitely isn’t “very strong” yet.

Within my individual departments, the intellectual environment was very strong, but the overall feel of the campus was one of petty squabbles due to intolerance and partying. This isn't unusual for a university with such a wide array of students and did not affect my time here however.

Often, when I consider the mountain of student loan debt standing in my immediate future, I think back at my time at the capstone: the isolation, the high demands, the overwhelming stress (that frequently pushed me to the point of complete mental breakdown), and I think, I wouldn't trade that debt or those memories for anything, they taught me so much about human decency, about fairness, about how to improve upon the world and the post secondary system as it exists today.

My educational experience at UA was excellent because I took the initiative to make it excellent. I took difficult classes and professors when I could have taken easy ones, and I benefited greatly from doing so.

People are generally more than willing participate in class discussions, and the discussions are generally intelligent.

While there are small pockets of intellectual discussion and the professors who teach higher level classes were very well informed and good at teaching, by attracting students based on the idea to make money you should admit literally anyone is not good for intellectual development. Raise your level of academic standing and attract better students and you will be able to charge more for tuition.

I studied the humanities and arts, and I found a great discrepancy between the intellectual environment within my classes and outside of them. Many of my professors--English, film, etc.--contributed heavily to my intellectual development because they created an environment in my classes and in discussion with them that allowed me to look critically at the world around me, be that the texts or art that I was looking at, the public policies at local or national levels, or the social environment of which I was a part. In contrast, any time I was not in those classrooms, I felt that the UA environment was one that encouraged going through the academic motions, that rewarded scores rather than critical thinking, and that equated social and extra-curricular involvements (even non-academic ones) with academic pursuits (that's not to criticize extra-curricular activities, of which I took part often, but instead to point out that such a focus detracted from the intellectual environment at UA--if we elect SGA representatives and give huge honors to students because of their dedication to filling the roles within extra-curricular organizations rather than their critical academic successes, what does that say about the intellectual environment). All things considered, any “intellectual environment” that I found at UA felt as if it was subversive to the University as a whole, particularly when that intellectual environment spurred discussion about, say, socio-economic disparities, race relations, environmental responsibility, or any of the other issues that
many UA students are willing to talk about but few in the administration are interested in having frank, *intellectual* discussions about.

There are good pockets of intellectual involvement at UA, but the overall impression of the university is not that intellectually strong.

English department had many fine, intellectually stimulating prof., students, not so much.

I was pushed hard to excell and given numerous opportunities to improve myself through research, conferences, and writing manuscripts. Being McNair Scholar was the greatest attribution to my success at UA.

Some really devoted individuals help create the environment.

It is incredibly easy to go under the radar and have absolutely no instructors notice or care about your success. There are also instructors who go above and beyond to help you; however, as is always the case, favorites are played.

The faculty is very passionate and knowledgeable, and they truly encourage their students to achieve as much as they possibly can, which fosters learning, intellect, and advancement.

All of my professors were excellent.

The education I recieved for my geology major and geography minor were excellent. However, the operation of the math department is poor. I feel that the math lab is a crutch to many students, myself included. I recieved a NC in math 112 four times before I passed the class. It wasn't until I began taking my 400 level geology courses that I was able to understand and apply math. The math system is unfair, and has a bit of a factory feel to it. I love the University of Alabama but more attention needs to be paid to the math department, I know too many bright individuals that struggle with math at UA.

Math is a disaster. 100 level science classes (Chemistry and Physics) are far above and beyond the course level. Those were some of the most difficult classes including my Geo 300-400 level classes. That doesn't seem right/

Not something that is easily explained by words so much as something i am aware of.

I felt that the APR department only cared about the Ad Team and not much else. Most of the upper level classes felt catered towards only them and if you weren't an Ad Team student or part of the Greek system, you weren't valuable.

Outside of my department, I do not feel as though UA's strongest asset is education.

The newspaper is extremely baias. It only attracts the attention of the greek community. More diversity is needed in the campus newspaper. Also, don't allow the greek students to make videos of themselves and post to youtube. It is an embarassment to UA and the students who work hard to acheive success. Its not a party nor is it a popularity contest.

I greatly benefited from my history professors.

Campus is a thriving academic environmnet.

I learned so much and enjoyed it all.

Still a feeling of anti-intellectualism coming from the fraternities, especially seen in making fun of Mallett assembly.

The instructors are skilled and very knowledgeable. There are also a multitude of opportunities to attend extra lectures and such outside of class. However, UA has a reputation as a party school and far too many students who don't care so much about the education are allowed to enroll.

The religious and conservative majority at UA hinder the growth of the intellectual community.

Its Alabama, people do not go there for the academics.

The intellectual environment is very strong/active in some small areas. Apathy is prevalent, though.

All the professors and students especially in 300 and 400 level are very well versed in their subject of choice. Papers, test, and projects are held to high standard.

Very little actual dialogue about complex and controversial issues that arise on a campus, national or global level.

I am a person who is willing to get along with anybody. I am always determined to work hard doing anything it takes to meet a goal. The UA is a great university. ROLL TIDE!
There are certainly brilliant people at UA. However, there are teachers ESPECIALLY in the art program who grade subjectively. This is disheartening to see, because I was witness to several students with great potential literally leave the art program because of ill-timed and inappropriate harshness from an art teacher that simply didn't LIKE the student's work. I don't know if I'll ever be able to recommend the art program here.

My education serves well. I personally think you learn a lot more on the job when you are hired.

The university continually tried to cancel the classes I was taking. The also treat the language department horribly. They need more professors, but they waste their money on other stuff.

I feel that I received the best education. I was involved in various programs (New College, Honors College, Blount) that kept classroom sizes small and helped me to grow as a student. I had the best faculty, and I really do believe that I received the very best education. I enjoyed every minute of it, and I felt that each classroom experience helped me to grow in some way.

The faculty have on average been very strong intellectually. However, football dominates campus culture and conflicts with academics. Libraries should not close earlier than normal hours, it encourages a lacadasical attitude. And students as a whole are not strengthening the intellectual environment at all.

Answer to 10a: Good core curriculum education; Excellent New College education (2/3 of college)

I've been able to explore lots of different areas, learn from lots of excellent professors, and I believe it is one of the best schools around if used correctly.

I was surrounded by intelligent people in the New College department, as well as the theatre and art department.

The faculty and staff at New College encourage rigorous

My overall experience from UA increased my overal intellectual ability, because I was challenged mentally which no other institution can compare.

It was a real college atmosphere where everyone was concerned about passing a class or graduating.

Renee Wells, online instructor, very good.

courses taken at the UofA have improved my overall writing and analysis skills which are very important in my current profession

There is no sport and exercise psychology classes available even though the athletics depts use outside agencies to council all the teams. hopefully UA will add this curriculum in the future. I'm am 100% sure it would be a great success.

Students are given ample opportunity to participate in intellectual discussions and to challenge themselves with both a variety of class choices as well as extracurricular activities. Most professors encouraged forward, innovative thinking and open discussions of topics in the classroom.

Very few teachers care about you and most of the students are idiots. I can't believe my parents spent $30,000 for such a mediocre education.

I feel that my department still has a way to go until it is at a caliber that I can say that I had an excellent education, but the Honors College was great.

No matter where you were on campus, you could have a “deep” conversation with the person nearest you weather or not you knew them.

When people talk about school, they talk about work to be done instead of intellectual discussions about what they talked about in class.

After completing the first two years of core classes, my other courses greatly improved. I felt like the classes held intellectual discussions and not superficial discussions.

The classes are stimulating and challenging and there are several opportunities to conduct research or attend lectures, etc.

I leave room and say strong over very strong mostly due to my interpretation of very strong. A very strong environment would bring forth success naturally from those residing in it. At Alabama that isn't the case. Instead, opportunities exist in exhorbitant quantities to be great, but a student has to choose them. Greatness is not brought out naturally.
Unrelated, I'd like to point out the irony that the numbering is off on this and subsequent questions.

251 Intellectual environment in Honors/Blount/upper level classes was very strong. Other classes, like EN 210 (online), had a very weak intellectual environment.

252 I feel that I learned a whole lot, and that most of the teachers were very good.

253 I do believe I received a good education. But my department really did nothing to prepare us for the real world. There needs to be more science classes that prepare students for careers in the science field.

254 the professors motivate you to strive to do your best and reach out in your studies and in the school

255 It could have been better if there was a better way to handle the marine science program.

256 Environment very adequate for learning.

257 Fun classes

258 As far as public universities go, I feel that UA has a pretty strong intellectual presence.

259 Very sports centered school. When people express themselves and the majority does not agree things can become very unfair and barbaric towards those people.

260 I chose “strong” because it was the aggregate. I rarely encountered what I would consider a “strong” learning environment. There were many “average” and many “very strong” instances.

261 While most people in my department are intelligent, well rounded students, I would have to say the majority of UA students are simply average. I encountered many people in my core classes who had terrible public speaking and writing skills even at 3 or 4 years into their degree. I know many students are more concerned with where the next weekend's party is than where they'll be working when they graduate. while it is a stereotype, the dominance of Greek life on this campus contributes to my perception that most UA students are just here to party. Also, this answer box says it's an explanation for 10a when it's really for 9a, so there you go. Proofread your surveys, people.

262 An air of supremacy over students was prevalent especially with the higher level class professors in my field. Encountering this on a day by day basis proves to wear on one after awhile. Little to no advice was given as to how to correct the problem, merely a proverbial slap in the face explaining how ignorant one was. This lack of enthusiasm for learning is a detriment to intellectual growth for the department.

263 There are a lot of intelligent students and excellent academic departments on campus. However, I personally felt like the university was focused more on football and other sports than on education.

264 Not something that is easily explained by words so much as something i am aware of.

265 The professors seem knowledgeable in their subjects, but the students at times seemed entirely uninterested in the course material. I wish there was a stronger sense of educational purpose and drive among the students at UA and less focus on partying and football.

266 For the most part UA holds intelligent individuals, but this is only most evident after football season. Go figure.

267 There was not a lot of experiences in my major to prepare you for job related work. just higher education.

268 The collection of students are informative and intelligent and actually care about advancing not only at the University but outside the University as well.

269 Excellent academic program, great professor and academic advisors.

270 Big upgrade from my highschool

271 I was severely disappointed with the instruction I received in my major.

272 The upper level courses in my major and minor were consistently high quality. I feel they contributed to the development of my analytical skills especially.

273 It has many opportunities

274 I think we should REALLY do something about raising the bar academically.

275 After experiencing a class with Dr. Utz McKnight, I can't help but wonder how my education would have been different if more of my professors were like him. While his methods are a little unorthodox, he challenged our class to think for ourselves with no judgement rather than reading off of a PowerPoint. More professors like him should be hired and encouraged to teach in the way
that they will have the greatest impact, which is sometimes removing their opinion altogether and challenging their students to find out how they truly feel.

289 As the Crimson Tide community has grown over the past few years it seems that the attention has shifted away from the student body.

290 Quite frankly, with the drastic increase in students over the past 5 years especially, the University is full of students benefitting from lower admissions standards who would not have qualified 10 years ago.

291 I learned a lot from the people I took classes with; conversing with them and sharing our own personal thoughts, ideas, experiences, etc. with each other.

294 The University of Alabama has an atmosphere of excellence and ambition.

295 No one cares about academics except about the top 5%. It's football, beer, and racial slurs.

297 There are definitely strong intellectual atmospheres at UA; however, at times I think certain classes can fail to live up to what should be expected. I am glad that I pursued Quantitative Economics because that distinction reflects the rigor of my upper division course work. However, I think a number of my Economics courses could have been much more rigorous (EC 308, EC 309, and EC 470). I think the Economics department would benefit from a tiered structure or an honors version of those courses. I don't think I learned much more from my 308/309 courses than I did from EC110 and EC111. Also I think more research should be incorporated into the Political Science department. I think the department would benefit strongly from increased quantitative analysis in course work. There is very little quantitative study in the Political Science department for undergraduates.

298 Curriculum could have been more demanding

301 I was very satisfied with most faculty members in both of my majors. All of my upper level courses were valuable, and almost all honors courses I took enriched my education here. However, some of the general core classes could have been more interactive.

302 There is a high focus on education and personal growth.

303 Engaging professors, coupled with students wanting to learn and expand their thinking seems to be conducive to a quality environment.

305 There are pockets. The political science department was pretty strong, and the Mallet Assembly was very strong, but other elements of campus life are definitely lacking in this regard.

309 The Honors College should have been more academically challenging.

311 I received a decent education.

312 Sounds good

313 Although there are a lot of fun and exciting things always going on at UA, the focus always seems to come back to the importance of excelling academically.

315 I have learned and have grown so much as an UA student

316 The opportunities here are abundant, I have studies and met with people of a variety of cultures, this is an amazing campus and a great city

317 I felt challenged often, but not overwhelmed. I left each semester feeling that I learned things that I can go on to use in my future career. Rarely did I have a class or professor I disliked.

321 I feel that there are too many assumptions for preparation for upper level courses. That was my biggest college defeat. 100/200 courses are all taught differently by different teachers oftentimes with no preparation for upper level courses. Assumptions lead to some below average grades for me. I think that a course needs to be introduced in how to manage upper level courses for each major school that way students go into the class at least knowing what to expect.

323 Courses were too easy a lot of the time. I appreciated the teachers who had higher expectations, rather than the teachers who offered tons of extra credit. It made college feel too easy.

324 I was able to learn in a classroom with faculty that was passionate about what they were teaching and worked to apply the knowledge we learned in the classroom to the real world.

327 Due to the majority of my classes being so big, I had little opportunity to connect with professors/peers on an intellectual level.

329 There are many types of students at UA, to thrive in college you must have a strong intellect otherwise you will fail. While I do see many students struggle, there are so many students who are very successful in college.

331 I had higher expectations for UA. Some instructors PhD level seem unprepared, underinformed and unprofessional. Some relied too much on TAs and seemed to care little.
Extremely well-qualified teachers, a good amount of fellow students who are intelligent and eager to learn, and academic advisors and mentors who truly cared for my well-being academically and otherwise all contributed to the excellent undergraduate education I received. One class made me feel challenged in a positive way. There was one in my career that inspired me and ask more of me than the average class. Almost all of my professors were great teachers, who had a passion for their field and wanted to see their students succeed (this includes my major and general education professors). I cannot say enough good things about the department of psychology. Everyone from the staff to the department chair was helpful and approachable. They truly made me enjoy my major and helped me develop a passion for it. Dr. Jarrett included me in his research, and helped me in every way possible to ensure my acceptance into graduate school. The majority of my classes were stimulating, thought provoking, and interesting. Overall, UA has been a wonderful experience and I feel I have been intellectually prepared with the best by the best. I have full confidence in my education.

The Religious Studies Department was excellent. However, I think that with the growing class numbers, and relatively stagnant teacher number the quality of education at Alabama is decreasing. I would not attend the university if I was to enroll in Fall 2012. In my experience, the Department of Religious Studies had high academic standards for excellence and held students to those standards. I can’t speak for the rest of UA, but I can say that those I interacted with most frequently were academically minded and very professional.

Pretty good teachers and students that want to learn for the most part in upper level classes. Not many challenging courses. I felt a lack of creative stimulation. I am now prepared for many things, and I learned a lot, but I could’ve learned more had harder classes been available. (reason for 9a) There is far too much emphasis on football at our university and less on academics. Answer for 9a: The faculty/professors that the professors create is wonderful. When I’m at the Ferguson center or at other UA events, though, I don’t feel that I’m in a very “intellectual” environment.

great competition amongst the study body

I would have liked to have been pushed more sometimes.

There is a status quo, particularly for young women, to act dumber than they are and to play down their ability to reason and think critically. This “dumb culture,” while not accurately representative of the intelligence of many students, nonetheless creates a less-than-ideal intellectual environment across campus.

UA is a very good university. I am privileged to have attended the University of Alabama.

The intellectual environment was very strong.

They both took interest in what I was doing and were very helpful. Dr. Parsons is the most caring teacher I have had at the University and she was always available. I like the fact that Mrs. Davidson took her time in helping students choose the right courses suitable for them and she was also very helpful with resumes.

Most students seem immature and more focused on football than learning. It was very similar to high school.

All of my teachers were very competent in their areas. I always had resources to help me grow intellectually.

UA is a party college. There are too many teachers who are unqualified for their jobs and have a superiority complex over their students.

As cliche as it sounds, I believe your education at UA is what you make of it. I chose a field in which there is need and job opportunity. Firms in my field respect UA and its students, and I believe the UA faculty encouraged me and made opportunities available to me for my career and for graduate school

Some teachers were better than others. I struggled in many of my classes because I could not learn the way the teacher taught.

In high school, I was use to being one of the few people that were considered “very smart”. After starting college, it was weird being around so many intelligent people. I just feel average.
I believe I got a good education here, but not excellent because I still do not feel prepared for the work world.

UA has challenging classes.

Great faculty and resources

Although a football and party environment, the academic excellence is still very high. The university greatly rewards those who take school work seriously. The curriculum is outstanding. Moreover, a great faculty contributes to an overall great learning environment.

The accounting and University Honors programs were especially engaging.

It was very seldom that I could not have an intelligent conversation with any person with which I had contact. I know that quite a few of my friends were involved with academically related extra-curricular activities.

The general education classes were not hard or thoughtful.

the environment is focused on learning and keeping students on campus

I was given plenty of opportunities for employment upon graduation and the things I learned in the classroom helped me in every way in the work force.

I was extremely prepared for my accounting internship and will be in my future.

Many teachers would not prepare me for the testing I would receive.

I thought the accounting program was excellent at UA. The advising from Mrs. Sandy was excellent! Also, I love the relations the Culverhouse School of Accountancy has with local firms in Tuscaloosa. I also liked the fact that many of my chemistry teachers got their doctorates at Ivy League colleges. I enjoyed having the new labs in the SEC.

Take Darren Surman's class

Large class sizes in the business school don't keep students very engaged.

Students lack overall depth

Education is more than just academics. I feel that academics were good, but I've learned so much outside of the classroom over the past four years. Its been a wonderful experience and I'm sad to leave.

I learned quite a bit at UA, and I took courses in many different fields as well. I was challenged, and I enjoyed it very much.

There were some classes that seemed to overlap too much and more real world application could've been taught.

I wouldn't say excellent because I had to take a lot of lower-level, core classes such as English literature, OM 300, and political science 101, and this caused me to miss out on some other upper-level economics courses (my major) that I would have enjoyed taking. If I had majored in economics through the College of Arts and Sciences, then I could have taken more economics classes. Other than that, everything was great.

I was thoroughly satisfied

I don't feel like most students are interested in their major and therefore don't try as hard as they could

Students and faculty treat each other with respect and professionalism yet are able to develop long-lasting bonds of friendship. No matter an individual's major or interest, high expectations is expected of all.

The professors are good, and there are good students, but most students focus more on partying than academics.

I think UA seems to focus more on people involved in greek organizations rather than all students.

Great professors, great staff. Always there to help if you asked. Wanted you to succeed.

I hung around teachers.

AMPLIFIED MY LEARNING ABILITY. SHOWED ALL THE DETAILS TO EACH SUBJECT I WAS TRYING TO GRASP.

I've met some extremely bright people and a fair amount of people who I did not understand how they got into college.

While many classes were beneficial, there is a huge gap between classes and teachers that is not addressed. Different teachers have extremely different styles and methods, and while this is understandable it makes for a difficult transition to the next level.
I also spent a good deal of time visiting friends at Washington and Lee University, and the intellectual differences are glaring. I understand the difficulty to compare a large state university and a small liberal arts university, but I feel that UA should raise the intellectual standards. Although I was in 4 stimulating classes at most out of roughly 40 overall classes, based on conversations with students at other schools, they take many more demanding classes of a much larger variety.

It's a good intellectual environment for graduate students, not so much for the undergraduate students.

Great curriculum

I feel as though I was given all the opportunities necessary to succeed in my future endeavors in my time at UA.

Very Professional!

I was always encouraged throughout my semesters and courses to continue even when I felt like I was overwhelmed and wanted to quit. I really appreciated the extra push the advisors and instructors gave me because sometimes I needed it.

Besides the racism issues, I learned a lot. My learning was advanced!!

Everything was great!

There are always opportunities and plenty of encouragement to reach your intellectual potential at UA.

I can only judge this based on the group discussions and faculty input received on-line.

I did not attend the university physically but, if the online classes are any indication of the level of intellectual commitment needed for seated classes, I would assume that the intellectual environment is very strong

I felt that my FI 302 professor should not have had the opportunity to teach that class. Each day that students had to correct her solutions, which made the course extremely confusing.

The instructors and students display high intelligence.

UA's strongest characteristic is teaching you how to teach yourself. It's bogus. I used the structure of deadlines to complete the coursework, but otherwise I wish I had gone to a smaller school where Professors have the time to focus on students.

I felt they helped prepare me for the real business world.

Great school with good administration and faculty.

9a (?). There was a relatively strong intellectual environment at UA, but there were a lot of people who brought it down.

the professors were real nice

Each class that I was enrolled in required me to be professional. I had to present some type of presentation in each course. Through the years, my public speaking skills improved dramatically as I continued to receive feedback from my instructors on what areas could be improved.

Pushed students to excel

Excellent college atmosphere, and excellent faculty and staff.

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I felt the classroom experience allowed everyone to see their competition and strive to a higher level of learning because of that.

UA is not an easy school, so I learned a lot.

I had some of the most intelligent teachers on campus. Their classes were very challenging and thought-provoking.

I learned alot

Not the strongest because there are still some who are proud of getting away with cheating.

It was a decent education

Some professors weren't the best communicators.

I think that UA provides a great education that makes people think about what they are learning rather than just going through the motions of memorizing material and then forgetting it.
**I had a very different experience from my girlfriend, who was in the English department. Her professors took an interest in their students and made class more personal. They learned from each other. I found that generally speaking, professors in the business college, were probably very smart, but came across as so egotistical and arrogant that the intellectual environment was stunted.**

**I had some wonderful instructors who impacted me greatly and others who I felt taught me very little.**

**While there is a group of highly intelligent students at the University, there is a larger group of students that I w**

*(Assuming the numbering is wrong...) There are numerous labs and libraries that most students will use throughout their UA careers and which provide all the necessities for educational growth.*

**I really learned a lot.**

**I don't know about the other schools, but I was challenged everyday in Culverhouse. There was never a moment where I thought, “this is easy”.**

**UA is a great school with great staff at the 300+ level. A large portion of the student body is the reason I put Strong instead of Very Strong.**

**Standards are set to prevent just anyone from getting into the school. This helps the intellectual level higher than average, but I still believe the bar could be raised for those applying to attend school here.**

**It was a good 4.5 years. The begging core was tough but when I got into my major my teachers were very laid back and I could learn more easily due to the fact that the environment was more relaxed.**

**The business school, especially upper level classes, prepared me very well for the future.**

**Students took great pride in our university and when my family came to visit they could tell greatly.**

**The faculty in my major take steps to ensure I am prepared for the real world through an active curriculum culminating in hands-on senior projects. I also accepted a competitive job offer before my final semester even started. In addition, the University offers many fun and interesting classes across subjects that have enriched my academic experience away from my major.**

**The intellectual quality of UA is not too high. It is mostly about reciting things that you memorized in order to pass classes. Nobody cares about you understanding anything you do (except for 300 level and 400 level MIS classes). Some courses, especially Finance 302, Econ, Statistics etc. are so far from reality and don't prepare one well to enter the workforce, nor do they ask students to participate. It's all just about**

**It is an excellent educational experience overall. A major problem class in my opinion is FI 302....serious adjustments need to be made to a class that comes with a 8 semester extension and up to 4 attempts on each test, this screams broken!**

**There are many people who are seem very uneducated. Over hearing conversations mostly shows this.**

**The MIS program has great teachers.**

**My major provided a great intellectual environment with smart people who all function together. However, the rest of the school fosters stupidity by attempting to pass anyone who “tries.” This is devaluing my degree received from the University. The overpopulation is ridiculous and all this school cares about anymore is money.**

**Many student-lead groups and student organizations that I have been a part of and attended meetings of, were highly intellectual and facilitated greater learning.**

**I think you mean 9a. Outside of MIS, most other kids prepare moderately well academically, but have little idea what they're doing professionally. MIS forces you to work and continually hone your skills where a lot of other majors you gently hop around and maybe learn things.**

**I was given the opportunity to develop all the academic and interpersonal skills required to succeed. I had a job before my senior semester, and I'm ready for the real world.**

**Greeks bring down the score.**

**Answer 10a on 9b? If you insist( Clearly I have retained all my smug, snarky, dickishness). Eh, overall it's good. I can't compare it to any other program since this is the only one I've been through. Well, I did go to Birmingham-Southern for a year. This is basically the same thing. Maybe**
even a bit more challenging. It's hard to say seeing as I took easy freshman classes at BSC (none of which counted as core classes on my transfer btw. One thing I learned for sure is that UA is in the business of making money and accepting transfer credits is bad for business)

Could be stronger in class but competition was on par with expectations.

In classes I was enrolled in grades were mostly higher than other majors

I am so glad that I chose UA. It was a perfect fit for me. I feel that I have learned a lot academically and about myself over the last four years. I feel well prepared for graduate school, which I will be starting this fall.

The overall education I received in the College of Commerce and Business Admin is of the highest quality. I know that I am competitive in the business world, and am prepared for a top MBA programs in the country.

The school really challenged me and gave me all of the academic challenges that I felt I would recieve at a Ivy League or Private college.

Most teachers and courses were par.

- The faculty and staff were inconsistent and often times unhelpful
- If you have questions or concerns you are usually given the run around
- Many things are not clearly communicated (ex. one of my majors was dropped by the university and I had to find out through the grapevine)

I think overall I received a great education but I think I should have had to todo more work that involved real life situations that could be applied to work I will have todo in a real job setting.

There were many times in which students were allowed to express ideas in classes and formulate educated conversations with an instructor, but there were a few classes in which there was very little teacher-student interaction and conversation to stimulate those conversations and thoughts.

Some very bright people, and some extremely dumb. I guess it comes down to motivation in the classroom.

Good environment but again, the class sizes overwhelmed even the best of professors/TAs and led to lesser standards of integrity.

great place great teachers

Did a great job preparing me for future.

it's good

Most students wanted to learn, and there were professors there to make sure that it happened.

Landed me a great full time position at BMW! Thank you

The classroom conversation were excellent. They provided an in depth look into various topics.

Some teachers were not strict enough and classes were cancelled a lot.

I learned a lot and was encouraged by my department to participate in extracurricular activities.

Some students were way behind and others far ahead

As a major university there's going to be significant variations in the intellectual environment so I selected “Average” because of the wide spectrum of students at the university.

Student population is very status-based.

Very seldom did I come across someone who struck me as a very intelligent person. The business school has some very smart teachers who know everything about their subjects and are very enthusiastic about teaching, I cannot say the same for some the teachers at Reese Phifer.

I loved the environment at UA

It is very easy to gain access to a library or any research material that one may need. Also, any other materials, ie computers, art supplies, etc., are readily available be it through labs or the SUPE store. Libraries are also full of people are year around studying and even the libraries are divided into different rooms in which one can specify their needs.

You meant to say: “Please explain your reason(s) for your answer to 9a.” I say average mostly because I see two sides. On one hand I have some poor teachers that have amazing research. On the other, i have seen the opposite. I would characterize this as average.

It motivated me to be the best student I could be
I felt that the APR department only cared about the Ad Team and not much else. Most of the upper level classes felt catered towards only them and if you weren't an Ad Team student or part of the Greek system, you weren't valuable. Love the challenge and the fact that I actually LEARNED A LOT IN THE CLASSES AND WAS ABLE TO USE IT OUTSIDE OF THE COLLEGE SETTING.

It's good; however there is still room for improvement. Core curriculum classes are sometimes weak...

There are many amenities, in higher level courses the classroom sizes are smaller.

For the most part the peers I have had classes with have been intellectually stimulating and have cared about their education, but there were always a few who did not care or show up to classes. However, the professors consistently fostered an intellectual environment.

Within each major lies a community of faculty, grad students, and undergrads at the beck and call of any needs I have. I've never felt that a question couldn't be answered swiftly and with the utmost discretion and care.

I just think I got a good education not an exceptional one.

I think we need to challenge students more. My Honors College class were strongly intellectual, but my regular courses could have been better. Let them rise to the challenge.

The professors were great, but some students just didn't care. There was one student, a man in his 30's or 40's named “Bart” I think, he was the worst person to be in class with. Often the comments he made would slow the class down, he only attended class once every few weeks and the instructors never reprimanded him. He should not be allowed to reenroll.

Aside from football season, the environment for learning at UA was tremendous.

Could use some more hands-on experience based instruction for every class.

The campus primarily focuses on football and football season, so the academics almost take a back seat unless students are interested in improving themselves.

Some administrators refuse to have a public discourse about social issues on campus, which makes students feel that change cannot happen. Campus leaders, both students and administrators, should be willing to address any campus issue candidly.

Pretty easy, not very challenging.

I can't really narrow it down to a couple of reasons. What made my overall education excellent at UA was the overall experience. I felt like I was among equals, socially and academically, and I was constantly challenged to be at the top of my game.

This is a poorly proofread survey. I assume this is supposed to be asking about my reasoning behind my answer to 9a, and I will answer it as such. I feel like the intellectual environment at UA is strong in many senses, but is not at all inclusive enough to warrant a “strong” rating. Unless you're chosen as one of the elite students upon enrollment, it is seemingly impossible to break into the larger intellectual conversation.

All too often, I had to shake my head in utter disgust as to the intellectual capabilities of students. Perhaps this is the education provided at the high school level and not the college level, but this held true even into some upper-level courses. While understanding that it is a state school, more effort must be put into not accepting everyone who applies.

UA was my dream school and I had the best four years of my short life here so far. Huge potential from the learning environment UA provides.

UA is a great school with great staff at the 300+ level. A large portion of the student body is the reason I put Strong instead of Very Strong.

Overall, the teachers were wonderful. You want to attend classes.

I learned a lot at the University. It opened my eyes to things that I'd otherwise have never considered.(PS- It's confusing that question 9b is asking about a question, 10a, that I haven't gotten to yet).

This university is rowing and eer changing. Being apart of the best pr program in the nation is challenging but engaging as well. I love the major and the entire college.

It was an exception atmosphere and I learned a lot.

It encourages unique and active learning opportunities as well as understanding why things are instead of just memorizing them.

My core professors were all great. My freshman English composition professors-the first was great, the second was HORRIBLE. The education dept. professors I had classes with were not
very intellectual. The math and engineering dept. is in need of some better teachers. I felt self-taught with most of those courses.

The overall environment at UA is very intellectual and built on continuous teaching and learning. The professors, faculty & staff exemplify this every day.

I always felt that I was surrounded by highly intelligent students as well as faculty members.

I believe that some student here intellectual, but I also believe that some courses are watered-down, making people to seem more intellectual on paper than they really are. I believe on-line courses and large student enrollment courses are the main contributor to this. To test someone intellectual abilities you need to know if they can actually implement what they are learning, not just write it out on paper. On-line courses and large classrooms, test students through multiple choice applications for the most part- not really evaluating if the student knows the full concept, more so if they know the definition. Who cares if you know the definition and cannot apply it.

Also, just from judging from the social environment here on UA's campus, if students can arrange their course schedules to only be on Tuesday and Thursday, creating a 4-day weekend, starting Thursday night, and still graduate with above a 3.0 GPA- tells me instructors are not evaluating their students to the full-extremity each course should demand.

The University has allowed me to grow in all areas of my education, including areas and in ways that I never expected.

I can't compare it to anything else, so I'd say it was great

Both students and professors spur each other on to challenge themselves in questioning and learning new things.

I can't get find a job so I blame my education somewhat.

Most of the instructors I had both inside and outside of my major were good or excellent at their job. I thoroughly enjoyed my major classes and the instructors. Kenon Brown, Tom Meade, Tracy Sims, Kristin Heflin and Bill Gonzenbach are all excellent instructors and I am a better student/person/emerging PR professional because of them.

Always willing to push you a bit further knowing you can handle it

In some areas, it is really strong. But, in other areas, it is incredibly weak.

There was an overall push towards excellence both for students and faculty.

The University of Alabama puts a higher value on football and related revenue than it does on education and academia.

I have learned so much not just about my major but also about myself.

I could have taken a week-end workshop and learned more than I did in three years at this school. The teachers were good about giving you work to do, but no one was particularly good at actually teaching you anything.

I could not have had a better college education. Once you reach upper level courses, professors want to see you succeed and push you to do your best! I feel prepared to enter graduate school with the knowledge I have gained here at UA.

The environment at UA is very much what you make of it. The overwhelming Greek aspect of the campus and sports focus can be a detriment, but the competent professors and ability to take challenging, effective courses means that, for me personally, I discovered a good intellectual environment at UA. However, there is an overall sense of “average” that sometimes exudes from the university. For example, the numbering on this final survey is wrong...

School seemed a little more focused on football than academics at time, but it was never to the point where it got in the way of learning.

I thought the University was a very intellectually challenging yet nurturing and enjoying educational experience.

My education has been great, but I wasn't sure what I wanted to do until it was a little too late. I wish I could have had even more time to take more classes that would be beneficial in the Film department.

I had a great education. However some faculty members in the TCF department have been there for so long that they are just going through the motions at this point. There needs to be an overhaul to get this program to have a fire under it again.
Because I was given the opportunity to succeed. I wasn't taught a ton in my field, I was given the chance to learn a lot through experience. Which is how you must learn in TCF.

The Campus and faculty seem shut off from the outside world.

I discussed this question with a friend. In his response, he said among other things that strong intellectual environments exist at UA in specific classes or colleges, but that overall those intellectual environments felt as a whole subversive to the greater University. I think that is an excellent way to sum it up. The faculty and courses I have taken (C&IS, Arts and Sciences, UH) generally promote an intellectual environment, but as the administration tends to treat the student body like children it is difficult to take seriously the notion that, as a whole, the University of Alabama fosters a strong intellectual environment. Most everything here seems to be focused on marking off a checklist of sorts, and it is only through a conscious effort of many individuals that any sort of intellectual stimulation occurs. All those people meet at Egan's. Great beer selection.

I haven't answered it yet.

UA made me highly qualified for my job.

I came to UA with most of my analytical skills. My impression may be influenced by my major.

I feel very pleased with my overall education at UA.

I think most of the people that I came into contact with were of average intelligence.

I feel like UA did a good job developing my critical thinking abilities and analytical skills.

The University provides all students with a wonderful experience.

I feel like I received an excellent education that has helped prepare me to become a better person and be ready to be a part of the working force.

It is challenging, but it is not like an ivy league.

The classes are mostly stimulating and varied preparing you for the world.

I believe there were several professors who were extremely intelligent and others who needed further education in order to be a successful professor.

I think that there are some programs that are slower than others and less developed, but for the most part many programs are growing and providing more opportunities for students.

There are a lot of really smart people (most of whom I met have been from out of state) and a lot of very average people. I think it all boils down to the quality of education the in-state students receive throughout their lifetime.

I think I will be well prepared for Grad school and I was challenged.

great competition amongst the study body.

I wish I had someone explain to me that HPES is a hard major to find a job in.

Had great support and guidance throughout my college carrier.

I will be back in the fall to start my Masters degree, as I feel there is still much I can learn from the department faculty and staff.

Everything was well organized and I had a smooth experience at UA.

it was great, best years of my life, wish I could stay.

I feel very well prepared to go into the field of teaching after teaching in two different internships.

UA is definitely a place for intellectuals. The professors do a great job of promoting this environment. The professors also want you to seek your highest intellectual potential.

Classes within my field were extremely helpful but there were classes in my general course load that were not as good.

I feel that my education really prepared me for my profession after college, and it gave me the foundation I need for my profession.

Safe.

I was sadly disappointed in my major's counseling and teaching.

I thought that the faculty and staff were excellent in both the education and French departments.

The professors worked really hard on making sure we got a good education.

Some of the classes were unnecessary and a waste of time that I did not learn any additional information or retain any of the information.

Many of the math courses were taught by foreign teachers, some of which were very difficult to understand and work with.
The classes were challenging but achievable.
Almost all of my teachers were excellent and taught me important information that I needed to graduate. I learned a lot from my Spanish professors and Education professors.
There were times where the courses seemed irrelevant
Some of the classes are fairly irrelevant
It's the south. People focus on the wrong details and often not the big picture and reason for going to a university (students and staff).
I think the numbers are misaligned on this page. Comments for question 9a: I believe the Engineering curriculum is rigorous enough to ensure that students in the program are capable of the content.
Many of the students I was associated with challenged me to become the best student I could be.
I feel like it would have been better if I had taken a break from school so that I could refresh and apply myself more in classes.
During the rest of the year is fine, but during the fall everyone is completely obsessed with football.
If you surround yourself with successful people, you will be successful.
There is very little interest in or drive to learn about intellectual goings-on. Football, the Greek system, and President Witt's insistence on making a mockery of free speech all make for a shitty intellectual environment.
I think there are extremely intelligent students at the university and also students who really lack "intelligence" for whatever reason, probably because they are in the wrong major or don't know Jesus so there is no motivation to excel. I think this is at every college campus.
I am speaking for the overall engineering intellectual environment, which was great. The WHOLE university intellectual environment would be average. Sadly, there are a lot of stupid people at UA. They need to increase the ACT/SAT score admittance scores.
The areas where I have had the most experience and interaction with people are, generally, fairly strong intellectually, but, while walking across campus and in the core classes I had to take, I could tell the level of work ethic and desire to portray oneself as intelligent was quite low.
Education was great for my classes, however some of the professors at this university who teach core-curriculum classes are very poor.
A few of the instructors were not good at teaching and made some of my classes very difficult because I had to teach myself.
I believe that the intellectual environment is strong if you can overlook the contributors to the weak environment.
It was very test-driven which meant that I remembered the information for the test instead of learning it. I felt like I learned much more from project-based classes.
Tradition is great. My studies and experiences at UA have helped to get me a great job. My negative out take is that Transportation Services department has royally ticked me off every time I have had to deal with them.
Also, more food vendors need to be on campus.
Also, I hate how professors can be tenured and receive such a large salary even if they are horrible at their job.
There are very bright students with a ton of potential at UA and its very motivating to be around these students. There are also slackers who get by using other people to earn their grade, and its scary to think these people, who for the most part dont understand the basic fundamentals of their degree, are able to recieve their diploma.
While there may be excellent revenue enhancing research going on in the Engineering Department, there is a shortage of excellent teachers, capable of quality transmission of knowledge. Hire teachers for their ability to teach as well as research money. There are many professors at UA who are great teachers and provide a great experience for students, but there are also a number of professors who do not live up to that standard. Though, in my time at UA I have seen many good professors come in and the environment has become more conducive to learning every year.

It was good. I felt many rewarding opportunities were granted to me and I was able to engage in them. UA has a broad spectrum of students and professors. Those at the top level can compete with anyone in the world.

I had great opportunities to get involved in science here, which has given me an outcome I'm quite happy with. I was fairly satisfied with classes within my major on the whole. The humanities courses I took were terrible and had a ridiculously low academic standard. I felt in many cases that I could learn more by browsing Wikipedia. Although I certainly don't view UA as a degree mill (I was happy overall with my experience) I often felt during my “core” classes that students were being pushed through without being forced to learn anything.

It is a strong environment to learn in. Lots of places to study and lots of people to help, if you need it.

This was the absolute best place for me to be for the past 4 years.

We in the sciences fight the good fight, but there are still many who see college as a “value” that they believe will magically get them a job, despite their evident lack of interest in the topics they're supposedly learning. cough*BUSINESS SCHOOL*cough

It definitely wasn't average. But, it was hard for some of my profs to accurately explain some CS principles.

Some very smart professors, but some of them are poor teachers.

There are many intelligent students but the majority of campus is concerned with other pursuits non-academic pursuits (football, etc).

There are many people who seem driven to set themselves apart intellectually, but there are even more people who don't seem to care and just do enough to get by.

Overpopulation hurts class size.

I really like how the campus made for students, just for studying which make everyone successes.

Within the Honors College

There were always more things to learn.

Some people try, some people don't. Some people are here to only party, some people are here to only study.

The students who are graduating and those the year below are intellectually sound, but since then the students who have come in are not the best students. They came here for the money, but have no intellectual depth and want everything to be given to them. They have no pride in their work or respect for the older students who have already done what they are doing now.

I got everything out of my degree I wanted and more.

There is not enough emphasis on individual development such as learning skills not taught in the classroom or participating in events not mandatory. Neither was their worth conveyed to a point where they seemed attractive. Many students will graduate with the bear minimum because they didn't realize that there was so much more they could have been doing to make themselves attractive to employers post graduation.

There are intelligent faculty members

once all the wanna-bes are eliminated, everyone is very smart

The mechanical engineering department prepares students for graduate school than real-world careers. More practical and hands-on education would be a great benefit, since probably 80% of ME graduates will go straight into the job market.

Good knowledgable profs who were available outside of class

Rarely did I have a teacher who did not seem to know the material being taught and the surrounding students in my classes encouraged me to better myself to compete with them.
Assuming this is asking about 9a, my reason was because the Greek and party scenes are too large to really categorize UA as having a "very strong" intellectual environment, but it is definitely up there.

Education for the degree was good, not enough hands on preparation for after college career

My education from UA was good due to significant "self learning" in some courses. Also, I wish the engineering department was perceived better than it is to society at large.

I had put very strong but then I noticed that all of the questions refer back to the wrong questions. This says refer to 10a, instead of 9a. This is bush league.

The education was sound, but I never had the college experience that brightened my eyes to the infinite possibilities of what I was learning. Granted there were a select few faculty that did relate the outside world to what we were learning, but I felt most professors were too straight to the point as opposed to first garnering interest, then proceeding to the fundamentals.

I mean not everyone is an intellectual but it's easy to find those that care about their studies.

The abundance of opportunities- academic, research, service, professional and student organizations- has given me the chance to become a very well-rounded student which I feel is a wonderful and complete education.

Over half of the students at UA do not deserve to be at a University... a large portion of the girls in my major could barely read!

I think UA challenges you to be your best self, whether it is in your department or within the community itself. Even though I was such a small part to the whole that is UA, I always know I can come back and still feel part of a huge family.

I feel accomplished that I graduated from the UA.

Don't feel like it.

Some of the classes I took for my major I felt like the teachers had just put together to give us something to do. I didn't feel like they had any purpose. Also, with the internship we had to go to class for a month and I feel that mainly those classes were not useful at all and the teachers basically taught us information from classes we had already taken in the past.

As a member of the Honors College and even the general UA student body, I have been very impressed with the academic caliber of students in my classes. There are certainly duds in every group, but overall I have found the students here to be focused on excelling academically.

Great teacher

All of my classes prepared me and pushed me to be excellent, I think it takes an intellectually strong environment to meet that push.

Excellent online back to bama program.

Great instruction and understanding

Considering that I obtained a second degree from UA and have resided outside of Alabama, the quality of my education received from UA is good but challenging because of the high standards required from UA the forced me to put out more effort and hard work to complete my course work.

My overall studies was very good and a good experience

It was an educational experience, and prepared me for my career.

I feel that everything about UA has prepared me for my next step in life.

There were just not enough people who took interest or cared about each students success it would have been nice to have that.

Is this question supposed to be for 9a?? If it is...

I have an older sister at Notre Dame and a brother that graduated from the United States Air Force Academy, so I would consider the intellectual environment at those schools much stronger than here. However, I think I have received a wonderful education, and I have enjoyed the intellectual environment here.

Very centered on trying to help each achieve academic excellence...

Overall, the classes, faculty and staff were really helpful and informational. I had a wonderful college experience in my time here, and I am considering going to graduate school here.

I believe I made the best choice by attending The University of Alabama.
I feel as if I have the basic knowledge I could possibly learn in the classroom to prepare myself to acquire additional knowledge outside of the classroom. I did very well intellectually during my time at UA. Every class I was enrolled in at UA strived for the best possible work for my assignments and projects. Also, I was able to converse with other students from different majors without feeling like an intellectual inferior. I feel it is strong because I feel that at UA they do a good job of preparing us to be professional people.

Top-rated school. All of my online RHM courses were hosted by AH LA an accrediting organization in the hospitality industry. The guest speakers and special guests are amazing. Hearing Soledad O'brien speak on cultural issues was life-changing. Overall, most of my instructors were very knowledgeable in his/her related fields. The African-American (AAST) courses were enriching as well. Having well-educated, African-American, instructors teaching these courses definitely enhanced my learning experiences.

I have learned a lot inside and outside of the classroom while being here in Tuscaloosa at the university. Some programs have more emphasis on gaining a strong education than others. You can breeze through certain programs while having to consistently work hard to complete others. I was taught how to enjoy learning and now I want to stay in school forever because I love it so much. It didn't matter which class I was taking. I loved studying.

I think that UA is a top academic school. The teachers push you appropriately even though it might be difficult. I think overall we have a very intellectual school.

I think Alabama is a great college and I am thrilled to have received my degree from there. Every class I took with UA, you could tell the intellectual environment was strong through the discussion posts and level of completed assignments.

Educators are very well informed.

I am not sure I was challenged in most of my classes. This my be my fault I came back to complete a degree as fast as possible so I probably took an easy path.

Personally, I believe the faculty helped provide me with the materials and resources I needed to succeed. They challenged me to work harder in school.

There could have been a more diverse atmosphere.

My education here at UA has made me a competitive candidate for graduate/professional programs and also in the workforce.

I've had both good and bad instructors; instructors who were passionate and willing to help and instructors who didn't seem to care if we passed his or her class. I wish I would of had more instructors who were passionate. That makes learning a whole lot better. It keeps you interested and it makes you want to learn more. I just wish I would have learned more when it comes to the field I am in. I don’t know if I am prepared to go into the working world.

I feel that overall education I received at UA was slightly fair. I feel it was over priced for the quality I received and often times I felt I was just another tuition fee traveling down the conveyor belt at this institution. With respect to some of the classes I’ve taken I feel over all more intellectual and better capable at analyzing problems, yet I experienced a lack of connection to my instructors and material being covered. There is very little hands on experience and much of the information I have learned was by memorization. The real issue of my experience here at UA was my major. It heavily lacked in direction, instruction and challenge. I feel my that my major comprised of 90% common sense material, that offers many athletes and others an easy GPA booster.

I felt like I grew as a student but I would have liked to have more opportunities to get involved in my community with my field.

I have been challenged academically and intellectually in every aspect.

Roll Tide!!! Very prestigious, we are one of the best for reason!!!

High class and very learned instructors, top of their field.

The faculty genuinely care for their students and their success, it shows through curriculum and course work.
There are always opportunities for students to participate in study groups and tutoring sessions. There are also several facilities available for students to work on school work while still having comforts available like seating, food and beverages.

I believe that some of the courses I took for my major were not essential for my undergraduate education. For instance, I believe that HES 310 and HD 488 could have been combined into one class.

The University of Alabama has high standards for education which has really helped me in the long run.

It was good, and I'm definitely glad that I came to UA. A lot of my courses were challenging. College was definitely harder than high school. Sometimes the amount of people in big classrooms made it harder to learn but as I got more into my major, the classes weren't as big, and I felt like I was able to focus and learn more.

I feel like I am surrounded by people who may not want the exact same things in life but they are here for the same reasons, to learn and grow.

I feel as though I have walked away from UA with pride in the education that I have received, knowing that whatever I put my hands to in my related field, that I can be confident!

Some students really care about their education and those are the people you hope you get to work with eventually out in the work place. But those other students who are only going to college to party and live off their daddy's money until they get married or move back home after college, those people frustrate me. They just get in the way on campus.

I really enjoyed my program.

Based on the departments I was involved with, the ability to think critically about many aspects of academia were not at a level I would like to see. Also, there should be more interdepartmental collaborations.

UA's "intellectual environment" is great, but that is a quality on which everyone can use improvement.

Certain professors were intellectually stimulating, however given the intelligence and interest levels of some of the students, I sometimes found it to be difficult to work in groups as much as we did.

Knows her stuff, challenges the student to learn, actually understands the real world unlike most professors.

The campus is very Greek and I think that is an added distraction. It's no Ivy league school. UA is really not any different than any of the other campuses I've visited throughout my college career.

The RHM department is amazing. I genuinely believe that all of the RHM instructors are very committed to establishing relationship with all of the students in the program and prepare them for future jobs.

Everyone was very knowledgeable and helpful throughout my stay at the university.

I got a great education at UA!

UA instructors are very intellectual and they provide the students a very strong background in education that will provide structure in career choices.

All except one of my teachers at UA seemed to really enjoy their jobs. It is reassuring to know that the teachers there want to be there.

The faculty always brought out the best in each student even though sometimes we got discouraged they were there to give us a pep talk to get us back on the right track.

UA provides the education to an extent as to how people can used it after graduation.

Great Opportunities are available to everyone if you are made aware of them.

I received an education at UA that was both effectual and current. All of my professors were concerned with teaching the latest research in their particular field. I was met with challenges, and feel that that was part of what contributed to my overwhelming growth while at The University of Alabama. It was a great experience, and I couldn't have asked for better!

I feel like their is an intellectual atmosphere at UA. Because I was in nursing and we aren't really a part of the campus I don't know much about the whole campus but anytime I did get to be amongst other students I felt that there was certainly an atmosphere of education and intellect.

I learned so much but still felt the recreational atmosphere at UA at all times.

Nursing has prepared me very well for my job.
Good, but not excellent due to the lack of funding in the school of social work. The teachers and advisers are excellent, but could do so much more with better facilities and/or resources.

It runs the gamut. Some communities are very intellectual, others are very focused on partying, some are a mix. I personally found a lack of communities interested in intellectual stuff as well as partying and outdoors stuff like fishing or hiking. Like a lot of things at UA, it often is either one or the other.
Question 11: Overall UA Education Received

All things considered, how would you evaluate the overall education that you received at UA?

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Please explain your reason(s) for your answer.

1. I had a really good scholarship here, which turned out to really come in handy. I have had a good experience here and have met some awesome people, especially while participating in the Blount Undergraduate Initiative. In fact, Blount was my favorite part of going to school here.

3. I love the learning environment, opportunities, and the campus is beautiful.

4. Occasionally, I had professors who truly enjoyed their subjects. Their classes were the ones I got the most out of, especially if the class size was small. I think UA relies too heavily on graduate student teachers and huge class sizes. Auditorium lectures are cost-effective, but incredibly impersonal and inappropriate for anything above a 200 level class. Especially at the prices students are charged.

5. I probably would have gone to a more academic oriented university like Vandy. Also, I would have chosen a school that places higher value on free thinking not Greek life. Less racism would be nice too.

7. Good but not Ivy League by any stretch of the imagination.

12. Excellent in art history dept, fair in core / business minor.

13. I had a great rewarding experience in the art department and foreign language department. The only extreme negatives of my education were my math classes and science classes which I found extremely difficult because of the large number of students in the classes. Also the faculty was often difficult to understand and hard to get in touch with. The computer testing in math to me was an extreme hindrance and I struggled even with the help of the free tutoring services in osmond hall which usually consisted of people who helped some but texted their friends during many of the sessions (there were some exceptions to this of course). Putting that aside though my education in art and art history was exceptional.

14. The art department was good; there were a couple of great teachers and a lot of good students. i did a lot of individual learning too.

16. I love my major and the Art Department and all of the staff were the most supportive and helpful people that I found in the entire university. All of my instructors for my major were well educated and helpful, and I thoroughly enjoyed every art class that I took at UA.

18. I loved the Art Department for the most part, just not so much the classes and environment of the rest of the college. Also, the dining experience was extremely sub par.

22. A lot of the education I received in high school prepared me for a good amount of the courses I took at UA. The vast majority of the education I received at UA was new information that I did not know that I believed would help me in my career and in future education.


25. I got an education. In the end, it got me into professional school. But any school can accomplish that, and I don't feel that UA did anything more than what any other school did besides treat me as a number and tell me what courses to take.

28. I am extremely disappointed in the classes that were offered during each semester after my initial core class requirements were met. The University of Alabama does not offer adequate supplemental upper level classes for individuals majoring in Biology that are not pursuing the
medical track. Often times classes were filled or offered so irregularly that I was unable to take the majority of classes that made me interested in the University of Alabama in the first place. One specific incident was my inability to get an override for Mycology due to the fact that I had little to no lab credits. That class was not offered again or I was unable to take due to other requirements that conflicted my schedule. If I could do it all over again, I would have pursued my education at a different institution that could meet my goals for higher education.

32 Attending UA has been the best experience, academically and nonacademically, so far in my life! I wouldn’t change anything about my experience!

34 I enjoyed my experience at UA.

40 I feel that I obtained a well-rounded and good education at UA.

41 In some classes, a student needs more one on one learning.

44 I was able to finally find an advisor that treated me like an individual and who cared about my advancement. My honors classes helped me to expand my mind and become a more knowledgeable person.

47 I enjoyed myself and got into vet school

48 Overall, I could not have asked for a better experience with the faculty and administration. All of the extra curricular activities and organizations made it a four years that I will never forget.

49 I actually hated attending school here. It was frustrating to me that I would spend most of my time looking for a place to study because all of the libraries would be packed. At the same time, a new tennis facility is being built. UA NEEDS MORE LIBRARIES, or at least places where students can study quietly. I also hate how everything is focused around the greek system and not about the overall real reason as to why we all attend college, to get an education.

53 I love this University and the traditions that go along with it!

54 It's great

58 UA provided me with a stable academic foundation, but more importantly taught me how to learn and provided the skills necessary to take the next step towards a rewarding career.

59 The purpose of a state university should be to provide a high quality education at a reasonable cost for in state students. UA did not always accomplish this. Countless times tuition has been raised. The University has made excuses - some valid - but it's still hard to swallow that while I walk past a newly constructed and lavish outdoor rest area (adorned with 6 outdoor heaters and fans) on my way to class everyday. Was it really necessary to build that? How many full scholarships could have been given to in-state students for the cost of it? Also, the University already has one recreation center. Another one is not necessary. As I understand it, UA is suffering a bit of an on campus housing shortage. Does it make sense to tear down Rose Towers (rather than renovate it) and, in its place, build a rec center next to a $42 million resort-complex that will house fewer students than Rose Towers did? No. The University could make better progress on making education affordable.

65 I feel that the Biology department is mostly geared towards the health sciences and for someone like me who is more interested in the ecology side of biology, there was limited amounts of classes that would prepare you for the natural sciences in the “real world”. However, the classes that were ecology and environmentally based were very good.

66 Plan on doing medical school after graduation and feel prepared for it

67 UA was not my first choice school but with advisors like Chris Hutt who care about each student and want them to achieve their goals, it made it the best choice for me and I would attend again.

69 I don’t feel that anyone would be able to receive a worthy education in a classroom with 400 other students. I also don’t believe that the curriculum offered is broad enough to satisfy everyone’s wants or needs, especially regarding lack of available classes. An increase in tuition costs should result in an increase of services and available resources (additional classes/wider variety of classes); in fact, quite the opposite held true. The advising in the Department of Biology is an absolute atrocity. Faculty members who are in charge of their own research, classes, and graduate students don’t care and don’t have time to care about students who need advising. Also, the method for advising has become a laughing matter, as students practically advise themselves and choose their classes, so all the advisor has to do is sign off. I would not recommend this University to anyone interested in a career outside of biological research or medicine.

71 I had a much more pleasant experience while attending Louisiana State University.
I loved my experience and major at UA and I would absolutely attend again!
Incredible institution with incredible staff, advanced technology, and plenty resources.
I love UA.
I had a great experience and would definitely chose to do it again
I LOVED my time here.
Same as for 9b. Freshman and sophomore years were generally lackluster, while junior and senior years were above average.
I've loved my experience here.
UA prepared me for what I wanted to do afterward. I was accepted to all of the grad schools I wanted to attend. UA gave me a wonderful scholarship offer that has allowed me to accomplish these things.
Courses not challenging enough.
I feel Very prepared to take the next step in Medical school on a academic, professional, and personal level.
The quality of life here is unparalleled
UA was a genuine experience that taught life lessons.
I feel as if I recieved a fair education.
The level of professionalism from the professors was above average. I learned a lot and grew as a person, from being a student at the University of Alabama.
I feel that I am prepared to enter the workforce in my field of study.
There's nothing like UA.
I feel that the degree carries some prestige as being from UA, although I will not use it in my career and it is not required.
Same as 9b
I loved the experience I had at this school. Also I enjoyed doing my major at this school.
Intelligent faculty and staff.
I feel like most of the physics professors do not explain and teach material very well. For a lot of my classes, I frequently had to teach myself the material outside of class.
They just prepared me very well to perform my major to the best of my ability.
I have learned a lot over the past 5 years here. Not only from an educational standpoint, but also life lessons. I have grown a lot since I've been here, and much of that is due to the education I received here.
It's tough to not get lost in the crowd; but, overall, you got what you put in.
I do not like Tuscaloosa culture. It's too sports oriented, and I live next to the fraternities and I've been harassed for being Asian and for other reasons.
i would love to explore
It helped me to discover myself and what I wanted for my future.
The faculty are not as involved in students' academic/scholastic lives and achievements. As much as The University loves to claim that they care about students, they fail to convince me, my family, and my fellow students. The bottom line seems to be to strangle every last cent possible from each student, etc. Also, faculty are not held responsible for their transgressions, and they should be.
I have been very happy here, and I feel like I have learned a lot. I am very pleased with my education.
I love this university and I love the campus, but the academics are on the decline. There are too many students here.
As an English major, I would have liked to see less core requirements and more major component requirements in more specified areas of literature.
I have literally had the best time of my life here with friends, organizations, and schooling. There is no question I would chose here if I had to start over.
Overall, the faculty within the English and Classics departments are effective communicators and caring teachers, making it exciting to be a student under their instruction.
My reason for attending UA was because of the Blount Undergraduate Initiative and because of the amount of scholarship money I received. I feel like I received an absolutely excellent education through Blount and would not trade it for anything.
I learned a lot about life, myself, and academics. I grew as a person and as a scholar. I would not have made any changes to my life at UA. I worked hard and learned quite a bit about my field and how to interact within it. However, this university is not equipped to take anyone's education beyond good. They have limited themselves by limiting their faculty.

While I understand my limitations in making such a claim, the most impressive, brilliant people I've ever met are a part of UA's faculty and staff. I was constantly surprised at how concentrated the talent was in a place like Tuscaloosa. That said, there were definitely moments where I felt I wasn't getting the full reward for the dollar that I was spending: 400-student biology classes taught by an unfeeling misanthrope, the shuffling around of advisor assignments in the English department, weak instruction in intro classes, and the structural limitations (prerequisites, hours caps) that kept me from extending myself too far outside my major. Also, give us some required class(es) on diversity. Please.

Some of my skills got weaker while at UA, in my opinion.

English Major had zero relevancy for anything other than Grad School. No career advice, practical skills, or resources provided.

I feel like I could have gotten more out of the courses, but that is partially my own fault.

I feel truly prepared with my degree. I have taken excellent courses with excellent faculty, and I believe what I have accomplished due to the University will be recognized once I leave.

All of my professors were excellent.

UA is a great school, that is continually improving. Not every class and teacher is going to be excellent, but overall it was always a quality education.

The faculty of the geology department, namely Harrold Stowell, Fred Adrus, and Joshua Schwartz are exceptional professors. Working with them has changed my life for the better, I am thankful to be a part of the knowledge they've aquired.

Dr. Witt has expanded the school too much. Too big. The additions of the many new, and oversized fraternity houses is ridiculous.

I don't look at things the way question 11a is being asked. There would never be another option.

UA was good for me to discover myself but I spent a lot of time feeling as just a “number”.

My departments (major and minor) provided me with countless opportunities in the field and made me feel like my contributions were important to their research.

the professors in new college and geography are great. If one is pursuing a career in geography, UA is definitely a place to go for the degree.

I affirm that this institution challenges students in the classroom; however, I continue to see decreased expectations on the part of professors and this leads to leaniency in grading and a lack of analytical thinking and problem solving. Most classes can be passed with A's and very little be learned. I'd like to see more opportunities for students to apply classroom material to the real life situations.

I didn't want to come to Alabama before my freshman year, but now I love it!

Learned a verity of things.

I don't just feel like I earned a degree, I feel like I gained an education.

I enjoyed what I learned and how it was taught to me.

Always had good teachers and facilities.

My instructors were very helpful, the classes were adequately challenging/appropriate, and I put a fair amount of effort into my education.

The faculty here at UA is great. Having professors from all over the country and world makes for a fair-minded intellect. Nice work!

The History department taught me some useful material.

WAY TOO DANG EXPENSIVE

It was such a well rounded education from day 1 academically. socially, sports, extra curricular. I couldn't have asked for a better 4 years.

I do not feel at a disadvantage but I also do not feel that my intellect was cultivated in a meaningful way.

Everybody I met there were very helpful, the services there were great, and it was a wonderful university overall.
There are many reasons why I cannot bring myself to click excellent. A man named Dr. Clark took a job here at UA for two semesters. He was one of the absolute best teachers I’ve had in my life. However, he was treated with disrespect and despite a ridiculous resume he was denied tenure. He quickly took a tenured position at another University. The reason I’m bringing the up is because I’ve noticed a pattern here. The teachers who are treated well (like Dr. Hall) are good teachers with open minds and encouraging hearts. But the vast majority of the teachers at UA (at least from what I encountered) are bitter and unhappy. They are paid unfairly and this is UNACCEPTABLE. The teachers are the most important aspect of a University! We should fight to keep the talented and wise HERE and not lose them to a smarter school that still offers tenure positions instead of “non tenure track assistant professor”...in other words...we hold no commitment to you. Why should the teachers then hold any loyalty to this school? I noticed this at Circuit City as well. They stopped offering commission to their employees and customer service went to shit. Now they are closed. I'm sorry if this came off as dramatic, but it is something I noticed and made me feel concerned.

Good school-lots of choices and very involved.

I'm paying out-of-state tuition even though I had a 27 on my ACT, graduated 2nd in my class, and have a 3.98. (I have continually applied for scholarships and talked to the Dean of my college.) For the amount of money I have paid, I am extremely disappointed with what I got from the University.

I am from out of state, occasionally people ask me, “Do you ever wish you went to ___” My response is always, “Never.” I am so glad that I chose Alabama. I received the best education and was involved in so many wonderful traditions.

I am a student in New College which is the only thing that kept me from dropping out of UA. There I was able to find a small, liberal arts school brimming with very strong intellectual integrity. However, my experiences outside of New College courses were dismal with poor graduate assistants and courses that were too large and a student body solely focused on parties. UA taught me how to drink copious amounts of alcohol.

I desire a smaller learning environment and was happy to find New College as a permanent program to participate in.

I love this place.

I learned very little regarding the technicalities of photography and was mostly self taught. The New College itself however pushes its students to be more than the average student and succeed. I gained a lot of experience, intellectual thought, and ambition in college.

The faculty and staff at New College encourage rigorous intellectual growth.

I only needed 20 hrs to graduate and I had to complete 30. The experience was tremendous for me since I had been out of school for so many years.

UofA made the process of going back to school as a full time employee and adult student relatively painless

I would have attended a college that offered sport psychology as an undergrad major or at least had classes preparing for the grad degree.

For the most part it was affordable; I was able to take enjoyable classes that both challenged and suited me. The overall environment on campus was also basically everything I was looking for in a college.

I would go somewhere where I am a person, not a number. And where the students actually want to learn and the teachers actually care for you.

If I had the opportunity (primarily financially) to attend a better university in my field, I'd probably take it.

I had a full scholarship.

I feel as though I learned much more from my instructors and fellow classmates than any textbook could convey.

I learned something in every class.

The amount of attention on Greek Life is unfortunate and would greatly influence my decision to return.

I was challenged in different ways but I received positive criticism and feedback which helped me to grow intellectually
Because of the above paired with the fact I feel I did choose to take advantage of the opportunities available, to me, my education was exceptional. Looking back, I wouldn't change my degree program (two majors and two minors) and I would change very few of the classes I took. The people are awesome, and they really care about you! My instructors and the courses I took have prepared me to go out into the world and to further my education in graduate school. My major is Marine Science and Biology. I might have considered a university on the coast more because they have more to offer in courses pertaining to my major and it would be easier to transfer to graduate school.

I enjoyed my experience at UA. Education was highly adequate. I enjoy it here and two national champs. I feel like I received more than just an academic education during my four years at the capstone. As a music student, I felt a little slighted. The work towards my major began the first semester of my freshman year. With some other majors, you aren't even accepted into the respective school until after your sophomore year. There was little time to make a decision about what I wanted to study. The faculty in my department are terrific teachers who are very invested in individual student success. I have learned a great deal from all of my music professors, and I'm proud to call many of them my friends and colleagues now. They have gone out of their way to help me find career and professional development opportunities. I fully expect to stay in touch with many of them for the rest of my career.

The few good professors fortunately corrected the damage done by poor ones. As a result I am relatively pleased with the quality of education I have received. I can see much room for improvement, however overall I am pleased. I feel like most of the physics professors do not explain and teach material very well. For a lot of my classes, I frequently had to teach myself the material outside of class. I consider the overall amount and quality of my education at UA worthwhile and substantive. What regrets I have about my academic choices are really attributable to the “luck of the draw,” as in deciding which semester to take a given class and finding out later that it had not been taught well, or to my own stubbornness, as when I overloaded a number of semesters and sacrificed health and happiness to complete all the requirements. Even so, I believe that I am as well-prepared for graduate school as a realist could demand (albeit not as prepared as the perfectionist in me would have liked), and various awards and recognition throughout my career have seemed to affirm such a judgment.

I don't look at things the way question 11a is being asked. There would never be another option. I met great contacts, got deep into my field of interest, and even got to explore new areas of interest with the wide variety of courses offered. Great school a lot of opportunities that are not publicized enough. The political science offers some of the greatest teachers at the University. Each teacher is quite fair and I have learned quite a great deal from them. Excellent academic program, great professor and academic advisors. It wasn't bad. I was very disappointed with the instruction I received in my major, especially for the out of state tuition rate I was paying to attend the university. However, I greatly enjoyed the atmosphere of campus and enjoyed my time at UA. I just wish I could go back and pick a major that better educated and prepared me for a career.

I loved UA...both student life and academic life. I feel my education has prepared me for law school, which I will be attending in the fall. I also enjoyed living in Tuscaloosa, and all the different recreational opportunities there are in the city. It was excellent and I look forward to staying here for law school. It's all about the classes you take. If you challenge yourself you will get rewards. Iron sharpens iron.
Love being there

I wouldn't trade any of the experiences I had here!

At first UA was overwhelming and I almost didn't return after my freshman year but the knowledge and experiences I gained from my education at the University I would never trade.

My professors were excellent.

I know I have change for the better, and having a competitive personality that I do, I feel that this university provided me with that environment.

UA is a good school

I feel that UA provided me with an opportunity to achieve any goals academically and intellectually that I wanted. If I fell short on anything while here, it was not because of a lack of resources provided by the University.

General Ed requirements were generally meaningless and failed to impact me in any measurable way.

Yes, but the racism here is disturbing.

Ive always wanted to attend the University and since I know it's great I would love to do it again.

This was everything I could have asked for, for my college experience

I would never trade my experience for anything. I love the campus, classes in general I learned a huge deal in. I love Alabama football and I think UA does prepare you for the real world. If anything I can take away wonderful friends, some good general world knowledge from my learned school skills, and how to analyze and approach different perspectives.

The campus is excellent and everyone is friendly. Faculty is very accessible

I wish I could start over again! The opportunities UA has provided inside and out of the classroom have made these 4 years the best of my life.

I am an out of state student. I made the best of my experience and education from UA. I would absolutely choose to come here if I had to do it all again. I loved both of my majors and most of my professors in both fields. I gained a lot of knowledge and appreciate what it takes to be a college graduate.

Im proud of my school.

I would have applied to more places if I could have started over again, but UA would have caught my attention with its psychology department (more specifically, the Honors Psychology Program).

I think Alabama is only going up from here. It does need work on its advising departments. People I talk to from every college and major all complain about advising

As I stated previously, I have full confidence in my education. I feel that UA truly does have the best students and the best faculty. I have been involved across campus and made many life long friends. I have had countless fun times here at UA and have had a wonderful experience academically, and socially.

No- I would not. I have realized that I do better in a classroom environment where the teachers know the students. This is not a reflection of the Religious Studies Department-- but the overall core classes at the University in general. I had a great time at Alabama, but the quality of education turned out to be lower than I expected.

I loved learning at UA. Even though my education was Postmodern, I enjoyed it all the same. I learned so many things and would not trade that education for the world.

Most instructors do a sufficient job in teaching their subjects.

I had some excellent professors with great resumes and outside experience, and I had contact with a wide range of material, but again I wish classes had been harder.

I think the standards at UA are fairly low and felt more challenged at my high school than at UA. I don't think that my major would have prepared me for graduate school in art history at all, as we were not required to very papers.

Answer for 10a: Education was great. Excellent professors.

I took advantage of every opportunity and made the most of my time here at the university

Many core classes and other required courses pander to a lower intellectual level and are essentially high school, revisited. Instead, core classes should provide additional intellectual stimulation rather than a repeat of old lessons learned.
I love UA.
The overall education I received was excellent.
The education I received has prepared me to find a job easier than many other recent college graduates.
Moving from UA to another school for Graduate work, I can see how my education was superior to theirs.
I had math professor who took little interest in helping students who were not math majors. When requested help from the advising department was given incorrect answers and then sought help from staff that was higher up who ultimately did not care about my best interest. This one course haunted me for the rest of my academic career. I wish that advisors saw students for who they were instead of just a number.

Yes, I always wanted to go here. I wanted to be the first grandchild of eleven to graduate from Alabama.
I have learned so much being at The University. There is still more to learn, and that's why I am going to graduate school.
I loved my experience here
Great faculty and resources
I received a good amount of diverse classes which enhanced my overall education, but I felt as if my departmental and business classes could have used more detail and real world application.
I received a great education at a great price. I also made lifelong friendships, and I feel prepared for graduate school.
I received a great education and feel well prepared for the future. I plan on receiving my Masters of Accountancy before working full time.
The reason I answered Good and not Excellent was because There were many programs or opportunities that I did not know about until after the fact. There is no central information center for the university as a whole and from my experience faculty and staff seem to assume that students already know about enhancement opportunities.
Good business school
I learned a lot of things and many companies come to UA because of the reputation
I almost chose to go to Tulane when I was a senior in high school, but looking back I can't picture myself anywhere else. Between the quality of the education I received and the overall college experience, Alabama provided me with more than I could ever imagine.
For the reasons stated above. Also for football and girls. And for the campus itself. UA really just has the entire package.
Every single course pushed me to perform. Now, I feel that I could not only pass any class from any university but, could get an A in it.
I believe I received an adequate education
Student life at the University is top notch. I fell in love with Bama and I can't imagine having this undergrad experience anywhere else.
UA gave me all of the tools to have a great education. I would like more real world examples in classes. Not just one part of a problem but whole cases.
See above
I knew I wanted to go into C&BA but I didn't explore my options outside of UA and one other school very much.
UA is a beautiful university, and I had the chance to meet a lot of new people while still holding onto my core group of high school friends. Also, another big factor was that I was able to pay in-state tuition, which is probably the biggest positive, because I don't think a $30,000/year education is worth it in many cases.
I enjoyed my time here, and feel well prepared for the future
I do believe that my worldview is different and better because of UA.
All of my professors has/had current experience in the field they taught and were highly qualified beyond a reasonable doubt.
Education is what you make of it, and there is definitely the opportunity to learn a lot at the UA campus.
I thought all my classes were ok, but some were unnecessary.

Loved UA.

My teachers.

VERY COMFORTABLE PLACE TO LEARN.

While I have greatly enjoyed UA, I have always wondered what it would have been like to have gone to any of the other places that offered me a comparable scholarship.

I felt like I was forced to take many useless classes that were also poorly taught, which limited my ability to take interesting classes with respected professors. For instance, I took the exact same course as Math 121 (calculus) senior year of high school with a good teacher and made an A. I then had to repeat this class freshman year and made a B. Not only did this lower my GPA because of useless assignments and having a teacher that essentially spoke no English, it also took up 3 hours where I could have taken another accounting or finance class that would actually help me.

The quality of education is average. I certainly learned some things, but I felt like a lot of the professors were there to simply go through the motions and collect a paycheck.

Great experience

My experience at the Capstone was far and above my expectations of the University.

Every course challenged me intellectually and broaden my horizons and made me a more informed and well-rounded person.

Yes, because some of the issues such as racial inequality made me much stronger

Because everything was great!

I truly feel that each course I took had something new to offer me and was never a waste of time.

A few faculty members are not particularly well suited to run on-line courses.

It was a hard, difficult road for me but, I know, from job offers I already have, that my education at the University of Alabama is recognized as quite something to be considered.

I have grown to become a better person in many aspects of my life during my time here.

I feel I received a good education.

Through reading and studying for exams, I did learn quite a bit.

Enjoyed my classes, wish I had more doors open.

I love this University

I cannot imagine having such a meaningful experience at any other educational institution.

The cost of tuition and some of the professors, and most definitely parking problems.

The university challenged me and showed me how to think outside of my norm.

UA was always my only choice.

THE ULTIMATE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE PACKED WITH DIE HARD FANS, AND A VERY SUPPORTING TOWN.

I am pleased with the education I gained from UA because it challenged me, most definitely.

For the most part, I had good teachers and a good curriculum.

Yes I would love to learn it all over again

Yes, but mainly because of the experiences I had outside the classroom

The students on the campus are extremely superficial.

I have enjoyed all 4 years that I have been at UA. I have learned so much from all of the different classes that I have taken and have gained so much knowledge that is pertinent to my life and future career. I don't think I could have gone to any place better than this.

- Unpassionate teachers, bordering on unprofessional sometimes. Lack of general knowledge in the department. Lack of communication. Lack of enthusiasm from teachers. Lack of diversity among teachers and students (if you weren’t in a fraternity or sorority you often felt like you didn’t belong)

In my final semesters at Alabama I had some fantastic instructors who made my experience great.

I feel like I received a good education, but there were classes that could be improved.

I could have been a better student.

Enjoyed my time here.

Culverhouse is one of the top Business schools in the country, so it's safe to say I feel proud of my accomplishments.
UA has rapidly grown to only want money, money, money. But the CBA has national recognition.

It's a great school with a great system.

I had a great experience and fulfilled a life long dream. Most of these experiences could not be duplicated at other schools.

The University is going places. Univ. Blvd. is being developed and with a new President coming in, it seems like everything is heading in a positive direction.

I learned a lot about business.

The MIS program provided me an excellent experience that I would choose UA again for this program.

Students worked had fro there grade and oversell education from the university.

I didn't choose the University initially for my major, but I fell in love with the campus, the curriculum, and the many opportunities for extra-curricular activities.

The education was good, but most of the stuff you learn is being dumbed down to fit the lowest common denominator.

A great business school, campus, and student life experience.

I feel I could have learned more by being pushed harder.

The core classes are lacking.

The only time I feel that I actually learned something useful at this University was from my major classes or GBA 490.

The core curriculum was great; and the MIS & C&BA curriculum was excellent.

MIS- fantastic. General business courses- waste of everyone's time (maybe except for general business majors)

It's important to keep options open.

Of course I'd love to leave behind UA's archaic social structure circa 1831(because I'm a Black guy), but at the same time football season is great here. So I'd probably just roll with the flow. Always nice to get accustomed to subtle bigotry and racism before I enter the real world. It's better to be hardened by the harsh realities of a cruel, unfair and unforgiving world than to be blissfully naive. ^_^

I wish there were more projects involving local businesses.

The atmosphere and teachers (some) made it what it was.

I might want to go some place has better transportation.

It's too far away from home for me...(I'm from the Bahamas) and the Greek life here is a bit over the top for me.

Great school.

Roll Tide.

I love this school, and I couldn't see myself anywhere else. Most of my high school went to Auburn, and I wanted to get away. When I toured Auburn and UA, UA made me feel more important and like they really wanted me to come here. UA does a great job of recruiting.

UA is my home - I would not change one second of my time here.

I feel that I am prepared for the real world and a job in my department.

I feel that my education have equipped me well for the business world.

I believe only 4 of my classes contribute to making me capable in the Marketing workplace.

The main reasons I attended UA were because of the PACT program and the hopes to double major in marketing and arts administration. My siblings are going to Auburn because of the mess I was put in.

Yes because I had a great time and met really great people that I don't think I have met on other campuses.

When compared to other peers from numerous colleges and universities, I feel that I have had the opportunities and exposures of real-world experiences that many peers have not. I was lucky enough to have a job offer right out of college thanks to professors like Joe Calamusa who provided us the opportunities for real-world exposures.

I love you UA and unless I could get into Harvard, that's where I would go.

Prepared me for career.

Admission was easier than some schools, but the education I received was second to none.

The experience was awesome.
The University of Alabama has prepared me for life beyond the classroom. Most of my teachers were knowledgeable in their field and gave us the best strategies in applying the tools to achieve a successful grade in the class as well as understating each lesson. I loved every minute here. I didn't think excellent because I think advertising could use more classes within the department. You expect to learn a lot within your major but I learned just as much, if not more, from electives, general requirements and my special requirement. I feel that I'm leaving with knowledge that I could apply to multiple facets of my life not just within my major. The University, other than getting the degree, helped me none in getting a job, nor did they provide classes that gave adequate training for searching, finding, or what the corporate world is like. Thinking back, I cannot really tell you what I've learned from the University of Alabama. My experience at Alabama was filled with teachers throwing information at me expecting me to memorize it for the next test, then never asking me to recall that information again. Students cannot expect to learn anything under this ‘teaching’ method. We need more hands on projects and assignments. More homework, more skills evaluations tests, less multiple choice. I loved the environment at UA. My teachers were very passionate about what they have done in their lives to be in the position they are in now and that made it much easier to get on board with the classes they were teaching and made things much more interesting. I have already applied what I have learned in college to real world situations even just being out of school a few weeks now, which makes that education much more valuable. Hardly anything I learned while at UA will prepare me for my future career in advertising. The website building classes I attended taught outdated and semantically incorrect information. The advertising classes did not put practical experience into the hands of students, only theory--which, for an industry based on real work, this doesn't help ANY student. In short, everything that I have for future employment, I have done myself and have taught myself. UA did next to nothing to prepare me for the real world. My industry doesn't even care about GPA... The professors were knowledgeable and enthusiastic about their subjects. UA was good for me to discover myself but I spent a lot of time feeling as just a “number”. I made the best out of everything, worked hard on my assignments and was willing to take as much as possible out of my classes. The out of state tuition is increasing too much, where I'm not sure if it could be affordable anymore. 10a. I've had amazing teachers, classes, and opportunities at UA. Given the choice of small school vs. large university, I love that UA provides both: a small, intimate feel in the classroom and within learning communities while also having the Saturdays in the Fall to get the big university experience. I never once felt that I went to a HUGE school while at UA, and I never felt like a number. Every time I turn a corner, someone knew my name. This made the entire experience that much more fulfilling, and greatly enhanced my ability to learn. Too expensive for out of state for the lower quality of education. I really enjoyed my time here. I learned a lot within my major, but there could always be improvement. Because I worked closely with my professors and GTA's I feel I learned a great deal. While the core curriculum was a valuable experience, the instructors in my major (communication studies) spent entirely too much time on their own personal political and social concerns rather than teaching the actual material we needed to learn. The majority of professors at UA were excellent instructors and that furthered my education exponentially. My options were still pretty slim. I was able to learn and improve my skills so they can now be considered professional level, or close to it. Advanced courses in both my majors were mostly good. I got the most out of activities outside the classroom, though.
The journalism dept is very personal. I chose UA because it was a nurturing environment and the faculty promised from day one that I would be a name and a face, not just a number. With the school growing and expanding so much I worry that if I were to attend NOW as a freshman I might just be a number. Throughout my experience however I was given lots of attention and help from the faculty.

I've told people at the end of each year that I belong nowhere else, but UA. This is my school, this is my home, and this is UA. I would never want to rob myself of this experience ever.

While I feel confident going into the work force, I think many of the things I learned through classes in my major (journalism) were redundant and were skills that I figured out on my own by working with campus publications and internships.

As the course level got higher, the courses got better. This holds true for both core and major-influenced courses.

Best school ever. Love Nick Saban, love Tuscaloosa, and the people are fantastic.

It's a great school with a great system.

Of course! I adore the University of Alabama. These truly have been the best four years of my life.

I loved the University of Alabama. It's general feel and sense of welcoming is outstanding.

The people here are quite different. There are so many different aspects to the univeristy and the faculty and staff really care about the students.

I want to relocate.

I had excellent many excellent professors who challenged me to think differently and improve myself every day. I am a much more well-rounded and educated person than I was four years ago.

Overall things went smoothley

I learned what I needed for my field.

I have had a great experience at UA. It has not only given me the education to succeed, but UA has also given me a sense of who I am.

I feel that it prepared me well for the job market; however, I did not feel it was necessary to take all core classes (ie: math and science).

I really do value my education. I took an internship during the Fall of my final semester, and I was relieved that what I had learned the past three years, and spent thousands dollars of tuition on was not worthless- I enjoy it, I know how to do it and I can do it.

However, I believe this feeling can be reverted back to my college specifically, the College of Communications. In my college we were forced to go to actual city court hearings and write about them, not read an example from a book printed ten years ago and write. We were given a real life client, who makes real revenue, and developed and implemented a real campaign, measuring real results- we did not log online create a virtual client, and carry out a generated campaign, on a generated audience, yielded generated results.

I valuable my education because it was as real as it could get. I know I can do it, because I have done it.

I have no doubts that The University was the correct place for me to study and gain an education.

The experiences I have had here have been amazing and long lasting.

I feel that the things I learned at UA will equip me to go on into my career.

Too expensive, did not recieve a lot of financial support

I feel exceptionally prepared to transition from the classroom to the professional world. I got a top-notch education in the field of PR and got a well-rounded college experience. UA is a great school to attend

Great.

I was TCF major and though it isn't a “Film” program, it still gave me the basics and advanced courses in the things I needed to know and learn.

I only applied to UA and never really visited any other campuses. It was what I thought and then it wasn't. I am not the kind of person to say they would change or something. My experience at UA allowed me to grow and see things that I haven't seen or experienced before.

I was very disappointed by the University of Alabama. I came here from Missouri, and found the people of Tuscaloosa and the University to be extremely racist, inconsiderate, and
unaccommodating. I came to school here for the Communications department, which was decent, but everything else about the University has been awful. The city of Tuscaloosa is trashy and poor, and not an enjoyable place to be. The Non-Greek-organization students are discriminated against and are never considered. I wasn’t in a Fraternity, and as such I was unable to do many things. The Greek system is corrupt, and the SGA is run by the corrupt Greek system. I don’t like the Block seating and I don’t like that post-season Sports Tickets are given to students that don’t “Finnish in Four,” but rather students who stick around for years.

I think the Students of the University of Alabama for the most part, are very racist, and in my time at Alabama I heard many White people make racist comments towards the blacks at Alabama, and I heard just as many, if not more, black people say extremely racist things about the white people at Alabama. I was horrified and appalled and I am happy to be away from this University. After spending the Years at Alabama that I have, it is clear to me that the University has not progressed very far from where it was in the 1950s and 1960s.

I had a lot of great learning opportunities at UA that I feel really prepared me for the real world. I don’t think I would have gotten the same experience anywhere else.

Looking back, I know this is where I was meant to be. The experiences I had and people I met made this a great college career.

I learner very little. Most of my classes were a waste of time, and the teachers in my major were good at showing favoritism. Every time I had a question about something to do with the university, I would either be on the phone for 45 minutes or walking in circles around the campus trying to find anyone who could help me. The people running this school are way more interested in money and football than giving their students a good education.

No doubt about it. I would not change anything about my choice of Universities. I would have preferred there be a Meteorology program here because that would save me from going to graduate school, but either way, I LOVED IT HERE!

Competent professors, interesting courses, challenging and effective assignments, good environment.

I probably could have given a better effort in my first two years, but the further into the major I went, the more educated I became.

If I could start over again, the reason I would not choose UA is the field I am interested in studying is not offered nor is there any program related to it.

This is clearly where God wanted me to attend - without a doubt I grew exponentially these past three and a half years here in Tuscaloosa, more than I would’ve anywhere else in the world.

Knowing what I know now, I probably would have applied to a different school that was specifically designed for the major I chose. Like I said, my major wasn’t very strong when I started, but the University has done a great job since to improve and strengthen the film department.

I had a great education. But the TCF department does need some work.

I could afford it, close to home. It's all about opportunity, at least I think.

I accomplished what I wanted to because I put in the time and effort to do so.

I think you messed this up.

A bit too far from home, and WAY too expensive.

I had excellent opportunities to gain experience in my field.

I love UA!

All of my classes prepared me for the real world.

I've had an amazing four years here and I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Yes! I love UA and all the experiences I had there.

had to work hard to achieve success.

Some of my major classes were easy, but for the most part I had an overall good learning experience and had some challenges presented to me.

It's not the best education but not the worst. I've learned a lot but there are other Universities that have a lot better reputations.

I took advantage of every opportunity and made the most of my time here at the university

I wouldn't choose another institution to attend, just a different major.

I had a wonderful experience and feel more confident about myself because of it.
I Loved it! Roll Tide! 
its been the best years of my life and i've been here awhile. i love every inch of this place. this campus is so beaatiful and i so proud of this university and feel so blessed to have been allowed to attend at this university. 
I am beyond pleased with my education at UA. For my program and major, I doubt I could have found a better place for it. 
I would definitely choose UA if I had to start over in college. My education here at UA prepared me very well for my professional field and I felt very comfortable while attending this university. I felt welcomed and cared about throughout my four years here, and that is an important part of a person's time spent at a university. 
very good education! 
I feel that the Education department at other schools have been highly talked about as opposed to UA's department. 
I love UA and have never regretted my decision coming here. 
I liked it here 
Excellent Math Education program 
It's a wonderful experience and I wouldn't trade it for the world! 
The campus has a good mix of academics and social life. 
I had an excellent experience at this university. 
I always wanted to go here. 
I have been prepared for all the challenges I have faced in the workforce thus far. I completed 4 cooperative rotations and excelled in each. 
A very tough course load for engineering. 
I believe I am well suited for the position I hold now, and I also believe I have many other options such as graduate school, etc., because of the degree I earned at UA. 
Engineering is a good program 
I feel like it was a well rounded education, I only wish I could have gone more in depth in certain areas. 
The curriculum and the people that I've met over the years have been great. Also I appreciate some of the free services offered at Gorgas Library which were very useful for class projects. 
I have been prepared for all the challenges I have faced in the workforce thus far. I completed 4 cooperative rotations and excelled in each. 
All the courses I took in my major were fine; however, there is a very big problem with UA and tenured teachers who cannot teach. You can literally pass or fail a class depending on what teacher you take (mathematics being a prime example). There needs to be some kind of weighting scale or something for teachers who become lazy after reaching tenure. I am not spending ridiculous amounts of money on school to have a lazy teacher. 
Could not have gone to another university 
Due to the drive for increased enrollment at breakneck speed, my courses were dumbed down, my teachers were inadequate, and my labs were irrelevant. 
Personal reasons. I knew too many people the begin with so more distractions were always present. I also allowed the distractions to interfere with my school responsibilities. 
There are some professors who really care if the student is getting the information he/she needs to succeed. They are usually not the easiest professors, but require you to think. 
I feel as though I received a quality education that prepared me for my future career. There will always be room for improvement to have better prepared me for my future. 
I liked the campus, however crime in Bryant Hall was high in my first two years at UA. There was a shooting my freshman year, and my room was robbed twice. It caused me to move off campus because it was not safe. Education was really good for classes that went toward my major, but I feel my high school did a lot to prepare me for the first two years of college. 
Overall it was a good learning environment, some of the instructors were great at facilitating the learning experience. 
I feel like there could have been more hands on, career-related projects 
I live in Tuscaloosa, so it is the cheapest choice. Most of my expenses were paid through the PACT program.
I wish I had had a mentor when I was a freshman and sophomore. With a mentor, I would have understood what to focus on in education and career.

Not the best place for desired degree

Some great faculty, really challenged students to think and work together. It really prepares you for the real world.

I feel that I was provided with an excellent education in Chemical Engineering, between the classes offered and our growing excellent faculty. Most importantly our summer lab class gives us an edge in the job market. Between the difficulty and the complete focus required to complete it, it gives us an edge to face the hardest things we will have to do, and the most people one would interview with respect and know of that when you mention summer lab. I have made it through several interviews to offers solely basing my answers of up experiences in summer lab or stunning them with the fact that I still wanted to be a chemical engineer after it.

My overall experience at UA has been great. However, there are a few things that really stick out to me that might have made me reconsider. My department has seemed to receive less and less funding over these last 2 years and its been very obvious. If we've received the funding, it most definately hasn't gone towards the things that the chemical engineering department needs. Also there are a few teachers that no longer care about whether their students learn what they need to learn because they have tenure. Its ridiculous to think I pay tuition, which increases every year, while at least 1 class a semester is taught by a teacher who is more worried about what they are going to do that afternoon than what they are teaching their students, the future workers in the career field.

Class size, academic structure, Integration of mathematics. (Mathematics needs to be instructed in the Engineering Department for Engineers)

UA is a fantastic school and I had a good five years here.

UA did everything for me that it could have.

Despite my complaints about classes, I still feel that I've learned a lot and been given great opportunities.

I feel that I learned a lot at UA.

No other place for me

See 9b

I might have actually gone to MIT instead. I like the college feel, but the constant racism and lack of facilities for my major were huge blows. Also my curriculum changed at least 3 times during my 4.5 years here---unacceptable.

Many mediocre teachers, with a few excellent ones.

A good school overall. I could have learned more in my courses and been better prepared for graduate work but for the average person UA is more than adequate.

There were several classes that seemed like wastes of my time.

Decent for cost.

the education I received is very high in the department, where each professor is making his/her best to provide the right information.

I received a job not even a month after graduation.

I believe the mechanical engineering department aptly prepares its students for a professional environment after graduation.

I learned a lot in a good environment. It was not harsh, but inviting to learn.

UA has met all of my expectations

I feel I am a competent engineer and couldn't blame my professors for any shortcomings of mine.

Faculty members cared for students

i am proud

While I think there are better schools for my major, UA was a great fit for me. Financial aid benefits are great, the career center and co-op programs are excellent, and overall, I got a great value for my money.

Open to so many resources and programs. Allowed for plenty of opportunities for involvement

The education was good, but at times not as rigorous as I had hoped.

school of choice over and over again
I love UA and all it has to offer and am very proud of the education I received at UA. I would not want to pay out of state tuition again. I think Alabama should encourage a more diverse student body, and that all begins with recruiting and first impressions. Cutting off views of the rec fields by allowing more palatial fraternity houses to parallel University BLVD will only bring Alabama more of the same crop. Why not put up a solar panel, or wind turbine somewhere on campus to try and emphasize a University that is on top of current technology and social justice. Also, the University would look more inviting if Science and Math complexes like Gordan Palmer, The Biology Building, and Galallee Hall were at least refurbished, if not replaced entirely.

I got hands on experience, a 4.0, and a good education. I'd call that a success. I would've have chosen a design or art based school, like SCAD or the Art Institute if given the opportunity. Education... not great. Meeting a few of the faculty members made UA worth while. I would not be where I am today without them. I'm currently living in New York City, and Apparel & Textile Design is such a competitive industry. I have gotten nothing but the highest praises from people in the industry up here, which is an incredible thing when you compete with people who went to a school where their only focus is fashion. Too Tired. AT work. Huge alabama fan and no schools where I'm from offer fashion retail major.

I would change very little about my experience at UA. The CTD department of HES is an incredible department to be a part of, and I was also pleased (for the most part) with the courses I took outside of my major. I love the campus, the campus culture, the rich traditions, the faculty/staff, everything! I have received a great education from UA. I've had nothing but good experiences all the way around, and to top everything off I've made relationships with peers and faculty members that I know I'll carry on the rest of my life. I love The Capstone, I would have spent my undergrad no other way.

Great school

I feel very prepared to start my career with the knowledge I gained at UA. All of my classes pushed me. All around excellent.

Learned so much through the whole process. The reason being is that other higher institutions offer 100% online courses. I would have chosen to attend community college first and then transferred to the University of Alabama.

It's a great campus and you get the full college experience going there. I would do it all over again if given the opportunity. I would choose here over of other places because it is such well known university. I have learned very much, and I have learned many life lessons outside of the classroom as well. My professors were almost always helpful, and I enjoyed almost all of the classes I took. I just feel it was a very well rounded experience...

The professors were very knowledgeable. I learned a lot & enjoyed my experience at UA. Amazing campus life, the campus is beautiful, good sports team, great community... These were the 4 best years of my life

The food and nutrition program is absolutely phenomenal. I learned a lot bout myself while at UA. I feel like I am very prepared to go into the real world as a professional individual and find myself a stable career. Yes, I feel it is the best in-state choice for me.

I ended up on one of the easier routes. I learned, but had I been made to, could have learned a lot more.

Tuscaloosa has been my home for almost 24 years. I would say I am a little biased towards UA. I did not even consider another college when I was in high school.

I love UA and I think that we have a very strong university. My college did everything they could to help me succeed. I hate that I have to leave!
I took some very challenging and thought-provoking courses at UA. I also took courses that I believe are necessary for young people who are about to enter the “real world.” The material covered in most courses was of a high quality (the same that is taught at many well-respected institutions across the country... and the world).

I love bama

I learned with every single class I took. I am electronics maintenance Warrant Officer in the Army, and I even learned something about computers during a few of my classes.

Overall education is good - My concern and most often complaint heard from other students is the math dept in that the computer lab testing is not fair. A student cannot earn partial credit at all for a problem answered correctly however entered in the computer incorrectly on human error.

See above.

Overall, I enjoyed my entire experience at U.A. I would never change my decision to attend it!

UA provided with opportunities and experiences that no other institution is measurable.

Because I love the school and I love the atmosphere!

I think I should of thought about my interests more and looked at a few other schools.

After considering all my expenses from moving to UA tuition and other fee’s, with a few minor exceptions, overall I feel it was not worth it. My personal experiences at UA leads me to believe that UA better accommodates the only certain niches, such as the Greek systems. I feel myself included that many students, or the minority do not get the UA experience as many wealthier transferred to UA to become a nurse. As a combat veteran with a substantial amount real world medical experience as well as the eagerness to learn more about medicine, I was shunned away because of my GPA and the application process of UA Nursing School. I changed majors believing that I would be educated in some type of profession or at least encouraged towards a certain pathway, yet I was not. Now in debt and no future job prospects, I feel UA did not prepare me very well for the future.

I would have liked more “hands on” opportunities for my field.

Roll Tide!!! Graduating from here is a huge accomplishment!!!

Prepared for working with people in my field and ready for job success

Choosing to attend UA has been the best educational and personal decision I have ever made.

I am pleased with the education I received, but I do not feel that I have been adequately prepared to use this knowledge after graduation.

It has been an unforgettable experience and a valuable learning process that I wouldn't trade for anything.

I had not only great success in my education but I had a great time at UA and I would do it all over again in a heart beat.

I love the environment and people of UA. It is a very cozy and beautiful campus. I have definitely experienced the 4 best years of my life here!

I enjoyed my classes, professors, and experiences I had during my time here. I am very glad I decided to transfer and would do it all over again if I could.

I love the campus, the invest of the professors in the students lives, and the quality of education that I received.

The interior design program can be better. It was definitely helpful and will get me through my first few jobs. But I believe that my internship was a more helpful learning experience than anything else.

I love UA

Our program is striving to become one of the best in the nation, my class was in the years of our program changing.

I got my degree and feel confident that I am prepared for the work field.

I feel that I learned as much as I did because the faculty in the RHM program. They care about their students and are passionate about what they were teaching.

I learned and grew as a better person all around - no other University couldn't have given me what UA has

I have had the best out of state experience. I am so sad to be graduating and leaving UA!
Great teachers who were helpful and easy to interact with.

UA is the only college I applied to because it was the only college I wanted to go to!

Campus is nice, but Tuscaloosa is a dirty place. I do not like the area.

I feel that I can use the knowledge and education I gained from UA to enter my career as a confident nurse.

The classes were great but it would have been even better if we were given opportunities to go out in the community to experience what we were learning in the classroom.

UA has allowed me to grow as an individual.

I love the Nursing program I believe it is one the best.

I would definitely choose to attend UA even if I had to start over again, because I truly feel like I got an education that was worth the time, money, sweat, and tears.

While I don't feel that the teachers cared about us at all in the nursing department, I did receive and education that led to a job immediately after graduation. The nursing department is on a serious power trip and seems to be untouchable because they do teach us things we should know and most of us end up with jobs. However, the atmosphere of failure that they create is sickening. Happy vibrant people end up taking antidepressant medication before the end of school. They make us feel as though they want us to fail.

My experience at UA has been invaluable and the relationships that I have formed with friends and faculty are irreplaceable.

I had a great overall experience here.

I am from Tuscaloosa, so I would have maybe enjoyed going to another school.

My social work education was excellent. My education in core classes was fair. Had a few standout teachers, but also had several teachers who were either not so great or simply taught unnecessary material.
Question 12: Attend UA Again

If you had to start over again, would you still choose to attend UA?

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Please explain your reason(s) for your answer.

1. I loved African-American Studies as a major because I learned so much about my history and culture and about all of the different types of discrimination here in the United States. However, I somewhat which that I had taken on second major related to the health field, like Nutrition, Human Development, Athletic Training, or Nursing, so that I would have had a greater likelihood of getting a job right after graduation.

2. Please note answer 9b. This major did not teach any skills to transition into adulthood after college. The freshmen classes punish kids harder than my senior level classes, and the exams were the worst I've ever taken. It's like they know that this major is useless, so they make their tests extremely difficult and VERY wordy just to mess with Freshmen. It was too late for me after I started this major sophmoore year, I had already messed up my college GPA to the point of no return after Freshmen year, with no help or guidance from anyone...If I would have known how this major was going to be, or if I had been given an opportunity to look through other majors with someone that had knowledge of UA courses, I would have never picked this major. The only thing I can do with this degree is be a AMS TA. Thankfully, I had the intuition to join the military, and now AMS has become obsolete. I'm sorry for the harsh words, but it was a constant struggle each year within AMS. Credit UA ROTC, they are the best organization on campus hands down.

3. I have always had a strong interest in Anthropology and Spanish and I feel like UA does a great job in both of these fields.

4. I came here because it seemed like the easiest thing to do. Overall, it has cost me far more than the effort I saved by not applying to other schools. The constant growth of the university might be something all the trustees can pat Witt on the back for, but I actually had to live through it. Constant construction, overcrowding, and rising prices are what I will remember about my undergraduate years.

5. I don't know. I love anthropology, but the job market is very limiting.

7. Cheaper for instate, but wouldn't live on campus for so long, go abroad longer.

12. Would have gone to school with stronger art history dept if funds had permitted

13. While I definitely had a great experience in the art department and language department, I am frustrated that I struggled so much in math and science classes because of the class size and the labs that were not helpful to me . I didn't feel that the math and science classes were important to my future career. The other extreme negative impact I have had with the school is the exclusivness of the greek system, while I had many friends in the art department I still felt like these fraternity and sorority clicks were too exclusive , expensive (paying for your friends) and in some cases unfortunately openly racist and prejudice. While I know this doesn't reflect the whole university I believe it reflects so negatively on the school even if it is tolerated at all. I might have tried applying to a school just for art however the art department was such an amazing experience and didn't judge, exclude, or turn away anyone. So for that part of my experience I am so thankful.

16. I loved my college experience at UA and even though everything was not always perfecty,

18. Loved it.
Considering I chose biology to attend medical school and am now no longer attending medical school, I wish I had chosen a different path. UA did not have very much for students going into the veterinary medicine field which is what I plan on going into. It would have probably been best for me to choose a school that had a veterinary medicine program so that I could be better prepared for vet school.

Good school Low value for the money. I suppose in the end I “get what I paid for,” but wish I would have gone out of state or to a more prestigious school. The professors were fine for the most part but the administration is absolutely terrible.

If I could do it all over again, I would have pursued my education at a different institution that could meet my goals for higher education. The University of Alabama fell short in offering me the courses that I wanted to take. There were not as many opportunities to take classes that were not focused on microbiology. I would have liked more opportunities to pursue classes that would prepare me for a career in Forestry, Natural Resource Management, Plant Science and Wildlife Biology. I think Auburn or Mississippi State would have prepared me better for the career I seek. I recently acquired an internship, where they asked me “why, since you are from Alabama did you decide to go to school there when you know in fact that other schools have much better programs for the type of career you are seeking?” All I could say was Roll Tide..

I could not see myself studying anything other than biology. I do not regret choosing Biology as a major.

Biology major was tough.

I loved my experience at UA. I loved my years at the University of Alabama.

Great experience all around. From my academic life to my social life, my general quality of life while living in Tuscaloosa was excellent.

Maybe air force

As a student on the pre-med track, it would be tempting to have chosen an easier major to fulfill my medical school requirements. However, I think biology did give me a solid background.

I love Biology and the science and discovery that goes along with it. It was what I like to call a “fun challenge.”

Some of the professors are awful

I feel that UA provided me with the education needed to compete with other pre-medical students.

I like UA, but cost is a concern.

I love the field of biology and wouldn’t trade the experience for anything.

I got the education needed and the scholarship I got for coming here was a great help

If I had it to do over again I would have been a business major. It would have taught me more about money and finances which I think is critically important in life.

See question 10b.

Probably but not sure, because its interesting but now I’ve realized that it is not as easy to find employment with a Bachelor’s in this field as I earlier thought.

My majors and minor (CD, Spanish and English) are all perfectly suited to me and I could not have all three at any other university.

It’s a gorgeous campus with so much to offer! Excellent reputation and people.

Super hard, some of the staff is not very helpful and the classes are always closed, and really large.

Love my major, the problem is getting into graduate school

I feel like it is something I really enjoy and I know I will be able to help a lot of people.

The atmosphere at UA is not very academic, with larger emphasis on social organizations and sporting events. I would rather have gone to an institution that balances academics and sports better.

There are some professors in the chemistry department who are so unwilling to help and uninterested in teaching, that a few courses have been absolutely unbearable.

I have wanted to do chemistry since high school so I would have picked the same major.
Computer-based honors program made my UA experience worthwhile. Also, Dr. Dixon's instruction was invaluable.

Again, this is in respect to chemistry not economics.

Considering I chose UA because of my choice of majoring in Criminal Justice, yes.

I would like to have gone to school out of state. But because of financial reasons I was unable to

UA has a beautiful campus, amazing people, and great academics.

It was always a dream of mine to attend the University of Alabama.

I may have gone into Social Work.

Family tradition and strong pride in the UA!

Same as other

I am a dance major and I love this field but I would have considered choosing a second major.

It was a positive happy enviroment.

I would have preferred a school that was more focused on academics than the are on winning the next sporting event. While sports activities are fun and important, they should not be the central focus of a university.

I love it here. I never wanna leave.

Well, for one I met my fiancé here! Seriously though, I am an Auburn football fan, but I don't think I would trade the years I've spent here for anything.

Economics and Political Science FTW

I enjoyed my experience, but may be I would have been better suited elsewhere.

I received a 4 on the English AP and this would have put me ahead for major requirements at certain universities.

no social work

Because I loved the english Dept. It is wonderful.

I love English. I love critical analysis. I love poetry. I love writing. I love comparative literature and critical theory.

There is not other place that I feel would fit me better than UA.

Can't take the books from the English major.

The English department does have some wonderful faculty.

Yes. I probably would have double majored if I could go again.

I cannot imagine myself having attended any other university.

I really enjoyed my classes and feel like they prepared me with knowledge and skills that I can use in the future, even though I may need to go back to graduate school in order to get the job that I want.

I couldn't see myself anywhere else. UA was the only school I applied to, and I have no regrets about that.

Money

The students and professors and instructors that I've met here have the most motivating factor in my academic, intellectual, social, political, and personal development, and I don't think I would have found this blend of in-state and out-of-state people anywhere else.

I got a lot of money to come here #honesty

My choices were limited to in-state, it would necessarily be here or Montevallo no matter what.

I wouldn't want to go anywhere else.

I really loathe the attention focused on the greek system and athletics. I would have chosen a smaller college that focuses more on diversity and fairness.

I have had an experience at UA that I believe would not be replicated elsewhere-- I have been truly happy to have come here.

All of my professors were excellent.

I would have chosen a major with New College. I think that is the future of majors, where one can tailor the classes to his or her individual needs. My German major was good, but there were a lot of classes I did not (realistically) need to take. (Thinking about employment after college)

I would have began as a geology major. I started as an Environmental Science major and changed it after my 2nd year.
I'd probably choose PR because a lot of the advertising faculty wasn't kind. I do not think UA cares as much about the student body education system as they do appearance in athletics, greek affiliations, etc. other than the greek community, the campus is amazing and it offers alot.

I'd go for a smaller school. I love history and am pursuing a Masters in Secondary Education-History at the graduate level.

Tuscaloosa is a really expensive city to live in. Ex Rent etc.

Fantastic College.

Roll Tide!

Great experience. No regrets.

My time here was not perfect.

I love the school and its faculty, Tuscaloosa is a good town, and I've made the most of my time here.

Two issues that made it very difficult for me to acclimate here. 1) Being from the North, I was automatically looked at as an outsider. 2) Being a gay male is very tough here. Unfortunately, UA offers no university-sponsored support groups or alliance groups. And that is very odd, but fitting with the region.

I could not see myself anywhere but Alabama

To big too Greek

not specialized in anything

I loved my experience. I wish I had chosen a different major or had been advised not to try to take on too many things. If one thing was severely lacking for my college career, it was a decent advisor. To call what we had to do in order to register for classes “advising” is absurd. I was paired with random and oft changing faculty who did not have the time or interest in order to actually help me in my academic career.

I could never go anywhere else like this.

I would want something more hosting of critical dialogue WITHIN the class.

I love this university.

The whole reason I went to college was to pursue art. I feel that the art program is extremely closed minded and old fashioned here. ART IS NOT SUBJECTIVE. I do feel some regret in going to the University of Alabama in this aspect. I feel I might have flourished in a program like Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara, which is one of the schools that accepted me, or the Savannah College of Art and Design. I might have been able to work my way into a creative job that utilizes my talents...instead of the secretarial position I now hold. It is a feeling of great sadness for me.

It's very hard to get a job without a traditional major. If I could go back I would probably have done something in business or healthcare.

New College is the best thing UA has to offer, and I love Japanese language and culture.

I am in New College, so my first major is Interdisciplinary Latin American Studies. I would choose New College over and over again. The faculty, advising, and classroom experiences were all amazing. New College is like a family, and I loved every part about it.

I received tuition grants because my family was faculty. That's the only reason I chose UA. Joining New College allowed me to remain actively engaged. I do not consider New College to be a part of UA, it is a safe haven within the University.

I am working at the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce doing what I love with the major I created in New College: The Art of Community Development.

Interior design is a risker career choice than finance or nursing.

It's a great school!

Just the school itself.

as a returning adult student, I found that the educational opportunities have expanded quite a bit. I may have elected to focus on something in the criminalistics arena rather than just humanities.

I made the right choice to join New College because it gave me the freedom to cobble this degree together.
The only reason I would not choose UA again would be if I were able to find a college/university that would have offered a full ride (including room and board) for me to study Japanese as a major at their institution.

Advising is so poor that I picked my major on a whim after meeting my boyfriend. I didn't even know prior to meeting him that this major existed.

I would choose Political Science, not International Studies. That program is so all over the board that I don't think it was worth it to be a part of it.

Very little help and direction in this major. Many of the courses listed for it are not even offered.

If I did I would not choose the Math Dept. The adviser I had either had too many student or he just didn't care. Otherwise, I love the environment there.

I had to transfer here because of personal reasons. I would not have picked that.

The Arts and Sciences Math department contains teachers who do not want to teach making classroom learning difficult and unenjoyable. Professors should make you want to pursue more knowledge in that field and these professors failed at that.

I took CS classes for my minor. If I could start over, I would major in CS

Besides my previously existing love for UA, the campus environment provides plenty of opportunities to have a great college experience

I do not believe there is a school in the country at which I would have been offered such freedom in research and support with my decisions that would have led to the success I achieved. I would do it again in a heart beat and share my sentiments freely with anyone willing to hear.

Yes, Microbiology is very interesting to me, and the courses help you think critically. I really think that it helped prepare me the most for Medical School.

As much as I love science, the fact of the matter is there are no jobs available in this field and the Biology department as UA poorly prepares its students for life after college. I would choose to major something more practical.

I would also like to branch out and look at other universities across the country because I did not have the chance to do that after graduating highschool.

I love my major. I wish there was more I could do during the school year with my major (marine science part) other than it being only summer courses.

I enjoy my major, but it could be better if there were better classes to prepare for this major.

I do not believe there is a school in the country at which I would have been offered such freedom in research and support with my decisions that would have led to the success I achieved. I would do it again in a heart beat.

I've learned many life lessons to go along with my expanded academic knowledge.

I can't imagine another university where my faculty would have been so invested in my individual success. Even though my program is small, it has turned out to be an advantage for me, and I have received much help and many opportunities I would not have received elsewhere.

While appealing at first, the product did NOT meet the expectations given by the publicity department. The administration was lacking in professionalism, the classes were either incredibly simple or unnecessarily complicated, and the sheer cost of everything on campus from a simple piece of plastic to park to food was outrageous. Once again, the few excellent professors saved the day.

I thoroughly enjoyed my experience at UA, but only wish I had been able to attend the honors college here instead.

I love it.

I would probably choose this major and another one.

I learned from teachers with a very friendly and open approach. They encouraged the open thoughts of students and I enjoyed my days at UA.

Excellent academic program, great professor and academic advisors.
I love politics
I do not feel that the education I received matched the value of the cost of tuition.
I probably would keep it because I enjoyed the experience, however I do get the nagging feeling that it wasn't the most practical choice for employment prospects. But I still think it was the right decision and do not regret it.

I enjoyed my classes but not the SGA and students
Here for the law program and networking.

I didn't know what I wanted to do and still don't.
Political Science fits me very well, and I couldn't have picked a better major.
The eighteen year old version and the 23 year old version of me have different opinions.
Is that necessary?

Couldn't see myself anywhere else. This place feels like a second home.

Hell no was not a choice. The degree helps me none outside the state. I learned very little.

This question is tough for me to answer. I absolutely love the University of Alabama, and I know that I grew immensely as person while here. It is hard to imagine that the collection of all of my experiences - student organizations, course work, reactions to campus events, conversations with professors, etc - could be matched by another institution. I have changed immensely because of my time at UA. However, I do wish that the Economics and Political Science departments were higher ranked. Although I sometimes wonder what my undergraduate experience would have been like at a different institution, I think UA was the perfect place for my undergraduate growth and course work.

Political Science is fun

I love history and all faculty members I encountered in my time here were good instructors and intellectual stimulating. Political Science, my technical first major, was a good department as well, but the graduate student instruction was dubious at times.

I loved every minute of being a Political Science major. The work that was put into it was never really viewed as labor. I was consistently interested in the course material and found most of it to be appealing. The lack of broad career options is the only reason I would consider choosing this major.

The Mallet Assembly.

History was a great major. Political science was not.

I love my major.

Helps understand people and law

I am more interested in sports psychology than the grad program I'm attending at UA which is school psychology, so I'd probably double major in psychology and kinesiology if I could do it all over again

I would but I think that course in between I suggested should be considered and I really do not think that graduate students should teach psychology courses other than maybe Introduction to Psychology. I know everyone has to start somewhere but a lot of times grades are not good because its more of an experimentation for those graduate students

The curriculum was perfect for me and the faculty was helpful and encouraging

Psychology is what I am passionate about, and my passion for the science has only grown since I began my major classes at UA.

Never felt connected. Was involved and high achieving but I never had a single professor in my majors/minor show special interest in me. Did not have the same adviser until Junior year.

I was originally a pre-med/biology major and changed to psychology and political science. While I loved all my classes for all those courses, I wish I had stayed pre-med and was going to medical school when I graduate. When a job market is as terrible as ours in America, I would at least have a steady job as a doctor.

I've known since the second half of high school that I want a career in psychology.

I loved psychology. It was interesting and probably has the best faculty across the entire campus.

If I had to start over again at UA I would definitely chose this major. The faculty take the time to get to know their students, and students respond well and seek them out for help as a result. I had an amazing experience within this Department.
UA changed my entire life. But it wasn't just the campus. It was the people I met and the things I was involved in (ie. church and ultimate frisbee).

Love the campus, activities, and athletics. Most classes are good quality. Career center is great resource.

It was a great environment for me in a lot of ways, and I was able to be very successful here.

I would probably choose to attend UA again because I didn't want to come out of college with a lot of student debt and I received scholarships at UA.

Answer for 11a: I'm from Tuscaloosa. It worked out best financially to go here. I loved the professors. (Wish I had done more research with them.) A lot of people here are friendly. It's a comfortable and supportive learning environment.

It is a wonderful place to study for four years

Maybe would start with a double major.

The New College program at UA and Jim Hall, the Director, is such an exceptional one that I would easily come to UA just to participate in it more fully.

I may consider it, but I will definitely go for engineering.

I LOVE THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Due to UA's large size it is very difficult to be noticed. There is no one single teacher that tried to reach out to me because there were always so many students in each class.

I received an excellent education at UA. I don't think it could be matched by any other schools around.

They have helped me with scholarships and I felt like I fit in. I also felt like the faculty took a personal interest in me.

I would stay with the major but choose teachers more wisely. I would have a much better GPA had I had different teachers. Dropping a class helped me tremendously when I changed teachers.

I love the University of Alabama and the education I received was excellent.

Accounting is a challenging industry, and I'm worried it may be too complicated for me. I didn't really like the major and the material but I stuck with it based on what I was advised to do. If I could start over I would go into nursing or do my research a little better

Roll tide

Best four years of my life, and I would not trade it for anything. Would definitely do it over again.

I was able to enjoy myself a great deal while receiving a good education as well as meeting some of my closest friends. I may have done things differently if given another chance, but I most certainly would still be here.

Although I am going to medical school, my accounting degree will open up doors for me in the future. It has also given me a strong business background that will serve me well.

Overall I had a great experience at UA; some reasons include: strong academics, abundance of extracurriculars, top-notch facilities, and knowledgeable staff/students. In addition, UA has been consistently ranked among US News' top 50 public universities.

I love the University of Alabama. For me, it was far enough away from home for me to develop as an individual not a subordinate of my parents and family. At the same time it was close enough to home that traveling between the two was a non-issue. I also grew up a fan of the Crimson Tide and the Million Dollar Band (which I participated in from 2007-2010). The life experiences and friends I have made throughout my college career are invaluable. My only concern is that I did not take full advantage of my time.

Its a good major that is competitive among other major universities

many schools have my major.

I love my major, but there is a possibility that I may have chosen an engineering major after being out in the working world.

My main goal was to make it into Dental School. The prerequisites for admission were satisfied by my biology minor. I chose accounting so I would be better prepared to run a successful practice after Dental School. It was also a great back up plan in case I did not get in.
I got a great degree that will definitely be useful, met friends who I will love the rest of my life, had fun at least once a week, and won 2 national championships in football while I was at the university. I dare someone to do college better than me.

I love football, but the education could be better

My major was very difficult and I have little interest in it. I wish I could have taken a class or two earlier in my college career to decide if this was the path I wanted to take.

Roll Tide. I'm a huge sports fan, and to have received the education I had, made the friends that I made, and had two national championship seasons in my time at UA, of course I'd make the same choice.

I'm confident that C&BA was the best major choice I could've made.

I love Spanish and economics is great because it is basically the psychology of consumerism, and I love studying people, plus I love learning about the economy.

I found I enjoyed history much more than business

Life changing experience

UA has wonderful faculty and staff with a beautiful campus. It made for a great learning experience, especially from someone who was not familiar with Southern culture before attending.

I liked that it was in Alabama and I would not want to go to Auburn.

Great professors, learned a lot. Gave me more opportunities to get a job than other majors.

I masterminded the stock market.

I utilized my GI Bill as an instate student. I would go back and change my residency to California (where I was stationed) and attend UC San Diego.

I WOULD TRY TO GET AN ENGINEERING DEGREE DUE TO THE FLUCTUATION IN THE FINANCE MARKET AND THE DEMAND FOR A FINANCIAL GRADUATE IN THE JOB MARKET NOT BEING HIGH.

I have enjoyed my major, although I picked it later on. Given the opportunity to start over I would have been able to get much more in depth with it.

The only reasons I would even consider UA again would be social life, proximity to home, and low in-state tuition along with scholarships. I feel like aside from about one semester's worth of work at UA, I could have learned more on my own than what was taught in the classroom. Basically, out of the 120 or so hours I took at UA, I feel like between 90 and 100 of these hours were completely worthless. Many 'core' classes were a drag on my education, yet still lowered my GPA due to ignorant professors and useless material. A considerable amount of the required coursework at UA in the business school and in general would have to change for me to consider attending for strictly educational purposes.

I would still probably go to the University of Alabama because it's a good school to list on your resume. However, the quality of education itself is average and no effort is made to assist students on a real individual level.

Great teachers

My degree in Finance has opened a variety of post-graduation doors for me.

I always loved the University of Alabama and that is why I chose to play basketball there. Even at my older age I still have a lot of love for the University and pride and more pride to be an official alumnus so I can be an example to my daughter and kids to follow in my footsteps because the experience was wonderful and has been and continues to be life-changing.

I really think I have a future in the business field.

I absolutely enjoyed my experience at UA and appreciate the abundance of educational and extra-curricular opportunities offered to me. I am particularly appreciative of the online degree opportunities and how smooth the faculty and staff made my transition from on-campus to online student.

I was born and raised in Alabama and would much prefer a degree from UA over any other institution!

I have always wanted to graduate from this university and be part of the university traditions of excellence in all endeavors.

I would choose Finance.

Online degree made it possible for me to attend.

I would have responded better to a smaller program.
I originally went to a much more expensive private school and then transferred here to get in state tuition, as I didn't want to have to continue to take out large independent student loans, which I would have had to do at my private school. Time is money, as they say. I wanted to attend UA from a young age. I did and I do not regret it one bit. Perfect for me and happy with my career decision. UA is very challenging intellectually, but I do feel that the prejudice past still haunts the university. This is the only major that has ever interested me. VERY SATISFIED WITH THE MAJOR I CHOSE. I LOVE HEALTHCARE AND EVEN THOUGH I WASN'T CUT OUT FOR THE CLINICAL ASPECT I CAN STILL BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PATIENTS SUCCESS. I made the right choice, and I am leaving without regrets. This was my first school of choice, and it would be if I had to do it all over again. I am now interested in other business fields. I feel as though I received a great education at the UA. cannot afford it, too expensive I really loved my major, it's what I want to do, so I would probably choose it again I did not like the business school. I will be attending nursing school in the future. UA has wonderful education programs and really cares about its students. There aren't a whole lot of colleges that provide so many opportunities to grow and learn, not only on campus but in different parts of the country and different parts of the world. I love the university I would like to attend a university with more academic prestige. I know this place and I like it. It's where all my family has gone; it's home. Memories. If it was in 2008, I would. If it was now, I wouldn't. The school is becoming too large, there are too many greeks, and it's absolutely ridiculous that so much valuable land is being used up for greek housing. I've sat in class with hundreds of greeks in my four years, and overwhelmingly they confirm the negative stereotypes. I enjoyed my major, but if I knew what I know now about everything I may be persuaded to choose something else. I would not chose management again because it is hard to graduate college and find a job as a manager. If they developed the intern program more then maybe. If I could do it again I would major in Finance, accounting, or Engineering. This school is great. Roll Tide! The real world project work experience has prepared me well for my future success. If I would a someone to show me the great things UA had to offer in my senior in college then I would had started here first and been more involved. I changed majors three times while at the University, and my final major fits perfectly with what I want to do for a career, and the soft skills I have developed through this major will help me away from my career. I've met many people I will continue to stay connected with long after college. MIS gave me everything I needed to begin my career at a fantastic company. It's a great environment that's not just about the learning experience. I met some great people and especially the MIS faculty and advisors are the one's that made the most impact on me enjoying my experience here at UA. MIS was made for me!! Love the team based, interactive learning environment. To beat a drum, i don't see why FI 302 is required of all business majors if it is that hard to accomplish. Academics and Football. Difficult major. I love the campus life here, all the great people, but I don't enjoy being treated like a bag of money. Roll Tide! Football, beautiful women in sundresses, hilarious emails when racial slurs are chalked, MIS has been the most fun i've ever had in classes.
Depends on the level of commitment from the major at the time.

I have a job lined up and have had the job since a few weeks ago. I'll be able to pay off my students loans without problem. I know those art history majors will end up boiling leather shoes for sustenance. The communications majors who don't go to the NFL will probably have a sweet teller gig waiting at Regions bank. The rest will be bouncers and mechanics. Oh, non athletes are communications majors too? What did they really plan to do with that? Would have been better off investing that tuition money into a mutual fund... or even a speedboat. I crack myself up, but seriously though. If I was rich I would choose my major. I would do something more artistic. That's what I would enjoy; where I'd fit in. But this is real life and I need cash. I'm no Leonardo DiCaprio nor DaVinci. My acting lacks emotional range at times. I'm not right for every role. So business it is! Maybe my kids can follow their dreams, but I have to grind it out.

I would love to experience a different culture maybe attend a school in the West or a differing culture than the southern establishments.

I loved my 4 years

I like marketing

I love UA but a lot of my friends went to UT

I love marketing, and the higher up in coursework I got, the more interested I became. I am going to get my Master's in Marketing starting this fall.

I love business, and marketing is such a lead in to sales positions - which is what I want to do!

I have my the best friends and had a great four years of learning and enjoying the campus.

I would most definitely choose Alabama again because I cannot imagine having a better undergraduate experience elsewhere.

I still feel very alienated and disenfranchised from the University as a whole.

I excelled in marketing and have a great job in my field.

I enjoy marketing and sales, thats certain but I might have explored some other fields more because I want to go to law school and I think their are more classes that I could have taken that would have been beneficial before going to law school.

There were definitely things about UA that were not enjoyable (i.e. parking and tuition increases) but overall I was satisfied with my decision. I never once felt like I was in an unsafe area or that my life was in danger because of lack of institutional control. My education was overall above average when compared to that of my peers at other universities.

I didn't choose Marketing it chose me, it's the perfect degree for my personality

Best school and football and I got a job.

There's no doubt in my mind that I selected the best possible school for me. Roll Tide.

The quality of education is below par. I need to be challenged. The teachers instruct in a way that allows you to slack off all year and still be ok at the end. That is ridiculous.

Had a great experience

I just love the environment.

Great job placement and excellent faculty.

I've been a lifelong Alabama fan, and the athletic reputation and academic reputation were outstanding to me.

Realized I didn't like it towards the end but was ready to graduate so stuck with it.

I always enjoyed my major, still some things I would change about it.

Roll tide

I loved everything about attending UA beyond just the football games. I enjoyed just walking across campus and observing the people and the environment that I was investing 4 years of my life in.

It is where I always wanted to go.

If I took all the money I spent on enrollment and living expenses, I could have easily started my own business, or invested in something worthwhile. All of that money spent, and all I have is a diploma that is hardly worth the paper it's printed on.

Couldn't ask for a better experience.

The major I chose seems to be fairly rare among colleges and the experience that I was given by fellow classmates, teachers and friends is something that would definitely bring me back to do it again.
You meant to say: “Please explain your reason(s) for your answer to 11a.” In hindsight, I would probably choose a college that caters more towards students and less towards itself. There is a reason why UA will soon have 35,000 students...it’s called money. I didn't come here to give money. I came here to learn, and I did not get much out of my experience here. (See my answer in 11a)

It was the best decision of my life to come to school here.

I wish my major helped me get a job right after college. I know other majors really encourage and prepare each student. I wish the university would have been more active in helping, like other schools and majors are.

11a. I've loved my time here at UA and wouldn't trade it for anything.

So many friends of mine attend UGA, Auburn, Ole Miss, and LSU. My experiences at UA far trump theirs, and many of the issues had by them at other schools simply do not exist here at UA. From the attentive and individual access to professors to the maintenance of student health and transportation, UA excels in every category. Such a magical feeling one has when walking about campus; this is a truly unique experience.

It is broad I can apply it to multiple jobs.

I enjoyed UA, and I think I grew as a person.

Sure.

I transferred here from a private university because they didn't have a program I was interested in. There the instructors acted in a more professional manner, stuck to the curriculum, did not present material in a politically biased manner and required much more from their students.

Yes. I would have enrolled at UA my freshman year instead of transferring in.

Would have like to have enrolled in New College so I could do everything I wanted to.

Wonderful writing program and college campus environment.

Journalism is where I belong. It entertains all of my interests and specialties

I had chosen my major long before I even got into college and my experiences in my classes only solidified my choice.

Great overall experience

UA has brought me some of the best experiences of my life, and I can't imagine where I would be without those experiences to guide me.

I never really had a choice to come to UA in the first place. If I had been accepted into particular schools, I would never have come to UA. However, in the time spent here, there have been good things found about this university that would make me consider this campus.

Journalism prepares you for most lines of non-technical work. Great major at the university.

Jobs in journalism are hard to find.

I love the Journalism Department and everyone associated with it. They went out of their way to help me.

Overall I had a fantastic college experience, and I feel that UA offered as much to its students as they wanted to get out of their time there. I never felt limited, rather I felt that there were always more opportunities to pursue.

One of the best programs in the nation, and it shows

I love my major.

Because through my coursework and activities I grew as a person and learned invaluable knowledge.

great experiences

I feel as if I took everything I could from Alabama; the graduate courses in my field are paralleled to the undergrad courses in my field.

I enjoy writing, so I think I would still choose APR. At the same time, I don't think PR will be what I actually have a job in.

I loved UA. It met all of the needs I sought after for a college experience: great education and a fun experience.

If I was returning to major in PR, then yes. I have no reason not to. I know I did my work, I know it pushed me and I know I earned it.

If I was returning to major in Biology-no. I started as a Biology major, and found it was near
impossible to receive help from my instructor or lab assistant. No one in the Biology department seemed to care about my freshman status and need to learn the fundamentals, because they were too wrapped in their own professional research to care.

My major in public relations was definitely the correct choice for me. I believe that this degree will allow me to do what I want to do for the rest of my life.

I’d probably choose to focus more on advertising than public relations, but they are very similar.

The love I developed for the University of Alabama over the past 4 years is something I will never lose. I am grateful for the impact it had in my life.

The PR program is better than I could have asked for and gotten at any other school.

I believe I would have chosen a major in the business school just because PR classes were limited due to the split between advertising and public relations, I would have rather had a business degree with a specialization in Marketing and a PR minor.

Distance from home was hard.

Cost and location.

While I feel like I wasn’t prepared to get out there and find a job in what I majored in. (Which is mostly on me) I love what I went in to and I hope to have something in this field as my career.

My major at Alabama was the one bright spot. I believe I learned quite a bit at Alabama about broadcast news.

Proud to be an alumni from Alabama and not a community college.

The things we did in TCF are what I want to do the rest of my life. I would definitely do it over again.

Knowing now how hard it is to get a job in the broadcasting world, I think I would have majored in business and broadcasting with a minor in geography to be on the safe side. However, life is filled with challenges and I am prepared to face them.

I might have chosen a smaller liberal arts school, but I loved my time at UA.

I appreciate my major and enjoyed it while I was taking courses but the field I am going in to is not remotely related to Telecommunication, although I would have taken a few basic courses or minored in it.

It’s what I’ve always wanted to do.

I don’t think it really prepared for a practical career, just a pipedream about working in Hollywood.

I wish I could have started with my major as a freshman instead of a second semester Sophomore. I just felt a little behind.

I Love Broadcasting!

Perfect for me.

TCF and psychology are the best

I wish there was a Maybe option. I wouldn’t be the person I am today if I hadn’t come here, but that has much more to do with the individuals I met. Frankly, from an education standpoint I don’t think UA offers anything one cannot get from another large state school.

It’s telling me to justify my answers to questions I haven’t answered

Sure

Absolutely. This is the best possible education for my money.

Teaching is my passion!

I loved my time at UA and would do it all over again if I could.

There were some struggles but I still feel called to teach.

Yes, I am passionate and very involved with my major.

I was one of those students who really didn't know what they wanted to do. Now looking back I think I would have liked to try out something different.

I love UA. I have had a great experience and love the campus

Best time ever

I absolutely loved all the opportunities UA has provided me with and I would never go anywhere else.

The quality of my education received here was definitely not worth the price.

I love my major and I am passionate about it
it is a wonderful place to study for four years. I should've done something not as broad as HPES or a major more concentrated to a certain career.

I am very passionate about physical education and feel there is much I can do to better the outlook on this field.

I still believe in the reason I choose this major.

My UA experience was wonderful.

UA has the best music education program in the state and a wonderful faculty.

My major taught me a lot about music, as well as a lot about myself. The professors in my major were excellent and they supported all of my decisions and gave me great advice. I had a great experience with the College of Education, as well as my student teaching/internship during Spring 2012.

I love Alabama!

The same answer to 11a.

Yes. I love the French language and love teaching it to students. I think it is the perfect fit for me.

The education courses were very beneficial.

The instructors are extremely knowledgeable and want students to succeed to the best of their ability.

It's hard to know what you truly love when you like a little bit of everything, I probably would choose something different, but not sure what.

My teachers were competent and extremely knowledgeable. I learned a lot.

I would have reevaluated the job market.

I still sometimes wonder if I made the right choice regarding me major...

If I had to start over again, I would have done more applying in high school and searched out other college opportunities.

I transferred from another 4-year university and I do not regret the switch. UA has prepared me positively for a career.

Great place.

Considering the degree I was pursuing I can't imagine getting a better educational experience anywhere else.

It just depends on what other interests I have as well.

I also applied to Georgia Tech, but they offered little to no scholarship opportunities.

BAMA FOOTBALL.

See previous answer.

The main reason is it is really close to home. Another reason is Alabama has a great civil engineering program (one of the oldest).

Want to do something with business as well. Would consider a double major, but I am pursuing an MBA degree at this time.

I wouldn't trade my experience here at UA for anything in the world. The friends I have made, the opportunities I have had, and the connections I have developed would never have been available to be elsewhere.

I enjoy working in this field.

The first few years were torture because the classes were very hard and they had little to do with engineering. It was important to show that I could demonstrate skills in math but I did not enjoy classes until my last two years because I did not start learning civil engineering skills until then.

UA is dynamic. I am excited to see where UA is going with athletics and education. I would like to see more interest out of all professors.

this department is struggling. Other COE major much more respected.

Successful academic program, great college environment, good career center, successful football program, exciting college to be a part of.

It has provided me with what I need and I have enjoyed my time there.

I chose an interesting major that developed my problem solving skills and allowed me to gain skills I never knew I had. I also have a job, unlike many other students with less challenging majors.
Not happy with the class size, inability of instructors to even know my name even in 300 level classes. Due to class sizes personal feedback on Homework and Exams, as well as personal progress are non-existent. Also somewhere that places more emphasis on academics, and less on Bryant’s Legacy and Football.

Environment, academics and athletics were all wonderful and I can’t imagine myself at any other University for the past 4.5 years.

I chose Chemical Engineering at the end of the my sophomore year. I may have given another major a shot.

It was awesome.

UA gave me great scholarships and I’m graduating without debt. I have at some times envied friends going to schools with a better class environment, but overall UA has given me a good outcome that I’m pretty happy with.

It’s a great school.

Great major with great teachers.

I would double major in CS and design——it’s a combination that is not offered (though it should be) but I came in with enough AP credits to justify it.

Bureaucratic nightmare, too many fines and fees, nickel and dimeing you for everything. The whole dining system is a complete scam, and the parking system is designed only to make money.

I worry about my preparation for graduate school.

I believe the educational and personal opportunities I had at UA would be hard to find at any nearby school.

I enjoy engineering.

I think I will not find a campus like this campus where the organization split very fair and you find all the facilities are good enough to success.

Loved the whole experience.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience here at UA. I was provided with numerous social and community service opportunities, while also being in an environment that harbored my academic development.

The professors and facilities are perfect for what I was looking for in a college.

I received a job offer a year before I graduated.

I have been exposed to programs in the midwest which I feel are much more focused on the type of engineering and industry exposure I am geared towards. I would most likely attend the University of New Mexico if I had to do it again simply because that is where my dream job is and they have a very good engineering program.

My learning experience was great

Segregated campus life/political agendas

roll tide

Mechanical Engineering, in my opinion, is the best career to choose for the current job market. The number of job opportunities are great, as well as the starting salaries.

The University has changed so much since I was a freshman in 2007. The increase in student body along with the growth of the University has taken away the personable nature that I came to love when I was visiting and as a freshman.

I’m making so much more money than any other major starting out.

11a: I would definitely choose UA if I had to start over. It was a great experience and helped me achieve my post-undergraduate goals.

Possibly would consider a different degree

I love the field I ended up in.

Mechanical Engineering is a great way to keep your options open while challenging yourself academically. I would have taken computer science just because we are more, now than ever, dependent on algorithms, C++, and other programming codes.

I met great friends, a wonderful girlfriend, great football team, great education, great atmosphere on campus

I loved my major!

I would not have received such amazing opportunities had I not entered the UA fashion program
I grew up in Alabama, always a huge fan, so I know that no matter what I wouldn't have gone anywhere else. If I was from somewhere else, and chose Alabama, I still would do it all over again.

Only thing that changes constantly.

I love my major

Yes, but I would add a minor and to a better job without my advisor figuring out when to take certain classes.

My time at UA has passed my hopes and expectations and I would not trade my experience here for anything.

Athletic Training gave me everything I wanted in a major. It let me peruse a medical career while still being involved with sports. I have had an array of opportunities since becoming apart of the Athletic Training Program; I've traveled the united states, been a part of championship teams, and made networking connections that will last my entire career. Athletic Training is by far one of the best majors at UA.

Love my major and the program

Through the distance learning program I was able to graduate, I would never have had that opportunity without this program.

I completed it with back to bama.

No other pl

This major was exactly what I was looking for considering the career path I am taking. The College of Human environmental Science also offers an alternative career path I had considered.

This is the field I work in

I love children; therefore, I decided Early Childhood Development would best suit me.

My major had placed me in the perfect position to excel in my career after graduation. I have actually accepted a job position thanks to my internship placement.

This major was more enjoyable then elementary education where they really do not care about your needs at all.

I am on the gymnastics team, and I would never have picked anywhere else to be. I have made wonderful connections on campus, and I definitely think we have a very lovely campus.

I love the U of A and its history...

I had a wonderful experience in my time here. I loved my on campus job, people I met, faculty and staff, and the perks of being a student.

Although after graduation there are a lot of steps in order to make a career out of my major, I am still glad I graduated with a Food & Nutrition degree.

I love my major, but it was not explained to me what I had to do after graduation to become an RD until I was a junior. At that point it was too late to change my major. Despite having a good GPA I did not get an internship and there is not much I can do with just a Bachelors degree in nutrition.

Best 4 years of my life.

Yes, I would definitely choose this major. It covers a wide range of concentrations and most of them are needed at my current job.

I think UA is a great institution that provides quality education while still giving us opportunities to enjoy college life experiences.

I feel into HES by accident. I was enrolled in the school of business. I planned on majoring in general business or marketing. Unfortunately, my GPA wouldn't allow me to be admitted into upper division CBA in a timely manner. I switched over to HES in an effort to graduate in a reasonable amount of time since I had plenty of electives. A general HES major with a minor in business was the best option for me. I had a background in hospitality so I was excited to learn about UA's RHM courses. If I could start all over again I would have majored in RHM (Hotels & Lodging) instead of choosing the general degree option.

I would have chose my FSR major sooner instead of waiting so late and going to 2 other colleges before landing in HES.

I love this school. It is in no way perfect, but it is still perfect for me.

I needed a pre-vet med type major. I would say that was a handicap in my educational career.

I love the town of Tuscaloosa and UA and I would never consider going anywhere else.
The faculty, students, community, the athletic and music departments, and the beautiful campus make Alabama great! I loved the time I spent there!

I would have majored in a specific field.

UA is such a highly regarded academic institution and I am extremely proud to be able to say “Roll Tide” as an alumni. I wouldn’t change that for anything.

I love this place and wish I never had to leave.

I am from Tuscaloosa so I may have gone away. I think I may have had more academic success.

Yes, I really liked my courses and faculty.

Because the teachers are so wonderful and this degree provides many different career opportunities.

I probably would choose this major. I can’t picture myself doing anything else at the moment.

Human Environmental Science, (Health Science) is bluntly a joke. I often felt as if I was taking a high school health class. The material taught seemed out dated. The instructors related to the department were very kind yet, not very good instructors or knowledgeable about anything other than their specialty. I felt many times the professors in this department were simply there to receive a paycheck. The health science major should be completely remodeled in my opinion.

I feel in love with the campus, community and the environment as soon as I came here and I would not change a thing.

UA was an amazing experience to grow as a person.

Dont know what else i would do!!!

I knew nothing about UA when I chose to attend, from Washington state and came with my best friend who left 1st semester freshman year. I chose to stay and had an amazing experience!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my major and felt fulfilled by the classes and professors. The material was enjoyable and I felt I learned a lot of information that will benefit in the future with my family and friends.

I would still choose UA eventually, but I would not spend all four years of my college life at UA. I attended UA for a year and a half, but I would not want to go any longer than that.

I believe I chose the major that best fits my personality and career goals.

I have found what I love to do an could not imagine doing anything else.

I loved being in Human Development & Family Studies. I was pleased with the college of HES...felt like I was at home. The HDFS courses were almost always interesting to me.

I chose General HDFS, because I was switching my major later and did not want to push back my graduation date. If I had the opportunity to choose again, I would choose HDFS with a concentration in Child Life. For a short time I was Nursing, and I feel like this would have combined the two. I think I would have really enjoyed it.

I am very happy that I decided to transfer here and wish I would have just came here to begin with. I wouldn’t trade my experiences I have had here for anything in the world.

I feel fulfilled in what I am going to do with my degree.

I love interior design

ROLL TIDE!

Nothing against UA, I have just realized the major I would have liked to go into is not provided here.

No explanation needed :)

Absolutely. I love the University of Alabama and I wouldn’t change a thing about my entire college career!

I LOVE ALABAMA!!

I enjoyed my experiences at Alabama. I would definitely do some thing differently but still choose UA.

Especially now that I am about to graduate it has been very difficult to find jobs. I sort of wish that I had majored in something that has more of a potential to set me up right after graduation.

Best experience of my adult life.

I went through 5 majors. I would definitely start over and be RHM all the way!

I like the variety of career paths that hospitality offers.
I love the atmosphere there. And a degree from UA looks very good on your resume.

I live in Tuscaloosa and UA is convenient.

The major I chose is very rewarding.

Yes, this major was perfect for me.

Nursing is my passion, my calling, and something far deeper than a major. I absolutely would choose Nursing as my major again! I was so impressed with the Capstone College of Nursing! Their curriculum is evidence-based, current, effective, and needed.

I LOVE UA. I love the sports I love the friends and this is my home. However I would have picked a different major.

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I enjoyed my time at UA, and I certainly don't have any regrets about it. But first of all, Tuscaloosa kinda sucks. If drinking at bars, spending money at restaurants, or fraternity/sorority events ain't your thing, there is only so much to do in tuscaloosa. UA seems to me to cater first and foremost to the greek scene, then to football and those who come and spend money here around football, then to us students. Seems like we get thought of last when without us, none of the other stuff would be possible. I love the state of Alabama very much, and if i didn't go to UA, I would have probably gone to montevallo or UAB. but UA itself has rubbed me the wrong way. If the things in UA's creed are to be believed, we are about uplifting the community, a great education, racial diversity, etc. As I said earlier, the university looks hypocritical supporting and frankly depending on a greek system which is quite racist (under the banner of tradition) and frankly flaunts this. Also, by supporting coal mining on the University's property in Tuscaloosa county which feeds into the black warrior river, they go against any ideals of community they claim to represent. I am an advocate for better water regulations in Alabama, as we have some of the laxest in the nation. Instead of profiting off of the fact that we have inept legislators who are more loyal to businesses than us Alabamians, and therefore willing to sell our well being to the highest bidder, the University should be willing to be an example for the community of stewardship over Alabama's land and waterways. Finally, West Alabama Narcotics prey heavily on the student population who use drugs (a large percent) by cultivating a network of informants intended to sniff out even small time drug dealers. Every college campus has drug dealers and officers who track them, but in Tuscaloosa the narc officers seem to bust 3 or 4 people a week, under the banner of "possession of marijuana I". Many times these kids are college students, or friends thereof. I have known far too many kids who had a promising future, who just sold a little weed, but got busted on a felony possession I charge and never had more than one ounce. I am all for following the law, but is it really worth risking a felony conviction for an otherwise upstanding citizen of the community in the hopes that he will flip and give them a bigger drug dealer? All of these factors just don't make Tuscaloosa or UA a great place to be a student. But the social work program at UA made these negatives workable for me.
**Question 13: Choose Major Again**

If you had to start over again, would you still choose this major?

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Please explain your reason(s) for your answer.

1. The scholarship was so good, I just could not refuse it. But also, I knew that I would have a lot more resources having attended school here.
2. Brother went to Vanderbilt with no scholarships, had to help the parents out a bit. Plus have you seen this campus? BEAutilful.
3. I received an alumni scholarship, FAFSA, and academic grant. Also it is in state.
4. Poor job prospects.
7. Still enjoy my major but I would probably have picked some different classes...
13. The art department was like a family to me, I met all of my friends there and the teachers were amazing. I will never forget the students and faculty in the art program because they have made me a better artist, student, and a better person.
14. I wouldn't have completed my degree if it wasn't art.
16. I love my major and the experience I had with the instructors in the art department.
17. The art facilities at UA are not very good compared to other schools, but the teachers are great!
18. I'm from Tuscaloosa
22. I think Biology is the best major for what I want to do in the future. I don't think any other major would fit what I want to do in my career.
24. Too hard and not necessary.
25. Biology is my chosen field, and the professors in the department were good.
28. Natural Resources is my calling and I will be a Park Ranger.
32. My parents and sister graduated from UA so there was no other place I wanted to attend college. The academics are excellent, athletics are such fun outing, and the new developments to the science and engineering buildings are great.
33. I would choose nursing.
34. I received an academic scholarship to UA.
40. I want to go to Pharmacy School and Biology is the best major to meet the requirements for the pre-requisites for that.
41. It was very stressful, and most of my professors were not willing to help much outside of class.
44. Pre-med majors should not be lumped into the advising pool of the entire College of Arts & Sciences. I did not get near enough feedback or advice regarding what classes I should take to prepare me for medical school. The curriculum for Biology majors should be more demanding, and it should require you to take more classes that are pertinent to medical school. It should be modeled after the College of Nursing curriculum. I would consider choosing a different major only because I feel unprepared for the rigors of medical school.
47. Vet school.
53. Among other reasons as well, I know that this university is where I wanted to be since I was very young.
54. Not too close, not too far away.
I would probably choose the same major, or another in the field of science, because the courses were adequate to score well on the MCAT.

Biology is too general and nearly useless. I would choose a more specialized science degree.

Bio challenged me and broadened my academic scope.

I'm premed, and I enjoy this major more than I would history or the like.

Although many of the hopeful employers that I have talked to pertaining to ecology based jobs say that I should have attended the "other" university, I am still very proud to be a UA graduate.

I like my major but there aren't many opportunities for work outside of research and I don't want to do research so I would probably do something with easier avenues for work post graduation.

See question 10b.

I came back here because my family and home are here.

I was a National Merit Finalist and had a full ride, but I also loved the campus, Honors College and dorms at UA when I chose my college.

My goal in life is to make a difference in the lives of others. I can fulfill this duty by becoming a Speech-Language Pathologist!

Lack of care from core professors. I did not appreciate the majority of them still not caring to learn my name, even after talking and interacting with them for the past three years. Advising was also terrible. My advisor served as my advisor for three years, and even taught me, but he still chose to show no real care to get to know me, or my name, and help me perform to the best of my academic abilities.

I am from Tuscaloosa and have always wanted to attend UA.

Chemistry is a very rewarding and interesting area of study.

I was awarded a considerable amount of scholarship money. The campus was beautiful, and I knew I would graduate debt-free.

I liked the programs offered at UA but would most likely not have attended without the scholarship offer. I also came because of the Computer Based Honors and Blount programs.

It fits my interests.

Biochemistry is intriguing, challenging, and interesting.

I am finding it hard to find a job in my major, since it is so specific. I don't know what other major I would have chosen though.

Criminal Justice is more for people who want to go into Law Enforcement. I want to go into the Federal side of the Criminal Justice system.

I am passionate about the criminal justice system and want to help make a difference in the system.

I own a house in Tuscaloosa.

I would pick something more useful in my career path.

I have always wanted to do this.

Very progressive and knowledgeable in the dance field.

Although I do not feel like I am well-suited for a career in physics, I really enjoy astronomy.

It's what I love to do the most out of anything else in this world.

I love to dance! When I came here I assumed I would go on to perform in a dance company. Over the past year, I have realized that not only is that area really difficult to find a job in, and it doesn't pay well, but also that it isn't very conducive to a family life. I'm getting married in June and we hope to have children within a few years. That is basically impossible as a professional dancer. I have since decided to go back to school. Looking back I am so glad that I decided to be a dance major, but looking into the future it probably wasn't the best decision.

I would have been more geared toward medical school from the beginning.

I would definitely still choose economics, but I might choose a different second major other than political science.

I live in Rainbow City, AL, and I wanted to be near home.

my fathers choice.

Because I loved the english Dept. It is wonderful.

I could only choose one answer for thirteen, but I have more than one reason for choosing UA. Yes, my family attended: my father attended. Also, I could not find adequate housing at The
College of Charleston, where I attended my first year. My only option was to come home and enroll in The University.

I love my English major. I don’t love my music major, but I think that it positively impacted me. I think it prepared me for other difficult things I might encounter later. The classes were hard, but they were worth it in the long run.

I like reading and analyzing literature.

I had family who were here and attended here. Also I was part of the Million Dollar Band which was the best thing I have ever been a part of, I will truly miss it.

English is my passion and Classics is my strength. The two only add to furthering my education in the other, so I would not drop either unless financial concerns or personal concerns arose.

Nothing like the Blount Undergraduate Initiative exists on any other campus. I received scholarships from several universities including UA, so other factors were more important to me.

I would probably choose a major in business, but I would probably minor in English.

I love the work. I want to do it for the rest of my life.

English gave me the critical thinking skills that have driven my personal and academic growth in ways I don't think any other major could. I want to pursue film as a professional career, but even knowing that, I would still have chosen English for its ability to develop my humanity and my understanding of story and the arts.

I would like to be employable, so my English major, while good for me intellectually, probably would not hold.

Major is not particularly relevant to job market. Foreign Language ancillary requirement has been onerous.

I love geology and can’t wait to learn even more.

I’m happy with my major, just wish I would have been advised to have a minor.

If I could start over again I would love to have finished with three majors, or at least my two majors and a minor: German, Anthropology, and Art History.

Anthropology has helped me see the world in a way I never expected, and I look forward to what I will add to this field. It has also helped me know myself better, which is something unexpected but very valuable.

All of my professors were excellent.

I was born with a desire for studying the Earth. The moment I walked into the museum of Natural History in Smith Hall and gazed at the Basilosaurus I knew that I was in the right place.

No job market.

It was all part of what was supposed to happen, nothing more nothing less.

I had to stay in Alabama because of PACT and I didn’t like any of the other schools that are in Alabama. If I wasn’t on PACT and relying solely on scholarships, I would have gone to an out of state school.

I have never once had a bad experience, teacher or class within my major.

It took me some time to realize what i wanted to do. the people, classes offered, and students in this major made it very interesting.

I came to Alabama on a National Merit scholarship

Wish I would have studied more math.

I loved the subject matter and professors in the History and Political Science Departments.

Amazing faculty and staff.

I've enjoyed all the classes in my major (history). However, I'm no longer sure I want to pursue a related career and the job options for a history major seem to be a little more narrow than those of some other majors.

The history & French department are well organized and tough. My intellect had been put to the test many times, and therefore has grown in result of it.

I would go straight into secondary education.

I hate writing research papers. For reasons still not clear to me, it took me awhile to figure this out.

I could see pursuing business but I love History.
LOVED my major.
I have a big love for music as well as Technology. They are wonderful and there are so many opportunities that can open up with this major.
new college is awesome
I have a passion for ancient China and Japan. I have a passion for art and creativity. New College was the right home for me at UA, no question whatsoever.
Close to home.
The registrar lied to me and said UA had a Japanese major. It was listed on the website at the time, too.
While I did have a great deal of family attend UA, I knew that UA was the place for me. Each time I came to campus and heard more and more about the different programs (Blount, New College, Honors College) I knew that I was going to be able to grow academically, and that is what I wanted.
New College provided me with the support network and academic advisers to pursue my education in a way that benefited me and that allowed me to learn the most. It has been a truly enriching program that I hope to be able to support as an alumni in the future.
Southern university: traditions of the south, the way of life, etc.
I've grown up an Alabama fan, the pact plan was in place for me, family of mine lives in Tuscaloosa. Roll Tide.
While the digital art department and photography department could be much stronger, it is something that takes a lot of self motivation and learning anyway, and there were a lot of people to support me at this college.
It has been a major part of my life's work.
I would have picked the major I originally started off in before coming back to school
UoFA external degree program allowed me to complete my degree while remaining employed
My family wanted to move back to AL in 2010 so I followed.
Perhaps Psychology would have also been a well-suited major with which I'd have an easier time choosing a direct career path.
There is no 13a. You can't even make decent surveys. Good lord.
When I was offered placement into CBHP and UFE, it was a no brainer to come to UA. The scholarship money also played a very large role in my attending here.
I had a scholarship...
As I mentioned in 12b, my adviser didn't help me very much in my education, but because I loved my major, it didn't matter.
I am getting my masters in another field.
If I could start over I might try to branch out more and study something that might be more practical or that I would enjoy more
The final classes of my major were not geared towards my career goals. I want to explore data mining and its uses in not-for-profit fund raising. Even exploring the Statistics tract in Mathematics, the final classes and electives were more proving I was sufficient at mathematics but only (if at all) tangentially met my career goals. After getting through any of the matrix algebra classes and maybe 451, the courses became significantly less applicable. A degree out of the business school may have served me better in my graduate degree, but I believe the majority of the mathematics degree can be used to distinguish me in my career despite its lack of application at the very end.
I chose to attend UA, because I felt like that was where I was supposed to go. It wasn't until after I committed that I received enough scholarship money to cover everything. The people are what convinced me to come here. They were all so friendly and nice; way better than the staff at Auburn.
I love the courses and instruction I recieved and I loved the marine science program at dauphin island.
It is both location and major. I chose Alabama because it was the closest university with a marine science major. Cost also helped because I got to be a part of the Academic Common Market to help with tuition.
The scholarship allowed me to go to UA from out of state.
Always intended to major in what I received my degree in.

Good school

My major was one of the main reasons I considered UA, and I love everything about it.

I would definitely choose the same major, just a little more quickly.

While music is far from the the most financially secure career path, for me it is incredibly satisfying. I love doing creative work and being my own boss as a freelance musician. Music allows me to work with all sorts of brilliant people and meet interesting supporters and fans. It's far more exciting than a desk job. I suppose you can ask me in 10 years if I still like being a musician, but I'm going to predict that my answer will be yes.

My mind was already made up before I even enrolled at UA. There was no way a few setbacks or inconveniences from uncaring professors were going to derail my plans.

I feel that although I have a much better ability to think critically, finding a job will be somewhat more difficult in that I do not have any directly transferable skills that will better enable me to find ajob.

I love political science.

Political Science department is a great department.....

Excellent academic program, great professor and academic advisors.

I really wanted to go to Florida but the out of state tuition was too much.

There are too many students in this major and there are too few opportunities to get involved with faculty, campus groups, or outside internships. I also felt that the topics of the courses offered were bland and those that I actually found interesting filled too quickly.

I had free tuition from the Presidential Scholarship. Also many family members had attended UA. Though my scholarship was the main reason for selecting UA, the family connections is what helped me rate UA higher than another school which had offered more scholarship money.

My major is excellent and enjoyable and the teachers are very open and determined to help you succeed

Political Science holds no special future for me. I would have switched my minor and major, still gone to law school, but been able to get a job in computer science.

I wanted to go somewhere that I could start over and have a fun experience doing so, and UA was a perfect fit for that.

It was the first acceptance letter I received and attending UA is a family tradition.

I would have majored in English.

I feel I should have pursued a biology or botany degree.

I would choose a science or engineering major

Law school

I would have chosen Economics again for sure. Unfortunately, I would have chosen to double major in something other than Political Science. I think the Political Science department would benefit greatly from having more honors classes and possibly a more rigorous track - one designed for people who intend to stay in the field, or who are not using political science as a stepping stone for Law School.

Football

UA was near my home and it is where I always wanted to attend. I wouldn't have gone anywhere else.

Although I would double major in communications, probably.

I always wanted to attend the University of Alabama, there was no specific reason. Just a childhood dream.

First generation student so did know anything else

I did not enjoy Psychology as much as I thought I would. And for this reason I did not learn as much as I could have.

After History in Systems of Psychology, it wasn't fun anymore. I wish I had majored in Criminal Justice

I am one of the biggest football fans ever and that was detrimental to me in determining what college I attended.

I heard about the great psychology program.

Multiple reasons, but I was attracted to the academic opportunities, the student life, and a winning football team!
I am from a small town in Pennsylvania. I did not want to re-live high school and go to Penn State with all of my high school friends. So I applied to all out of state colleges and made a fresh start and new chapter of my life. It has been one of the most rewarding decisions I have ever made.

I was offered a scholarship that covered tuition because of my ACT scores. Additionally, in-state tuition is significantly lower than out-of-state tuition.

I choose UA for so many reasons, but UA academic reputation was right up there with the best. UA is ranked highly in so many categories. Also, I know that everywhere I go I will be proud to list UA as my undergrad, and I will feel confident in education.

I could not pick just one. I received a scholarship, was impressed with the honors college, liked the idea of the social life (esp. Greek system) and a friend came here and loved it.

I loved Religious Studies. It has changed my view of the world forever. I thought the professors were excellent and always challenging. I wouldn't have majored in anything else.

Enjoyed learning the subject and had a great advisor.

I loved the field I chose, and still find it interesting.

While I really enjoy art history, I think I would have picked a more practical major in a more rigorous field.

Answer for 12a: I probably would have double-majored--maybe added a science.

I love my Spanish major

Combination of them all.

I do not wish to pursue a career in my major; however, due to scholarships I was unable to change.

I chose the UA because I wanted to challenge my academic ability.

I would choose education as a major.

College is different from the work world. I experienced that during my internship.

I'm not certain it's what I really will enjoy doing forever. My answer is based on me, not my education from UA.

I did not choose my major until the second semester of my sophomore year. It was an entirely different path than I expected to take when I began my collegiate education, but I believe that, given the economic changes since I began college, I definitely picked a major that was conducive to long term success.

It's tradition. My parents, uncles, and aunts all went to Alabama.

I love my major and very happy I went with it.

I enjoyed the teachers and classes that I took for my major, and I enjoyed the material I learned. I am just not 100% positive if I want my career to be in this field.

I love accounting

I received a full-tuition scholarship.

Accounting is best major to have in the business school in terms of base salary and career opportunities.

I would definitely choose my major again. One of the things that held me back was I thought I wanted to major in engineering. I was very much unprepared for college and struggled with the heavy course load. Looking back I would have started college with an Accounting major.

I know I can apply what I learned for the rest of my life

My schooling was completely paid for, and that was the major reason I chose Alabama.

My mom and dad both graduated with engineering degrees from UA. They loved it and raised me to love it.

Accounting is one of the most useful majors at UA. Why wouldn't I get it?

I feel that Accounting is the most challenging major in the business school. The Accounting department also does a wonderful job of setting students up for career opportunities through career fairs, internships, seminars, etc...

It makes sense to me

While I liked my economics major, I feel that I would be ill prepared for real world economic work. And that is not due to a lack of effort in class.

Econ is so challenging and interesting. It has enough math to keep me happy, and it also requires a deep understanding of some philosophical and theoretical principles. It's awesome.
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With the guaranteed scholarships it was very tough to consider other, more expensive alternatives.

Full scholarship offer - could not refuse. Additionally, academic, location, and loyalty factors to my state school influenced me.

Would have taken the time to learn more about other majors and their opportunities they have to offer.

Finance is extremely useful, and I'm glad I chose to major in it.

Finance seems like a good choice.

Insurance classes were small and personal.

I learned the dynamics to mastermind the stock market.

FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

I do not think I will practice finance.

I received the Presidential Scholarship for UA along with another endowment which covered all of tuition and then some. This was the most attractive thing about it to me. I have also grown up in an “Alabama” family as well, so I would also select that, but I was only able to choose one reason.

I feel like math is my strong point, but I am below average in science courses. Considering how atrocious the math department that I experienced was, finance and accounting were the only majors that would make sense. If I started over, I would still do finance, but I would have liked to take more accounting courses.

There were so many Finance majors that the department paid very little attention to them. I would have majored in Economics if I could have done it all over again.

I was given a presidential scholarship.

Endless possibilities

Business is the engine that drives the world and I feel that now that I had my degree I can finally get a chance to maneuver the steering wheel.

I came here to play football, but the academic part just dawned on me.

I would definitely choose a business major but having sampled classes from all of the departments, I might choose to pursue a concentrated major instead of a general business major.

Best fit for my current career.

Choose degree because it was only business degree offered online. Would have liked to major in accounting or finance.

This particular major opens many doors in many different fields.

I already had a career in a business field.

I enjoy studying economics, marketing, accounting, etc.

I'm a general business major, and I like my major, but I would probably have done something more specialized.

all of the above

I graduated with two degrees. I would definitely choose Health Care Management. However, I would not have majored in Biology due to a lack of jobs. I am not interested in teaching, lab research, or field studies. My orginal plan was to attend medical school. The Arts and Sciences advisors had me under the impression that Biology was the best choice for this plan. I was unaware that I could have majored in anything and still attend medical school.

Location is close to home

I am greatful for the knowledge that I gained at the university, but I did not like the African American students were disrespected. I feel that there are seperate societies and it is very humiliating that African Americans are only accepted if they are on a sports team.

Close to home.

I wish I had a better understanding of what the bottom line of a college education would be, not to just get a higher paying job after college.

The major was good, but I feel as though I should have chosen something different. While learning in my major, I started to have other career goals (this was not because I had bad teachers or classes; I just wanted a change).

I took management (distance learning) because I did not have a choice at the time.
I attended the Rural Science Scholar's Program the summer before my senior year of high school, and decided there was no other place I'd rather be. The campus is beautiful.

I have learned so much in the C&BA program here at UA. But I think that I would have liked to try the RHM program. I didn't know about it whenever I declared my major. It is one I could take a lot of different routes with. I would rather have done a major that is more objective like accounting or finance. I did not like the business school. I eventually learned that I did not like the material taught in most of my classes and in turn was hardly ever motivated to give 100%. In hindsight I would have preferred a different major. This is a personal opinion. However, I did very much enjoy the anthropologic nature of the International Business program and my professors.

I know how to make money and manage people. If I had to choose any other major besides Business Management, it would have been Engineering.

UA's business school is very reputable. I first came here to be the first class in the Construction engineering dept. Engineering was too boring and non inspiring so I switched to business. Either this or finance. Because MIS gave me the tools I needed to be a threat to other students from other schools. Initially, I chose UA because I received significant scholarship and other financial aid from the university. In addition, I fell in love with the campus and the atmosphere when I visited as a senior in high school.

I was seeking a highly rated MIS program. The MIS major at Alabama is unrivaled. I had two internships and had a job offer almost a year before graduation, due to the network the MIS faculty has built. The training and Software Development/Project Management/Business Analysis skills taught in MIS are invaluable and prepare one for a perfect job. I can back at the age of 34 specifically for MIS major. Real world experience. Very challenging. Difficult Major

Excellent faculty involvement and curriculum. I never thought I'd be this prepared to graduate from college. Yes, because I have gained all the skills necessary to be successful in a corporate IT environment. Great experiences, grew close with a lot of students and faculty, and gave me preparation and guidance for my future career. Good business school. Marketing has never been a struggle for me. I have enjoyed all the teachings and have tried to apply all that I have learned. I like my major but others interest me.

I wanted to get away from my hometown. After visiting close to 20 universities I knew that UA was one of two places I envisioned myself. UA provided me with a full academic scholarship out of state, and I came. I really enjoyed my major classes. I chose a major that I was passionate about, and now I have the skills to do well in my field of business. I would not go back and change that for anything. I am very passionate about Market Research and love the field.

I really wanted to play golf here originally and I really fell in love with the campus when I visited. Sales has turned out to be a very fun major. If you aren't having fun, chances are that you aren't enjoying what you do and you are unhappy. I would more than likely try to look at Finance/Economics. I'm from Birmingham and wanted to go here over every other school in state. Plenty of job opportunities and was right fit for me.
Nothing against the classes I took that were required for my major, but I do wonder what I would be doing if I had selected a different major.

I would choose something challenging. I was bored every day.

If I wasn't working full-time and attending school time, I would have had time for a major like electrical engineering.

Some professors are mean

It suits me well because it requires a lot of math and patterns, which are two things I'm well at.

I think I would want to go into Hospitality.

Wish I could choose more than one of these answers.

Just thought it had a beautiful campus. Didn't know much about it.

I'm between probably and probably not. I love my major and I think its something I can apply to a great career but upon enrolling in the university I didn't realize how many options were available and I realized it after I was far too into my major and I didn't want to extend an extra year or so because I changed my mind.

What 100 and 200 level classes in Advertising made me believe the major was going to be, was nothing what the upper level classes made it out to be.

The classes for Advertising seemed very undeveloped. The advertising campaign class is completely pointless, and unrealistic.

I loved my major, but I would think about doing business if I had to do it over again.

I believe this major that I graduated with is the best one for myself. It combines creativeness with business and the skills I learned are something I can apply to personal projects as well as professional projects.

I absolutely love my major and my industry. I would not change that for anything.

It fits my personality.

I had to stay in Alabama because of PACT and I didn't like any of the other schools that are in Alabama. If I wasn't on PACT and relying solely on scholarships, I would have gone to an out of state school.

I love languages, and Communication Studies allowed me to study English as a language, american politics and culture as well.

Decent drive from home, a few hours.

Communication Studies has the best and most caring faculty I've experienced at UA, especially Dr. Jason Black, Dr. Treva Dean, and Dr. Robin Boylorn.

Communication Studies is a fascinating realm of study encompassing all sorts of paths. My favorite thing about it is the specialization one may infiltrate within the major. The major is anything but cut and dry; communication studies is what a student wants it to be, and it can take a student anywhere.

Greek life is thriving and I was able to meet many new friends.

My major is the reason I would chose UA again. The professors in the Department of Communication Studies are wonderful and very supportive. They made this experience worth it.

Com Studies Rules!

My major (communication studies) was a joke, with the exception of a couple classes, the majority of my curriculum was useless and presented no challenge whatsoever. My second major (political science) I would take again and I found to be a valuable experience.

Yes. I would have chosen this major my first year at UA instead of changing majors twice.

That G.I. Bill got me through school for free.

It has allowed me to become a better writer.

History was good for critical thinking and analytical skills, but I wish I had a major that gave me a practical skillset, like Spanish or computer science.

I chose Journalism here over UGA and South Carolina because I felt it was more personal and myself and my family were impressed with opportunities such as Alpine Living magazine.

I am under a GI bill program and had to go to an in-state school to utilize the aid. UA has a significantly stronger journalism program than anywhere else in the state and it was a campus I really enjoyed visiting.

yes, journalism has been an excellent foundation for what I want to do.
I could have made myself more marketable in the work force if I had chosen a less specific major. 

I changed majors halfway through my time here, and I am glad that I did. My graduating major was much more adept with what I was good at and wanted to do in life, not to mention that the courses taken with this major did a good job at preparing me for post-graduate work.

Roll Tide.

Journalism is great. It's taught me a lot. Management, not so much. I don't really feel like I have any special managerial knowledge.

Location

I had a great education within Public Relations, but from a personal perspective I don't think that it is going to be my future career path.

Being able to only afford in-state tuition this was the only university that fit.

I think the PR major has too much emphasis on design and not enough focus on how to build client relationships and incorporate marketing skills.

Wish I would have done event planning but I enjoyed Pr and learned a lot not really want i want to do anymore

I wish I would have chosen PR from the get go!

I always knew I wanted to go to UA. My family went here, and UA is a part of my family.

I always knew I wanted to major in Public Relations and UA has a renowned program.

I guess ask me this in five years. I majored in PR...I'll be making next to nothing for the first five years.

Maybe I should have stuck it out in Biology, at least then I would be guarenteed a job when I graduate, and one that makes a livable amount of money right after graduating.

I wanted to attend UA because of the wonderful success stories that I had heard about from people who had attended before. I knew that the reputation of the level of education was something I wanted to be a part of.

I only applied to out-of-state schools. My sister said Alabama would be a fun school, so I chose Alabama. Simple as that.

I enjoyed majoring in public relations. Time will tell if I enjoy a career in it or if I should have chosen something else.

I just wanted to get away from everything I knew and find something different, discover who I wanted to be with out the influences of my family and friends.

Need professional experience to consider it

Only career field for me and I've felt that way since high school.

I heard the Broadcast News department at Alabama was good, but it wasn't as good as I had originally thought.

The communications program at UA impressed me from the beginning.

Before coming to UA, I had talked to the recruiter that came to my high school and she sold me on it. Once I talked to her, I scheduled a visit and absolutely loved the campus. Everyone here made me feel like I was wanted here and felt like I would succeed here.

My interests have changed and adapted, partially influenced by my likes and dislikes of my current major, and the wonderful opportunities I experienced in other departments. My department was wonderful though and it is a reflection of my interests and not the department.

I've desired this major ever since I was a little kid.

When I was set on my major, I surveyed nearby universities that had what I was looking for and UA covered everything I wanted to study.

There is no 13a.

I thought the TCF program would be a lot more hands-on with a lot more opportunities to break thru the industry (internships with major networks in California or New York).

Both of my parents graduated from the University so I knew as a little kid that I wanted to do the same. My parents met at UA so I'm grateful for that.

TCF department is well known across the country

near my family

UA had the best film program near me

It was easy.
Roll Tide.

I am meant to be a teacher.

I've always lived in Tuscaloosa.

I enjoyed all my classes but there was alot of unnecessary assignments.

I liked that it was a respected school for academics and football, as well.

I liked how it was not too far away from my home but not extremely close. Oh, and of course football! Roll Tide! :)

I realized I had another passion when I started taking Nutrition classes.

It prepared me for my post-graduate program.

I am in love with my major, but if I were not going onto physical therapy school I would have not liked the jobs I could have gotten with just an undergraduate degree in this major. If I were to choose something else it would have been a degree in special education.

It's a great major and has a great group faculty/staff members!

I love my spanish major

I saw a few other fields that I wanted to do but I was to far in to turn back

I wanted to be close to home, but I also knew it was a great school and decided it would be the best fit for me.

I definitely would still choose MAP. I just wish I had known about it earlier, so I would have finished sooner.

When applying to universities, I took into consideration what programs each had, and whether or not each university had the program I wanted. UA had the exact program I needed, so that was a deciding factor in coming here. Also, all of the admissions and student services personnel were very nice and so helpful.

I love my major!

I felt comfortable at the University because many people I know attended as well.

I did love the campus and the atmosphere here at UA but what really solidified the decision for me was the scholarships and financial aid that I received which made it the most affordable option for me.

My sister attended here and I wanted to be near her

Hard to find jobs but rewarding

It is incredibly difficult to find a job in education right now.

Pact Program

I began in business and Alabama has a highly ranked business school, and I wanted a large school with a large athletic program as well.

I did not wish to teach for the rest of my life, therefore a different major would have saved me time and money.

I live in-state so the cost definitely played a part in my choice.

I was very unhappy with most of the upper level teaching in AEM.

I'm currently on the coat tail to being a vice president of a global Fortune 250 Engineering/Field Services firm in roughly 10 years.

I think an engineering degree opens a lot of career/professional doors regardless of the path chosen after graduation.

I really enjoyed my major

This major gives me plenty of job opportunities in a field I find interesting.

My older sister was already attending the UA when I enrolled and it is located in my hometown.

I love Civil Engineering.

Job Opportunities/Salary

Would have chosen a different type of engineering, not offered at this university. But hindsight's 20-20.

I have a passion for city infrastructure from roads to water and sewer mains to retaining walls. I enjoy seeing a need and providing a solution to meet that need.

As a civil engineering major, I feel that I can practically and visibly make contributions to society in ways that most others offered at this university cannot, whether because civil engineers
push society forward or because other majors do not push students to really contribute to the world in a positive way.

My parents came here, and I'd been going to football games since I was in 6th grade. UA was the first to accept me too, my second choice was Florida State University which accepted me a few weeks later.

As of now, I know what I want to do with my life

Yes, very dynamic and rewarding field of study.

I enjoy it, and unlike the other fifty percent of the student body I graduated with an extremely lucrative job that I will truly enjoy.

Difficult to say regarding this, perhaps if at a different university. I was not pleased with the Engineering Departments handling of the Chemical Engineering segment. No student sections, No student labs, Classes scattered all over campus.

I loved the challenge of ChBE. I loved it so much that I will be doing it again in graduate school.

It Alabama’s state school and I was definitely not going to Auburn.

It was hard.

I picked chemical engineering because I liked the basic science involved in the discipline. I have not regretted my choice at any point.

Not enough money put into Chemical Engineering. Not enough classrooms and computer labs, specifically for CHE majors, like there are for other Engineering majors.

Got an excellent academic scholarship

Maybe I'd do Electrical Engineering rather than Chemical Engineering? Nah.

Free college is free college. And my home is close by.

Probably would have chosen ECE over CS as it is more related to my work.

I love it. No regrets.

Might have chosen Computer Engineering

I think the field of software engineering is fascinating. I would also be hard-pressed to find a field with the same opportunities as CS.

Monetary issues.

I really like what I'm doing and what I have done for the past 3 years.

I still find it interesting.

My major was definitely a challenge. However, for the most part I believe I would choose it again since I enjoyed the classes that I took.

I can do anything I want with My major. I opened every field to myself and have not been limited.

It's what I was born to do.

Faculty members cared about students

its fun

When choosing schools, UA was the best value for the caliber schools that I was interested in.

Mechanical Engineering was a excellent major with great faculty and facilities

The degree may have been challenging but I feel I learned not only technical material but also about my strengths and weaknesses.

12a: Mechanical engineering as a department was very helpful and there are a lot of research opportunities.

Grew up as a football fan due to family ties.

I saw a rising Engineering and Science program so I decided to go with Alabama. Athletics and the social life had a little to do with it as well

I'm good at it and it pays well plus I enjoy it

I know that Apparel Design is my true calling, and the department at Alabama is so amazing, I loved every bit of it.

Family, Fan, Social Life

Love the school

My brother went here
CTD is the best department ever! Professors are kind, knowledgeable, helpful, and encouraging. I truly feel that they have prepared us for the real world.
I was fortunate enough to be given the Bryant Scholarship, and because of it my education was almost all paid for.
Great school and great ATEP
I enjoy every class I have taken in my major curriculum.
I started there because of this.
The only reason I attended UA is that my spouse works at UA.
It was a close enough drive from home to school, yet still far enough away.
Athletics was the thing that brought me to UA but I enjoyed the academic life more than I thought I would.
I love my major. I have enjoyed learning in my classes, and I can't imagine myself doing anything else.
My career path...
I really enjoy what I'm doing now
I love the major I choose, but it was by pure accident that I found it.
I was awarded a 4 year athletic scholarship for Swimming.
I enjoy food and nutrition and how it works in our bodies.
I was truly able to find my passion in my major.
The only reason I attended UA is that my spouse works at UA.
It was close to home and had a great academic turn around for students who graduated. I was also pleased to know I could work and still attend classes through distant education.
I changed my major while at UA.
My family is so important to me and had a strong influence on my attending UA.
I began as an interior design major, which was a mistake. I don't think I would choose that again, but an HES degree would be a possibility.
I was born here and I grew up loving Alabama. I didn't want the change of scenery that most high school students can't wait for.
It took me a while to find my major, so now that I found it and succeeded in it, I would choose it again.
I would have chosen something a bit more specific.
I have a lot of family members go to bama
I enjoyed the HES field, but I don't know if general study is the best choice for me. It helped me graduate earlier because it offered increased credit acceptance for my military ad CLEP experiences, but I would consider a RHM focus if I had to do it over again.
When I came back to school I changed from Biology to HES General Studies. I did this to complete a degree as fast as possible. More or less to say I have a degree because most people don't end up working in their chosen field.
My older sister attended U.A., which made me want to go to school there.
I have had a few family members here and I knew that this was a good school.
Growing up primarily in Alabama, this college has a very high reputation. I now believe that is a slight misconception due to the athletic department and other outside sponsors. I came here because I wanted to represent my state by attending such an distinguished university, but feel it has not met my expectations nor I theirs.
I would have choose something more specific than general.
I would say probably not simply because I have changed my career interests, not because the major is bad.
Roll Tide!!! You graduate from here and anybody will hire you!!!
I chose this major late and it was a great decision which was helped by an advisor with my personality
I also wanted to major in Nursing, but your Nursing program is too competitive for how good it is. Not worth it to go here, I will go to UAB for that.
I have realized how hard it is to find jobs with this major. I think if I had chosen one that was more applicable to the job market it might have helped me more. Maybe you could add some non profit classes to this major? Those are the classes I am lacking for the knowledge I need for most the jobs I am applying for.
I wanted to attend a university that offered a beautiful campus, good education, homely feel, good football, and a nightlife. UA had all of that for me.

I am pretty much unable to do anything with my major without a Master's degree. I feel that my degree is semi useless, so I would definitely pick something else as a major if I could go back.

I felt that I needed to be close to my family, but UA was always a top choice for schools because of the community, athletics, and academic success.

My whole family has gone to UA and I have grown up loving the school as well as the City of Tuscaloosa. ROLL TIDE!

UA is close to my parents and better than paying out of state. It was overall my first choice and I was excited to attend here.

I love what I do. Granted, you couldn't have told me I would be graduating in this field when I was a freshman but I am very happy with my decision.

I didn't consider any other school, UA was where I had planned to go to college my whole life!

I really wanted to be an architect and UA just doesn't offer that. So I went with interior design. I should have gone with my first passion. I think it would have taken me farther and I think I would have enjoyed it more.

INCREDBLE faculty and college environment. All students have the chance to be successful.

I got the most scholarship here.

I love Hospitality Management and I feel that the program has prepared me well for what is to come after college.

Interior Design was AWFUL! The professors were not good at all.

My major allows me the opportunity to travel and build relationships. I'm not looking to slow down anytime soon. I want to see the world and experience new things.

Many of my Camp Greystone friends from all over the south decided to come to Alabama and I came to visit with them during senior year of high school. I loved it immediately!

I would prefer to have chosen a major more closely related to business and overall knowledge of math.

I love the MDB and wanted to march so I did!

My sisters were attending when I was a freshman.

I love nursing. I enjoy taking care of the sick and nursing them back to health.

Been a nurse for 20 years, can not imagine doing anything else for a living.

The field of study I chose is one of the best in Alabama.

The UA was just around the corner from home.

I had heard nothing but good things about the Capstone College of Nursing.

Not because I don't love nursing and don't want to be a nurse. I am simply fed up with the CCN and would never go back for anything. In fact when I hear younger children say they want to be a nurse I would encourage them to go elsewhere. I am proud to have a degree from The University of Alabama however I could not care less about CCN.

I am a PACT student and UA offered me the most opportunities to have a rich college experience.

Social Work was a great major choice for me, as I was able to connect with a lot of likeminded people, and was able to meet a lot of very interesting professors and social workers through the program. The field placement I did this year helped me to learn more than I have learned in the other 3 and a half years I was at UA.
Question 14: Reason for Attending UA

What is the primary reason you chose to attend UA?

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The following is the list of comments from the “Other” category.

4   Ease
7   Safety School
26  The campus at the time had a positive environment that made me feel welcomed and that I would receive a worthy education and enjoy a decent college learning experience as well as engage in other opportunities that would allow personal growth for my future
48  The campus and amazing opportunities there
57  balanced
67  Pre-Health advisors here were more encouraging
88  CBHP
91  To get away from home
93  Distance
109 Army ROTC Program
123 I got lots of AP credit for going to ASMS
145 Blount Undergraduate Initiative
165 Natural History Museum
167 Everything a major University had but a smaller student body (not anymore)
171 life
205 Beautiful campus and perfect distance from home.
207 It was my choice.
209 My parents were in the middle of a divorce. I thought perhaps if I pursued art at a college closer to my family, it might help to heal wounds. This was an ill-informed decision as it made no difference.
227 Affinity program with a professional organization of which I am a member
228 convenience and reputation
232 both major and scholarship were equally influential upon my decision.
234 Honors College/CBHP/UF
252 I felt like this was where I was supposed to go.
267 life
286 I wanted something different
287 Honors College/University Fellows
290 Most of the above. Minus academic reputation.
309 Scholarship and Blount
311 Childhood dream
339 Tradition
Multitude of reasons
Felt at home on the campus unlike other schools
Million Dollar Band
AFROTC
Combo of all
Faculty Scholar position
GI Bill
Right fit
Always my college choice
online program, easy to transfer credits already receieved
major was available online
I am an employee
Distance Program
Online degree
PACT Program
Online Program
I loved the campus and I wanted to out to an out of state school.
Academics, Atmosphere, Athletics
The beauty of the campus
Always wanted to attend UA
friends/location/football/afrotc
Roll Tide
Education
All
Where I have always wanted to go to college. No question.
Once I visited the campus at 16 I just knew I wanted to come here.
All of the above
My husband's assignment with Mercedes.
Family,Friends,Athletics,Location
Major/Location/Large SEC school/social life
There wasn't one reason, it was all of these.
Million Dollar Band Color Guard
didn't get in UGA...but now I am happy I didn't because I know UA was the right place for me
Far Away
Just picked it and got lucky. Love UA
A combination of location, athletics, and my majors reputation.
Nice campus, and I wanted to attend a school with a large athletic program because at the time I wanted to go into sports broadcasting/journalism
I liked the campus and felt at home
Mix of academics, social and football.
close to home
football & had friends here
All of these. I came from North Carolina, and I just wanted to get away. UA offered so much, it was hard to turn down.
location and financial aid
Environment
Everything
Computer Based Honors
Location, football, academic reputation, love the campus, friends came here
Atmosphere
Campus
All of the above
Where Jesus led me
I have had my heart set on UA since I was a young girl, but the scholarships and major definitely solidified my decision when choosing between other schools.
distance learning opportunity

Spouse employed at UA.

To see if I could make it happen

Beautiful campus

My grandmother worked as a cook for a sorority house and I wanted to graduate from a university that she was never allowed to attend

All of my Child Development courses transferred.

Beautiful Campus

This was the school I have always wanted to attend!

Million Dollar Band

This was the school I have always wanted to attend!

Million Dollar Band

It was my dream.

I've wanted to attend the University for as long as I can remember.

ease of readmission
Question 15: Participation in Clubs and Organizations

Check all of the clubs or organizations that you participated in actively while in graduate school at UA.

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Did you hold an office in any of the above organizations?

The following are the offices and remarks listed by the respondents.

1. I was the Secretary in one organization, the Committee Chair of Career Programs in another, the Director of Minority Luncheons in another, and on the Programming Committee of another.
2. Philanthropy Chair sophomore year
3. Secretary of NAACP
4. Lambda Alpha honor society president
5. Vice President in Lambda Alpha Honor Society
6. Japan Club: event coordinator
10. Blount Vice President for 2 semesters, Mallet Vice President for 3 semesters, RA for 2 years.
14. yes i was vice president of crimson ceramics
18. Yes. Lieutenant Governor of Circle K, President of Circle K, Treasurer of Circle K, President of Crimson Ceramics.
22. Yes, Vice president, Historian, Vice-President of Leadership Development, and Treasurer
25. Vice President in my honor society
26. Held office and committee member in social sorority.
28. Treasurer
35. Vice President of the Pre-dental society
36. President of UA diabetes organization
38. Director of Research, Honors College Assembly: Director of Scholarship, Alpha Phi Sorority
41. Yes, I was Student Government Association Executive Secretary, in my sorority: I was Recruitment chairman, Panhellenic delegate, and Vice President of Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society
42. President- Pre-optometry Society
48. SGA- Director of Academic Integrity and Coordinator of Academic Affairs; Greek Ambassadors- Vice President; Phi Mu- Secretary and Philanthropy Chair; Academic Honor Council - recruitment chair
53 No but I did biofuel research with Dr. Lopez and that was the highlight of my undergrad career.
59 Yes, Golden Key Newsletter editor.
62 Director of Public Relations for my fraternity.
77 Vice President Community Service, Kappa Delta Sorority.
86 Yes- President of Blue Key, President of Alabama Panhellenic Association, Secretary of Alpha Epsilon Delta, Senator in the Student Government Association.
87 I was the treasurer and president of the Chemistry Honor Society. I also served as the treasurer of the residence hall association for Blount.
88 Secretary chemistry honor society Gamma Sigma Epsilon.
90 President of my fraternity. Treasurer of an honor society. Senior Advisor to the President for SGA.
91 Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, inc.:
   Founder
   VP Program Development
   VP Recruitment
   New member Educator
   Assistant new member educator
   Social Chair
96 President
100 Yes, President of Criminal Justice Student Association
109 President (three organizations), Vice President
116 Yes, Secretary
123 Vice President
124 Senior Staff Reporter, the Crimson White
   Chief Marketing Officer, Forza Financial
128 Yes
131 There was no option to choose for The Marr’s Field Journal. Also, I have selected cultural clubs because it was the closest fitting description to Spectrum. I did not hold an office in either organization.
136 I served in various positions in Student Government as well as within Panhellenic.
138 I was a recruitment chair for an honors society
139 President and Secretary of ABXY Gaming Network.
140 I was the assistant prose editor for the Marrs Field Journal.
142 Vice President, Sigma Tau Delta
145 Yes - I was an editor at the student newspaper and Vice President of a group of ambassadors.
146 I was Rituals Chairwoman for Gamma Phi Beta
148 I spent the last year as scribe for the Mallet Assembly
150 Leadership Council of Million Dollar Band
President, Vice pres, Recruitment Chair of Phi Sigma Pi Honor fraternity
   Editor at TheDome.ua.edu
162 Secretary and Vice President of the Civitan Club
170 SGA Homecoming Director for Outreach (2011), SGA Presidential Advisory Board, Bama Hillel VP for Outreach, Bama Hillel Recruitment Chair, Bama Hillel Hospitality chair
172 I was a PR person for some of the language clubs on campus.
177 President, vice president
183 Vice President of Sustained Dialogue, Executive Officer in Alabama Atheists and Agnostics, Officer in the McNair Scholars Program
186 Yes; facility manager in Chi Omega fraternity; student leadership committee in University Christian Ministry
188 Where is ROTC?
190 Office in my Fraternity.
193 I served proudly as both Third Member and Service Chair for the Mallet Assembly.
196 I did not hold an office.
President of the Pre-Law fraternity (P.A.D)  
Social Chair in my Fraternity (only for the first year before exiting)  
Student Leader for Navigators Campus Ministry  
I was the Photo Editor of the Crimson White.  
A director in SGA and lead researcher/research director.  
I was a Student Leader with AI’s Pals Mentoring Program for a few semesters. I also was the Secretary of The Other Club for two years. I was Academic Development Chairman and Member Development Chairman for my sorority.  
Yes, sorority pledge class president and alumni coordinator. New College alumni coordinator and VP of Council. Director of Student-2-Student meal donation program.  
Phanthropy Chair/Environmental Chair for Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority  
Member of Honors and Golden Key but not active due to my location. Honors hours for graduation changed from 30 to 45, so was not able to graduate with honors. A disappointment.  
Secretary for 2 years in the Japan Club and Head of Fundraising/Web Assistant for the Bama SOS Brigade for 1 year.  
I was the president of the Honors College Ambassadors my senior years and secretary junior year, the Chief Justice of the College of Arts and Sciences Academic Honor Council, and the secretary of the University-wide Academic Honor Council  
Grand Scribe, Kappa Sigma  
yes, MDB section leader, Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society officer at large  
Student athlete advisory council, 1x Secretary and Treasurer, 3x Vice President, 4x representative to the Southeastern Conference  
Student government, social sorority, and honor societies (XXI)  
In an Honors Society I was the Initiate Advisor.  
Treasurer-Capstone Music Therapy Association  
Vice President of Membership-Sigma Alpha Iota, International Music Fraternity for Women  
President-UA American String teachers Association Student Chapter  
I was section leader for the alto saxophone section in the Million Dollar Band.  
Baptist Campus Ministry Leadership Team  
President of the Cycling Club  
Alpha Phi Alpha (KA) Historian, Project Leader (EMP)  
I've held secretarial and community service positions in social clubs.  
SGA Homecoming Director for Outreach (2011), SGA Presidential Advisory Board, Bama Hillel VP for Outreach, Bama Hillel Recruitment Chair, Bama Hillel Hospitality chair  
Assistant Director and Director of Sisterhood and Personnel in Chi Omega  
Chief of Staff & Executive Vice President-Student Government Association  
SGA  
President in multiple organizations, and leadership roles in nearly all  
I was the Communications Director and the Student Chairperson of the Blackburn Institute. I was also a SGA Senator and the SGA Attorney General.  
Crew Club Treasurer-2 years  
Vice President Judicial Affairs  
Mallet Assembly: President, Third Member, Minister of Information, Treasurer  
International Relations Club: Treasurer, Communications Director, Outreach Director  
SGA Communication Director, Blackburn office  
Yes I held positions in my Sorority (Alpha Kappa Alpha)  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc- Vice President, Standards and Evaluations Chair, Judicial Board Chair, Corresponding Secretary  
SGA- Director of Student Involvement  
I held no office in College Republicans.  
Secretary of the Student Alumni Association  
I was president amongst other offices of Circle K International (service-leadership organization) and did a lot of volunteer service both on campus and off as a result.  
Vice president of community service in the Student Alumni Association  
President- Psi Chi, President- UA Japan Club, Editor-in-Chief-Marr’s Field Journal, Managing Editor- Marr’s Field Journal, Vice President- Blue Key, Secretary- Psi Chi
President and Vice-President
Member-at-Large
Lambda Sigma Phi - President and many previous positions.
Vice President in a Sorority, Treasurer of the Religious Studies Association
Alpha Delta Epsilon officer
yes.
President of Homegrown Alabama, a student organization which produces a weekly farmers market, and Vice-President of Apwonjo, a student organization seeking greater awareness of African poverty and relief issues.
Secretary
President, Social Chair, Secretary
Yes. Secretary
Yes. Student Leader and Vice President.
SGA Justice, PR Coord for Sorority, Treasurer for Honor Society
I help a few offices in Delta Sigma Pi dealing with Fundraising. I was also an officer in Rho Epsilon.
I held offices in a Business fraternity.
Membership Involvement Chair of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority; Treasurer of Beta Alpha Psi, Accounting honorary (I will serve as president during my next year as a graduate student); Fund Raising Chair of Commerce Associates (now known as Culverhouse Ambassadors)
President
treasurer of a honor society
MDB Leadership
Treasurer of Kappa Sigma
I was unsure where a business fraternity would fall, so I didn't check much. I held the executive VP office for Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity.
Scribe Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity.
Secretary
Vice President of Beta Alpha Psi. Young Life Leader. SaveFirst Campus Fellow.
Treasurer
Was Flight Training Officer (FTO), Mission Support Group Commander (MSG/CC), and Executive Officer (WG/XO) for AFROTC Det. 010 on campus.
Treasurer of Delta Delta Delta, Financial Officer of Delta Sigma Pi
Yes, President of The Alabama Insurance Society, 2010-2012
President, Vice President
Finance Deputy for 2 years in my sorority.
Deputy Assistant to VP of Academic Affairs
Sorority Director of Scholarship and Director of Formal Recruitment
President; Supervisor
Head of judicial standards in fraternity
VP PLSA: Co-captain MTT
Chancellor for Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity
Yes. In the InterFraternity Council, I was the Judicial Vice President.
President of a student organization.
Treasurer of Beta Theta Pi
Vice President, Senator, Deputy Chief of Staff, Director of Programming and Advancement, and Senior Adviser to the President
Vice President, UA Disc Golf Club
Held office in my fraternity
Yes, I was the Volunteer Coordinator in the Carl A. Elliott Honor Society.
WITHIN MY SORORITY (DELTA SIGMA THETA) I WAS THE SOCIAL CHAIR, HISTORIAN, AND RECORDING SECRETARY.
President, Vice President, Committee Chairman, Team Leader
Yes, I was Financial Vice President of my sorority.
Social Chair of fraternity
Big Al for Athletics, PR chair for Fraternity
President, Sigma Chi Fraternity
Fraternity Treasurer, President.
President of my Fraternity
Fraternity
International Students Association
President, VP, Treasurer, Campaign Manager- All of these positions in multiple organizations.
I was Director of Communications in the SGA Office of International Involvement
Social Coordinator
Yes. President of Sorority, Exec position in SGA, President of Honor Society
Vice President with Students in Free Enterprise
Recycling Chairman, Historian
Gamma Phi Beta - Philanthropy Day Chair & Matching Chair
College Republicans - Marketing Director
Co-Chair of UA's Relay for Life
Secretary for Phi Mu
Leadership team at First Baptist Tuscaloosa
Yes, COO of Sales Ambassadors
Most of my extracurricular activities were off campus.
Aid to the SGA VP of External Affairs; Pledge Class President of Social Fraternity; Philanthropy/Projects Chair of Social Fraternity;
Held 7 different offices in Phi Delta Theta, Dir. of PR for SGA, Captain of 3 different on campus marketing teams (Sports Illustrated, CSTV and ESPN), writer for CW
-SIFE-Project Committee Chairman
Judicial board for fraternity
President of Order of Alpha, Vice President JASONs, VP Public Relations IFC, Deputy Chief of Staff to Exec VP SGA
Treasurer
Vice President of Society of Operations Management Students
Yes; CFO for Sales & Marketing Association on the Fall 2011.
President of my Religious Organization
President of The SUPe Store Student Employee Organization
Recording Secretary
Yes, Treasurer of Capstone AdFed
Vice President of Marketing, Alpha phi 2011-2012
President of Ad Team
VWUA 90.7 the capstone, talk show host.
Delta Chi Fraternity Pledge Trainer and Recording Secretary
I was a PR person for some of the language clubs on campus.
President of phi eta sigma
Yes, I was the Vice President of External Affairs in 2010-2011 and the President in 2011-2012 of the Pre-Law Students Association. I was also an ASSCA ambassador for the College of Communication & Information Sciences.
The XXXI - Historian
SAAC- representative
Yes. I was President of one of the organizations.
I was at WVUA-FM, but it is not listed. The University needs to remember that there is a radio station there. AND it NEEDS better student leaders. Someone needs to get OSM to get their act together.
Vice President in a honor society
President, Capstone Association of Black Journalists
Senior female leader, Fellowship of Christian Athletes/Athletes in Action
Co-founder and president of ABXY Student Group
Editor-in-chief of The Crimson White
yes social chair and editor of Kappa Alpha Theta
Vice president in volunteer clubs and cultural clubs.
President of UA Movement
Campus Action Officer, 2012, Alabama Atheists and Agnostics
Vice President, Scholarship Chairman for Lambda Chi Alpha.
President of the CFCM and CLIC (Christ First Campus Ministry) (College Life in Christ).
Yes, news editor of The Crimson White
Manager at The Crimson White, President of my sport club
Vice President of Public Relations
PR Officer with the Agorean.
I was captain of the Million Dollar Band Color Guard from 2009-2011.
Yes, PRSSA President and The Crimson White Account Executive.
Yes; Capstone Men and Women, Recording Secretary and Vice President of Chapter
Relations and Standards for my sorority, Secretary for Mortar Board, student leadership for the
Navigators campus ministry
vice president of public relations
Sorority Offices
Yes, through the sorority
Academic Honor Council
WVUA-FM 90.7 The Capstone- Station Manager (2 years)
Yes, House Manger for 2 years for my Sorority.
Section leader in the MDB. Served as a justice of Academic Honor Council.
I was the assistant Prose editor for the Marr’s Field Journal one year.
I was an Associate Director for the SGA Homecoming Committee in 2010.
Multimedia Editor of the CW
I was the Station Manager for WVUA-FM. Frankly, I’m offended you didn’t add this to the list. Even an other box would have been good.
MultiMedia Production Manager of Digital Media in the Office of Student Media
Treasurer int he bama anime and manga association.
I’m working under the assumption that this is anonymous, so I refuse to answer this question as it would identify me. I do hold an office, though.
Secretary in my sorority
Vice President of Alumni Relations, Student Alumni Association
Worship leader for Chi Alpha Campus Ministries and member of Chi Alpha’s leadership team.
I held positions in my sorority.
Yes, President of a volunteer organization.
Yes I held the CCHS representative for one of my honor societies and scholarship chairman and president of my social sorority.
Alpha Delta Epsilon officer
I was the Undergraduate Vice President of the UA Sport Pedagogy Association.
Secretary-UASPA
Chaplain - Kappa Delta Epsilon (education honors society)
Environmental Chair - Chi Omega
Yes. I was Historian for a semester and social chair for 3 semesters in UA Action Campus Civician Club.
Vice president, Tresurer, Section Leader
Yes. Education Chairman
I was the secretary for Circle K for one year.
Risk Management Officer, 2010-2011 for Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority
Yes
I’ve been Webmaster Secretary of multiple organizations.
AIAA - President
Scholarship Chair and Secretary of my fraternity.
Secretary and Vice President for the student chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)
Historian, Alumni Relations Chairman, and Philanthropy Chairman for the Kappa Alpha Order
Officer in my fraternity and in my student organization
Co-chairman of Freshman Forum, President of Alabama Triathlon Team, National Volunteer Week coordinator.
Yes.
Vice President one year and Secretary another year for a Religious Club.
ASCE Secretary
Vice President or fraternity pledge class; rush chair of fraternity
Secretary and Vice President for the student chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)
Historian, Alumni Relations Chairman, and Philanthropy Chairman for the Kappa Alpha Order
President, Chi Alpha Campus Ministry
Yes, I was treasurer for two years for one of the academic clubs.
Secretary of Engineers Without Borders - UA in Fall 2009
President and Treasurer of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity
Yes, Treasurer
Tau Beta Pi Cataloger
President in religious organization and secretary/publicity chair in professional society
Team captain, UA swim and dive
Fraternity scholarship chair
Fraternity, Herald (Historian), Judicial Board, Scholarship Chairman, Society of Engineers in Medicine - Secretary
Yes, secretary in my fraternity
I was treasurer of Kinocrastinate Productions (filmmaking group) before it died.
President and treasurer of fraternity
Hospitality Leader at Church of the Highlands.
Secretary of the Mallet Assembly
Yes. Vice President and Secretary. Various other offices.
i was in SSA( Saudi Students Association), which is one of the culture organizations.
Treasurer, Alabama Triathletes
yes, dont want to type
President- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Secretary- Society of Women Engineers
Payload Team Leader- Rocket team that competed in NASA competition
Yes - Vice President of Academics for my sorority, Intramural chair for my sorority, co-chair for an academic club organization, SGA senator and director
Yes, team Captain, vice president, treasurer, Liaison.
Yes
President of American Society of Mechanical Engineers
IFC Treasurer, Lambda Chi Alpha Recruitment Chairman, JASON's, Order of Alpha, Pi Tau Sigma, America Society of Mechanical Engineers
Fraternity Vice-President, Treasurer
Treasurer, Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society; Secretary, Pi Tau Sigma mechanical engineering honor society.
Yes, Executive officer in Sigma Chi Fraternity.
scholarship chairman
First Year Council Rep for Lakeside East, and Webmaster for the Environmental Council
Treasurer
Recording Secretary, President, etc
President- Materials Advantage
Vice President- Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society
Vice President- Engineers Without Borders
Intramural Volleyball Team Captain
Multimedia Editor for Changing Tides, Philanthropy Chair for Fashion, Inc.
I have been a Bible study leader with the Navigators.
Yes, President
Student Dietetic Association President 2010-2011
Several office in my sorority and was actively involved in the SGA homecoming committee every year as well as actively involved in the Student Alumni Association.
Yes, VP Communications and PR
Delta Zeta President 2011, Delta Zeta Scholarship Chair 2010
President of RipTide Dancers, VP of External Affairs for Sigma Lambda Beta Int'l Fraternity Inc.
I was President of the Mable Adams Society one year.
President
Not in any of those, but in lots of others.
Crismon Belles and Beaus-President
I was a Section Leader for the Tuba Section in the Million Dollar Band
Mission Team Leader at the BCM
I held numerous offices in my social fraternity/sorority organization. I held several positions over my four years in the organization: president, treasurer, new member educator, and fundraising chair.
Yes, I was publicity coordinator in the Interior Design Student Association.
President of College of Human Environmental Sciences
President of College of Human Environmental Sciences Ambassadors
Chaplain and New member coordinator of Alpha Delta Pi
Vice President of Phi Mu
Yes in Student Alumni Association I was secretary one year and vice president of public relations another year.
President of The American Society of Interior Designers (ASID)- The University of Alabama Student Chapter
Yes, treasurer.
Yes, Webmaster for Golden Key International Honor Society.
I was Alpha Delta Pi's Membership Education Vice President my junior year and The Director of Social Enrichment my senior year. I was also a senator for the College of Human Environmental Science.
Rush Chair in my sorority
In an Honor Society
Recommendations Chairman
Yes, president of Pi Kappa Phi.
I was VP of communications and President of the American Marketing Association. I was also Secretary of my pledge class for Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity.
Yes
Trumpet Section Leader in the Million Dollar Band 2009-2010
Did not participate in any of the above. I was a distance learner.
CCN Ambassador President
AOII VP Recruitment
AOII Panhellenic Delegate
AOII Backyard Bash coordinator
Vice President of Scholarship in a sorority
Director of standards and ethics-executive board of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority
Question 16: Work Status Throughout College

Generally, what was your work status throughout college?

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**Question 17: Plans Following Graduation.**

Indicate the ONE best description of your plans following graduation.

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7  Peace Corps
12  Continuing current job while searching for one related to degree
16  Currently working while looking for a job related to my major
18  Teach For America
22  waiting to hear from acceptance in a graduate program
26  getting a certification
28  Internship
30  Med school 2013
36  Will be working in a job unrelated to my major and going to grad school at UA part time
38  Teach For America
48  Teach for America
55  I have applied to the Rural Medical Scholars Program.
62  Teach For America
105  I am in the military and will continue service
122  I am going into Pre-Vet at Auburn University, and hope to attend vet school there in Fall of 2014.
124  Impact Alabama
131  I am still seeking employment, but I would also love to attend graduate school to receive my MFA in creative writing
133  fuck bitches get money
134  I am trying to get published.
145  I have accepted a job with Teach For America teaching a subject outside my field of study.
159  currently in my same position, looking for a different position
206  Teach For America
216  Paid internship
251  Moving abroad, then medical school
254  internship
259  I have an internship relating to my major
278  I plan to continue my current position full time, and I will be going to graduate school full-time in the next year or two.
291  Internship
I have accepted a job as a mathematics teacher at Montgomery’s Lee High School through Teach For America.

I have an unpaid internship not related to my field of study

Applying to med schools; looking for job

I am moving to a new city that will allow me more opportunities to pursue my career path.

I am staying in my current position until I find employment in my field of study

Going to graduate school at the University of Alabama full time and working full time

Macc at UA then going to work for PricewaterhouseCoopers

I will be going to graduate school full-time (University of North Alabama) and working full-time (ECM Hospital).

work full-time and go to school full-time

Plan to attend Graduate school after taking a year off

I have a job while looking for something in my field of study

LAW SCHOOL

Going on a mission trip, then accepting an extended internship in my field of study, then back to graduate school

working for a year while exploring/applying to graduate programs.

LOL

Mission trip to Nicaragua

graduate school

Pursuing Professional School

Paid internship as a fashion designer

Start a business

All ready working in my field

I am going on staff with the Navigators.

Internship

Looking for jobs, applying to internships, applying to for graduate schools. Waiting to hear back.

Applying for graduate schools/internships. Will find out results in Spring 2012.

Seeking an dietetic internship.

Coordinated program in dietetics

full-time graduate school at UA & work full-time

I am still active duty military for two more years. I will attend graduate school, but I'm not sure which one yet.

I plan on interning not related to my field of study, while looking for a job.

Graduate school at UA working full-time

accepted a part time job and taking more undergraduate courses and plan to attend graduate school next fall

Attending Jefferson State Community College’s Pastry School program

I am currently interviewing for a position in my field of study

I plan to continue working in my field at present job for the next coming months while looking for new employment in the same field in different state. And returning to school within the next year to attain my FNP.

I am attending Graduate School at UA School of Social Work and Working full time in a job related to my field of study
Question 18: Additional Comments

Additional comments: Elaborate on anything covered or not covered in the survey.

4 I have never felt as if the administration cared more about education than they did about turning a profit.
13 I am so grateful for my amazing experience with the art and language department at UA and I feel it has better prepared me for a career in the art world.
25 Overall I am disappointed in the way the school treats its students (at least people who aren't athletes and the top 1%). We are just numbers and money. Once the university takes its time to recruit us (I was recruited for academics), it no longer cares once we are here and they have our money. I had the impression that in spite of Alabama being a state school that it was progressing in quality. All I see it progressing in is enrollment numbers and wealth, while maintaining a backwards, racist, elitist environment run by white Greek organizations and football. In the end I got what I came for (an education), but I feel that my time probably could have been better served elsewhere. Will likely never come back to visit.
28 The University of Alabama has a beautiful campus and I loved my time there with friends despite the academic set-backs. I will always love Alabama Football.
35 I was not pleased with my advisor. He did not advise me properly and I ended up having to take 18 hours my last two semester to graduate on time even though I took summer classes every summer.
44 We need to re-evaluate the curriculum for pre-med students. They need to have their own advisors targeted specifically for easing undergraduates' paths into medical school and after their acceptance. We need to require more interactive learning (courses located in DCH or School of Medicine), so students feel prepared when entering a medical setting. Auburn pre-med students are much more prepared for the MCAT and medical school than students I have talked to from UA (I am currently doing the actual research on this idea). We need to model our curriculum after the Capstone College of Nursing in which every course is planned for each year of nursing school.
52 Parking is terrible.
57 Greek life is too central to the UA experience. Stop allowing them to build their houses so close to the classrooms. Consider parking and academic expansion first. Consider banning 1st semester rush for freshman. They are naive and this will give them more time to become attached to the university before they are sucked into greek life.
67 I think Dr. Ramonell is one of my favorite biology professors. Every class I had with her was excellent. Dr. Duffy was also another professor I much enjoyed. I wish I could have taken more classes with her.
75 UA is a prestigious college and I plan on returning in one year to complete my master's degree for Speech-Language Pathology!!
99 I plan to take a few more undergraduate courses with the possibility of obtaining a 2nd bachelors degree in a field that is closely related to Criminal Justice.
112 RTR!!!
133 This university needs to step up its game and make a statement against the traditionally racist history that defines it, or else the University of Alabama will never excel in the academic realm to its full potential! There were multiple race-related incidents during my tenure here, all of which were handled poorly by the administration.
146 Alabama is a great school. I am so proud of the way I grew while in school, and I'm proud of the way UA has grown over the years. Alabama is certainly on its way to being a well respected academic school.
149 The last field on question #1: what exactly does it mean to “appreciate racial equality?” If the question means, Did UA as a University intentionally play a role in helping me value racial equality, then my answer is maybe, if I were being forgiving. Not once did I ever feel that UA went out of its way to show me the value of ethnic diversity (UA's racially-balanced marketing tools don't count). If the question means, Did UA as a University demonstrate that it values racial equality, then my answer is no. By dividing on-campus housing by cost, UA socially divided me and my peers
on economic lines (and, because of the connections between race and economics, racial lines as well). As a resident of the Honors dorms, which promote very little social interaction as it is, I had very little structural interaction with someone of a different racial or ethnic background than me. Additionally, UA required no class or program on diversity during my four years of school, even amidst an increasingly racially tense campus fraught with incidents of racism, not to mention the administrative response to such problems was either ignoring the problem or failing to address its students (or even faculty) as if they were adults. But if you mean, Did you learn to value racial equality during your time spent at UA, then the answer is a clear yes: thanks to my professors and fellow students (and even my student newspaper), I learned that valuing racial equality means something beyond just putting racial diverse groups of people in the same place--it means taking clear steps to promote diversity and justice, and being clear about what encourages social harmony and what does not. I learned from my intellectual community at UA (see previous answer) that dedication to racial equality is something not shown in UA's responses to issues of race on our campus. I realize that my long discussion about this topic may seem irrelevant to this survey, which seems more intended to weigh my experience with department, advising, professors, etc. I would respond by pointing out that in #16, I checked that I have accepted a job not related to my field of study, and I hardly think I'm the only graduating senior to do so. If this is the case, that time spent at a university has less to do with field-specific career preparation and more about general education for the next stage of life, then it becomes "critical" for a place as large, successful, and powerful as UA to recognize its responsibility to educate its largely culturally homogeneous student body in things that are not necessarily career-tangible, and racial equality (not simply diversity, which often gets stamped onto things that are not very equal or engaging) should be near the top of that list for a school in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. I hope this response won't be ignored, as I'm speaking not just with my voice but with the knowledge that I'm not alone in feeling this way. Also, I couldn't care less about being anonymous, and I'll say and discuss any of this with anyone interested in listening. Find me at ceizor@crimson.ua.edu

164 ROTC Cadet for all 4 Years at UA
171 There should be more for students who work 30-40 hour weeks as well as attend school full time. Also, the prayer at graduation seemed an insult to those people who are not of the christian faith and against the idea of diversity of cultural acceptance we seem to be trying to create at this fine institution. All in all it was a great time.
178 Stop thinking that ropes or straps are going to hurt the trees on the quad. UA cuts trees down every chance they get. Also, hammocks and slack lines don't do near the damage that home game tailgating does to the whole ecosystem within the quad. Think about this or hire someone to think about it for you. Make campus more bike friendly. Also, you are driving away business from the Strip. Quit being money hungry. Want more money-stop paying Nick Saban 4 million dollars. He's a football coach, not president nor anything intellectually important. Thanks for the time. It was fun.
190 The Arts and Science department was extremly helpful in assistance towards graduating. Especially Tim Dillard.
195 Roll Tide!
198 A more inclusive community would be very beneficial for UA. As the university continues to seek a portion of their student body from other parts of the country, UA has to remember that there are different, more equal political views outside the Southeast.
204 The Sanford Media Center is a really outstanding resource. They made a huge difference in my college career, and everyone there is great. Also, the Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility contributed a lot of practical knowledge to my college experience and best prepared me to be a good citizen after graduation.
206 This school really needs to be more proactive in dealing with the racism, sexism and homophobia that pervades this campus instead of just sweeping it under the rug. Your minority graduates will not soon forget the lack of support and home they found here.
207 Thank You to the University of Alabama for everything. I have enjoyed it here. Where I will go in the future, only time shall tell. I'm walking by Faith. ROLL TIDE!!
214 The Mallet Assembly and New College are the only good things UA has going for it.
Dr. Jim Hall was an invaluable asset to my advising process. Also, I sought counseling at the counseling center and was very disappointed. I think UA needs to dedicate more.

I have accepted an internship (not full-time job).

I am a non-traditional student. I dropped out of college in 1971 and returned to finish in 2006.

I would suggest asking for a student profile at the beginning of these surveys. Then, when someone like me (New College) checks that box, the survey will adjust its questions accordingly. Then, data provided will more accurately reflect each student's personal experience.

When UA expands in the next few years, hopefully whoever reads this will pass on the need to expand the curriculum as well. SPORT and EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY is a future major in grad school that is young, exciting, and will fill up class rooms.

Though the University is great too much attention is placed on Greek life and athletics. I wish more attention was paid towards student needs as well as faculty issues.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at UA. If I could do it over again, I might do things differently, but I am happy that I came here and was able to grow as a person and have so many wonderful experiences. Roll Tide!

I loved my time at the University of Alabama and will treasure the people I encountered and the moments I experienced forever. Roll tide!

I think a reworking of the music curriculum (both performance and education) should be seriously considered. I enjoyed the majority of my classes, but it's very difficult to finish in four years. A colleague of mine who is a National Merit Scholar entered college with 28 earned credit hours and has needed all 8 semesters to finish the Jazz Studies degree. Compared to other majors, this is an outrage.

General Business: 120 credit hours
Education (NOT Music Ed): 122-125 credit hours
Biology: 120 credit hours
Aerospace Engineering: 126 credit hours
Jazz Studies: 145 credit hours
Convocation and Recitals: 0 credits (!!)
Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz combos, Jazz Piano and Theory (I & II), Improvisation (I & II), Class Piano (I-IV): 1 credit hour each.

I'm not advocating a CHANGE in the curriculum because I enjoyed nearly all of my classes. But that is the only solution if the University continues to push their “Finish in Four” campaign.

To further reiterate:
Business degree: 120/8 = 15 hours per semester
Jazz Studies: 145/8 = 18.125 hours per semester
Currently, the maximum number of hours allowed without incurring extra charge is 16.
Ergo, there are only 2 ways for a Jazz Studies major to finish a degree: take more than 4 years or be forced to pay more per semester than other majors.

I wouldn't want to eliminate any of the required music courses I had to take to complete my degree. However, it is a 145 hour degree, and to graduate in 4 years required that I often take well above the 16 hour overload limit. It is ridiculous to charge students extra on top of already rising tuition costs just because they are trying to complete what is required of them. Stop targeting high-hour degree programs like music and engineering with these extra costs. Students should be rewarded for completing their degrees on time rather than penalized.

Make this school match the ads say. Work on compassion and a better attitude toward others who may not hold the same views as yourself (especially religious views). There were many times I was personally attacked by the Atheists and Agnostics of America because of my convictions, and they were attacked by others as well. Freedom to express one’s beliefs without persecution is still a freedom we Americans hold.

The numbering on the “please explain your reasoning” questions is wrong!

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the American Studies courses are amazing, but there should be a greater offering of Queer Studies.

The football team can suck my left nut.

I don't plan to give money to the school until more serious efforts at integrating sororities and fraternities are considered. I believe this is a common belief among my peers.

Referring to #16- I am joining the 2012 Teach for America Corp in Charlotte, NC teaching Middle School Math.

I am an Accounting and the services offered by my so called advisor Sandy were horrendous. When she was in her office, three days of the week for three hours, she was extremely busy. I understand everyone has that they may be going through, but if you can't do your job 100%, then don't do it all. Sandy has given me so much incorrect information these past two years. I think there needs to be more than one Accounting advisor or at least one full time one. The other advisors in Bidgood 10 do not like to even advise us because their unclear on certain things. They have actually been more beneficial than Sandy has.

Again, advising would be my biggest complaint. Only having one advisor in the accounting field was not a great experience. It was very hard to get in touch with her. She has so many personal problems and was not there enough to meet with her.

I graduated in three years, that is why I have “did not work” for my senior year. Also, the numbering on the survey is not correct. (Comment boxes have the wrong number).

I couldn't have been happier with my decision to go into the accounting and was very pleased with the assistance I received in finding a job. I will attend grad school here next year and have already accepted a full time job offer for Fall 2013.

Accepted full time job for post graduate school.

AFROTC prepared me to go to USAF Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT).

Great school! loved it here!

Nobody knows of the domination that took place here except a special few.

Overall the faculty and staff in the CBA are good, with a few excellent stand-outs (Dr. Chad Hilton, Dr. Joe Calamusa, Dr. Chapman Greer, Dr. Helenka Nolan, and Dr. Douglas Cook) that I actually took classes from. Ben Woodruff was an excellent GTA, and the only one at that. I don't believe mentorship is highly regarded as it should be to shape and mold not only GTA's, but also undergrads. I asked a tenured faculty member about membership, and he replied, “Well, we try and focus things like that for the MBA students.” I felt very let down by UA at that point. Overall though I am happy with my experience at UA and am a member of the alumni club.

I have always loved UA, and am glad I went there for many reasons. Sadly, one of these reasons is not academics. I have found that even with a very high GPA, I, along with many classmates, have had very little luck finding jobs. Also, may required classes should be strictly optional. I find it very disappointing how many hours I wasted on classes that taught me nothing more than how to do the bare minimum for a good grade. Fortunately, I had at least a few major classes that made me want to learn the material for a good grade, but this does not make up for lost time. Overall, I had a great time in Tuscaloosa, but I wish I could have learned ideas that would put me on the same level, or even give me an advantage against my competition.

I think it would be extremely beneficial if students in the College of Business had a professor as their personal adviser, just as students do in other colleges. Having a non-academic staff to handle “advising” may help for selecting courses, but they weren't really helpful for career development. I felt like the career center just tried to draw in prospective employers using the University of Alabama name and reputation, but made no effort to help students network and make connections on a personal level.

My experience at the University of Alabama was not only the most useful, but worthwhile experience of my life, thus far.

This survey is geared towards students who physically attended the University. I completed my degree online so the majority of these questions did not apply. I loved my experience and am happy to say that I graduated from the University of Alabama!

I loved my experience at UA, but I have a really good GPA, and I wish that would have opened up more doors for me career wise or at least prompted UA to give me a ton of money. But it is what it is.
I would like to recognize 3 faculty members that have been a special part of my education at UA. Mr. Rob Dixon was my first instructor at UA. He always required us to watch the news daily and present current events each class. This caused me to start watching the news and I still do. Years later, when I was a senior and randomly saw him around campus, he spoke to me and remembered my name. This really meant a lot to me. I truly felt like he cared.

Ms. Jeannie Thomley went above and beyond to help me with any questions that I had about completing my graduation requirements for my Biology degree. She was always eager to help and never seemed annoyed that I called and e-mailed her so much. She also offered very helpful suggestions to me. I will be forever grateful.

Dr. David Heggem was my advisor while I was in the Health Care Management program. He never discouraged me and always encouraged me. He was there for me every step of the way; and he went above and beyond to help me. He always gave me his honest opinion and I felt like he truly cared about my academic success.

The school's becoming too large, and the students are suffering for it. It's crowded. 300-student lectures are stupid. And I'm honestly disgusted that such a great university is catering to strongly to the greek population. They tear down UA, run their mouths about everything the school does, perform poorly, take too long to graduate, screw over classmates they're in teams with, and reflect poorly on the rest of us. I've been lumped in as greek a hundred times by people not attending UA just because I go here.

They tear down what is otherwise a world-class educational institution.

It was a great 4 years! I wish the internship program was better in the business school. Most colleged require an internship and I feel that would help students find a job after college because work experience is so beneficial in the job hunt. David Ford and Dr. Drenovich were the most beneficial teachers to my education.

MIS ended up being a major that I am extremely proud of and the University of Alabama is a school that I am extremely proud of. MIS prepared me better than 90% of the people I interviewed against and helped me land my dream job.

Seriously, axe general business courses for non general business kids, or revamp them so they are relevant.

I have really loved and valued the diversity of experiences and knowledge at UA. I personally had more a problem with culture of the south but this is something that is much harder to change. Keep up the good work Bama. Roll Tide.

While I am working in the fall I will be taking LSAT courses and plan to attend law school in the fall of 2013.

Roll Tide!!

The Career Center in Ferguson offered some great services for undergraduate students, particularly with regard to the on-campus job interview process (I interviewed with Target on multiple occasions and got a great job offer). The General Business Career Fair was a great opportunity to meet with potential employers, however the university should continue to actively court better companies to recruit on campus. Growth in student enrollment has been great under former President Witt, tuition increases and the cost/availability of parking passes have not. Saban rocks...Roll Tide!

Decent experience; Terrible advising- I cannot stress that enough. Terrible.

I really enjoyed my time here at UA and there is nothing more for me to say.

A sad actualization is that my survey will have absolutely no impact on how Alabama’s education system changes. Every change on campus is fueled by the desire to make money, not advance the education for students, anyone on this planet who thinks otherwise is greatly mistaken.

You are welcome for the money I gave you.

There needs to be more preparation for entrance into the workforce as well.

The University spends a lot of money to keep the buildings and everything beautiful from the outside. However, the quality of classrooms is often times very bad. A lot of rooms are without daylight, quality of desks is bad, light is bad, wall paintings and floors are old and stained... I think it is important to create a healthy environment for students to study!
I wish that averages would round up when it came time for cum laude, etc. It is beyond frustrating when I have worked very hard my whole four years and am .1 away graduating with honors.

Thanks for the best experience possible during the best years of my life!

My UA education did not do much to encourage racial equality. The students that I met contributed to these lessons, but I think UA needs to improve in this area.

I would like to see more from the president's office regarding the race issues on campus.

Roll Tide

Advising and graduation ceremony preparations are a weakness of the College of Communication and Information Sciences. Students and graduates could benefit from these improvements.

UA needs to help its graduates find jobs. I know it's a tough market, but the career center is worthless.

Alabama is a very strong academic institution that doesn't always get the respect it deserves and I believe that a more selective admissions process would contribute to improving its reputation.

There is a lot wrong with this University. If these surveys are listened to, then maybe some changes can be made, but if my experience is indicative of the University, few-if any-people will care about what I think, and fewer will do anything about it. I have been sorely disappointed by the University of Alabama.

My time at UA has been invaluable. My one qualm is I felt a real distance from the administration during my time here. Any response to a campus issue from the administration was overly formalized and more concerned in political ramifications than genuine student outreach. That said, the professors, extracurricular opportunities, classes, friends, policies, etc., all combined to make my time here amazing. I will recommend this University as an option for others for the rest of my life.

I think the University of Alabama is an institution very rich in tradition. I think the barriers and hatred between Greek and Non-Greek students need to be broken down significantly. Also, read my above comments about the dorms! Make more Paty/Tutwilier/Byrd style dorms!!!!!!!!! Trust me, it will do better for students' ability to relate well with people!

The University of Alabama is fine. Nothing more, nothing less.

You should have double checked this questionnaire before you sent it out to all the graduates.

I think this University would be a great place to attend if more money and emphasis were put into academics instead of athletics.

For the opportunity to be a part of a great university

I want to work full time and go to graduate school starting next Spring...

Leadership and many of the upper level instructors in my department (AEM) were poor.

It seemed there was no reason for certain courses in regards to my major. Almost as if a course was tossed in there just to add hours. And this one specific course was extremely hard and held my graduation date off and was not even in my department and had absolutely nothing to do with my current job. It's frustrating.

Admission standards need to be re-evaluated and raised. I know UA wants the tuition money, but the idiots need to be circulated out.

Question: Do you love The University of Alabama? Answer: Yes.

It is ridiculous the amount of surveys I've been asked to fill out. I've answered similar questions on almost every single one, someone needs to network a little better instead of burdening the students as they're preparing for exams and the next step in their lives with all of these. I understand the need for feedback, but 1 or 2 surveys with concise questions would be better than 6 or 7 that repeat the same questions.

My main complaint is that my classroom experience was not very great overall (see other comments), but I think I might the right choice overall coming here and I might recommend it to others depending on their situation. Something I didn't say in the survey is that I've had a great time here personally and have really enjoyed these four years of my life. Roll tide!

Thank you for a wonderful four years!
I have no complaints about my major. Sadly, campus life is what needs improvement. Greek life and housing all need to be revamped. Why not try to diversify housing? Try not to make Tutwiler the “Greek” dorm. By sepearting the student population the University creates divides that last well into the student's college career.

The biggest complaint I have about UA is the Crimson Ride service. For a school trying to go to a pedestrian campus, the bus system is terrible. I have completely stopped using it because it is faster for me to walk a mile to class than to wait on a bus. I park in the SE Commuter lots. Usually, I have to wait about 20 minutes for a bus, and when it comes, it is so full you can't even get on. Also, when the drivers swap out (which seems way too often), they stand around, chat, and show no sense of urgency to get a bus load of students where they need to go.

Appreciate racial equality? What in the world does that have to do with anything? Tell that to GE when they came to campus and told the engineers they were only here to hire blacks.

The fashion design program is a joke. Nothing about it prepares students for the “real” fashion industry EXCEPT courses taught by Dr. Koontz and Mr. Taylor. We finally received an adequate lab with REAL (industrial) equipment but no one was allowed to use it! Much tuition and time WASTED.

Dr. Amanda Thompson was excellent. Helped me out with my classes when I was returning to school after a long break. She is absolutely awesome and cares deeply about her students.

As a distance learning student, it was extremely upsetting to not have access to football tickets the two years they went to the National Championship. I pay tuition just like everybody else and yet it wasn't even an option because I am a distance learner. The fact that I'm in the military doesn't afford me the opportunity to attend classes on campus and my taking classes distance learning was not a choice but a requirement. There should be exceptions to this rule for military students taking classes distance learning.

I love it here and never want to leave. Everyone is amazing and so helpful. I could not imagine myself anywhere besides here. Roll Tide!

I am pleased to say that I have a degree from UAbecause of its reputation, but I wish I would have stayed at my original university.

The one thing that I wish I had learned more about is preparing for the future. I didn’t take the GRE & MAT until this past Fall for grad. school. I wish that I had been taught and prepared to take these tests earlier on (such as last spring or last summer) so I could have had more opportunities to retake the tests and think about where I want to be/what I want to do after college.

Overall, in the time that I have spent at the University it has become a much more frustrating experience. You have made it almost impossible to stop by the Ferg to run in and do business. The number of temporary parking places has been reduced while the number of students have increased. It is expensive to park in the deck. I am honestly offended that my tuition is so high, and I have to pay or risk a ticket to run into the Ferg and be a paying consumer at one of the University's vendors or to take care of business at the student services building. In my last year at the University, I did not eat once on campus or stop by the supe store because of the sheer inconvenience of it. Also it was distressing that my tuition has constantly been raised. Students are being priced out of an education. The most common reason I have seen given in the media is a reduction in funding from the state. So who made the rule that the University of Alabama doesn't have to do with less in a down economy? I see all kinds of construction on campus, there are Mac computer stations in the Ferg, and in the bathrooms in the Ferg are fancy Dyson hand driers that are ineffective and just pathetic. How about backing off on some of the University's excesses and work on keeping tuition as affordable as possible for a while. Although on the whole I will admit that all subsequent tuition increases have made me considerably less angry than the first one I was subject to. In my first time at the University in the late 1990s tuition was raised to pay for a stadium expansion. Had it not been for my family's desire for a first college grauduae and it's love of UA I would have likely left.

I continue to run my travel agency and eventually want to open a restaurant.

I also wanted to add that Mr. Alvin Niuh was a huge part of my success as well. I loved him!
I love UA and I had the best time while I was at the Capstone. The University of Alabama changed my life in the best way possible. I met my life long friends here and developed into the person that I am proud to be today. Roll Tide!

Don't get me wrong I love Alabama with all my heart and never would have gone anywhere else. I just think some serious changes need to be made in nursing. It's such a small college and they tell us how great and caring they will be and how they want to see us succeed and quite honestly I and I think many of my classmates felt lied to. We have a beautiful new building and top of the line resources to make us good at what we do and for the most part we are. However I don't see why they make such a big deal out of the special interest they are going to take in us when this is clearly not true.

I think the numbering on this survey when explaining is off by one number.

All in All, I enjoyed UA very much and do not have any regrets about being a student here. Even though there were many things I didn't like, it is like any other time in one's life, when you have to learn to accept the good with the bad and learn as much as you can. I am glad to be getting my degree, and I am ready to move into the next step of my life. Y'all really need to get the numbering on this survey straight. The narrative boxes consistently reference the question above while using the number for the question below. Very confusing.