

**The University of Alabama**  
**College of Human Environmental Sciences**  
**Alumni Survey Results**

**Section I: Degree and Major**

1. Please indicate the degree(s) you earned in Human Environmental Sciences at The University of Alabama and your major (program) by darkening the appropriate circles below.

**Bachelor's Degree (BS/BA)**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Apparel Design	6	3.1
Athletic Training	7	3.6
Consumer Sciences	23	12.0
Early Child Development	16	8.3
Fashion Retailing	25	13.0
Food and Nutrition	3	1.6
Food and Nutrition (CPD)	17	8.9
General Studies HES	6	3.1
Health Studies	2	1.0
HDFS	31	16.1
Interior Design	39	20.3
Restaurant & Hospitality Management	17	8.9
Total	192	100.0

**Master's Degree**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Apparel Design	0	0
Athletic Training	0	0
Consumer Sciences	2	28.6
Early Child Development	1	14.3
Fashion Retailing	0	0
Food and Nutrition	1	14.3
Food and Nutrition (CPD)	1	14.3
General Studies HES	0	0
Health Studies	0	0
HDFS	1	14.3
Interior Design	1	14.3
Restaurant & Hospitality Management	0	0
Total	7	100.0

2. Please indicate any degrees and/or additional education you have received beyond your work in the College of Human Environmental Sciences at The University of Alabama.

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Bachelor's	30	49.2
Master's	14	23.0
Other	16	26.2
Doctorate	1	1.6
Total	61	100.0

### Section II: Employment

3. How soon after you began your job search did you become employed?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Within 3 months	128	66.0
Within 4-6 months	27	13.9
Within 7 months-1 year	12	6.2
Over 1 year	7	3.6
Not applicable	20	10.3
Total	194	100.0

4. Are you currently employed?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Yes, full-time	154	79.0
Yes, part-time	11	5.6
No, but I am seeking employment	11	5.6
No, and I am not seeking employment	19	9.7
Total	195	100.0

## 5. How would you classify your employment?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Community Service	4	2.4
Convention manager	1	0.6
Day Care	6	3.6
Education K-12	5	3.0
Elder Care	2	1.2
Financial Institution	15	9.0
Extension Service	1	0.6
Financial Planning	8	4.8
Government Agency	3	1.8
Health Related	12	7.2
Other	33	19.8
Hospital	11	6.6
Hotel Management	2	1.2
ID-nonresidential	14	8.4
ID-residential	11	6.6
Industrial Firm	1	0.6
Restaurant Management	2	1.2
Retail Business	16	9.6
Sales	11	6.6
Self-employed	6	3.6
Textile and Apparel Man	1	0.6
Utility Company	2	1.2
Total	195	100.0

6. How helpful has your major/specialization in the College of Human Environmental Sciences been in preparing you for the specific duties of your first job?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Very helpful	100	59.2
Somewhat helpful	50	29.6
Slightly helpful	16	9.5
Not helpful at all	3	1.8
Total	167	100.0

7. If you are not employed, which of the following describes what you are doing?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Parenting children	7	10.1
Elder Care	0	0
Continuing my education	12	17.4
Homemaking	2	2.9
Active volunteer	0	0
Other	2	2.9
Not Applicable	45	65.2
8	1	1.4
Total	69	100.0

### Section III: Employment

8. Please indicate the degree to which your program (major) prepared you with the knowledge or skills listed below. Blacken the appropriate circle with '1' representing NOT PREPARED and '5' representing WELL PREPARED.

NOT PREPARED ----- WELL PREPARED  
 1            2            3            4            5

Knowledge/Skills	PREPARED IN PROGRAM	
	Frequency	Valid Percent
<b>Organizing</b>		
Not prepared	0	0
Somewhat not prepared	3	1.5
Neutral	35	17.9
Somewhat well prepared	66	33.8
Well prepared	91	46.7
Total	195	100.0
<b>Planning</b>		
Not Prepared	0	0
Somewhat not prepared	1	0.5
Neutral	37	19.0
Somewhat well prepared	65	33.3
Well prepared	92	47.2
Total	195	100.0
<b>Managing</b>		
Not prepared	5	2.7
Somewhat not prepared	15	8.0
Neutral	54	28.7
Somewhat well prepared	65	34.6
Well prepared	49	26.1
Total	188	100.0

Critical decision making	Frequency	Valid Percent
Not prepared	1	0.5
Somewhat not prepared	13	6.7
Neutral	51	26.4
Somewhat well prepared	71	36.8
Well prepared	57	29.5
Total	193	100.0
Education		
Not prepared	1	0.5
Somewhat not prepared	6	3.1
Neutral	24	12.5
Somewhat well prepared	83	43.2
Well prepared	78	40.6
Total	192	100.0
Evaluating programs		
Not prepared	3	1.6
Somewhat not prepared	14	7.4
Neutral	68	35.8
Somewhat well prepared	67	35.3
Well prepared	38	20.0
Total	190	100.0
Meeting needs of target audience		
Not prepared	4	2.1
Somewhat not prepared	11	5.7
Neutral	44	22.9
Somewhat well prepared	68	35.4
Well prepared	65	33.9
Total	192	100.0

Interpersonal communication	Frequency	Valid Percent
Not prepared	3	1.6
Somewhat not prepared	7	3.6
Neutral	39	20.2
Somewhat well prepared	78	40.4
Well prepared	66	34.2
Total	193	100.0
Persuading/motivating		
Not prepared	5	2.6
Somewhat not prepared	27	13.8
Neutral	62	31.8
Somewhat well prepared	55	28.2
Well prepared	46	23.6
Total	195	100.0
Written communication		
Not prepared	2	1.0
Somewhat not prepared	13	6.8
Neutral	49	25.5
Somewhat well prepared	55	28.6
Well prepared	73	38.0
Total	192	100.0
Personal/career development		
Not prepared	4	2.1
Somewhat not prepared	14	7.3
Neutral	41	21.4
Somewhat well prepared	75	39.1
Well prepared	58	30.2
Total	192	100.0

Computing	Frequency	Valid Percent
Not prepared	7	3.6
Somewhat not prepared	17	8.8
Neutral	39	20.1
Somewhat well prepared	69	35.6
Well prepared	62	32.0
Total	194	100.0
Oral presentation		
Not prepared	6	3.1
Somewhat not prepared	16	8.3
Neutral	55	28.5
Somewhat well prepared	68	35.2
Well prepared	48	24.9
Total	193	100.0
Personal Management		
Not prepared	1	0.5
Somewhat not prepared	6	3.1
Neutral	51	26.7
Somewhat well prepared	73	38.2
Well prepared	60	31.4
Total	191	100.0
Ethical professional practice		
Not prepared	2	1.0
Somewhat not prepared	8	4.1
Neutral	26	13.5
Somewhat well prepared	64	33.2
Well prepared	93	48.2
Total	193	100.0



Public policy development or implementation	Frequency	Valid Percent
Not prepared	13	6.8
Somewhat not prepared	30	15.6
Neutral	58	30.2
Somewhat well prepared	62	32.3
Well prepared	29	15.1
Total	192	100.0
Building collaborations/ partnerships at work		
Not prepared	8	4.2
Somewhat not prepared	15	7.8
Neutral	56	29.2
Somewhat well prepared	57	29.7
Well prepared	56	29.2
Total	192	100.0
Appreciation of lifelong education		
Not prepared	5	2.6
Somewhat not prepared	4	2.1
Neutral	34	18.0
Somewhat well prepared	53	28.0
Well prepared	93	49.2
Total	189	100.0
Human systems theory/life course development		
Not prepared	15	7.9
Somewhat not prepared	19	10.0
Neutral	50	26.3
Somewhat well prepared	49	25.8
Well prepared	57	30.0
Total	190	100.0

Valuing society diversity/ cultural differences	Frequency	Valid Percent
Not prepared	8	4.2
Somewhat not prepared	14	7.3
Neutral	39	20.3
Somewhat well prepared	50	26.0
Well prepared	81	42.2
Total	192	100.0
Leadership skills		
Not prepared	4	2.1
Somewhat not prepared	18	9.3
Neutral	44	22.7
Somewhat well prepared	67	34.5
Well prepared	61	31.4
Total	194	100.0

Question 8 continued: Please indicate the degree to which your program (major) prepared you with the knowledge or skills listed below. Indicate the degree to which you need these skills in your present position. Blacken the appropriate circle with '1' representing NOT NEEDED and '5' representing GREATLY NEEDED.

NOT NEEDED ----- GREATLY NEEDED  
1            2            3            4            5

	NEEDED IN PRESENT POSITION	
	Frequency	Valid Percent
Organizing		
Not needed	0	0
Little need	0	0
Somewhat needed	8	4.6
Needed	27	15.6
Greatly needed	138	79.8
Total	173	100.0

Planning	Frequency	Valid Percent
Not needed	0	0
Little need	1	0.6
Somewhat needed	12	7.0
Needed	33	19.3
Greatly needed	125	73.1
Total	171	100.0
Managing		
Not needed	4	2.3
Little need	6	3.4
Somewhat needed	30	17.2
Needed	41	23.6
Greatly needed	93	53.4
Total	174	100.0
Critical decision making		
Not needed	0	0
Little need	5	3.0
Somewhat needed	25	14.8
Needed	46	27.2
Greatly needed	93	55.0
Total	169	100.0
Education		
Not needed	5	3.0
Little need	2	1.2
Somewhat needed	18	10.7
Needed	53	31.4
Greatly needed	91	53.8
Total	169	100.0

Evaluating programs	Frequency	Valid Percent
Not needed	7	4.1
Little need	14	8.2
Somewhat needed	50	29.4
Needed	48	28.2
Greatly needed	51	30.0
Total	170	100.0
Meeting needs of target audience		
Not needed	7	4.1
Little need	5	2.9
Somewhat needed	23	13.4
Needed	44	25.6
Greatly needed	93	54.1
Total	172	100.0
Interpersonal communication		
Not needed	0	0
Little need	3	1.8
Somewhat needed	12	7.0
Needed	31	18.1
Greatly needed	125	73.1
Total	171	100.0
Persuading/motivating		
Not needed	3	1.7
Little need	8	4.7
Somewhat needed	19	11.0
Needed	50	29.1
Greatly needed	92	53.5
Total	172	100.0

Written communication	Frequency	Valid Percent
Not needed	2	1.2
Little need	10	5.8
Somewhat needed	25	14.5
Needed	47	27.3
Greatly needed	88	51.2
Total		
Personal/career development		
Not needed	7	4.0
Little need	7	4.0
Somewhat needed	30	17.3
Needed	59	34.1
Greatly needed	70	40.5
Total	173	100.0
Computing		
Not needed	7	4.1
Little need	10	5.8
Somewhat needed	30	17.4
Needed	48	27.9
Greatly needed	77	44.8
Total	172	100.0
Oral presentation		
Not needed	5	2.9
Little need	20	11.6
Somewhat needed	20	11.6
Needed	50	29.1
Greatly needed	77	44.8
Total	172	100.0

Personal Management	Frequency	Valid Percent
Not needed	0	0
Little need	8	4.7
Somewhat needed	18	10.7
Needed	47	27.8
Greatly needed	96	56.8
Total	169	100.0
Ethical professional practice		
Not needed	2	1.2
Little need	2	1.2
Somewhat needed	11	6.5
Needed	35	20.7
Greatly needed	119	70.4
Total	169	100.0
Public policy development or implementation		
Not needed	15	8.8
Little need	24	14.0
Somewhat needed	46	26.9
Needed	47	27.5
Greatly needed	39	22.8
Total	171	100.0
Building collaborations/ partnerships at work		
Not needed	2	1.2
Little need	5	2.9
Somewhat needed	21	12.3
Needed	45	26.3
Greatly needed	98	57.3
Total	171	100.0

Appreciation of lifelong education	Frequency	Valid Percent
Not needed	6	3.6
Little need	10	5.9
Somewhat needed	26	15.4
Needed	46	27.2
Greatly needed	81	47.9
Total	169	100.0
Human systems theory/life course development		
Not needed	18	10.6
Little need	29	17.1
Somewhat needed	44	25.9
Needed	37	21.8
Greatly needed	42	24.7
Total	170	100.0
Valuing society diversity/cultural differences		
Not needed	5	2.9
Little need	9	5.3
Somewhat needed	30	17.5
Needed	37	21.6
Greatly needed	90	52.6
Total	171	100.0
Leadership skills		Valid
Not needed	1	0.6
Little need	2	1.2
Somewhat needed	16	9.4
Needed	52	30.6
Greatly needed	99	58.2
Total	170	100.0

9. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the following aspects of your MAJOR/SPECIALIZATION for your highest University of Alabama Human Environmental Sciences degree. Note that the '1' is the LOW SATISFACTION end of the scale and the '5' is the HIGH SATISFACTION end.

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Extent to which you were challenged by your program		
Low satisfaction	3	1.6
2	8	4.1
3	34	17.6
4	79	40.9
High satisfaction	69	35.8
Total	193	100.0
Extent to which your major program provided a well-integrated set of courses		
Low satisfaction	2	1.0
2	5	2.6
3	26	13.5
4	74	38.3
High satisfaction	86	44.6
Total	193	100.0
Overall quality of instruction in your major department		
Low satisfaction	1	0.5
2	5	2.6
3	15	7.8
4	71	37.0
High satisfaction	100	52.1
Total	192	100.0



Accessibility of instructors outside of class	Frequency	Valid Percent
Low satisfaction	3	1.6
2	2	1.0
3	15	7.8
4	47	24.5
High satisfaction	125	65.1
Total	192	100.0
Quality of career guidance		
Low satisfaction	12	6.2
2	17	8.7
3	51	26.2
4	44	22.6
High satisfaction	71	36.4
Total	195	100.0
Quality of academic guidance/ advising		
Low satisfaction	11	5.6
2	6	3.1
3	37	19.0
4	58	29.7
High satisfaction	83	42.6
Total	195	100.0
Overall satisfaction with your major program		
Low satisfaction	5	2.6
2	9	4.6
3	21	10.8
4	59	30.3
High satisfaction	101	51.8
Total	195	100.0

Knowledge of faculty members in their subject areas	Frequency	Valid Percent
Low satisfaction	2	1.0
2	1	0.5
3	14	7.2
4	55	28.2
High satisfaction	123	63.1
Total	195	100.0
Encouragement of student involvement in professional development		
Low satisfaction	3	1.5
2	13	6.7
3	35	17.9
4	61	31.3
High satisfaction	83	42.6
Total	195	100.0
Acceptance and understanding by faculty members of students from various backgrounds (ethnic, cultural, socio-economic, etc.)		
Low satisfaction	1	0.5
2	4	2.1
3	27	14.0
4	59	30.6
High satisfaction	102	52.8
Total	193	100.0

Quality of practicum/internship experience (leave blank if n/a)	Frequency	Valid Percent
Low satisfaction	5	3.1
2	12	7.5
3	21	13.2
4	35	22.0
High satisfaction	86	54.1
Total	159	100.0
Quality of laboratory experiences (leave blank if n/a)		
Low satisfaction	2	1.2
2	8	4.9
3	30	18.5
4	50	30.9
High satisfaction	72	44.4
Total	162	100.0

10. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the following aspects of U of A services that were available to you as a student.

Quality of library holdings	Frequency	Valid Percent
Low satisfaction	3	1.6
2	9	4.7
3	40	20.7
4	69	35.8
High satisfaction	72	37.3
Total	193	100.0
Quality of library services		
Low satisfaction	1	0.5
2	9	4.7
3	47	24.4
4	68	35.2
High satisfaction	68	35.2
Total	193	100.0

Access to computers	Frequency	Valid Percent
Low satisfaction	5	2.6
2	5	2.6
3	29	14.9
4	55	28.2
High satisfaction	101	51.8
Total	195	100.0
Access to computer assistance		
Low satisfaction	5	2.6
2	18	9.3
3	51	26.3
4	63	32.5
High satisfaction	57	29.4
Total	194	100.0
Access to administrators (Dean's office, dept. office) in the College		
Low satisfaction	0	0
2	6	3.1
3	23	11.9
4	69	35.6
High satisfaction	96	49.5
Total	194	100.0
Overall satisfaction with UA experience		
Low satisfaction	0	0
2	3	1.6
3	7	3.6
4	61	31.8
High satisfaction	121	63.0
Total	192	100.0

## Section IV: General Information

### 11. Date of graduation:

	Frequency	Valid Percent
1998	37	19.4
1999	46	24.1
2000	36	18.8
2001	45	23.6
2002	27	14.1
Total	191	100.0

### 12. Gender:

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Male	23	12.0
Female	169	88.0
Total	192	100.0

### 13. Age Range:

	Frequency	Valid Percent
20-29	177	91.2
30-39	12	6.2
40-49	2	1.0
50-59	2	1.0
60 or over	1	0.5
Total	194	100.0

### 14. Please indicate the present range of your salary (optional). This information will help future students.

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Below \$15,000	23	13.1
\$15,000-19,999	6	3.4
\$20,000-29,999	31	17.7
\$30,000-39,999	70	40.0
\$40,000-49,999	33	18.9
\$50,000-59,999	6	3.4
Over \$60,000	6	3.4
Total	175	100.0

15. Did you enter the College of Human Environmental Sciences as a:

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Freshman	50	25.8
Transfer from another college or community	47	24.2
Transfer from another University of Alabama program	97	50.0
Total	194	100.0