

## Online Resources Questionnaire - Shortened

Consent Dear Participant: Thank you for agreeing to participate in a research study by completing this anonymous online questionnaire. The purpose of this study is to gather data from current students at The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) concerning their awareness of, use of, and attitudes toward online resources provided by USM. Participating in this study will afford you with the opportunity to reflect on your own views with respect to online resource availability and effectiveness. This study has the potential to affect the online resources available at USM and how students are made aware of these resources. The information gathered in this study could benefit current and future students of USM as well as students at other academic institutions. The risk associated by participating in this study is minimal and may include the time associated with completing the questions. To participate you must be currently enrolled in at least one course for credit given through USM and you must be at least 18 years of age at the time the questionnaire is completed. By participating in this study you will be asked to answer questions related to your awareness of what online resources are available through USM, your frequency of access to the online resources available through USM, your opinion on what effect online resources have had on your course success with current or previous classes taken at USM, as well as basic demographic information for comparative purposes only. Completion of the questionnaire should take no more than 10-15 minutes. All data collected will be completely anonymous. Please do not put your name or any other identifying information on the questionnaire. Any information inadvertently obtained during the course of this study will remain completely confidential. Participation in this project is completely voluntary. Please feel free to decline participation or to discontinue participation at any point without concern over penalty, prejudice, or any other consequences. Submitted responses from the questionnaire will be analyzed and compared by the researchers name below. A summary report will be submitted by each of the researchers named below, as part of a graduate research methods course at The University of Southern Mississippi. In addition, results of the study may be included in relevant future presentations and/or publications. Upon completion of data compilation, all recorded data will be deleted from all storage points no later than December 15, 2014. If you have questions concerning this research, please contact Galina Pegues at [galina.burwell@eagles.usm.edu](mailto:galina.burwell@eagles.usm.edu) or (601) 479-6262 or research supervisor of Dr. Thomas J. Lipscomb at [Thomas.Lipscomb@usm.edu](mailto:Thomas.Lipscomb@usm.edu) This project has been reviewed by the Institutional Review board, which ensures that research projects involving human subjects follow federal regulations. Any questions or concerns about rights as a research participant should be directed to the Chair of the Institutional Review Board, The University of Southern Mississippi, 118 College Drive #5147, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001, (601) 266-6820. By completing and submitting this online questionnaire, the respondent: affirms that he/she is at least 18 years of age at the time the questionnaire is completed, affirms that he/she is currently enrolled in at least one class taken for credit at The University of Southern Mississippi, and gives permission for this anonymous and confidential data to be used for the purposes described above. Sincerely, Online Resources Research Group: Galina Pegues Heather Cimino Joshua McAdams Rhonda Reid Stephanie Smith By completing and submitting this online questionnaire, the respondent: affirms that he/she is at least 18 years of age at the time the questionnaire is completed, affirms that he/she is currently enrolled in at least one class

taken for credit at The University of Southern Mississippi, and gives permission for this anonymous and confidential data to be used for the purposes described above. Please confirm that ALL THREE ITEMS SHOWN ARE TRUE by choosing "YES" below. If ANY item listed above is not true, or if you decide not to participate, please choose "NO" to exit the survey.

- YES (1)
- NO (2)

If NO Is Selected, Then Skip To End of Survey

1 What is your gender?

- Male (1)
- Female (2)
- Prefer not to answer (3)

2 What is your current age?

- 18-25 (1)
- 26-40 (2)
- 41-60 (3)
- 61 or older (4)
- Prefer not to answer (5)

3 What is your ethnic origin?

- African American (1)
- Caucasian/White Non-Hispanic (2)
- Other (please specify) (3) \_\_\_\_\_

4 What is your current classification at the University of Southern Mississippi?

- Freshman, 1st year in college (1)
- Undergraduate, not 1st year (2)
- Graduate Student (3)
- Prefer not to answer (4)

5 Indicate your familiarity with each of the following online resources provided by the University of Southern Mississippi:

	Never heard of this resource (1)	Vaguely familiar (2)	Moderately familiar (3)	Familiar (4)	Very familiar (5)
Communication & Collaboration (ie: EagleApps, Blackboard Email, & Blackboard Collaborate) (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Training (ie: Library Tutorials & Learning Enhancement Center) (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research (ie: Library Articles & Databases) (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6 Indicate how frequently you use each of the following online resources provided by the University of Southern Mississippi:

	Never (1)	Less than Once a Month (2)	Monthly (3)	Weekly (4)	Daily (5)
Communication & Collaboration (ie: EagleApps, Blackboard Email, & Blackboard Collaborate) (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Training (ie: Library Tutorials & Learning Enhancement Center) (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research (ie: Library Articles & Databases) (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7 For the following questions, please consider how your use of the following online resources provided by the University of Southern Mississippi have or have not affected your success in completing coursework by indicating the level of effectiveness below:

	Not Applicable or Never Used (1)	Ineffective (2)	Neither Effective nor Ineffective (3)	Effective (4)	Very Effective (5)
Communication & Collaboration (ie: EagleApps, Blackboard Email, & Blackboard Collaborate) (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Training (ie: Library Tutorials & Learning Enhancement Center) (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research (ie: Library Articles & Databases) (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8 Consider a time when you had difficulty in utilizing an online resource provided by USM. Choose the situation below which has caused the most difficulty.

- Computer/Internet access (1)
- Lack of training on the resource (2)
- Internet speed (3)
- I have had no difficulty with the resources I have used (4)

9 Please respond below with suggestions, reflections, or comments you wish to provide regarding this study. In addition, please list any online resources not included in previous questions that are provided by USM and which you utilize to help with your success in your classes and/or methods used to make students aware of resources.