

The Scariest Article a Student Should Ever Read

USA Today recently reported [College default rates higher than grad rates](#). While Southern Miss isn't among the 250 schools identified in the article, the 2013 edition of *Best Colleges* from *U.S. News & World Report* reported a 22% 4-year graduation rate for Southern Miss. In the 2012 edition, Southern Miss' 4-year graduation rate was also 22%. After six years, Southern Miss manages to graduate only 47% of its students.

According to the [Washington Post](#), "[c]ollege dropouts are also among the most likely to default on their loans, falling behind at a rate four times that of graduates."

Before students and prospective students borrow money to fund their education at USM, they should be aware that [graduation rate](#) is the ultimate statistic and USM is failing.