

USM's 4-Year Graduation Rate Reported at 2%

American Council of Trustees and Alumni report a [news release](#) describing the findings of the 2013-14 edition of its "[What Will They Learn?](#)"

In the report, the University of Southern Mississippi is shown with a 4-year graduation rate of 2%. Let me repeat, USM is shown with a 2% 4-year graduation rate.

School	Grade	Composition	Literature	Foreign Language	U.S. History	Economics	Mathematics	Science	Tuition	4-Year Graduation Rate
University of Southern Mississippi	B	●	●	⊘	⊘	⊘	●	●	\$6,336 (In State) \$14,448 (Out of State)	2%

This is a lot [worse than](#) Alcorn State, 15%; Delta State, 18%; and Mississippi Valley State, 12%. USM's 4-graduation rate is the worst in Mississippi.

USM has reported a higher 4-year graduation rate. So, is the 2% a typo? Maybe not. We and others have caught USM administrators massaging their statistics, who knows what the truth is?

President Bennett has often emphasized the importance of improving USM's graduation rate, maybe because the 2% 4-year graduation rate reported in the news today is accurate.