




alpha.usask.ca: Version 3

How would you rate your experience with alpha.usask.ca?

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Response	Count	
Frustrating	14 20.0%	
Satisfactory	29 41.4%	
Delightful	27 38.6%	
<i>Total: 70</i>		

What would have made your experience better?

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Response	Count
	52 responses

Would you like to provide any other feedback?

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Response	Count
	43 responses

I really liked the big image at the beginning of the dreamcatcher that moved with the text, but I thought it may have been a bit too big relative to the rest of the page

The top image is so big, it took a long time to scroll down and see what else is going on.

Top image is too big. The "About" section does not reflect the research excellence vision of our university. "News" section can be smaller so it fits four articles.

I see the "Undergrads Programs" and "Grad Programs" buttons are missing, it would cause confusions to people who wants to be able to type "usask.ca" into the address bar and check program infos right in its homepage., I think majority of people who type 'usask.ca' into the address bar are those last year high school students who want to apply to usask.

The "about the U of S" section does not reflect the entirety of our school. It should be more inclusive of the

vision of the school such as for undergrads and grads alike

didn't like the words fading in/out, too much white space at top, on lap top that wastes space and makes people have to scroll down

Aboriginal should be one of main selections in the top bar.

I couldn't find anything about on-campus events and activities. It would be nice to have links/info on the homepage for this purpose.

I don't see much change. What I see on alpha.usask.ca was something worse than usask.ca. I wish we could switch to more contrasting colors and different font. Light green text or darker grey text on lighter grey background was invisible to me at first. I had to go to usask.ca and then look for the menu options to realize they were light green and I just did not see them. Font looks and always did look like our website is designed for kindergarten aged children. Could we use slightly "strickter" font instead of all rounded letters. I understand we are using a template, but the new page is not much different than the current one. Pulls news and refers to other pages. The big picture is taking away all the attention. If I am not interested in that particular news piece I lost interest in this entire page. Could we focus the first visual part of the page on the menu and try to make the picture capture the menu options. May be we will ave a map of the U of S, or a telling picture with interactive options that hide menu options something not this still.

The new template/page looks great. Makes sense in terms of navigation

Current research or published papers by u of s students/faculty

A more simplified structure of Staff & Faculty, Undergraduate and Graduate sections then drilling down into more detail

Did not see a direct link to colleges

The wider frames are easier to see and look better than the existing usask page.

I feel like there could be more news stories listed on there. Two is a weird arbitrary number that doesn't give me any real sense of what's going on at the U of S.

Higher placement of news links in terms of the scroll.

Search button for people is no longer an option

First clicked Current, then clicked Undergrad and found it.

I found what I wanted. Nothing wrong

When I typed in the Dean's name, it didn't take me to her. Toddi Steelman. Typically I get the home page of that specific person.

Really straight forward. Search bar at top is very useful

Nothing.

Like the colours, easy to read. Straightforward. I can teach my parents how to navigate it easily

Went to PAWS to read News.

It's nicer. All the important stuff is bigger. Much cleaner. Better than older one.

Frustrating that employee email/phone number does not always come up, no consistency

I think a 'How do I' drop down feature would be helpful. For example linking to travel and expense (how to get to ConnectionPoint) or to FSD forms or HR resources

An email button

The 'community and alumni' option in the task bar does not make sense. I would suggest separating these.

A link to Athletics!

A link or section about Events!

Is there room to put more than 2 news stories on the homepage?

Would it make sense to link to the mission, vision, values (or general info about the university) from the paragraph about the U of S being a research-intensive university?

I'm not sure if anything would have made the experience better but I did put a few things that I noticed that could either be improved or were really good already.

The headings at the top are too small and hard to read. No one knows what "working resources" means. You click on it wondering where it's going to take you. The heading section looks messy with the U of S logo lower than the search bar. I didn't even realize there was more website below the picture as it took up the whole frame. Nothing to indicate I should scroll down.

The University of Saskatchewan logo could be bigger. Everything else looks great!

Overall, the general look and feel of the alpha page was perfectly fine. Nothing was broken and everything made sense. I have some specific suggestions which I will add to the next question below.

Under Future Students there should be "distance programs" or "distance learning". Many people coming to the site might be interested in starting their U of S experience off campus. That type of information isn't found easily on the new site.

On the former site the class search tab was directly accessible (it is the most common use of the UofS website, so having an extra couple of clicks to get to it is not ideal for me). It could be easily added under the "course catalogue".

once i clicked into a specific area - example, Aboriginal Initiatives and Stories, there is no 'home' or

mainpage button so I have to click my way backwards using the arrows at top - perhaps a 'home' button would be useful

so many fonts, colors, sizes, background colors -- clearly no idea as to what is important! am tired of big pictures, they were interesting only when novel. if they must be present make them small with an option to expand

Aesthetically pleasing, but please make it more functional (information rich). People come to the website for information. While the aesthetic experience is important, it shouldn't trump functionality and easy access to information.

It would be great if there was a welcome message/promotion video for the U of S on the homepage where the first big banner is that currently has a news article. It would showcase how beautiful the campus is and would be more engaging to visitors of the U of S homepage. There are two places where current news is displayed so it could provide something different and visually appealing.

too soon to tell

Link to Huskie Athletics is needed

It's pretty good.

A more prominently positioned quick-link to the news page.

not easy to find campus events

no-secure site and bad "responsive design"

most attention on security, it is easy to do a pentesting in your CMS, take attention in the bad PHP implementation on the library website, poor site, look like a programmer baby has worked there.

About us info

There isn't an option for Huskie athletics, activities like kids camps or anything about events.

This version of the homepage (the Horsedance) is less clean-looking than the previous version (Orientation) - I think having the prospective student / current student / etc. dropdowns below the photo looked more up to date and less confusing.

I was delighted because Class Search is now not only easy to find, but is actually directly on the main page. Excellent! The last time I checked the prototype, I couldn't find it at all.

I'm delighted to see the "popular at usask" at the top, and see the library included there!

The usask.ca website currently has "Students", "Faculty & Staff"... "PAWS" links at the top. Having those accessible, instead of having a "Popular searches" section, would be more user-friendly. Also, It is fantastic that we are a university that values aboriginal culture and research but, since we are also promoting

egalitarianism, we should have elements of research from multiple fields on our main website.

prototype looks better than the current homepage, but it's a lot inconvenient

There should also be a link to the Huskies homepage. I also think the main picture should change and show several upcoming events/important news.

leave it as it is, its is fine, we dont have the resources to change things that are fine!

This is a step back for making Aboriginal more visible. Pictures are nice, but it has be a fundamental component of the site's menu to be taken seriously.

It looked great and I found the page I was looking for so that makes it successful!

Looks great. I like that there is no longer drop down menus with the top row of links. All of the important stuff is more prominent and easier to find. The large banner here is a nice visual improvement.

I know it is time to update, but can we please make an actual update and not just transfer of what we have to the new template?

I'd check with Aboriginal groups regarding the use of a dreamcatcher image. I've heard some FN people say that dream catchers are seen as a joke amongst FN and have nothing to do with indigenous plains culture.

If there was a area to access the different papers and research that the university is currently doing, and papers that have been published by the different departments at the university.

It is important the "Course Catalogue" link from "Current Student" is listed as "Course & Program Catalogue". Thanks!

Why is aboriginal at the foremost? We are a diverse population and either all should be given recognition or none

I like the new format with the different resources at the top - easier to find staff and faculty resources - I also think the popular searches at the top will be helpful

The drop-downs are clear and use plain language which is appreciated.

More news with cute animal photos.

not right now, thank you.

Like that it generally looks the same, I. E. Branding.

Looks great

First clicked Grad - didn't find it, then clicked Undergrad and found it.

Was easy.

Looks better

I love the new PAWS button - easy to find, like the quick links, loved that the Horse Dance information was on the home page promoting today's event - always love to see the current events front and centre; like the new look it is lighter and brighter

I appreciate the new quick links at the top. More accurate contact info (much is outdated)

No

Was not easy to find Athletics by browsing - had to use the search.

The apply button in the top right corner seems out of place. Before it was incorporated into something informing the user that they would apply to become a student, now its just apply so I question what am I applying for - to be a student, to work at the univeristy, etc. The wording Future students also sounds slightly awkward in the menu bar. I really like the new style of the page in general, especially the large photo when I saw the page was for the Horse Dance. I do question where the News is currently. It seems far down and perhaps people might miss out on news because they aren't scrolling to the bottom of the page to see the news. Perhaps utilizing the large main screen that can also roll through specific news stories similar to how huskies.usask.ca does for their main articles. Some people may find that there is no link currently for more news and they may or may not find that confusing. I realize that you need to press on the News header but some may find that confusing. The paws button is wonderful. The old one was small and hidden and wasn't always seen. The popular on usask.ca is an interesting concept in that what is popular on the site drives what is seen rather than ones that management felt could be important. Overall, a really good improvement on the current website.

Not great. I wouldn't say that its "frustrating" but it doesn't seem very visually appealing.

The homepage is easy to navigate, simple and looks inviting. The drop down items and "popular on usask.ca" is applicable and I believe topics that people require most. The "About University of Saskatchewan" section is impactful as well.

Generally, you may want to consider using text-align:justify; for your descriptions (e.g., in your Horse Dance description, About the UofS description, and under the news posts). Justify will align both sides of the text, which I think gives it a more professional sturdy look. The Horse Dance hover colour is inconsistent with the rest of the links. It is also not a very noticeable difference. It goes lighter instead of darker, so this should probably just be changed to how all of the other links change on hover. I'm not sure how the 'More about' section is organized, but you may want to put them in alphabetical order if those are going to be static links (i.e., not dynamically change). The 'News' heading doesn't jump out as a link unless you hover over it. Maybe make it the green colour as all the other links or add an underline to it. The footer looks squished in the middle. Instead of having it all centered, maybe you could split it up and have two sides. So the contact, etc. links and the social media links are to the left and the rest of it is to the right. Looks good though!

Generally like the new look and the popular at usas.ca bar at top, could include athletics there so it is easy to find the Huskis sports schedule.

love the light and airy feel - very contemporary and clean, easy to read

decide on purpose of site priorities -- advertising or access to information

I like the Aboriginal symbols, but they are a little too faint and hard to see (it could just be my monitor though).

yes but now right now

Sure.

This is looking really great. I love the clean look of the new site and how it acts as a hub to link you out to other relevant sites (rather than duplicating content or being all things to all people). One comment would be to add links/content on upcoming events and Huskie Athletics.

I realize that you have to design the page in keeping with university policy, but although I know the research mandate of the university is important, TEACHING is important, too - we wouldn't exist if we didn't do it, and our role in professional learning is essential to the province's economic well-being. It would be nice if the opening page stressed both sides, not just one.

most attention on security, it is easy to do a pentesting in your CMS, take attention in the bad PHP implementation on the library website, poor site, look like a programmer baby has worked there.

I feel like the look of the current website is much more attractive. The "learn more about" near the bottom is easy to miss and has important information. I like how the news is visible without scrolling down in the current site.

Where the heck is the directory on this test site?
