

The University of Southern Mississippi–Gulf Coast

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The University of Southern Mississippi–Gulf Coast serves students at three locations: the **Gulf Park Campus** in Long Beach, the **Keesler Center** on Keesler Air Force Base, and the **USM Jackson County Center** located on the Jackson County Campus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Gautier. Refer to the USM Gulf Coast publication for specific information concerning courses and programs.

Graduate Degree Programs

USM Gulf Coast provides a flexible delivery system designed to meet the educational needs of Mississippi Gulf Coast citizens. Consequently, new courses and programs are added as student demand warrants and resources permit. Normally, a sufficient number of courses is available so that USM Gulf Coast students may earn the graduate degrees that follow. Because certain courses are not offered every semester, students are encouraged to be in regular contact with the appropriate graduate program adviser.

Master's Degrees*

Adult Education
Agency Counseling
Biological Sciences
Business Administration
Master of Business Administration
Administration
Computer Science
Criminal Justice
Educational Administration and Supervision
Elementary Education
English
History

Marine Biology
Nursing
Political Science
Public Health with an emphasis in Health and Administration
Public Relations
Reading
School Counseling
Secondary Education
Social Work
Special Education
Technical and Occupational Education

Specialist's Degrees*

Adult Education
Elementary Education
Special Education

Educational Administration
Secondary Education

Doctoral Degree*

Educational Administration
Higher Education Administration

* In selected programs it may be necessary, upon direction from the division chair, to take some course work on the Hattiesburg campus.

Admission

USM Gulf Coast graduate admission requirements and procedures are identical to those outlined elsewhere in this *Bulletin*. All students, with the exception of Master of Business Administration majors, initiate procedures through the USM Gulf Coast Office of Admissions and Records. Applicants to the Master of Business Administration program should contact the Division of Business Administration at the Gulf Park campus for information and application forms. In order to facilitate proper advisement and predetermination of admission status, students must furnish transcripts and complete applications for admission prior to registration. Transcripts and completed

applications should be sent to the Office of Admissions and Records, USM Gulf Coast, 730 East Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560-2699.

Graduate Residency Requirements

Specialist level students are reminded that graduate residency requires intensive full-time study of an individualized nature. In addition, some departments have options to meet specialized needs. These students must have their degree plans approved in writing in advance by their department chair prior to course enrollment.

Course Load

USM Gulf Coast course load requirements are identical to those for the Hattiesburg campus described elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.

Tuition

(All fees are subject to change without notice)

One-half of a student's fees are due and payable at the time of registration. Fees deferred past the last day to register each semester will be billed monthly. A monthly service charge of 1.5 percent will be applied to the unpaid balance. MasterCard® and VISA® credit cards will be accepted.

Financial aid may be used to satisfy the minimum payment with the following exceptions: Financial aid cannot be applied to prior balances, and work study or other forms of aid paid periodically to students may not be used to defer fees. All financial aid must be applied to fees before a refund can be made.

A general tuition level cap of \$1,937 has been set for graduate students enrolled for 9-13 semester hours during the fall and spring semesters. Graduate students enrolled for more than thirteen (13) hours will be assessed tuition for each additional hour.

Students who are not residents of Mississippi will be assessed an additional fee of \$204 per semester hour for undergraduates, \$271 per semester hour for graduates, up to a maximum of \$2,439.

Full-Time Student Tuition

Graduate
\$2,439
9-13 hrs.

Special Fees

Vehicle Registration (GP & JC)\$10
Late Registration Fee\$50

In addition to general tuition, some courses are assessed special fees. A complete listing of these courses is available in the Special Fees and Expenses section of this *Bulletin*.

Calendar

The USM-Gulf Coast academic calendar and holidays follow the same schedule as the Hattiesburg Campus calendar found elsewhere in this **Bulletin**.

SEMESTER	CLASSES BEGIN	FINAL EXAMS
Fall 2003-2004	August 18, 2003	December 8 - 12, 2003
Spring 2003-2004	January 12, 2004	May 10 - 14, 2004
Summer 2003-2004	June 1, 2004	August 2 - 6, 2004