

# College of Arts and Letters

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## **Mission**

The primary purpose of the College of Arts and Letters is to provide its students with the highest quality education and preparation for professional fields in arts, liberal arts, the humanities, and the social sciences. In addition, the college provides opportunities for students in all departments of the university to participate in artistic and liberal arts activities and education, as well as to develop an awareness of cultural values and diversity. Descriptions of these programs can be located in the respective sections.

## **Degrees Offered**

**English:** Master of Arts

**History:** Master of Arts or Master of Science in History; Master of Arts or Master of Science in International Studies

**Political Science:** Master of Arts or Master of Science; Doctorate in International Development

**Public Relations:** Master of Science

**Graduate Degrees Offered:** Degrees are offered in cooperation with the Hattiesburg campus.

# College of Business

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## **Mission**

Developing Careers

## **Vision**

Our vision is to become the leading agent for career development in Mississippi and along the Gulf Coast.

**Graduate Degrees Offered:** Degrees are offered in cooperation with the Hattiesburg campus.

## **Master of Business Administration**

The Southern Miss MBA is designed with the student in mind. Graduates of the program will be prepared to

- Have an immediate impact on an organization's bottom line and
- Make the transition from one level of responsibility in their business career, to a higher level.

Graduate learning is about more than the content of individual courses. Students also learn skills vital to success and career advancement. Throughout the program, students develop a sense of family through course work, team projects and extracurricular activities. In the Southern Miss MBA program, you'll learn about

- Team building,
- Global dimensions of business,
- Communication and critical thinking,
- Leadership,
- Ethical decision making, and
- Networking.

Southern Miss offers the MBA programs on the Hattiesburg, Long Beach, and Jackson County campuses and at Stennis Space Center.

### **Master of Public Health/Master of Business Administration Dual Degree**

The Master of Public Health/Master of Business Administration dual degree is designed for students interested in pursuing top-level administrative positions in health care organizations and consulting. The course requirements for the dual degree depend on the previous foundation courses in business.

### **Master of Sport Management/Master of Business Administration Dual Degree**

The Master of Sport Management/Master of Business Administration dual degree prepares students for an executive career in the business side of sports. Both the MPH/MBA and MSM/MBA dual degrees are offered in Hattiesburg and on the Coast campus.

#### **Contact**

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# College of Education and Psychology

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## **Mission**

The mission of the College of Education and Psychology is to provide quality programs in psychology, professional education, instructional technology, library and information science, and child and family studies. The college develops individuals who possess critical thinking and problem-solving abilities; theoretical, practical, and technical competence; effective communication skills; an appreciation for diversity; a sensitivity to standards of ethical conduct; and a commitment to lifelong learning. The college fulfills its mission through programs characterized by excellence in instruction and supervised practice, research training, scholarly productivity, leadership, professional service, and collaborative activities.

## **Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education - Master's/Specialist's Degrees**

Dr. Dave Daves, Ph.D., Chair  
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The Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education offers a Master of Education degree with a major in curriculum and instruction and emphasis areas of elementary education or secondary education. The program of study at the master's degree level is designed to increase professional competency of the classroom teacher and to provide the course work necessary to meet standards of teaching licensure at this advanced level.

Graduate degrees in the content areas of curriculum and instruction are contingent on satisfaction of lower-level program requirements. Students seeking a master's degree in the content area of curriculum and instruction must have or be eligible for a MS Class-A standard license in the area of study. The department strongly recommends that students gain at least one year of teaching experience before entering the master's degree program and are required to have two years of teaching experience prior to completion of the master's degree.

There are two emphasis areas for the specialist's degree - elementary and secondary education. Both degree plans consist of a minimum of 34 hours beyond the master's degree. A listing of the required course of study may be found in the graduate bulletin.

## **Library and Information Science Degree Program - Master's Degree**

Dr. Melanie J. Norton, Ph.D., Director

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The School of Library and Information Science offers a course of study leading to an American Library Association Accredited Master of Library and Information Science degree. The graduate curriculum in library and information science provides instruction in the following areas of librarianship: information science; reference; cataloging and classification; selection and acquisition; administration; bibliography; nonprint media; history of the book, libraries, printing and publishing; and library programs for children and youth.

Providing prospective librarians with professional knowledge and skills for effective library service is not the only objective of the school. The faculty believes that professional education should also be concerned with fostering those attitudes and understandings, which will help students develop an appreciation of the changing role of the library in society. The library profession will flourish only as students are prepared to participate intelligently in the process of relating library services to the larger social and cultural needs of contemporary society.

## **Technology Education - Master's Degree**

Dr. Edward C. Mann, Ed.D., Chair

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The Department of Technology Education offers graduate programs leading to the master of science degree: Master of Science in Technology Education with an emphasis in Business Technology Education or Technical and Occupational Education and a Master of Science in Instructional Technology.

The purpose of the Master of Science in Technology Education is to provide teachers of business, industrial, technical, and vocational subjects post-baccalaureate course work designed to serve as a foundation for professional development, career advancement, or further graduate study.

The purpose of the Master of Science in Instructional Technology is to provide students with a strong theoretical base and practical hands-on experience in the design, development, implementation, management, and evaluation of leading-edge educational technologies.

## **Educational Leadership and Research - Master's/Specialist's/Doctoral Degrees**

Dr. Thomas O'Brien, Ph.D., Chair

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The Department of Educational Leadership and Research comprises courses and degree programs at the Gulf Coast campuses in educational administration and supervision and in higher education administration. The program in educational administration and supervision leads to the master's, specialist's, and the doctorate in education with an emphasis in educational administration. Programs at the master's degree level provide entry-level preparation in the school

principalship. Programs at the specialist's and doctoral levels provide preparation for the principalship, central office administrator and the superintendency. In addition, the program at the doctoral level provides preparation for college teachers in educational administration. The program in higher educational administration leads to the doctorate. Programs in this degree track provide preparation for administration in the field of higher education as well as preparation for college teachers and researchers in higher education administration.

# College of Health

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## **Mission**

The mission of the College of Health is to create, apply and transmit expert knowledge, within and across the domains of its constituent disciplines, for the well-being and betterment of individuals, community, state, nation and world.

## **Vision**

The vision of the College of Health is advancing health and well-being through excellence and innovation in teaching, research and service.

**Graduate Degrees Offered:** Degrees are offered in cooperation with the Hattiesburg campus.

## **Human Performance and Recreation**

Students on the Coast have the ability to take courses in these graduate degree programs in cooperation with the Hattiesburg campus:

- Sport Management (online)
- Sport Coaching Education (online)
- Interscholastic Athletic Administration
- Recreation and Leisure Administration

## **Nursing**

Students on the coast have the ability to take courses in these master degree graduate programs:

- Adult Health ■ Nurse Executive
- Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner ■ Psychiatric Mental Health
- Family Nurse Practitioner

## **Social Work**

The Master of Social Work program prepares students for advanced generalist social work practice with individuals, families, groups, communities and organizations in a wide variety of human services settings. Social work professionals provide social services to more people in Mississippi and across the United States than any other professional group. Through the use of empirically based methods, graduates work to enhance the quality of life of their clients, with emphasis on vulnerable populations, by addressing issues of social justice, economics, and physical and mental well-being. Advanced generalist practitioners are employed as clinicians, administrators, supervisors, community organizers, policy analysts, advocates and planners.

# College of Science and Technology

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## **Mission**

The role of the college is to implement the university's mission in science and technology through education, research, economic development and service.

The college fulfills the university's educational aspirations in the following ways:

- Programs in science and technology,
- General Education courses that provide basic skills and perspectives essential for preparing all university students for effective participation in contemporary life,
- Support for the Honors College and Honors course options,
- Specialized courses that serve the baccalaureate and graduate degree programs of the college and its sister colleges,
- Courses and programs that support teacher preparation,
- Appropriate and responsible integration of technology as a tool for learning, and
- Faculty advisement of students.

The college supports the university's declared aspirations through discipline-related activities that benefit the university, region, state, nation and the international community in the following ways:

- Research and scholarly pursuits,
- Faculty and student activities that reach beyond the classroom to a wider audience,
- Faculty and student participation in university governance through involvement in departmental, school, college and university activities, and
- Economic development through education, discoveries and advances in science, technology and workforce implementation.

**Graduate degrees offered:** All degrees are offered in cooperation with the Hattiesburg campus.

Master's Degrees:

Administration of Justice

Coastal Sciences

Computer Science (Applied)

Economic Development  
(Executive Format)

Engineering Technology

Geography

Hydrographic Science

Marine Science

Workforce Training and Development  
(Executive Format)

Doctoral Degrees:

Coastal Sciences

Human Capital Development (Executive Format)

Marine Science