

The University of Southern Mississippi–Gulf Coast

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The University of Southern Mississippi–Gulf Coast serves students at four locations: the **Gulf Park Campus** in Long Beach, the **Keesler Center** on Keesler Air Force Base, **Stennis Space Center** in Bay St. Louis, and **USM Jackson County Center** located on the Jackson County Campus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Gautier. USM Gulf Coast is part of a cooperative plan to provide comprehensive higher education on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The articulation programs with the area community colleges assure a smooth transition for students who transfer from the community colleges' freshman-sophomore programs to the upper level degree programs at USM Gulf Coast. Refer to the USM Gulf Coast academic publication for specific information concerning the Gulf Coast courses and programs.

Degree Programs

USM Gulf Coast provides a flexible delivery system designed to meet the educational needs of Coast citizens. Consequently, new courses and programs are added as student demand warrants and resources permit. A sufficient number of courses are now available so that USM Gulf Coast students may earn their entire baccalaureate degree(s) with majors and emphases in the following areas:

Accounting	Library and Information Science
American Studies	Management
Business Administration	Management Information Systems
Computer Engineering Technology	Marine Biology
Computer Science	Mathematics
Criminal Justice	Nursing
Electronics Engineering Technology	Paralegal Studies
Elementary Education	Political Science
English	Psychology
History	Secondary Education
Hospitality Management	Special Education
Industrial Engineering Technology	Technical and Occupational Education

Admission

Each new student seeking admission to USM Gulf Coast is required to file with the Office of Student Services an application for admission. He or she should also request the authorities at each institution attended to send an official transcript of his or her record to the Office of Student Services. Students who are applying with fewer than the twenty-four (24) hour transfer requirement must also have sent an official high school transcript showing the date of graduation. The applicant must also provide an official report of the ACT/SAT scores directly from the testing service. In order to determine an admission status and facilitate advisement, students must furnish transcripts and complete applications for admission prior to registration. Transcripts and the completed applications should be sent to the Office of Student Services, USM Gulf Coast, 730 East Beach Boulevard, Long Beach, MS 39560-2699. In all other respects, admission requirements are identical with those outlined elsewhere in this **Bulletin**.

Course Load

Students are permitted to carry a total of twelve (12) to nineteen (19) semester hours. Nine (9) to fourteen (14) hours is considered a full load during the summer session. Nineteen (19) hours is the maximum load without approval of the division chair. Credit courses and workshops taken on any USM campus will be counted as part of the course load.

Honors

Special policies have been formulated in order to accord official recognition to students who achieve outstanding academic records. **PRESIDENT’S LIST:** Undergraduate students who earn a 4.00 grade point average on an academic load of not less than twelve (12) semester hours in one semester and have no grades of I or X will be placed on the President’s List. **DEAN’S LIST:** Undergraduate students will be placed on the Dean’s List if they have earned a 3.25 grade point average or above on an academic load of not less than twelve (12) hours in one semester, provided they have no grade of D or below (includes F, I, or X). **DEGREES WITH HONORS:** USM Gulf Coast students with exceptional academic records may be awarded a degree with honors or with highest honors. The residence requirement for such degrees is not less than thirty-two (32) semester hours of credit with the University of Southern Mississippi. A degree with honors will be granted to a student who maintains a grade point average of 3.5 or more. A degree with highest honors will be granted to a student who maintains a grade point average of 3.8 or more.

Fees

(All fees are subject to change without notice)

Undergraduate:.....\$96.00 per semester hour
 Graduate:\$127.00 per semester hour

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% 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 \$1159.00 has been set for undergraduate students enrolled for 12-19 semester hours and for graduate students enrolled for 9-13 semester hours during the fall/spring semester. Undergraduate students enrolled for more than nineteen (19) hours will be assessed \$96.00 for each additional hour and graduate students enrolled for more than thirteen (13) hours will be assessed \$127.00 for each additional hour.

Students who are not residents of Mississippi will be assessed an additional fee of \$129.00 per semester hour for undergraduates, \$172.00 per semester hour for graduates, up to a maximum of \$1551.00.

Full-Time Student Tuition

(Including \$5.00 Registration Fee)

Undergraduate	Graduate
\$1159.00	\$1159.00
12-19 hrs.	9-13 hrs.

Special Fees

Vehicle Registration (GP & JC)\$ 10.00
 Late Registration Fee.....\$ 50.00

In addition to the general tuition above, nursing majors taking the courses listed below will be assessed the following fees:

NSG 361, 362, 363.....\$ 2.00/hr. + 45.00 per course

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 1999-2000	August 23-27, 1999	December 13-17, 1999
Spring 1999-2000	January 10-14, 2000	May 8-14, 2000
Summer 1999-2000	May 30-June 2, 2000	July 31-August 4, 2000