

# Office of International Education

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The Office of International Education coordinates programs and services that extend the university to our local and global communities. The office provides intensive English language instruction to international students; administers the university's extensive study-abroad programs; and coordinates international admissions and student services for international students and scholars.

The office is operationally divided into the English Language Institute; International Programs; and International Student and Scholar Services.

## English Language Institute

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The English Language Institute (ELI) delivers intensive academic English instruction for international students. Full-time study is 25 hours a week. Part-time enrollment is also possible. Terms are eight weeks in duration. The program, which accommodates students from beginning to advanced language proficiency, is attended by students from every major continent.

The ELI fosters cross-cultural awareness within the university and the community by offering ELI students opportunities for interaction with native English speakers, both on and off campus.

## International Programs

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International Programs administers a variety of programs providing Southern Miss students long-term and short-term opportunities to study abroad for academic credit. Short-term programs offering regular Southern Miss academic credit include the following:

The **British Studies Program**, a summer term in London in which Southern Miss functions as the academic and logistical linchpin for a consortium comprising The University of Memphis, Hinds Community College, Texas A&M University – Commerce, The University of Louisiana – Monroe, Southeastern Louisiana University, Mississippi College, Henderson State University, Cameron University, the College of Charleston, and Mercer University.

The Art in Italy Program  
 The Austrian Studies Program  
 The Canadian Forensics Program  
 The Caribbean Studies Program in Jamaica  
 The Field Research Abroad Program in Belize  
 The French Studies Program at The Abbey  
 The Honduran Studies Program  
 The Irish Studies Program  
 The New Zealand Studies Program  
 The Spanish Language Program in Puebla, Mexico  
 The Spanish Language Program in Madrid, Spain  
 The Vietnam Studies Program

Other academic study-abroad programs coordinated by this office include **The Abbey of Pontlevo**, a semester-abroad program in France designed especially for freshmen and sophomores. Southern Miss leads a consortium of 11 U.S. universities for The Abbey program.

Semester- and year-abroad exchanges:

Ecole Supérieure du Commerce Extérieur, France  
 Exeter University, England  
 Université de Perpignan, France  
 Keele University, Stoke-on-Trent, England  
 Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia  
 University of Alcalá de Henares, Madrid, Spain  
 University of Jaen, Spain  
 University of Bonn, Germany  
 University of Victoria, Canada  
 University of Wales, Swansea  
 University of the Yucatán, Merida, Mexico  
 University of Orleans, France

A student practice teaching program in England, Germany, Italy, and New Zealand for education majors

## International Student and Scholar Services

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International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) coordinates all facets of international admissions and student/scholar services. ISSS provides counsel on immigration regulations, personal matters, and culture shock and adjustment, as well as some academic counseling in conjunction with the various departments. The office processes all international applications, evaluates foreign academic credentials, and issues the appropriate immigration documents for the nonimmigrant foreign student. Intercultural programming for international students and the community is also coordinated by ISSS.

The ISSS office disseminates Southern Miss information to foreign schools, U.S. embassies and consulates abroad, and nonprofit international organizations such as the Institute for International Education.

ISSS also provides information to, and immigration documents for, research scholars invited by various Southern Miss departments to participate in limited research opportunities.