

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The University of Southern Mississippi 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 available so that The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast students may earn their entire degree(s) with majors and emphases in the programs that follow. Because certain courses are not offered every semester, students are encouraged to be in regular contact with the appropriate student services coordinator.

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

College of Arts and Letters

- American Studies
- English
- English - Licensure
- History
- History - Licensure in Social Studies
- Paralegal Studies
- Political Science
- Radio, Television and Film - Film

College of Business

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Management
- Tourism

College of Education and Psychology

- Child and Family Studies Child Development
- Child and Family Studies Child Development Licensure
- Elementary Education (K-6)
- Family and Consumer Sciences Education
- Library and Information Science
- Library and Information Science - Licensure
- Psychology
- Special Education
- Technical and Occupational Education

College of Health

- Athletic Training
- Coaching and Sport Administration
- Community Health - Health Promotion
- Community Health Sciences - Allied Health
- Human Performance
- Nursing
- Recreation
- Social Work

College of Science and Technology

- Administration of Justice
- Applied Technology
- Biological Sciences
- Biological Sciences - Licensure
- Biological Sciences - Environmental Biology
- Biological Sciences - Marine Biology
- Computer Science - Applied
- Construction Engineering Technology
- Geography
- Geography - Geographic Information Technology
- Industrial Engineering Technology
- Marine Science
- Mathematics
- Mathematics - Licensure

FOR SERVICE, PLEASE CALL ...

(Mississippi Gulf Coast area code 228)

	Phone	Location
Accounting and Information Systems	865.4505	Gulf Park
Administration of Justice	865.4507	Gulf Park
Admissions	865.4503	Gulf Park
.....	214.3280	Gulf Park
.....	377.2309	Keesler
.....	497.3636	Jackson County
American Studies	867.2633	Gulf Park
Biological Sciences	865.4507	Gulf Park
Bookstore Services	865.4504	Gulf Park
Business, College of	865.4505	Gulf Park
Business Services	865.4520	Gulf Park
Center for Fisheries Research and Development	872.4218	GCRL
Center of Higher Learning	688.2141	Stennis Space Center
Child and Family Studies	865.4512	Gulf Park
Coaching and Sports Administration	214.3419	Gulf Park
Coastal Sciences	872.4247	GCRL
Community Health	214.3419	Gulf Park
Computer Science	865.4507	Gulf Park
Development Office	601.266.5602	Hattiesburg
Disability Accommodations	voice 601.266.5024 TTY 601.266.6837	Hattiesburg
Economics and Finance	865.4505	Gulf Park
Education and Psychology	865.4512	Gulf Park
Engineering Technology	867.2600	Jackson County
English	867.2633	Gulf Park
Enrollment and Marketing	867.8777	Gulf Park
Family and Consumer Sciences Education	865.4512	Gulf Park
FAX / Administration	867.2657	Gulf Park
FAX / Arts and Letters	214.3242	Gulf Park
FAX / Business	865.4588	Gulf Park
FAX / Education and Psychology	867.2656	Gulf Park
FAX / Enrollment and Marketing	865.4587	Gulf Park
FAX / Southern Miss Gulf Coast Library (on campus)	865.4544	Gulf Park
FAX/Student Services	867.2657	Gulf Park
Financial Aid	865.4513	Gulf Park
Geography	865.4507	Gulf Park
Gulf Coast Geospatial Center	872.4215	GCRL
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	872.4200	GCRL
Human Performance and Recreation	214.3419	Gulf Park
History	867.2633	Gulf Park
Industrial Engineering Technology	867.2600	Jackson County
Information	865.4500	Gulf Park
iTech	865.4593	Gulf Park
Jackson County - Southern Miss Teaching Site	497.3636	Jackson County
Jackson County - Southern Miss Teaching Site	497.3642	Jackson County
Keesler Air Force Base		
Southern Miss Teaching Site	377.2309	Keesler AFB
Library, Southern Miss Gulf Coast	865.4510	Gulf Park
Library Science	865.4512	Gulf Park
Management and Marketing	865.4505	Gulf Park
Marine Biology	865.4507	Gulf Park
Marine Education Center, J.L. Scott	818.8890	GCRL
Mathematics	865.4507	Gulf Park
Media Center	865.4543	Gulf Park
Nursing	865.4517	Gulf Park
Paralegal Studies	867.2633	Gulf Park
Political Science	867.2633	Gulf Park
Psychology	865.4512	Gulf Park
Registration	865.4565	Gulf Park
Security	669.7496/865.4537	Gulf Park

Service Members Opportunity College (SOC).....	374.8348.....	Keesler AFB
Social Work.....	214.3419.....	Gulf Park
Special Education	865.4512.....	Gulf Park
Student Services.....	865.4565.....	Gulf Park
Teacher Certification - Elementary.....	865.4512.....	Gulf Park
Teacher Certification - Secondary (Arts and Letters)	867.2608.....	Gulf Park
Teacher Certification - Secondary (Science and Tech)	865.4507.....	Gulf Park
Technical and Occupational Education	374.8348.....	Keesler AFB
Tourism Management	865.4505.....	Gulf Park
Technology Learning Center (Toy Library)	867.2636.....	Gulf Park
Veterans Affairs.....	865.4513.....	Gulf Park
Workplace Learning and Performance Institute	214.3344.....	Gulf Park

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast provides a flexible educational delivery system designed to respond to the needs of the constituency served. A sufficient number of courses are offered so that students may earn bachelor's, master's, specialist's and doctoral degrees in a variety of specialty areas. As the scope of the Gulf Coast program broadens in response to students' needs, additional areas of specialization will become available.

Southern Miss Gulf Coast operates under the semester calendar and awards semester-hour credits for all courses. Classes meet in the morning, afternoon, and evening.

HISTORY

The genesis of The University of Southern Mississippi on the Mississippi Gulf Coast goes back to 1947, when what was then Mississippi Southern College first organized classes at Van Hook Hall, Methodist Camp Grounds, in Biloxi. At that time, there were no permanent personnel assigned. In 1958, classroom space and facilities for Mississippi Southern on the Gulf Coast were furnished by Mary L. Michael Junior High School in Biloxi, and thus the operation moved from the Methodist Camp Grounds. At that time, one person was assigned permanently to a combined teaching and administrative position. For teaching personnel, MSC on the Gulf Coast drew upon the talents of local professors, teachers, and other qualified instructors. Supplementing this teaching group were occasional professors who commuted from the main campus to teach night courses.

By 1962, Mississippi Southern College had attained university status and was renamed the "The University of Southern Mississippi." In the 1960s, the demands for education in all phases grew to the extent that course offerings were broadened to meet the needs of the various occupational fields and interests. Included in these categories were Keesler Air Force Base personnel and their dependents; the industrial community, including Ingalls Ship Yards at Pascagoula, NASA at Bay St. Louis, civil service personnel associated with the naval base at Gulfport, the two Veterans Administration hospitals, and other government agencies.

At the end of the 1964 summer session, The University of Southern Mississippi moved from Mary L. Michael Junior High School to Keesler Air Force Base. In September 1965, in addition to KAFB, other classroom facilities were obtained for night classes from the Jefferson Davis campus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College District. The addition was called the "The University of Southern Mississippi Harrison County Resident Center." In September 1966, The University of Southern Mississippi further extended its offerings by adding the Jackson County Resident Center, located on the Jackson County campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College in Gautier.

In March 1972 The University of Southern Mississippi Harrison County Resident Center program moved from the Jefferson Davis campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College to the campus of the former Gulf Park College for Girls located on Highway 90 in Long Beach. In July 1972, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning established The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park and Keesler Air Force Base Teaching Sites as an upper-level degree-completion regional campus of The University of Southern Mississippi. The Jackson County Resident Teaching Site continued as a center to deliver higher education programs and courses to the citizens of Jackson County. A new building to provide facilities for the Jackson County Resident Center was constructed and equipped by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors in 1982-83.

By this time, a comprehensive plan was developed for providing needed higher education opportunities on the Gulf Coast. Basically, the plan entailed close cooperation and coordination between the Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College District, which would be responsible for all freshman/sophomore courses, and The University of Southern Mississippi, which would be responsible for all junior, senior, and graduate offerings. Accordingly, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior

College, established the Jefferson Davis-Keesler Center for freshman/sophomore course work in 1972 while Southern Miss continued to administer its upper-level work at Keesler.

The cooperation that had long existed between the university and the local junior colleges was formalized in July 1976. The landmark Two Plus Two Agreement between The University of Southern Mississippi and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District provided fully coordinated comprehensive programs through the associate's, bachelor's, master's, and selected specialist levels for Gulf Coast citizens. The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast and Pearl River Community College also formalized a Two Plus Two Agreement in 1992.

In 1998, The University of Southern Mississippi was classified as a dual-campus system. In 1999, the State of Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning approved The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast to add freshman and sophomore course work. Southern Miss Gulf Coast admitted its first freshman students summer session 2002.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS

GULF PARK CAMPUS

The Gulf Park campus was heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. The campus is currently operating from an interim location at the Gulf Coast Student Service Center in Gulfport.

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast brings the excellence that is Southern Miss to the people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast as the second campus in the university's dual campus system. The interim location in Gulfport offers bachelor's, master's, specialist's, and doctoral degrees.

KEESLER TEACHING SITE

Telephone: (228) 377.2309 or (228) 374.8348

Building 0701, Sablich Center, Room 217

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

(Closed alternate Fridays)

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Keesler is conveniently located to provide educational services to Keesler Air Force Base military and civilian personnel. In cooperation with MGCCC-Keesler, and with the help and advice of the Keesler Education Services Office, the Southern Miss Gulf Coast Keesler offers courses, programs, and services designed to meet the unique needs of the Keesler community. Anyone eligible to attend Gulf Park or Jackson County may also attend Southern Miss Gulf Coast Keesler. Registration, advisement, and other student services are provided by the Southern Miss Gulf Coast Keesler staff, as well as by advisers from Gulf Park, Jackson County, and Hattiesburg who maintain office hours at Keesler. The Southern Miss office is located in Room 217 in the Sablich Center.

The University of Southern Mississippi, in cooperation with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and Pearl River Community College, has designed bachelor's degree programs in which the upper division work is completed at Southern Miss Gulf Coast. This concept has been formalized in the Two Plus Two agreement between the participating institutions. The Two Plus Two concept makes four-year degree programs available to the Gulf Coast residents from the state of Mississippi's public higher education system. The concept also assures smooth transition for students who transfer from one of the participating community colleges.

The University of Southern Mississippi Keesler tuition and fees are the same as for the other Southern Miss Gulf Coast campuses. Active duty military have first priority in Southern Miss Gulf Coast Keesler courses.

SERVICE MEMBERS OPPORTUNITY COLLEGE (SOC)

The University of Southern Mississippi is a member of Service Members Opportunity College (SOC), and SOCNAV4 (Navy). SOC is a consortium of national higher education associations and institutions that help strengthen and coordinate quality, voluntary, college-level educational opportunities for service members and their family members.

The University of Southern Mississippi is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Additionally, several specific programs maintain programmatic accreditation.

JACKSON COUNTY TEACHING SITE

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Jackson County Teaching Site is located on the Jackson County campus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College on Highway 90 in Gautier, Mississippi. Located in building S on the southeast side of the campus, Southern Miss Jackson County Teaching Site provides registration, fee collection, advisement, and a variety of undergraduate and graduate classes for the convenience of students in Jackson County.

Through the use of an Interactive Video Network, The University of Southern Mississippi Jackson County Center can connect the students of Jackson County to classes offered at the Southern Miss Gulf Park and Hattiesburg campuses. The bookstore at The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Jackson County Teaching Site sells textbooks for the Jackson County Teaching Site during the first two weeks of the semester.

GULF COAST RESEARCH LABORATORY

The Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL) is located in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. It is the home of a summer field program in the marine sciences that has operated continuously since 1947. The 50-acre site is also home to the Department of Coastal Sciences, the Center for Fisheries Research and Development, the Gulf Coast Geospatial Center, the J.L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium and the Mississippi-

Alabama Sea Grant Consortium. Approximately 200 faculty, technical personnel, support staff, and students work at the GCRL.

CENTER FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Center for Fisheries Research and Development addresses fisheries issues important to Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico region. Focusing on fisheries, habitats, and invasive species, fisheries center scientists work closely with marine resource users and managers in conducting research and putting new knowledge and skills to use. The center's scientists fill roles as leaders in charting directions for future research strategies and as sources of accurate and timely information needed for resource management plans based on scientific findings.

GULF COAST GEOSPATIAL CENTER

The Gulf Coast Geospatial Center is charged with building the university's capability for applying remote-sensing technologies to coastal zone research and management. The center trains students and researchers in the use of geospatial technologies, acquires, coordinates, and manages extensive data sets of geospatial data primarily related to the Mississippi coastal region; and conducts research focused on coastal zone issues.

J.L. SCOTT MARINE EDUCATION CENTER AND AQUARIUM

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina's destruction, the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium relocated to the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. The suite of hands-on marine science education programs that earned the Marine Education Center an international, award-winning reputation continues to reach precollege teachers and students who participate in institutes, workshops, educational field programs, and day camps.

CEDAR POINT

Cedar Point, part of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, is one of the premier marine aquaculture facilities in the United States and has allowed expansion of a national marine aquaculture program headquartered at the GCRL. The 224-acre site is located adjacent to the Gulf Islands National Seashore in Ocean Springs. Donated in 1995 for expansion of the laboratory, it includes 116 acres of land available for development and about 108 acres of wetlands, marsh, bayou tributaries and bayou. Five structures now occupy the site, including a 118,800-square-foot grow-out facility for testing shrimp-farming technology on a commercial scale. Four other buildings include an office and receiving building and three buildings for experiments involving aquaculture with marine shrimp and other marine species.

JOHN C. STENNIS SPACE CENTER

The John C. Stennis Space Center in Hancock County, Miss., is home to The University of Southern Mississippi Department of Marine Science and the Center of Higher Learning. NASA's lead center for rocket propulsion testing and earth sciences and the location of numerous other government and private agencies involved in ocean-related activities, Stennis is the ideal setting for the marine science program. Networking opportunities for students are unparalleled as more oceanographers work at Stennis than any other single location in the world. The Department of Marine Science offers both master's and doctoral degrees in marine science and a master of science degree in hydrographic science. The Center of Higher Learning is a consortium of three universities and one community college located at Stennis Space Center to provide educational and research opportunities to employees of the space center and residents of the surrounding area.

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

AUTOMOBILES ON CAMPUS

Students, employees, and frequent visitors of the university are required to purchase parking permits to register their automobiles with the University Security Department. Temporary permits are issued when a vehicle is to be on campus less than 14 days. Parking zones have been established along with other regulations. Penalties are assessed for violations of regulations.

Vehicle registration is valid for one academic year on the Gulf Park and Jackson County campuses. Keesler Air Force Base permits are issued free of charge each semester. Proof of insurance and a valid driver's license must be shown before a Keesler permit can be issued. Permits may be obtained from The University of Southern Mississippi Keesler Teaching Site. Southern Miss Gulf Coast parking decals can be obtained at the Gulf Park Security Office, and each day of student registration.

BOOKSTORE TEXTBOOK SERVICE

All textbooks must be purchased. Students with a Southern Miss identification card may charge textbooks to their university account provided that minimum payment has been made to the business office.

Textbooks will be available for Gulf Park and Keesler classes in the Gulf Park Bookstore. Textbooks for Jackson County classes will be available in the Jackson County Bookstore*. Buyback will be held on a daily basis at the Gulf Park Bookstore.

*During the first two weeks of the semester.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS (ODA)

In accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990), The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast provides reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities through the Office for Disability Accommodations (ODA). ODA verifies eligibility for accommodations and works with eligible students to develop and coordinate plans for the provision of accommodations. Eligible students include those who are enrolled in degree and nondegree programs offered by The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast, are considered qualified to meet all university program requirements despite a disability, and meet the definition of disability as defined by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the ADA.

Accommodations may include exam modifications, assistive technology, document conversion, interpreters, note-takers, and readers. In order to receive appropriate and timely accommodations, eligible students should contact the ODA before the semester begins to file an application and submit documentation of disability for review. The ODA is committed to creating a positive campus environment where students with disabilities are encouraged to pursue careers on the basis of personal interest and ability.

For an application and guidelines for documentation of disability, contact the Office for Disability Accommodations, The University of Southern Mississippi, 118 College Drive #8586, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001, or call 601.266.5024, 228.214.3232 or visit the Web site www.usm.edu/oda. Individuals with hearing impairments can use *Mississippi Relay Services* at 800.582.2233 (TTY) to contact campus offices.

ENROLLMENT AND MARKETING

Enrollment and Marketing oversees the marketing of all the Coast teaching sites and programs. Another primary focus of the department is to manage all admissions processes to assure students are admitted as efficiently as possible. For more information, contact Dayonne McGuire at 228.867.8778.

GULF COAST LIBRARY AND MEDIA CENTER

During 2002, Cox Library, Media Center, and Curriculum Lab moved to the spacious new 55,000-square-foot The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Library and Media Center. Filled with natural light, this state-of-the-art facility supports a 24/7 computer lab, as well as group study and research.

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Library serves as resource center for the Gulf Park campus and the Keesler and Jackson County Teaching Sites of Southern Miss Gulf Coast. It contains collections of print and nonprint material that directly support the instructional programs offered by Southern Miss Gulf Coast. This includes 52,138 books, 13,285 volumes in microforms, 2,096 units of software, and 14,537 volumes in the Curriculum Lab. The Library currently subscribes to 321 periodical titles and has access to the Internet and over 144 electronic databases, 88 of which offer the full text of many of the articles. The Library uses the Library of Congress Classification System. Special collections include the Curriculum Lab and the Gulf Park College for Women Archives.

The university-wide library cooperative program gives Gulf Coast students and faculty access to most library resources on the Southern Miss campus in Hattiesburg. This program is facilitated by The University of Southern Mississippi Libraries' online catalog, which can be searched in The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Library, as well as by remote access via the Internet, from a home or office computer. A thrice-weekly shuttle transports library materials between the Southern Miss Hattiesburg campus and the Gulf Park campus of Southern Miss Gulf Coast. The shuttle transports materials twice a week between the Keesler and Jackson County Teaching Sites, the GCRL, and the Gulf Park campus. Materials not available in The University of Southern Mississippi libraries are borrowed through document delivery Services from other lending libraries throughout the United States.

Special interlibrary cooperative agreements and programs allow Gulf Coast students and faculty access to the libraries of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College system, the Harrison County Law Library, and other special libraries with collections related to The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast curriculum.

Audiovisual Services of The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Library Media Center has audiovisual equipment, most forms of media software, and educational television available for use by faculty, students, and staff. Graphic Services of The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Library Media Center can generate for students, faculty, and staff items such as transparencies, posters, labels, forms, newsletters, and brochures and can assist with designing displays and presentations.

TECHNOLOGY

The responsibility of managing technology on the Gulf Coast is placed in the Information Technology (iTech) Department. Technology issues are planned, installed, set up, and maintained by technicians that reside at Stennis Space Center, Gulf Park, and the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL).

Classrooms

Most classrooms have ceiling-mounted projectors and associated drop-down or pull-down screens. Cables are provided to the front of the classroom for connection to computers, DVD/VCR players, document cameras, and/or other electronics.

Passwords/E-mail

Students, faculty, and staff members are able to have passwords reset at any iTech office. Passwords may be reset for SOAR, SOARFIN, WebCT, Orca, and e-mail. New e-mail and Orca accounts may also be activated within iTech. Please bring your USM ID card for identification.

Computers/Software

Computers may be ordered, set up, and software installed for faculty and staff. Support for student computers is limited to assisting with wireless setup and basic software and operating system questions. iTech is not authorized to repair or work on student computers or faculty and staff personal computers.

Computer Labs

Computer labs and community computers with printing capabilities are available to enrolled students, faculty, and staff at Stennis Space Center, Gulf Park, and the Jackson County campus. Computers in labs may be used when classes are not being held in the lab. Identical software configurations are on each computer, any deviation is so marked on the computer. Any added files or changes to the computers' configuration are automatically removed each night.

Telephones

Telephone and fax lines are maintained by iTech at all Gulf Coast locations, except Stennis Space Center. A very limited number of public telephones are available.

Interactive Video Network (IVN)

Some classrooms are set up to provide interactive audio/video for classroom presentations, distance-learning opportunities, and meetings among distant partners. The IVN system enables faculty and students to see, speak, hear, as well as share documents and other information simultaneously between two or more connected sites. All sites have interaction with the originating site (instructor's site) and all remote sites. Technical and instructional support is provided to faculty and students at all locations using the delivery system. Through IVN, credit programming taught from Southern Miss Hattiesburg, Southern Miss Stennis Space Center, Southern Miss Gulf Park, the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, or the Jackson County center might be attended at any of the other locations, when scheduled. IVN technology is also used for educational and business purposes beyond Southern Miss by connecting classrooms and conference rooms worldwide to our rooms on our campuses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE CENTER

The mission of The University of Southern Mississippi's Economic Development Resource Center (EDRC) is to encourage the economic development process by providing support to entities and individuals as well as being involved in the practice of economic development. The EDRC is comprised of two (2) divisions: Community and Economic Development Research and Small Business Development.

The Research Division performs analysis of existing and proposed economic development practices and policies to assist in evaluation by decision makers, both public and private. Examples include economic impact analysis, cost-benefit analysis, population projections, wage studies, retail analysis and feasibility studies.

Within the EDRC, Southern Miss' Business Assistance Center provides a variety of services to small businesses including counseling, workshops and information services. Resources are available to assist in business plan development, market analysis, capital sources location, technology transfer, innovation development, federal grant location, and other managerial and technical support services. The BAC at The University of Southern Mississippi serves South Mississippi entrepreneurs, as well as existing small businesses.

Kimberly Compton, director, can be reached at either 601.543.6244 or kimberly.compton@usm.edu.

TECHNOLOGY LEARNING CENTER (HOME OF THE TOY LIBRARY)

The Technology Learning Center (TLC), established in 1990, is a community-based, university-directed, nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing education, independence, and quality of life for persons with disabilities. In partnership with the Institute for Disability Studies, TLC serves adults and youth with disabilities, their families, teachers, and therapists through specialized training and a library of adapted equipment and assistive technology.

TLC provides an extensive library of assistive technology tools that can be borrowed by anyone with a disability including the following:

- Specially adapted toys (activated by switches) for children who cannot play with ordinary toys
- Environmental control devices (designed to activate everyday household appliances)
- Specially designed computer access devices (for persons who cannot use an ordinary keyboard or mouse)
- Augmentative communication devices (for people who are unable to speak)
- Positioning equipment (to aid in sitting or standing)
- Wheelchair tennis equipment
- Wheelchair basketball equipment
- Adapted arts and crafts equipment
- Adapted fishing gear
- Beach wheelchairs
- Adapted golf equipment
- Hand cycles
- Kayaks
- Table tennis equipment

Recreation programs directed by TLC are designed to facilitate sports and recreation for people with disabilities. Wheelchair tennis, wheelchair basketball and table tennis lessons are available at no cost to anyone with a disability. Individual training sessions are provided for any type of equipment that is borrowed.

TLC provides a hands-on technology lab where teachers and Southern Miss teacher education students have the opportunity to “try out” various technology and software that support educational goals for children with disabilities. A lab where future teachers can see, touch, and experiment with various technology provides an opportunity to obtain the knowledge necessary to effectively use assistive technology in schools.

Individuals interested in TLC’s services may call 228.867.2636 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. The TLC Website is www.usm.edu/tlc.

JACK AND PATTI PHILLIPS

WORKPLACE LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE INSTITUTE

As a research and outreach center, the Workplace Learning and Performance Institute (WLPI) (a) extracts and develops models of best practices in workplace learning and performance and disseminates models in print, electronically, and face-to-face; (b) fosters better integration and new development of technologies related to workplace learning and performance; (c) implements a systematic approach to measure workplace learning and performance; (d) provides products and services that help workforce development professionals do their jobs effectively and efficiently; (e) serves as a repository of public sector return-on-investment impact studies and programs; and (f) provides professional development opportunities for training and human resources department professionals.

ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

All communications regarding entrance to the undergraduate colleges and schools of the university should be addressed to the Office of Admissions, The University of Southern Mississippi, 730 East Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560.

Eligibility for admission will be determined when the application, ACT/SAT score, and scholastic records have been submitted. The academic record, character, and conditions of application of the applicant must be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and with the laws of the state of Mississippi. The applicant must have excellent moral character and must be willing to conduct his or her affairs so as to be a credit to the university. The university reserves the right to cancel the admission or registration of an individual whose attendance at the university, in the opinion of the appropriate administrative officer and the president, would not be mutually beneficial to himself or herself and to the institution. Any undergraduate applicant who is denied admission to the university may have his or her case reviewed by the Undergraduate Committee for Admissions and Credits. To initiate the review procedure, the student should contact the Office of Admissions. Applicants should note carefully the law governing legal residence and the penalty for falsifying residence information. The law appears in the "Residency Regulations" section of this publication. The University of Southern Mississippi does not discriminate on grounds of age, sex, race, color, religion, or national origin. These provisions also apply to disabled individuals, pursuant to current federal and state regulations and subject to reasonable standards of admission and employment. All inquiries concerning discrimination should be referred to the Director of Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employment Office, Room 108, Lucas Administration Building, The University of Southern Mississippi, 118 College Drive #5177, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001.

Admission requirements are subject to change as mandated by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, without prior notification.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR FRESHMEN

How to Apply

Each entering freshman applicant is required to

1. present an application for admission with a \$25 non-refundable application fee.
2. submit an official high school transcript that lists the date of graduation, class rank, and grade point average and that indicates credit in the following College Preparatory Core (CPC) units in grades 9-12:

Subject

English	4 units	(All must require substantial communication skills.)
Mathematics	3 units	(Includes Alg I, Geom, Alg II or a higher math)
Sciences	3 units	(Choose from Bio, Chem, Physics, or their advanced sequences, or any other course of comparable rigor and content. Two must be lab based.)
Social Studies	3 units	(Must include 1 unit of American History, 1 unit of World History, 1/2 unit of Government, and 1/2 unit of either Economics or Geography.)
Required Electives	2 units	(1 unit must be either a foreign language or World Geography. The second unit can be either a foreign language, World Geography, or a 4th math or 4th science unit.)
Computer Application	1/2 unit	(Computer competency cited on the transcript will meet this requirement.)

Algebra I or a foreign language taken in the 8th grade will be accepted toward meeting admission requirements.

For an applicant to be fully admitted to Southern Miss, one of the following combinations of curriculum, testing scores, and grade point average must be attained:

1. Complete CPC with minimum 3.20 GPA and submit ACT or SAT; or
2. (Complete CPC with minimum 2.50 GPA or be in top 50 percent of class) and have 16 or higher

ACT, or the SAT equivalent; or,

3. Complete CPC with minimum 2.00 GPA and have 18 ACT or the SAT equivalent.

If an applicant meets all of the above requirements except for the full CPC, he/she may be admitted with up to two curriculum deficiencies (but no more than one in any allowable area; English and mathematics areas are not allowed deficiencies). Students may also be considered as per NCAA IA eligibility criteria. Entering freshmen who have been admitted to the university may be required to enroll in developmental courses. Placement in developmental courses will be based on ACT or SAT subtest score.

Freshman applicants who do not meet the above listed standards may be required to participate in a screening process in order to become eligible for consideration for admission to the limited freshman class. That process will include the diagnostic test, ACCUPLACER. Depending on the level of development diagnosed through ACCUPLACER and other factors assessed through screening, applicants may be moved directly into a full admission category. Those students will be encouraged to participate in the yearlong Academic Support Program. If the ACCUPLACER and other factors indicate the need for remediation, those applicants will be fully admitted with deficiencies for the summer term and will be required to enroll in the Developmental Education Program designed to strengthen the students' skills in areas requiring remediation. Students who successfully complete this summer program, by passing all Summer Developmental courses, will be considered to have made satisfactory academic progress and will continue their regular programs of study during the fall term with mandatory participation in the Academic Support Program. Students who fail to complete the summer portion of the Developmental Education Program are considered to have made unsatisfactory academic progress and are not eligible for enrollment in the regular academic year. These students will be counseled to explore other postsecondary opportunities. The summer curriculum will consist of the following individual courses: English, reading, mathematics, and support labs. The individual courses are 3 credit hours each, for a total of 12 hours. Students carrying a course load of 12 semester hours will be considered fulltime.

Realizing that applicants from other states and countries may not have the same curriculum opportunities as our in-state applicants, the university will require those students to achieve curriculum standards that would be considered equivalent in rigor and content to the College Preparatory Core.

When to Apply

A high school student is urged to apply for admission early in his or her senior year. Fall applications received after July 1 will be charged a \$100 late fee. The applicant should have his or her high school mail their transcript, which should include current GPA, class rank, and six completed semesters, to the Office of Admissions. A student who applies during his or her final senior semester should provide a transcript complete for the first seven semesters.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

How to Apply

Each new student who has attended other colleges or universities and who is seeking admission to an undergraduate college is required to file an application for admission with the Office of Admissions along with a \$25 non-refundable application fee. He or she should also request that the authorities at each institution attended send an official transcript of his or her record to the Office of Admissions. The student who is applying with fewer than the twenty-four (24) semester hours of college credit required for admission as a transfer must submit 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. Applications will be processed, and admission status will be determined when all required items, including the ACT/SAT, where applicable, are on file.

Any prospective transfer students who have achieved all of the standards as specified by the Board of Trustees for admission to the universities under the governance of the Board of Trustees but who choose to attend an institution not under the governance of the Board of Trustees may transfer at any time to an institution under the Board of Trustees. This does not alter individual institutional requirements regarding transfer students.

Any student who did not meet freshman requirements at the time of high school graduation must attend an accredited institution of higher learning other than those under the governance of the Board of Trustees and must attain a C average (2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale) in the following twenty-four (24) semester credit hours:

- 6 semester hours English Composition
- 3 semester hours College Algebra or a higher math course
- 6 semester hours Laboratory Science
- 9 semester hours Transferable Electives

The applicant also must show that he or she has earned an overall GPA of 2.0 on all attempted course work or have an earned associate of arts degree (or its equivalent) from an accredited institution. Developmental courses in English, mathematics, and reading will not be accepted for degree credit. Some programs require that students meet more selective standards than those posted above.

Transfer students may be accepted from other institutions of higher learning only when the program of the transferring institution is acceptable to the receiving institution, the program of studies completed by the student meets the requirements established above, and the quality of work performed by the student is acceptable to the Board of Trustees. The authorities at the institutions under the jurisdiction of this Board are authorized to require acceptable scores on recognized tests for such transfer students. No student seeking to transfer during the session, quarter, semester, or trimester of the institution in which he or she is currently enrolled can be considered.

A student currently enrolled in another institution at the time he or she makes application for admission for the following session to one of the undergraduate colleges of this university should arrange to have forwarded to the Office of Admissions an official transcript that includes a listing of courses in progress as well as all completed work. Transfer credit is accepted only from institutions of higher learning that are accredited by a regional accrediting agency or the Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation.

The student must indicate on the application all previous colleges attended. An applicant is not permitted to ignore previous college attendance or enrollment. A student who misrepresents information in filling out the admission application form or a student who finds after admission or enrollment that he or she is ineligible for an academic or any other reason to return to his or her last institution and who fails to report this immediately to the Office of Admissions will be subject to disciplinary action, including possible dismissal from the university.

When to Apply

Students are encouraged to apply early. Fall applications received after July 1 will be charged a \$100 late fee.

Transferred credit will be evaluated after the admission status has been determined. If an evaluation is received prior to registration day, the student should bring it for use during advisement.

The university requires a grade average of "C" in all previous college work. The applications of students whose records do not meet the indicated requirements may be subject to review by the Admissions and Credits Committee.

A student under academic suspension from another college or university may not enter The University of Southern Mississippi during the term of his or her suspension. Upon termination of the suspension period, there is no bar to admission if he or she is eligible in other ways.

Students under disciplinary suspension are not admitted to The University of Southern Mississippi. Cases may be considered on appeal.

Students from fully accredited institutions ordinarily will be given full credit for work transferred into the university, insofar as the courses taken are the same as, or equivalent to, courses offered in the college in which the student enrolls at this institution.

Credits transferred from an accredited community/junior college will be accepted as determined by the college in which the student is enrolled. In accepting community/junior college credits, no courses will be considered as above sophomore level.

Neither vocational nor developmental/remedial courses will be accepted for degree credit. Institutional credit not based on acceptable nationally standardized tests is not transferable and will only be considered if

official records of individual test scores are available.

Probationary Admission

Transfer applicants who meet all regular transfer requirements but who do not have a minimum 2.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) may be considered for admission to the university on Admissions Probation if the following requirements are met:

1. Applicant must meet ACT/SAT requirements mandated by the Board of Trustees.
2. Applicant must meet all curriculum requirements mandated by the Board of Trustees (freshman or transfer, not both).
3. Applicant's grade point average must meet the Academic Standards level cited later in this publication.

If the above criteria have been met and an applicant has been admitted on probation, the student must maintain the following prescribed standards to continue enrollment:

1. To "clear" Admissions Probation, the student must pass a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours with a minimum 2.5 grade point average.
2. To continue to enroll on Admissions Probation, a student must maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average on all Southern Miss courses.

If an Admissions Probation student fails to maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average during any term at The University of Southern Mississippi while on probation, he or she will be administratively dismissed, for which there is no appeal. A student administratively dismissed must attend another accredited institution and must achieve an overall 2.0 grade point average (from all institutions of record) before he or she may be considered for readmission to The University of Southern Mississippi.

A limited amount of students may be admitted who have not completed transfer admission course requirements, provided the student has completed English Composition I and II and has maintained an overall 2.5 grade point average.

TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY

Credit hours transferred from accredited institutions are reproduced on the permanent record of The University of Southern Mississippi. This action is evidence that the credits are considered valid. Validity, however, is not to be confused with applicability.

Applicability of transfer work depends upon the requirements of a particular curriculum. Applicability varies from curriculum to curriculum, not only for transfer students from other institutions but also for students transferring from one school or curriculum to another within The University of Southern Mississippi. Applicability is determined by the department chair and dean of the college to which one is admitted. Transfer hours passed will be accepted. To meet graduation requirements, transfer students must have an overall C average, calculated by the method currently in use at The University of Southern Mississippi, on all hours scheduled and rescheduled at The University of Southern Mississippi. Acceptance of community/junior college work is limited to one-half of the total requirements for graduation in a given curriculum.

A maximum of sixty-four (64) semester hours of credit earned through credit by examination, independent study courses, extension courses, and educational experiences in the armed forces combined may be counted toward a degree at The University of Southern Mississippi. No more than thirty (30) semester hours in a degree program may be earned through credit by examination.

While enrolled at The University of Southern Mississippi, a student is required to obtain written approval from his or her college to enroll in a course or courses at another institution. Without this approval, the course(s) may not apply toward his or her degree.

Transcript Evaluations

The Department of Customer Services is charged with the responsibility of providing transferring students and their advisers with transcript evaluations on a timely basis. An official transcript evaluation will be completed only after all the required official documents necessary for the applicant's admission to the university have been received. For the convenience of both the student and adviser, an unofficial transcript evaluation will be provided to assist in advising and in the procurement of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs benefits, etc., upon request.

OTHER ADMISSION CATEGORIES

Early Admissions

The university offers highly qualified high school students the option to be considered for **EARLY ADMISSIONS**. Consideration is based on the applicant meeting the following:

1. Students must obtain a letter of support from the high school principal
2. Submit test scores of 25 or higher on the ACT (or SAT equivalent)
3. Completion of majority of core curriculum requirements with a 3.0 GPA
4. Provide a letter outlining reasons for early admission

Dual Enrollment

The university also offers highly qualified high school students the opportunity to earn college credits while they are enrolled in high school. Through our **DUAL ENROLLMENT** program, high school students may take course work each semester at the university, provided that the courses do not interfere with their high school curriculum. To be dually enrolled, the applicant must secure a letter of recommendation from his or her high school counselor, must have a minimum composite score of 21 on the ACT or the SAT equivalent, and have a 2.5 GPA on core courses.

For information concerning **EARLY ADMISSIONS** or **DUAL ENROLLMENT**, make all inquiries to the Office of Admissions, 730 East Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560.

Nontraditional Students

For the adult who wishes to complete certain specific undergraduate courses in a degree or nondegree status, the applicant may be considered for admission provided the applicant meets these conditions:

1. Has a high school diploma or its equivalent
2. Is at least 21 years of age
3. Meets acceptable grade point average requirement on transfer work

Previous academic records are required of all applicants. Applicants for nontraditional status are required to certify that they are not under suspension from any college or university. A student found guilty of non-disclosure or misrepresentation in filling out the admission application form, or a student who finds after admission or enrollment that he or she is ineligible for an academic or any other reason to return to his or her last institution and who fails to report this immediately to the Office of Admissions will be subject to disciplinary action, including possible dismissal from the university.

The student registered in nontraditional status is subject to all university regulations governing registration, attendance, and academic standing. Credit earned in nontraditional status is recorded on the student's permanent record and may be applied in an undergraduate degree program when the student has satisfactorily established degree status by meeting the entrance requirements of the university and of the degree-granting college of his or her choice. A nontraditional student may not register for more than twelve (12) semester hours per semester. Depending on admission evaluation, some students may be limited to six (6) hours per semester. Nontraditional students are ineligible for some forms of financial aid and must consult with the Office of Financial Aid if aid is needed.

Nontraditional students applying for regular status are required to follow admission procedures and to provide all items required of transfer students.

Admission by Examination

Students under 21 years of age with a General Education Development Certificate of High School Equivalency must present a GED composite score equal to the 50th percentile with ACT/SAT test scores. In such cases, the applicants may be screened and directed according to the results of the ACCUPLACER. The university does not award credit for the General Educational Development Tests, College Level. For

applicants over 21 years of age, see regulations governing Nontraditional Students.

Home-taught students who present an ACT composite score of 20-24 or the SAT equivalent and a portfolio or transcript showing evidence of completion of the College Preparatory Curriculum may be screened and if the ACCUPLACER results so direct, may be required to participate in the Summer Developmental Program. Those students who present an ACT composite of 25 or higher or the SAT equivalent and a portfolio or transcript showing evidence of completion of the College Preparatory Curriculum may be fully admitted without further screening.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

All students (including transfers) entering the university for the first time and enrolling for academic credit must document proof of immunization for measles and rubella.

1. Proof of immunization may be documented in the following manner:
 - a. Obtain a Certificate of Compliance with Immunization (Form No. 121-C) from your local Mississippi State Board of Health Office if you are a resident of the state of Mississippi. Two doses of measles vaccine are required. All international students must have a chest X-ray to screen for tuberculosis;
 - b. Documentation (month and year) of immunization that was received after the first birthday;
 - c. Positive measles and rubella serology titer with date;
 - d. Physician-documented history of having had measles with date of disease. History of rubella is not acceptable.
2. Temporary exceptions - one semester
 - a. Pregnant women
 - b. Women suspecting pregnancy
 - c. Women anticipating pregnancy within three months
3. Permanent exceptions
 - a. Medical disease that will cause a permanent contraindication to immunization
 - b. All persons born prior to 1957

ADMITTED STUDENT INFORMATION

Registration

New freshmen and transfer students entering The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast are provided the opportunity to become acquainted with university structure, policies, procedures, physical layout, faculty, students, organizations, and academic programs. Activities may include the following: evaluation of credit for transfer students, academic advisement, small group sessions, scheduling of classes, and registration. Once admitted, students will be contacted by the Department of Customer Services to make an appointment for registration.

Advisement

All new students are assigned to academic advisers and are given time to meet with their advisers for assistance in scheduling classes and planning programs of study to meet their individual needs. Assignment of advisers is based on the student's stated educational major.

REAPPLYING TO THE UNIVERSITY

Students who have previously attended the university and have a break in attendance of one or more terms must file an application for readmission. Readmission documents required include an official transcript from each institution attended since leaving The University of Southern Mississippi, and if a degree has been received from another institution, an official transcript showing that degree.

Students must meet the minimum admission standards of the university and be in good standing at all institutions attended since leaving The University of Southern Mississippi in order to be eligible for readmission.

Students who reclassify will be discontinued in the graduate studies office and will have to submit all appropriate paperwork to be readmitted to graduate studies in the future. Reclassified students previously seeking

a graduate degree will not have that degree posted until they are readmitted to graduate studies and registered for graduate hours. If students are preregistered for any classes on the graduate level, they will not be able to be reclassified until the next semester. Once reclassified, students are responsible for registering for undergraduate courses during the next open registration period. A student's existing undergraduate major will be changed to "no major – general studies." It is the responsibility of the student to contact the appropriate Academic Department/Dean's Office on the procedure to declare an undergraduate major.

Questions concerning readmission should be directed to the Office of Admissions.

STUDENT SERVICES

Department of Customer Services
228.865.4565
www.usm.edu/gulfcoast/students

As members of the university community, the Department of Customer Services is committed to serve and support students in the pursuit of their educational and career goals.

We assume responsibility to communicate information that will foster the development of the learning community. We make the connections that make the difference.

Students are assigned a Student Service Coordinator who serves as their single point of contact from admission to graduation. Their focus is on enhancing students' academic performance by minimizing efforts on administrative issues of the university.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as amended deals with one subject only – educational records. The purpose of the law is to define, more precisely than ever has been done, who may or may not see them. On the one hand, the law grants students guaranteed access; on the other hand, it takes from the universities the privilege of indiscriminate disclosure.

The FERPA sets forth these main requirements:

1. It allows a student access to each educational record that a university or college keeps on him or her.
2. It requires the institution to establish a policy on how students can go about seeing specific records.
3. It requires the institution to inform all students as to what rights they have under the Amendment, how they can act on these rights according to school policy, and how they can see a copy of the policy.
4. It requires the institution to seek student permission, in writing, before disclosing any personally identifiable record to individuals other than professional personnel employed in the university or college (and others who meet certain specified requirements).

The University of Southern Mississippi may release "directory information" on students to any interested member of the public unless the student requests in writing that it be withheld. "Directory information" is defined as the following: student's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, date and place of birth, major, dates of attendance, classification, degree(s) earned, previous educational institutions attended, class rank, and student participation in campus organizations.

The university has developed and put into writing a policy for handling requests from students and for disclosing personally identifiable information about students. Students are notified of their rights under the law by publishing the university policy in the *Student Handbook*.

REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. No otherwise qualified handicapped person, solely on the basis of handicap, will be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the administration of any educational program or activity, including admission or access thereto or in treatment or employment therein by The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast. All reasonable accommodations must be approved through the Office for Disability Accommodations (ODA), for students, or the university 504/ADA Compliance Officer, for faculty/staff. Students who need assistance in reasonably accommodating a disability in the classroom or on campus should contact the ODA Coordinator at 601.266.5024 (voice/TTY); faculty/staff should contact Human Resources at 228.867.8788.

UNDERGRADUATE BULLETIN

Specific general, academic, and degree requirements for Southern Miss Gulf Coast students are listed in the university *Undergraduate Bulletin*. Included in this information:

General Information

Transfer Credit Policy	Requirements for the School of Nursing: Baccalaureate
Transfer Evaluations	Requirements for International Students
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STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs
 Gulf Park Student Service Center
 Room 112
 228.865.4513
www.usm.edu/gulfcoast/gcfinancialaid

The Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs, a unit of the Department of Customer Services, supports the growth of Southern Miss Gulf Coast through the administration of federal, state, and other financial aid programs as well as veterans educational benefits.

Specific financial aid policies for Southern Miss Gulf Coast students are available in the university *Undergraduate Bulletin*. Included in this information:

Application Deadline

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Loans

Grants and Scholarships

Federal Pell Grants
 Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
 Leveraging Education Assistance Partnership Program (LEAP)
 University Scholarships

The following six scholarships are applicable for Gulf Coast students through the Office of Admissions on the Hattiesburg campus. Scholarship requirements are available in the university *Undergraduate Bulletin*. Applications may be obtained online at www.usm.edu/admissions/scholarships. Please submit all transcripts with the application.

Academic Excellence Awards
 Regional Award
 Community/Junior College Presidential Award
 Community/Junior College Transfer Achievement Awards
 Mississippi All Academic Team Award
 Community/Junior College Out-of-State Scholarship

General Academic

Applications may be obtained online at www.usm.edu/soar or by calling the Office of Financial Aid at 228.865.4513.

Alumni Scholarships

Student Employment

Federal Work-Study Program

FINANCIAL AID CONSORTIUM

Federal financial aid recipients who are concurrently enrolled at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and The University of Southern Mississippi may be able to receive the maximum funding for which

they have eligibility based on the combined enrollments. Applications and the checklist are available online at www.usm.edu/gulfcoast/students-access the link for student forms.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY

Qualitative Measure

Quantitative Measure

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Graduate

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Undergraduate

Graduate

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Enrollment Status

Transfer Students

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Independent Study and Research

Repeats

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Simultaneous Measurement

Appeals

Southern Miss Gulf Coast students who are placed on financial aid suspension may request an appeal for reinstatement. Written requests should be submitted to

Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast

730 East Beach Boulevard

Long Beach, MS 39560

Refunds

Repayment

VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Office of Veterans Affairs provides assistance to veterans and dependents of eligible veterans that will enable them to derive the maximum benefit from their veterans' educational entitlement. Specific services provided by the department include advance pay processing, tutorial assistance, VA work study, and enrollment certification. All Southern Miss Gulf Coast academic programs and course work are approved by the State Veterans Affairs Approving Agency for Veterans' Education and Training. Certification of veterans' educational benefits is administered through the Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs.

DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation is a nonprofit organization that functions as the depository and fiduciary of private gifts to The University of Southern Mississippi. The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation is charged with the responsibility of raising necessary funds to support the academic programs. Overall guidance and policies for the Foundation are determined by a Board of Directors composed of alumni and friends of the university.

While the foundation receives and manages the funds, the awarding of scholarships is made by University Scholarship Committees in cooperation with the Financial Aid Office. Please refer to them for availability.

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Freshman Academic and Leadership Excellence Scholarship:** To provide financial assistance to a freshman-year student at Southern Miss Gulf Coast on an annual basis based on academic excellence and leadership abilities/potential.
- **John and Molly Mann Annual Scholarship:** This scholarship is intended for an entering freshman that has graduated from a Catholic school on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and will be attending USM campuses. Preference given to graduates of Mercy Cross High School. Qualifications for the scholarship include: GPA of 3.25 or above, demonstrated extra-curricular involvement in high school (sports, student government, etc.) and a commitment to being involved in extra-curricular activities at USM. Process: Applicants will apply for the scholarship by submitting a one-page essay on their "Commitment to being involved at USM" to Mercy Cross principal.
- **Whitney National Bank -Mississippi Freshman Scholarship:** To provide a freshman scholarship at USM-Gulf Coast for a student from Jackson, Harrison, or Hancock county with a high school GPA of at least 3.0. Discipline or the major is the student's choice. Award will also be determined by financial need . Recipient must qualify for 2nd semester award by maintaining a 2.75 GPA or better the 1st semester.
- **Mary Loraine Peets Buffett Freshman Scholarship:** To provide an annual freshman scholarship to a full-time female student from the Mississippi Gulf Coast, based on academic merit, financial need, with recipient maintaining a grade point average of 3.0 or above. The recipient will be required to provide a written essay, not to exceed 250 words, demonstrating creative writing ability. To be selected by Financial Aid and a Faculty Staff committee at USM Gulf Coast. This scholarship is for a student attending the MS Gulf Coast campus.
- **New Century Scholarship:** To provide freshman and sophomore scholarships to USMGC students in the academic discipline of their choice. Freshman recipient will be awarded based on academics, leadership, and financial need. Sophomore recipient must have a minimum of 2.5 GPA to receive a second year ward. Recipients must be enrolled as full-time students.
- **Singing River Federal Credit Union Scholarship:** To provide a scholarship to the employees, or spouses, children, and grandchildren of Singing River Federal Credit Union employees, Board of Directors, or Supervisory Committee members to attend The University of Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg or Gulf Coast campuses. The recipient must be at least a second semester freshman in hours, a full-time student and have a 3.0 GPA. The recipient must be from Jackson, Stone, or Greene counties and will be determined by the USM Gulf

Coast Scholarship Committee.

- **Frank P. Corso, Inc. - Liz Corso Joachim Endowed Scholarship for Women at Southern Miss Gulf Coast:** To provide a freshman scholarship to a woman, age 40 or over. Preference given to a student with financial need.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Joe E. Holloway Scholarship:** To provide financial assistance to a graduate or undergraduate student with financial need who indicates positive leadership and service to the community.
- **Gulf Coast Metro Alumni Association Scholarship:** To provide financial assistance to a student from Harrison or Hancock county.
- **American Business Women's Association Scholarship:** To provide a one-time scholarship attending USM Gulf Coast who is a U.S. and Harrison county citizen. Recipient must demonstrate financial need and maintain a 2.5 GPA. Extra-curricular activities and/or community service will be considered.
- **Coast Electric Power Association Scholarship:** To provide financial assistance for members of the Coast Electric Power Association to attend the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast campuses. The recipient must have a 3.0 GPA.
- **Gencorp Aerojet Scholarship:** To provide financial assistance to The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast students.
- **Dr. Rick Peden Memorial Endowment:** The purpose for this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a student attending the Southern Miss Gulf Coast campus.

DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS

College of Arts and Letters

- **Tom Fredian Memorial Scholarship:** To a student majoring in journalism, communications, or public relations; any age level; 3.0 GPA; enrolled in 6 semester hours at USM Gulf Coast; and enrolled for at least one previous semester.
- **Political Science Scholarship at USMGC:** The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a student pursuing a career in public service.

College of Business

- **HSMAI-Magnolia Chapter Endowment:** To provide financial assistance to a junior or senior majoring in hospitality management at the Gulf Park campus. Student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75, demonstrate service to the industry, and a financial need. The student must also maintain a GPA of 2.75 or better to qualify for award in the spring semester. Recipient will be selected by the department of Financial Aid.
- **O'Keefe Companies Endowment:** To provide financial assistance to a Business major who shows academic promise and financial need who is community service oriented.
- **Roger Poulos Memorial Academic Fund:** To provide financial assistance to a student, graduate or undergraduate, majoring in Real Estate or a related field in Business Administration and having an indication from prior records of positive leadership and service to the community.
- **Henry Terry Business Administration Endowed Scholarship:** To provide financial assistance to a College of Business Administration student.
- **G.O.A.L.S. Scholarship:** For a Gulf Coast junior or senior enrolled in 6 or more semester hours to pursue a business degree. Preference shall be given first to a student majoring in MIS

and second to a student majoring in management. Consideration should be given to well-rounded students with a 2.5 GPA or higher rather than those who are eligible for financial aid or academic awards. Business department chair will select recipient.

- **Mary Louise Key McClammy Memorial Scholarship:** To offer an annual scholarship to a USM student meeting certain eligibility requirements including admission to the College of Education and Psychology with a major in elementary education as the primary beneficiary of the scholarship, OR to the College of Business as the secondary beneficiary if no education major is selected. Consideration will be given to applicants of Vietnamese descent. If no Vietnamese student meets the criteria on the Hattiesburg campus, then the scholarship will go to the Gulf Coast campus for awarding with the same criteria. Applicants must graduate from a MS high school and be a citizen of the U.S. and must carry a minimum of 12 semester hours. Applicants must meet or exceed certain academic standards in addition to the usual admission policies established by USM, to wit: entering freshman must be in the top 25% of their high school graduating class; community/junior college transfer students must have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and have completed a minimum of 27 semester hours of community/junior college studies; students transferring to USM from other universities or colleges (other than community/junior college studies) are not eligible for selection. Leadership qualities may be taken into consideration.

College of Education and Psychology

- **Friends of the Long Beach Public Library Annual Scholarship:** To be awarded to a full-time student interested in pursuing a degree in the school of Library and Information Sciences on the Hattiesburg or Gulf Coast campuses. The director of the School of Library and Information Sciences will determine the recipient.
- **Martha H. Gill Memorial Scholarship:** To provide financial assistance to a student in the Teacher Education curriculum. Award will be based on financial need of student.
- **Thomas L. “Joe” Reeves Education Annual Scholarship:** To provide a scholarship to a Long Beach high school graduate who is an education major and who will be entering their junior year at USM Gulf Coast.
- **S.L. Marguerite Fayard Scholarship:** To provide a scholarship to a student preparing for a career in a service-oriented profession, i.e., teaching, counseling, or social services.
- **Mary Louise Key McClammy Memorial Scholarship:** To offer an annual scholarship to a USM student meeting certain eligibility requirements including admission to the College of Education and Psychology with a major in elementary education as the primary beneficiary of the scholarship, OR to the College of Business as the secondary beneficiary if no education major is selected. Consideration will be given to applicants of Vietnamese descent. If no Vietnamese student meets the criteria on the Hattiesburg campus, then the scholarship will go to the Gulf Coast campus for awarding with the same criteria. Applicants must graduate from a MS high school and be a citizen of the U.S. and must carry a minimum of 12 semester hours. Applicants must meet or exceed certain academic standards in addition to the usual admission policies established by USM, to wit: entering freshman must be in the top 25% of their high school graduating class; community/junior college transfer students must have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and have completed a minimum of 27 semester hours of community/junior college studies; students transferring to USM from other universities or colleges (other than community/junior college studies) are not eligible for selection. Leadership qualities may be taken into consideration.
- **Ken Combs Endowment:** To provide financial assistance to prospective teachers that have a 2.5 GPA or better with financial need.

College of Health

- **Gulf Coast Medical Center Tenet Healthsystem Nursing Scholarship:** To be awarded to a senior nursing student annually, provided their GPA was 3.0 or better. However, should the original recipient's GPA fall below the 3.0, the scholarship then would be awarded to another student for the second semester. The scholarship will be specifically designated to the College of Nursing at USM Gulf Coast. The recipients must be from one of the three coastal counties: Jackson, Harrison, or Hancock. The nursing student/scholarship recipient would be encouraged by Tenet HealthSystem to perform their preceptorship at Gulf Coast Medical Center. This preceptorship is scheduled for the last five weeks of the second semester of the student's senior year, and begins on April 1 each year. A faculty/staff scholarship committee at USM Gulf Coast will determine the recipient of this scholarship.
- **Richard H. and Particia L. Tilley School of Nursing Scholarship Fund:** To award to a student in the School of Nursing at Gulf Park. The recipient must be from the State of Mississippi and demonstrate financial need. The recipient will be determined by the chair of School of Nursing at Gulf Park in consultation with faculty members and financial aid.
- **Arline K. Williams Gulf Coast Nursing Scholarship:** To provide financial assistance to a student enrolled in the Gulf Coast Nursing School.
- **Betty Spencer Scholarship Fund at Southern Miss Gulf Coast:** To assist Southern Miss Gulf Coast MSW students with tuition fees. The applicant is to have interest in family and child practice. The applicant is to submit a 300-word essay on "Who or what motivated the applicant to consider social work as a career, and how does that influence the area of practice to which he or she aspires?"
- **Mrs. Eathel Virginia Rohr Memorial Nursing Scholarship:** To provide financial assistance to a student majoring in Nursing with a 3.5 GPA. The student must have rotated or worked at Ocean Springs Hospital. To be selected by the Nursing faculty using 10 characteristics of a good nurse as a guideline.

Please see the USM Foundation section (pp 70-73) of this *Bulletin* for additional information regarding Gulf Coast scholarships.