

MAJORS

- English (English Education) BA
- English BA
- History (Social Studies Education) BA
- History BA
- Philosophy, Religion, and Law BA*

* Available fully online


MINORS

- English Minor
- History Minor
- Philosophy Minor*
- Public and Applied History
- Religion Minor

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Post-secondary students in the State of Mississippi often choose to attend a Mississippi community college (MS CC) and earn an associate degree before transferring to The University of Southern Mississippi to complete their bachelor's degree. To make this transition as smooth as possible and to ensure no credits are lost, we have created this transfer guide. In most, but not all, cases, students may complete a bachelor's degree in what we refer to as a '2+2' format:

2 years at a MS CC for an associate degree, which includes general education coursework





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2 years at USM to complete the bachelor's degree

Please use the key below to determine which courses you must, should, or could take at a Mississippi community college before transferring to Southern Miss.

KEY



 MUST	Students who do not complete these requirements at a MS CC cannot complete their bachelor's degree in the 2+2 format.
 SHOULD	Students should complete these requirements at a MS CC in order to have the smoothest transition to Southern Miss. It may still be possible to complete a bachelor's degree in the 2+2 format without taking these courses, but it will be challenging.
 COULD	Students could complete these requirements at a MS CC if they desire. Not taking these courses prior to transferring will not affect a student's ability to complete their bachelor's degree in the 2+2 format.
 CALCULUS READINESS	Calculus is required on this degree plan. Students should arrive at Southern Miss ready to take Calculus I, which means they must have completed Trigonometry or have a Math ACT subscore ≥ 26 . Students may complete Calculus I prior to transferring if they desire.



NOTE: *This document is intended as a guide; it does not guarantee graduation in the 2+2 format. Degree requirements are subject to change. Please consult the school of your desired major for up-to-date requirements.*

Additional majors are available from the other Southern Miss colleges.

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ENGLISH

ENGLISH, ENGLISH EDUCATION



PROGRAM INFO

An English degree is excellent preparation for graduate or law school, and careers in education, publishing, and more. Studying English means engaging with literature through reading and analysis. Students can take courses in creative writing and professional communication.

The program builds critical and creative writing skills while exploring themes such as environmental, gender, social, digital, and educational issues.

CAREER OUTLOOK

Effective communication and the ability to analyze complex information are valued across all industries.

English majors often pursue careers in writing, editing, journalism, publishing, nonprofits, education, PR, advertising, and law. Each field offers a range of roles, from entry-level to senior leadership.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

The study of literature builds essential reading, writing, and analytical skills that extend beyond the discipline and are highly valued by employers.

Students can develop skills in creative and professional writing, critical reading, research, and discourse analysis.

RESEARCH AT USM

- Regular participation in Sigma Tau Delta Sponsored National Conference
- Annual participation and award-winning Undergraduate Research Symposium - Eagles Scholars Program for Undergraduate Research

OPPORTUNITIES



SCHOLARSHIPS

There are 8 program-specific scholarships available. Students should apply through the "Golden Opportunities" GO System.



STUDY ABROAD

British Studies Program, Summer in London Château Program, Semester in France



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Join an active community of creative writers and literary scholars!
- Take Digital Humanities courses.
- English Education students spend time in Mississippi classrooms working with mentor teachers, English faculty, and principals. The final semester is spent student-teaching in an area school.

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Complete all requirements for a MS community college associate degree, including general education coursework, and...



SHOULD

Complete the fourth semester of a world language.

Take 3 humanities courses: both World Civilizations courses and select 1 additional option from your community college's general education humanities category. One World Civ course will duplicate gen. ed. Select 1 social science course from the list below. May not duplicate general education coursework.



COULD

Students interested in creative writing should take Creative Writing I to prepare for upper-level creative writing coursework.

CHECKLIST

COURSES

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Courses at Community College

Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss



WORLD LANGUAGE
through fourth semester

FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH
Regularly offered at USM



HUMANITIES
(Take all 3)

HIS 1113 or HIS 1163
World Civilizations I

HIS 101
World Civilizations: Beginnings to 1500 C.E.



HIS 1123 or HIS 1173
Western/World Civilizations II

HIS 102
World Civilizations: 1500 to the present



OTHER (Select 1)
General Education Humanities



SOCIAL SCIENCE
(Select 1)
(May not duplicate gen. ed. courses)

ANR or SOC 2213
Introduction to Anthropology

ANT 101
The Human Experience: A Global Perspective on Human Diversity

GEO 1113
World Regional Geography

GHY 101
World Geography: Dynamics of a Changing Earth

SOC 2113
Introduction to Sociology

SOC 101
Understanding Society: Principles of Sociology



ENG 2133
Creative Writing I

ENG 223
Creative Writing I



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SHOULD

Complete the fourth semester a world language.
Take 3 humanities courses: both World Civilizations courses and select 1 additional option from your community college's general education humanities category.
Take General Psychology. May duplicate general education courses.










COULD

Take a psychology elective from the list below.
Students interested in creative writing should take Creative Writing I, which is an elective course for this degree, to prepare for upper-level creative writing coursework.

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COURSES

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	Courses at Community College	Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss
<input type="checkbox"/>	HUMANITIES (Take all 3)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	 HIS 1113 or HIS 1163 Western/World Civilizations I	HIS 101 World Civilizations: Beginnings to 1500 C.E.
<input type="checkbox"/>	 HIS 1123 or HIS 1173 Western/World Civilizations II	HIS 102 World Civilizations: 1500 to the present
	 OTHER (Select 1) General Education Humanities	
<input type="checkbox"/>	 PSY 1513 General Psychology	PSY 110 General Psychology
<input type="checkbox"/>	 WORLD LANGUAGE through fourth semester	FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH Regularly offered at USM
<input type="checkbox"/>	 PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVE (Select 1)	
	PSY 2513 Child Psychology	PSY 270 Child Psychology
	PSY 2533 Human Growth & Development	PSY 275 Developmental Psychology
<input type="checkbox"/>	 ENG 2133 Creative Writing I	ENG 223 Creative Writing I



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HISTORY

HISTORY, SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION



PROGRAM INFO

The study of history promotes informed citizenship, a deeper understanding of the human experience, and appreciation for humanity's achievements and diversity.

Our program is valued as much for the skills it builds as the knowledge it provides. History fosters curiosity, critical thinking, research skills, data analysis, clear expression, and disciplined work—qualities essential to careers in academia, business, government, non-profits, and beyond.

CAREER OUTLOOK

History majors pursue a wide range of careers—as teachers, lawyers, stockbrokers, bankers, military officers, public servants, librarians, archivists, museum curators, and even doctors.

They succeed in these fields because history develops strong writing, thinking, research, and analytical skills that apply to nearly any profession.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Studying history fosters understanding of the past, power dynamics, and empathy. It offers opportunities to develop analytical, research, writing, and verbal skills while exploring topics like human interactions, war and society, public history, and cultural heritage.

RESEARCH AT USM

Our students author theses and present at national conferences. The social studies education program prepares students to teach middle and high school while also developing research, writing, and analytical skills useful for law school, graduate school, and other careers beyond teaching.

OPPORTUNITIES



SCHOLARSHIPS

History offers 7 scholarships and awards based on merit and financial need. Students should apply through the "Golden Opportunities" GO System.



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Many students earn credits by studying abroad.
- Students may take courses in Digital Humanities and Public History.



INTERNSHIPS

Students may receive credit for internships in a variety of professional and public settings.

Social studies education students spend time in Mississippi classrooms, working with mentor teachers, history faculty, and principals. The final semester is spent student teaching in an area school.

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SHOULD

Take the 4 introductory history courses.



COULD

Select 1 social science course from the list below. May not duplicate general education coursework.

Complete the fourth semester of a world language.

Take a philosophy elective from the list on page two.

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Courses at Community College

Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss

 HIS 1113 or HIS 1163 Western/World Civilizations I	HIS 101 World Civilizations: Beginnings to 1500 C.E.
 HIS 1123 or HIS 1173 Western/World Civilizations II	HIS 102 World Civilizations: 1500 to the present
 HIS 2213 American (U.S.) History I	HIS 201 Survey of United States History to 1877
 HIS 2223 American (U.S.) History II	HIS 202 Survey of United States History since 1877
 SOCIAL SCIENCE (Select 1) (May not duplicate gen. ed. courses) ANR or SOC 2213 Introduction to Anthropology GEO 1113 World Regional Geography SOC 2113 Introduction to Sociology	 ANT 101 The Human Experience: A Global Perspective on Human Diversity GHY 101 World Geography: Dynamics of a Changing Earth SOC 101 Understanding Society: Principles of Sociology
 WORLD LANGUAGE through fourth semester	FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH Regularly offered at USM



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SHOULD

Take the 4 introductory history courses.



COULD

Select 1 social science course from the list on page one. May not duplicate general education coursework.

Complete the fourth semester of a world language.

Take a philosophy elective from the list below.

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Courses at Community College

Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss



PHILOSOPHY ELECTIVE

(select 1)

PHI 2113

Introduction to Philosophy I

PHI 2123

Introduction to Philosophy II

PHI 2143

Introduction to Ethics

PHI 2613

Introduction to World Religions

PHI 151

Introduction to Philosophy

PHI 151

Introduction to Philosophy

PHI 171

Ethics and Good Living

REL 131

Comparative Religion



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- * MUST** Take the 4 introductory history courses and American Government.
- 👍 SHOULD** Take 3 total social science courses: General Psychology (may duplicate gen. ed.), a general education social science course, and 1 of the anthropology/sociology electives below.
Select an economics elective from page two.
Complete the fourth semester of a world language.

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	Courses at Community College	Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss
<input type="checkbox"/>	* HIS 1113 or HIS 1163 Western/World Civilizations I	HIS 101 World Civilizations: Beginnings to 1500 C.E.
<input type="checkbox"/>	* HIS 1123 or HIS 1173 Western/World Civilizations II	HIS 102 World Civilizations: 1500 to the present
<input type="checkbox"/>	* HIS 2213 American (U.S.) History I	HIS 201 Survey of United States History to 1877
<input type="checkbox"/>	* HIS 2223 American (U.S.) History II	HIS 202 Survey of United States History since 1877
<input type="checkbox"/>	* PSC 1113 American National Government I	PS 101 American Government
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOCIAL SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/>	👍 PSY 1513 General Psychology (May duplicate general ed. requirement)	PSY 110 General Psychology
<input type="checkbox"/>	👍 OTHER (General Education Social Science)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	👍 ELECTIVE (Select 1) (May not duplicate general ed. requirement)	
	ANR or SOC 2213 Introduction to Anthropology	ANT 101 The Human Experience: A Global Perspective on Human Diversity
	SOC 2113 Introduction to Sociology	SOC 101 Understanding Society: Principles of Sociology





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-  **MUST** Take the 4 introductory history courses and American Government.
-  **SHOULD** Take 3 total social science courses: General Psychology (may duplicate gen. ed.), a general education social science course, and 1 of the anthropology/sociology electives on page one. Select an economics elective from the options below. Complete the fourth semester of a world language.

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Courses at Community College

Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss



ECONOMICS ELECTIVE (Select 1)

ECO 1113
Introduction to Economics

ECO 2113
Principles of Macroeconomics

ECO 2123
Principles of Microeconomics

ECO 101
Basic Economics

ECO 201
Principles of Macroeconomics

ECO 202
Principles of Microeconomics



WORLD LANGUAGE through fourth semester

FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH
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PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION, AND LAW

WITH PATHWAYS IN : ETHICS, RELIGION AND WORLD CULTURES, AND PHILOSOPHY AND LAW



PROGRAM INFO

Philosophy, Religion, and Law is for people who aren't satisfied with surface answers—those who want to think deeply about fundamental beliefs, question what is real, what we can know, and how we should live.

Students explore the insights of great thinkers, wrestle with enduring questions, and learn to develop clear ideas, recognize assumptions, and support their views with logical arguments while appreciating multiple perspectives.

The program engages both historical and contemporary philosophy and the world's religious traditions, enriching students' education by deepening their understanding of the ideas and practices that shape our world. For students and the broader community, we create learning opportunities that highlight the ethical dimensions of professional life and foster thoughtful, responsible citizenship.

CAREER OUTLOOK

Students develop a range of skills that are valuable in a variety of fields, including law, education, journalism, politics, and business. They are also well-suited for careers in research and writing, government, and non-profit organizations.

Students interested in law school should consider our Philosophy and Law pathway

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KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Studying philosophy and religion provides students with a range of valuable knowledge and skills, including:

- **Critical thinking:** analyze arguments, identify fallacies, question assumptions, and evaluate ideas independently.
- **Problem-solving:** break down complex problems and develop solutions—skills applicable across fields like law, politics, business, and science.
- **Communication:** express complex ideas clearly and concisely in writing and speech.
- **Ethical reasoning:** understand and apply ethical principles to analyze issues and make sound moral judgments.
- **Cultural awareness:** explore diverse cultures and historical ideas, broadening global understanding.
- **Creativity and imagination:** engage with new concepts to foster original, innovative thinking.



Available in both face-to-face and fully online formats.



SCHOLARSHIPS

There are 3 program-specific scholarships available. Students should apply through the "Golden Opportunities" GO System.

PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION, AND LAW BA



Complete all requirements for a MS community college associate degree, including general education coursework, and...








COULD

Take introductory philosophy and religion courses.
Complete the fourth semester of a world language.

CHECKLIST

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Courses at Community College		Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss
<input type="checkbox"/>	 PHI 2113 or PHI 2123 Introduction to Philosophy I or II	PHI 151 Introduction to Philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/>	 PHI 2134 Introduction to Ethics	PHI 171 Ethics and Good Living
<input type="checkbox"/>	 PHI 2713 Introduction to Logic	PHI 253 Logic
<input type="checkbox"/>	 PHI 2613 Introduction to World Religions	REL 131 Comparative Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	 WORLD LANGUAGE through fourth semester or 12 credits of foreign language	FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH or American Sign Language Regularly offered at USM



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