

GCRL Summer Field Program

Student Handbook



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Phone: 228.818.8090

E-mail: jessica.kastler@usm.edu

GCRL Housing

Martha Brown, Housing and Conference Services Manager

Location: Dorm Office

Phone: 228.967.1054

E-mail: martha.brown@usm.edu

GCRL Non-Emergency Contacts

USM Police Dispatch (make sure to tell them you are at GCRL): 601.266.4986

Martha Brown (Housing/Student Life/Campus Security Authority): 228.967.1054

Ocean Springs Emergency Contacts

Any Emergency: 911

Police: 228.875.2211

Fire Department: 228.875.1017

Ambulance Service: 800.677.1124

Hospital: 228.818.1111

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Term and Classroom Schedule

Session I (May 28-June 26)

- Instructor/TA Orientation: May 28 at 8:00 AM in the Caylor Auditorium
- Student Orientation: May 28 at 8:30 AM in the Caylor Auditorium

Course	Term Dates	Instructor
Oceanography	May 28 - June 26	TBD
Elasmobranch Biology	May 28 - June 26	Jill Hendon
Marine Ecology	May 28 - June 26	Jennifer McKinney
Marine Mammals (Online)	May 28 - June 26	Eric Lovely
Research Study Program	May 28 - June 26	N/A

- **Mini Session I (5/28/2024- 6/11/2024)**

- Instructor/TA Orientation: May 28 at 8:00 AM in the Caylor Auditorium
- Student Orientation: May 28 at 8:30 AM in the Caylor Auditorium

Course	Term Dates	Instructor
Coastal restoration	May 28 - June 11	Patrick Biber
Environmental Photography	May 28 - June 11	TBD

- **Mini Session II (6/12/2024- 6/26/2024)**

- Instructor/TA Orientation: June 12 at 8:00 AM in the Caylor Auditorium
- Student Orientation: June 12 at 8:30 AM in the Caylor Auditorium

Course	Term Dates	Instructor
Cetacean Behavior	June 12 – June 26	Jeffrey Siegel
Coastal Environment in Peril	June 12 – June 26	TBD

Second Term (June 27-July 31)

- Instructor/TA Orientation: June 27 at 8:00 AM in the Caylor Auditorium
- Student Orientation: June 27 at 8:30 AM in the Caylor Auditorium

Course	Term Dates	Instructor
Marine Biology	June 27 – July 31	TBD
Marine conservation	June 27 – July 31	Ginger Fler
Marine Toxicology	June 27 – July 31	Jeremy Johnson
Marine Ichthyology	June 27 – July 31	Elizabeth Greenheck
Marine Invertebrate Zoology (Online)	June 27 – July 31	Christina Kumar
Research Study Program	June 27 – July 31	N/A

Important Deadlines

	Summer Session		Summer Mini Session	
	Session I	Session II	I	II
Move-in date*	May 27(1:00 - 4:00 PM)	June 26 (after 4:00 PM)	May 27(After 4 PM)	June 11 (After 4 PM)
Move-out date*	June 26 (before 8:00 AM) **	August 2(before 8:00AM)	June 11(Before 8:00 AM)	June 26(Before 8:00 AM)
Orientation	May 28 8:30 AM	June 27 8:30 AM	May 28 8:30 AM	June 12 8:30 AM
Last day to add/drop without academic/financial penalty	June 1	July 3	June 1	June 1
Last day to receive a 100% refund (No tuition credit after this date)	June 1	July 3	June 1	June 1
Last day to drop classes without instructor permission	June 1	July 3	June 1	June 1
All approved drops will result in grade of W within these dates	June 2-June 16	July 4 -July 18		
Last day to make an add/drop course request or withdraw from the University and receive a grade of W	June 16	July 18		

*Only applicable to students paying for room and board.

**Move in and out dates only for students taking half session courses.

First meal is served during dinner on move-in day. Last meal is served at lunch on the last day of classes. Early arrivals or late departures must be arranged in advance and require a \$20.00/night fee (contact the GCRL Housing and Conference Services Manager, Martha Brown, martha.brown@usm.edu) and are subject to availability.

[University of Southern Mississippi Student Code of Conduct:](#)

The code of student conduct can be found here: <https://www.usm.edu/student-affairs/codeofstudentconduct1920.pdf>

Textbooks and Student Supplies

Student supplies are those that instructors have requested you bring with you for class. Please remember that **closed toed shoes are REQUIRED** on all GCRL research vessels.

Summer Session I		
Course	Textbook	Student Supplies
<i>Cetacean Behavior</i>	<i>Cetacean Societies, Field Studies of Dolphins and Whales.</i> Edited by Janet Mann, Richard C. Connor, Peter L. Tyack, and Hal Whitehead. University of Chicago Press, 2000, ISBN: 0-226-50340-2 <i>Good-natured Statistics.</i> Ann Weaver, Bookman Publishing & Marketing, 2005, ISBN: 1-59453-639-2	Closed toed shoes, field clothes, sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, water bottle, binoculars
<i>Coastal Environment in Peril</i>		TBD
<i>Coastal Restoration</i>		TBD
<i>Environmental Photography</i>		TBD
<i>Marine Ecology</i>	No required text	Field notebook, folder (or binder) and pencils for class, field clothes (shorts, t-shirts, long sleeve shirt for sun and bug protection), closed toe shoes, sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, sunglasses, water bottle, swimsuit, seasick meds (if you think you need them),
<i>Elasmobranch Biology</i>	Lab Text (Required): Bohensky, F. 1981. Photomanual and Dissection Guide of the Shark. Avery Publishing Group Inc., Wayne, N.J. ISBN 10: 0757000320. ISBN 13: 9780757000324 Lecture Text (NOT required, optional for those who prefer a text book for reference,	Closed toed shoes, water shoes, materials for taking notes in class, field clothes (that can get dirty and wet), sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, water bottle, digital camera; soft-sided presentation binder; seasick meds (if needed), face mask

	Not Available through USM): Shark Biology and Conservation by C. Abel and R. D. Grubbs ISBN-13: 978-1421438368 ISBN-10: 1421438364	
<i>Marine Mammals</i> ONLINE	<i>Marine Mammals Evolutionary Biology</i> , 3rd ed. 2015, Berta, Sumich & Kovacs, Academic Press/Elsevier, eBook ISBN: 9780123972576 Hardcover ISBN: 9780123970022 <i>Whales Dolphins and Other Marine Mammals of the World</i> [Princeton Field Guides] 2006, Shirihi & Jarreett, Princeton University Press, ISBN-10 : 0691127573 ISBN-13 : 978-0691127576 <i>Marine Mammal Ecotoxicology</i> 1st edition, 2018, Maria Cristina Fossi Cristina Panti, Academic Press, Paperback ISBN: 9780128121443 eBook ISBN: 978012812250	
<i>Marine Science I (Oceanography)</i>	Optional (Not Available through USM): Pinet, P. 2014. <i>Invitation to Oceanography</i> . 7 th Edition. Jones & Bartlett Learning. ISBN-10: 1284057070; ISBN-13: 978-1284057072	Field notebook, folder (or binder) and pencils for class, field clothes (shorts, t-shirts, long sleeve shirt for sun and bug protection), closed toe shoes, sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, sunglasses, water bottle, swimsuit, seasick meds (if you think you need them), driver's license or picture ID (for potential trip to Stennis Space Center)
Summer Session II		
Course	Textbook	Student Supplies
<i>Marine Science II (Marine Biology)</i>	Required: <i>A Field Guide to Coastal Fishes from Maine to Texas</i> . Kells, V., and K. Carpenter. 2011. The John Hopkins University Press. ISBN-10: 0801898382; ISBN-13: 978-0801898389. Point Solutions app subscription (Echo360)	TurningPoint app and subscription, closed toed shoes, field clothes, sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, water bottle, swimsuit, snorkeling gear (if you have it), seasick medication (if needed)

	Recommended: <i>Zooplankton of the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts: A Guide to Their Identification and Ecology</i> . 2nd edition. Johnson, W. S., and D. M. Allen. 2012. The John Hopkins University Press. ISBN-10: 1421406187; ISBN-13: 978-1421406183.	
<i>Marine Conservation</i>		
<i>Marine Toxicology</i>	Ecotoxicology of Marine Organisms, 2019, Bernardo Duarte, Maria Isabel Violante Caçador, CRC Press, Paperback ISBN: 9780367779238, 0367779234 eBook ISBN: 9781351973229, 1351973223 Marine Mammal Ecotoxicology 1 st edition, 2018, Maria Cristina Fossi Cristina Panti, Academic Press, Paperback ISBN: 9780128121443 eBook ISBN: 9780128122501	
<i>Marine Ichthyology</i>		
<i>Marine Invertebrate Zoology</i> <i>ONLINE</i>		TBD

Please note that there is **NOT a textbook store on the GCRL campus**, so students are encouraged to purchase any required text prior to arriving on campus.

[Office of Disability Accommodations](#)

If a student has a disability that qualifies under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and requires accommodations, he/she should contact the Office for Disability Accommodations (ODA) for information on appropriate policies and procedures. Disabilities covered by ADA may include learning, psychiatric, physical disabilities, or chronic health disorders. Students can contact ODA if they are not certain whether a medical condition/disability qualifies.

Address:

The University of Southern Mississippi

Office for Disability Accommodations

118 College Drive # 8586

Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001

Voice Telephone: **601.266.5024** or **228.214.3232**

Fax: 601.266.6035

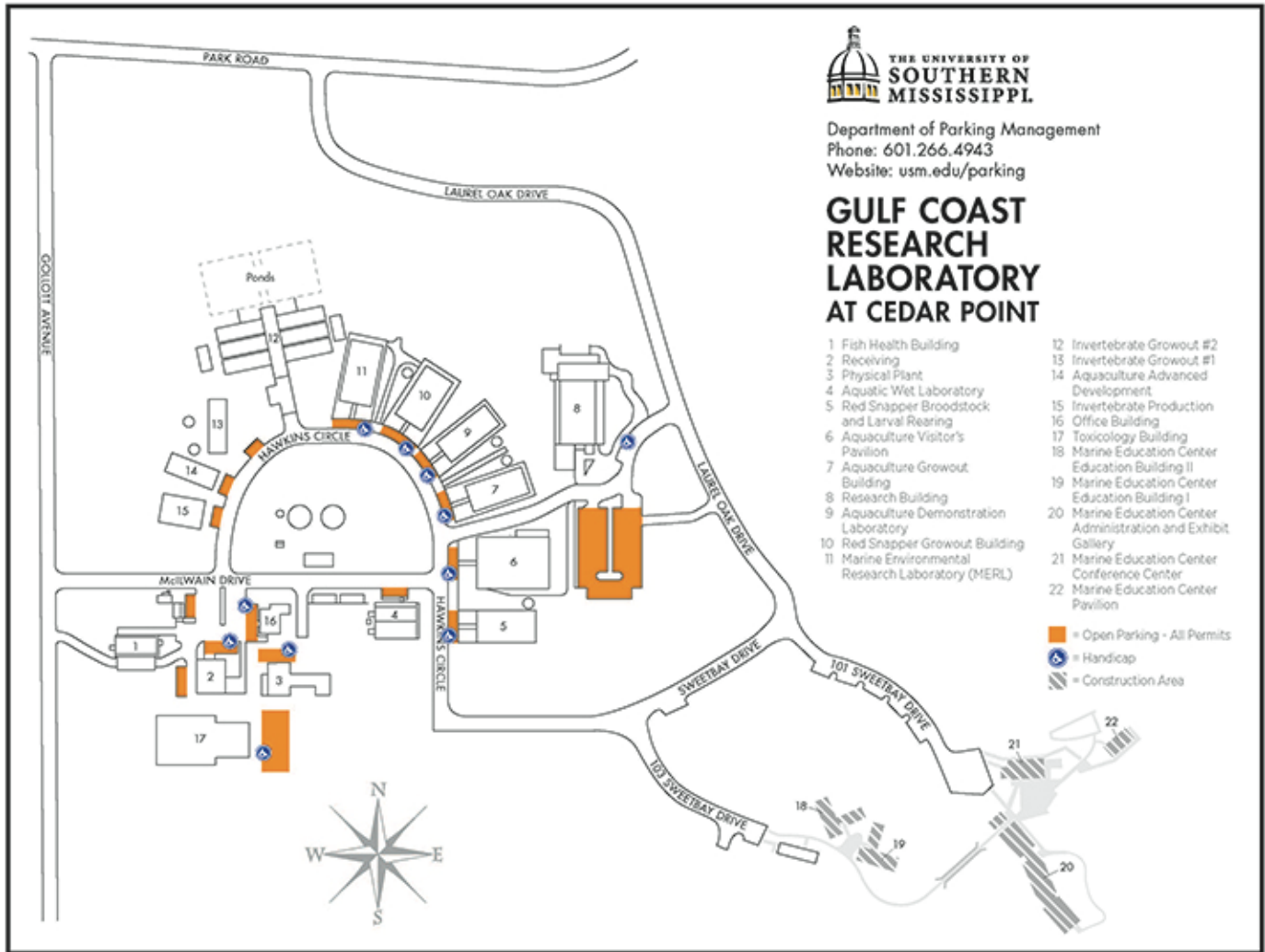
*Individuals with hearing impairments can contact ODA using the Mississippi Relay Service at 1.800.582.2233 (TTY) or email ODA at oda@usm.edu.

GCRL INFORMATION & FACILITIES

Halstead Campus Map



Cedar Point Campus Map



Getting to the GCRL campus

The GCRL is located in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. The physical address is 703 East Beach Drive, Ocean Springs, MS 39564. While a personal vehicle is not required, most students prefer to have personal transportation while at the GCRL.

The closest airport is Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (<http://www.flygpt.com/>). The airport code is GPT. Students should arrange flights to arrive the day before classes begin and coincide with dorm move-in times (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.). Departing flights should be arranged no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the last class day. See dormitory section if early/late departures from the dormitory is required based on flight times.

Transportation to/from the airport is the responsibility of the student. Taxis are readily available at the airport, but they typically recommend advance reservations. One-way taxi service to/from the airport to/from the GCRL is approximately \$50. Uber is also available in the area. Below are some recommended taxi providers:

- Exclusive Taxi: 228.861.3274
- Royal Cab: 228.697.2646
- Royal Transit: 228.860.0993
- Value Cab: 228.234.7433

Parking Management

The University utilizes a license plate recognition (LPR) system on all University-owned and controlled properties. Physical permits are no longer issued. License plates are used to verify that a vehicle can park at a particular location on University property. Students are allowed to have up to four vehicles registered to a virtual permit. However, only one vehicle is allowed to park on University controlled property at any given time. If a permit holder uses a substitute vehicle not registered on the permit, one of the vehicles on the permit must be removed to allow the substitution of the additional vehicle on the parking permit.

Virtual parking permit (parking permit number) is an electronic authorization for an individual to park a vehicle on a University campus or teaching/research site in a specified parking zone.

E-citation (citation) is an electronic citation via email (with the exception of non-registered vehicles).

Non-registered vehicles will receive a physical citation on the windshield indicating a violation has been issued.

To apply for a student virtual parking permit, visit the parking management website (<https://www.usm.edu/parking-transit-services/index.php>), accessible via computer or mobile device.

Once you have completed your online vehicle registration and purchased a parking permit, you will receive an e-mail receipt with your permit number. Please keep your receipt for your records. The payment options for a parking permit are a charge to a Southern Miss student account or by Visa/MasterCard.

Things You Need to Know

- Warning citations will be issued for non-registered vehicles on the first violation only; no other warning citations will be issued in the academic year.

Gulf Park/ GCRL Student Parking

- Students should park in their designated zone: Open Zones. View campus map above. If you have any questions, contact Parking and Transit Services at parking@usm.edu (link sends e-mail) or 601.266.4943. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

GCRL Housing

Contact: **Martha Brown**, martha.brown@usm.edu

The GCRL 2-story dorm encompasses 9 suites (5 on 2nd floor, 4 on 1st floor) with 4 rooms per suite. Each room has 1 bunk bed and 1 single bed. Rooms 101B and 102B have 1 single bed and are ADA accessible.

Check-in/Check-out procedures

- Keys will be handed out upon arrival by the Housing and Conference Services Manager, on-site security personnel, or an RA.
- If an early arrival or late departure is necessary, please contact martha.brown@usm.edu. Additional nights are \$20/person/night, subject to availability

	First Term		Second Term
	Session I.I	Session I.II	Session II
Move-in date	May 27 (1:00 - 4:00 PM)	June 11 (1:00 - 4:00 PM)	June 26 (1:00 - 4:00 PM)
Move-out date	June 11 (before NOON)	June 26 (before NOON)	July 31 (Before NOON)

***Students staying multiple sessions will remain in the same dorm room for duration of stay**

- Check-in will take place at the Field Studies Building, unless otherwise specified.
- On departure day, students must ensure that:
 - Room has been swept (a broom/dustpan are provided).
 - All trash has been consolidated and placed outside the suite door.
 - No items are left behind such as phones, phone chargers, etc.
 - Keys must be returned to the Housing and Conference Services Manager or RA. Keys not returned result in \$20 charge.
- **A \$20 charge will be assessed if room is not in broom-swept condition with trash taken out**

Important Information

- Quiet time is 10:00 p.m. on weeknights and midnight on weekends.
- Each suite is occupied by either female or male students. There are no mixed gender rooms or suites.
- Each room contains 2 desks with florescent light overhead, 2 chairs, 2 closets with 5-drawer dressers, and 2 garbage containers.
- Please refrain from rearranging furniture within the dormitory rooms. Moving of dormitory furnishings from one room to another is prohibited.
- Free internet access is available via wireless connection to the USM/Eduroam network (see section on internet access).
- Students are responsible for providing their own pillow, linens, blankets, and towels.

- Please keep dormitory windows and doors to outside closed. Air conditioning thermostats should not be set lower than **72°F**. Abuse of these guidelines will result in broken A/C units.
- If you are locked out of your room, please see the HCSM or RA. If afterhours or on weekends, security personnel can unlock your room for you. **Lost keys result in a \$20/key charge.**
- Please help conserve energy by turning off lights when leaving your room. Keep the bathroom door closed to help prevent the exhaust fan from drawing cool air out of the suite.
- Clothing or other personal gear is not to be hung outdoors on the second floor railing or left on the upper or lower walkways.
- A limited number of complementary washers and dryers are located in the dormitory. Students should provide their own laundry detergent. Commercial laundromat located >1mile from campus.
- Dormitory residents are *not allowed* to keep pets of any kind in their rooms or on the Laboratory grounds. This does not apply to service animals.
- Dormitory residents are asked to refrain from loud conversations, loud playing of music or making other loud noises that disturb their neighbors.
- Keep snacks and beverages properly sealed to prevent insects.
- Do not feed wildlife of any kind.
- In accordance with the residence life and housing policy, alcohol is not permitted inside student housing.
- Students will be billed for damages that are not considered “normal wear and tear”.
- Periodic inspection of dorm rooms will be conducted for visual fire hazards and insect infestations.
- The bathrooms are cleaned and trash cans are emptied (if placed in the hallway) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Cleaning of dorm rooms will be the responsibility of the room occupant(s). Brooms and mops will be available for student use.

Mail

If you require mail to be delivered to the GCRL during your stay on campus, please ask that your mail be addressed as follows:

(Your Name), Student
 Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
 703 East Beach Drive
 Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Incoming and outgoing mail will be delivered and picked up every weekday in the dormitory office.

Dining Hall

- Weekday meal times are: Breakfast 7:00-8:00 a.m., Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm, Dinner 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Meals will include a box lunch for field/boat trips for those students paying room and board. Weekend meal times will be posted during each term.
- Dishes are not to be taken out of the dining hall.
- Shoes and shirts required in the dining hall. Swimsuits or similar brief attire are not to be worn to meals in the Dining Hall.

Gunter Library

Location: Caylor Building, Room 112, Halstead-East Beach campus

Extended hours for Summer Field Program classes will be posted. http://lib.usm.edu/about_us/library_hours.html

Research and reference assistance

Contact: **Joyce Shaw**, Head Librarian, 228.872.4213. Joyce.Shaw@usm.edu

Interlibrary Loan and document delivery requests: guntergcrll@usm.edu

Contact: Maryanne Anthony, Library Coordinator, 228.872.4253. Maryanne.Anthony@usm.edu

The library collection is comprehensive with materials reflecting the scope and depth of research conducted by Division of Coastal Sciences faculty and associated scientific staff. Specific subject areas include: Marine Botany, Invertebrate and Systematic Zoology, Fisheries Research and Management, Aquaculture, Parasitology, Microbiology, Ichthyology, Oceanography, Marine Ecology and Conservation. Please remember:

- Return borrowed books to the circulation desk at the front of the Gunter Library. Please do not re-shelve library materials.
- Computers, printers, scanner, and photocopy machine are available for instructor and student use.
- Due to University Libraries covid protocols, a maximum number of 6 library users are allowed in Gunter Library at one time. USM policies require masks to be worn in the library. Hand sanitizer, gloves, and one-use masks are provided at the Service Desk.
- To get started on your own, begin at the subject guide for Coastal Sciences at http://libguides.lib.usm.edu/coastal_sciences

Internet Access

You can access the GCRL wireless network by logging in to the wireless network called “Eduroam”. You will be required to log in using your username (format: wXXXXXX@usm.edu, with XXXXXX representing your 6-digit USM ID number; Ex: w123456@usm.edu) and password (the same as for your SOAR account). If you experience problems, contact the USM i-Tech Help Desk for assistance at 601.266.4357.

Recreational Activities

The following activities are available for your leisure time:

- Beach Volleyball
- Basketball
- Kayaking (with approved float plan)
- Fishing Pier
- Campfire Area
- Picnic Tables
- Green Space

Student Counseling Services

A mental wellness counselor is available to USM students **living in Mississippi**. To set up an appointment, contact:

Alvin Baker, Mental Wellness Counselor

Office Location: virtual only

Phone: 228.214.3339

Email: alvin.baker@usm.edu

GCRL GUIDELINES

Laboratory Grounds

- The GCRL is a working Laboratory, we ask that visitors not venture into restricted-access or experimental areas.
- The GCRL campus is equipped with closed circuit cameras for the safety and security of its staff and guests.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs, and firearms are not permitted on the GCRL campus.
- The GCRL is not responsible for lost or stolen personal property. Please keep valuables secure.
- The speed limit on campus is 10 mph. Please respect pedestrian traffic.
- When walking about the Laboratory grounds, please be mindful of hazardous animal and plant life.
- The GCRL staff makes every effort to assure that your stay on campus is pleasurable and worry free. Should you encounter problems with facilities while on campus, please contact security personnel.
- The GCRL reserves the right to ask any visitor(s) to vacate the premises if unsafe or illegal behavior is observed. If a student is asked to vacate the premises, no refund will be given.
- Smoking is prohibited in all buildings on the GCRL campus.
- The GCRL has adopted the USM smoking policy. The USM campus is tobacco-free, this includes E-cigarettes. More information on this policy can be found at <http://www.usm.edu/student-health-services/smoking-policy>.

!!! READ THIS SECTION !!!

Health and Safety

The Laboratory does not provide health services for students. A list of local medical providers is included with this document. Please be careful when walking about the laboratory grounds and the surrounding area. As with all natural environments, some hazards do exist. Foot injuries from cuts, sunburns, and allergic reactions to the bites of fire ants have been the most common injuries sustained by GCRL visitors.

- **Avoid cuts and abrasions by wearing appropriate footwear. Closed-toed shoes are highly recommended for all activities and are MANDATORY on all GCRL research vessels and field trips.**
- The GCRL Pier and Harbor area are available from dawn till 12:00 p.m. **DO NOT** dive or jump from pier or harbor walkways. The water is shallow and serious injury could occur from sharp objects in the water. The area is surrounded by oyster shells.
- Suitable field trip clothes and personal care supplies will be needed (if applicable). In addition to shorts and swimsuits, visitors are encouraged to have long pants, loose light-colored long-sleeved shirts, polarized sunglasses, and wide-brimmed hats. Personal care supplies should include insect repellent, any needed medications for known allergies or seasickness, and sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher.
- Report all injuries to University Police, Dr. Laura Blackmon, and if applicable, our Environmental Health and Safety Officer Binnaz Bailey (228.818.8029)

Fire Plan

- If there is a fire in the dormitory or Field Studies Building, students should go to the gravel parking lot by the harbor.

Unauthorized Visitors on the GCRL Campus

If there are unauthorized visitors on the GCRL campus and you feel threatened by their presence, please report the issue using the following steps:

- Contact the USM University Police Department (601.266.4986).
- Report the incident to the GCRL CSA, Laura Blackmon (Office: 228.818.8812).
- If you do not successfully speak with any of the above contacts, call the Ocean Springs Police Department (228.875.2211).
- If in doubt, please call 911.

The physical address for the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory is **703 East Beach Drive, Ocean Springs, MS 39564**.

Alcohol Policy

The complete University of Southern Mississippi Drug and Alcohol policy can be viewed here:

https://www.usm.edu/sites/default/files/groups/institutional-policies/pdf/pres-pr-001-alcohol_and_drug_policy_-_usm.pdf

Due to the nature of the Summer Field Program, additional policies have been put in place for the safety of students and employees. As part of coursework, students use heavy gear and operate a variety of equipment. This cannot safely be done under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances. Many classes take overnight field trips and long vessel trips where students and employees should remain alert and aware of their surroundings at all times. The following rules shall be observed by Summer Field Program students and employees and are in addition to the requirements contained in the Alcohol and Drug Policy referenced above:

- Students and employees are personally responsible for complying with state and local law regarding the consumption, possession and purchase of alcohol and controlled substances
- It is prohibited for anyone to consume, possess, or purchase alcoholic beverages or controlled substances on University premises or University controlled property
- It is prohibited for anyone to consume, possess, or purchase alcoholic beverages or controlled substances at any time during a GCRL sanctioned field trip, including after class-related activities have ceased
- Employees are not permitted to provide alcohol or controlled substances to any student. For purposes of this regulation, “provide” means to sell, lend, give, make available, exchange, barter or furnish in any way
- Employees are not permitted to consume, possess, or purchase alcohol or controlled substances in the presence of a student
- Behavior that is a direct result of alcohol or controlled substance use is prohibited. Any student or employee who is observed to be intoxicated on the GCRL campus or on a GCRL sanctioned field trip may be found in violation of the alcohol policy

- Students and employees are expected to understand the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol and to abide by state law

Per the USM alcohol policy, consequences for students found in violation of the alcohol policy are contained in the Code of Student Conduct and include the following:

A student who is found responsible for an alcohol policy violation, and who has not been found responsible for a previous alcohol-related violation, may face the following sanctions:

a. First Offense – The student will receive a campus citation issued by the University Police Department. The ticket must be paid within the semester in which it was issued, or it will be assessed to the student’s account. The student will also be required to complete an alcohol education program and/or complete a community service assignment. Finally, the Dean of Students office reserves the right to notify the parents of students under the age of 21 who violate alcohol and other drug provisions of the Code of Student Conduct, or who, in our professional judgment, are considered to be a danger to themselves or others. Upon receipt of an alcohol or other drug violation by a student under the age of 21, the dean of students will staff the case and make a decision regarding parental notification based on the particular circumstances of the offense and the student’s history. Parents will be notified by letter or phone, depending on the circumstances of the case.

b. Second Offense - The student will be issued a campus citation and will also complete an alcohol assessment at the University Counseling Center (at the expense of the student). The goal of the program is to identify the possibility of an alcohol and substance problem. The student will be placed on disciplinary probation for a minimum of two semesters and may be assigned a community service project. The student may also face a monetary fine in the amount of \$500, which will be used for campus alcohol education. The student will also go before the student judicial board and if adjudicated as “responsible” could face the following:

- possible suspension from the university
- prohibited from participation in campus activities, student government and representation of the university or its organizations in any capacity

c. Additional Offenses – The student will receive a state citation. The student may be suspended or required to seek mandatory counseling services that may or may not duplicate those required for earlier violations. The student may also be required to register for the Alcohol Education Program. Parental involvement in the form a parent-student meeting with the Dean of Students office may also be required.

Disciplinary Actions

The following are considered offenses that call for the immediate expulsion of a student:

- Possession or use of narcotics or barbiturates which have not been prescribed by a physician.
- Possession of beer or other alcoholic beverages on the Laboratory premises. Possession of alcoholic beverages on Mississippi state property is a violation of state law. Minimum age in Mississippi for consumption of alcoholic beverages is 21.

- Drunkenness and disorderly conduct.
- Tampering with smoke detectors or fire-fighting equipment.
- Having unregistered overnight visitors in the dormitory.
- Reckless driving.
- Behavior that knowingly harms or endangers the safety or well-being of students, faculty and/or staff.
- Possession of firearms.
- Plagiarism.
- Unauthorized use of University vehicles or equipment.

AREA INFORMATION

Recreation/Museums

The Kroc Center
575 Division Street
Biloxi, MS 39530
(228) 207-1218
Distance: 7.6 miles
<http://krocmscoast.org>

Cypress Lanes
3200 Mallett Rd. Suite H
D'Iberville, MS 39540
(228) 392-3395
Distance: 10.5 miles ~ 20 minutes
<http://www.cypresslanes-ms.com>

Walter Anderson Museum of Art
510 Washington Ave
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
(228) 872-3164
Distance: 2.4 miles ~ 16 minutes

Gulf Islands Water Park
17200 16th Street (228) 435-6320
Gulfport, MS 39503
Distance: 24.5 miles ~ 32 minutes
<http://www.gulfislandswaterpark.com/Home.aspx>

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum
115 1st Street (228) 328-1266
Biloxi, MS 39530
<http://www.maritimemuseum.org/>

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art
386 Beach Blvd.
Biloxi, MS 39530
(228) 374-5547
Distance: 6.9 miles ~ 13 minutes
<https://www.georgeohr.org>

Malls and Stores

Edgewater Mall
2600 Beach Boulevard
Biloxi, MS 39531
(228) 388-4636
Distance: 13.4 miles ~ 24 minutes

Sharkheads Souvenir Shop
1703 Beach Blvd.
Biloxi, MS 39530
(228) 374-9800
Distance: 11.0 miles ~ 20 minutes
<http://www.sharkheads.com/>

Wal-Mart Super Center
3911 Bienville Boulevard
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
(228) 875-4036
Distance: 4.4 miles ~ 11 minutes

Premium Outlets
10000 Factory Shop Boulevard
Gulfport, MS 39503
(228) 867-6100
Distance: 22.2 miles ~ 31 minutes
<http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=83>

Medical Providers

AlphaCare urgent care
1113 Bienville Blvd
Ocean Springs, MS, 39564
Distance: 3.3 miles ~10 minutes
(228) 300-5945

Ocean Springs Hospital
3109 Bienville Boulevard
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
Distance: 3.0 miles ~10 minutes
(228) 818-1111

Ocean Springs Urgent Care
1514 Bienville Boulevard
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
Distance: 2.9 miles ~10 minutes
(228) 382-9222