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- Child and Family Studies
- Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education
- Educational Leadership and School Counseling
- Educational Studies and Research
- Library and Information Science
- Psychology
DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES
The mission of the Department of Child and Family Studies is to educate and inspire undergraduate and graduate students to improve the lives of children, families and communities. The department offers undergraduate degrees with an emphasis in child development or family relations and graduate degrees in marriage and family therapy and child and family studies. Graduates choose careers as licensed pre-K and kindergarten teachers, early childhood practitioners, administrators of early childhood programs, human service professionals, substance abuse outreach professionals, mental health case managers and child protective service professionals. Academic programs are accredited by the American Association for Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS), the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE), and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) as appropriate by discipline.

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DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION
The Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education offers degree programs that lead to licensure in Elementary Education (K-6), Instructional Technology/Business Technology Education (7-12), and Special Education (K-12) by providing undergraduate and graduate coursework for both pre-service and in-service teachers. The department also offers a teacher assistant program, as well as alternate route licensure programs to become a teacher outside of a traditional route bachelor’s degree. Our graduates hold teaching positions across the globe and are proud and confident because of the foundation they received at Southern Miss. The educator preparation programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SCHOOL COUNSELING
Programs in Educational Leadership and School Counseling are fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Programs are designed to develop educational leaders in the fields of educational administration and school guidance counseling. Our graduates serve as principals, assistant principals, superintendents, directors, school guidance counselors and university faculty. The department offers degrees at the master’s, specialist’s and doctoral levels and welcomes students seeking individual coursework for licensure or professional growth. The administrator preparation programs are nationally recognized by the Educational Leadership Constituent Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES AND RESEARCH
A graduate degree from the Department of Educational Studies and Research — in higher or adult education, research and statistics, or student affairs administration — develops students into educational researchers and leaders able to solve multifaceted educational problems and promote change for the betterment of all types of educational settings. Federal, state or district level policy choices regarding how to improve teaching and learning and how to maximize the return on schooling will increasingly rely on the precise collection and thorough understanding of all types of data. Students in Educational Studies and Research are prepared for the complexities of the educational system by developing skills to carry out and apply cutting-edge research, analyze and interpret data, give sound advice and guidance, and manage effectively.

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SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
The School of Library and Information Science is the only institution in the state with a program accredited by the American Library Association and that offers both the Master of Library and Information Science and the Bachelor of Arts in library and information science entirely online. We also offer school certification and supplemental endorsement programs for school librarians, as well as graduate certificates in both archives and special collections and youth services and literature. Our graduates work in a wide variety of settings, including schools, community colleges, colleges, universities, public libraries, government libraries, hospitals, military libraries, museums, special collections, archives, and other information-related and educational environments.

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DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
The Department of Psychology is a vibrant department including a robust undergraduate program, four doctoral training programs (experimental, clinical, school and counseling), and a terminal Master’s Program in Counseling Psychology. Psychology encompasses the study of human and animal behavior and the application of that knowledge for the betterment of humankind. Accordingly, scientific research is the core mission of all programs in the department. Undergraduates are prepared for a wide range of career opportunities in law, business, mental health, social services and education. Graduate students become professional researchers, mental health professionals and psychologists. The doctoral programs in clinical, school and counseling psychology are fully accredited by the American Psychological Association.

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- Melinda Bowens, Student in Child and Family Studies