

THE CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

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*Southern Miss*

GUIDE TO **TRANSFER**  
**STUDENT SUCCESS**



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# Welcome to Southern Miss!

*Hello*, my name is Emily Thornton, and I serve as the coordinator for transfer student success. The Center for Student Success is excited to welcome you to our Golden Eagle family and look forward to seeing all the great things you'll accomplish during your time here. As a transfer student, you are not alone on this journey. In fact, transfer students make up almost half of our student population! There are thousands of students here, just like you, who are learning to navigate a new campus, a new city and a new routine. We hope you will take part in our transfer programs, like Transfer Transitions, and join the Transfer Student Association to get connected to the campus community to make new friends. The Center for Student Success is here as a resource for you if you ever have questions.

## Transfers To The Top!



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# Upcoming Events

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### TRANSFER T-SHIRT SWAP

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 | NOON | REED GREEN COLISEUM, NORTH ENTRANCE

Stop by the Center for Student Success office to pick up a transfer welcome pack and learn more about upcoming opportunities for transfer students on campus! Welcome packs and treats will be available to the first 50 students.

### TRANSFER TALK LUNCH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 | NOON - 1:30 P.M. | THAD COCHRAN CENTER 218

Join the Center for Student Success for an event celebrating transfer students and learn how you can have a smooth transition into life as a Southern Miss student! You'll hear from other transfer students, as well as faculty and staff, about programming offered just for transfer students.

### NATIONAL TRANSFER STUDENT WEEK

OCTOBER 16-20

Various events for transfer students will be happening all week around campus! Check our website for updates as they come available.

To get more information about all transfer programs and events, fill out our membership form **HERE.**

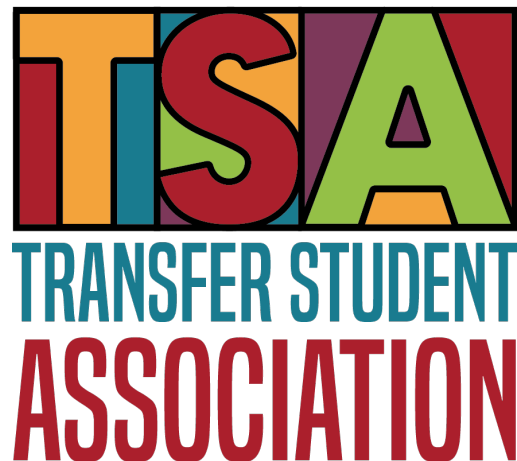




# Transfer Student Association

As a transfer student, you can join the Transfer Student Association. Membership is free, and you'll be added to our email list, which will keep you in the loop about all things transfer. We'll update you on opportunities for transfer students and upcoming events on campus.

To sign up, fill out our membership form **HERE.** ↻





The Transfer Transitions mentor program matches new transfer students with a Transfer Transitions leader, a student leader in the Center for Student Success who is a transfer student. Three to four times a semester, Transfer Transitions leaders meet with their mentees one-on-one or with their small groups (all new transfer students).

A peer mentor is a great resource to help ease the transition into the Southern Miss community. In the one-on-one meetings with your mentor, you will set goals for the semester, learn about campus resources, and ask your peer mentor questions about his or her experience as a transfer student.

Apply for the  
Transfer Transitions  
program **HERE.**



# Internship Opportunities

As a transfer student, it is important for you to start looking for internship opportunities during your first year at Southern Miss. The Center for Pathway Experiences is an office dedicated to assisting you in finding opportunities and connecting you with employers. Visit their website at **USM.EDU/PATHWAYS**.

*Are you interested in getting assistance with your résumé, interview preparation and more? Visit Career Services!*

## CAREER SERVICES

It's never too early to start thinking about and making preparations for your career and life after Southern Miss. Make an appointment with Career Services and be proactive about landing your dream job after graduation. You can visit their website at **USM.EDU/CAREER-SERVICES**.

**CAREER SERVICES:** McLemore Hall 125 | 601.266.4153

## CAREER AND INTERNSHIP EXPO

THIS EVENT WILL BE HOSTED BY CAREER SERVICES  
EACH FALL AND SPRING SEMESTER

Check the Career Services website  
for more information about this event!



# Resources

## DEAN OF STUDENTS

The dean of students is the liaison between students, parents, faculty, staff, the general public and campus administration.

The **Office of the Dean of Students** strives to be proactive in providing a safe, secure learning environment. The student discipline process addresses decorum and civility as they relate to the Student Code of Conduct and the academic mission of the institution.

Student growth and development are encouraged, excellence is pursued, and the highest standards of achievement are our aim.

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Phone: 601.266.6028

## BUSINESS SERVICES

**Business Services** is here to answer any questions students may have about their student accounts. Students can also access this information by logging into SOAR and clicking on the Student Account tile provided on the homepage. Students can grant SOAR access to a parent or guest by logging into SOAR and clicking on the Parent/Guardian Access tile on the home page.

Forrest County Hall 101  
118 College Dr. #5133  
Hattiesburg, MS 39406  
Email: [business.services@usm.edu](mailto:business.services@usm.edu)  
Phone: 601.266.4137





## FINANCIAL AID

More than 80 percent of the Southern Miss student population receives some form of financial assistance, so we understand the importance of acquiring scholarships and financial aid. Current and prospective students are encouraged to research all opportunities for funding, apply by the deadlines, and submit payment in full or set up a payment plan before the beginning of the academic year or term in which they plan to attend.

Kennard-Washington Hall 101  
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Phone: 601.266.4774  
Fax: 601.266.5769

## REGISTRAR

The **Office of the Registrar**, a unit under the direction of the provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, supports teaching and learning at The University of Southern Mississippi. The office maintains the integrity of academic policies, as well as the privacy and data security of student records through our student information system from enrollment to degree conferral in perpetuity.

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## MATH ZONE

The **Math Zone** is an interactive mathematics learning environment. Recognizing that education in basic mathematics is critical for success in life, the Math Zone was created in 2007 to provide students with individualized “just-in-time” support using the latest technology, along with innovative learning strategies.

Located across from Cook Library, the Math Zone contains a large computer lab available to students taking College Algebra and the College Algebra support course, along with classroom space.

Email: [mathzone@usm.edu](mailto:mathzone@usm.edu)

Phone: 601.266.5370

## MATHEMATICS CENTER

Students have access to free individualized assistance for most MAT courses ranging from MAT 101 through MAT 340 through the University's **Mathematics Center** on the Hattiesburg campus. Students can choose in-person or online individual or group appointments. Students should make an appointment at least two hours in advance and should cancel at least an hour in advance of their appointment if they are unable to attend. To book an appointment, click [here](#).





## SPEAKING CENTER

The **Speaking Center** is staffed by highly trained undergraduate and graduate student peer consultants who primarily work with speakers in one-on-one settings. We provide a welcoming atmosphere where speakers can express ideas and skillfully develop presentations, from initial brainstorming to polished delivery. Located centrally on campus, we also offer space for small group meetings, private practice rooms, and a workshop room/classroom, all equipped with presentation technology.

The Speaking Center also hosts multilingual conversation groups, speaking events, and dozens of unique and interdisciplinary workshops for students, faculty, staff and other campus stakeholders.

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Email: [speakingcenter@usm.edu](mailto:speakingcenter@usm.edu)

Phone: 601.266.4965

## WRITING CENTER

The **Writing Center** is a friendly space that provides free, individualized feedback and support to help Southern Miss students succeed with writing assignments for any class. The center offers one-on-one consultations for any stage of the writing process, from understanding the assignment and brainstorming ideas to revising and editing.

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Email: [writingcenter@usm.edu](mailto:writingcenter@usm.edu)

Phone: 601.266.4821

# Come see us!



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We are happy to serve you as a resource!  
Don't forget we have study and lounge  
spaces available, too!

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VIEW CAMPUS MAPS [HERE.](#)

