



THE UNIVERSITY *of*  
**MISSISSIPPI**  
**DESOTO**

2017-2018 Student Handbook

# THE BEST THINGS I DID AS A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI-DESOTO

10. Made sure I knew who my academic advisor was and when this person was available
9. Spoke to my instructors after class
8. Joined an on-campus organization in order to network professionally
7. Kept up with my reading and assignments for each class
6. Participated in the UM-DeSoto Career Fair and workshops
5. Joined a study group
4. Met with the financial aid advisor
3. Dropped a class by the withdrawal deadline
2. Added a class by the deadline
1. Checked my Ole Miss e-mail account daily to stay informed



Orientation is held each semester for new students.

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WELCOME  
OLE MISS-DESOTO STUDENTS!  
from UM-DeSoto Director Rick Gregory

Dear Ole Miss Students,

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration at the University of Mississippi-DeSoto, it is my privilege to welcome you to the Ole Miss family. At UM-DeSoto, we offer you an environment that understands your needs as a student with work, family, and community involvement. We are here to help you make the most of your experience. So, it is with great excitement that we begin this new adventure as you seek to accomplish your academic goals at UM-DeSoto.

As you become more involved as a student here, you will find on this campus a willingness from our faculty and staff to help you be successful in and outside the classroom. Typically, our classes are small enough to allow you to get to know the faculty. We offer student services that provide assistance to you as you seek to complete your course assignments. If you are having challenges in life or in your courses, please let us know so that we can help you address these demands. The sooner you let us know, the more help we can provide.

I am beginning my fifth year at UM-DeSoto. During my years here I have been impressed with the quality of academic programs offered. I am most impressed with our commitment to excellence among the faculty who teach at UM-DeSoto. They are here to teach because they love their discipline, and they love to see students learn. They will not lower the academic standards set in their courses, but they will do all they can to help you reach those academic expectations.

I am excited about what the future holds for you and for UM-DeSoto. Again, on behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of UM-DeSoto, thank you for choosing to be part of our Ole Miss family.

Welcome to Ole Miss!

Rick Gregory, Ed.D.

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## Ordering Textbooks

The Ole Miss Bookstore, operated by Barnes & Noble, is now responsible for online sales and delivery of textbooks for the UM-DeSoto campus. **For more information, please contact the Ole Miss Bookstore at (662) 915-5899 or e-mail [tm317@bncollege.com](mailto:tm317@bncollege.com)**

### Order Online

Order books online at [olemissregionalcampus.bncollege.com](http://olemissregionalcampus.bncollege.com) or click on the "Order Textbooks" link under "Current Student" tab of the UM-DeSoto website at [www.olemiss.edu/desoto](http://www.olemiss.edu/desoto)

You must create an account before you order your textbooks. (You will do this the first time only; please remember your user id and password for future access.) Choose "Login/Sign up" at the top of the page to create an account.

1. Choose your term, course department, course number, and course section to generate your textbook list. There is now a "Textbook Rentals"\* option if you prefer to rent your books.
2. Click "Add Selected Items to Shopping Cart."
3. Click "Checkout."
4. Select "DeSoto Campus-Shuttle" as your pickup location. Your books can be picked up at the UM-DeSoto front office.

There is a \$1 delivery charge. You will receive an e-mail confirmation.

### Payment

If you would like to charge your books to your UM Bursar account, select "Student Financial Aid" as your payment option and enter your Student ID number. Please be aware that when you choose this option your textbooks are being charged to your UM Bursar account.

**IF YOUR FINANCIAL AID HAS ALREADY BEEN DISBURSED WHEN YOUR BOOKS ARE CHARGED YOU ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE COSTS.**

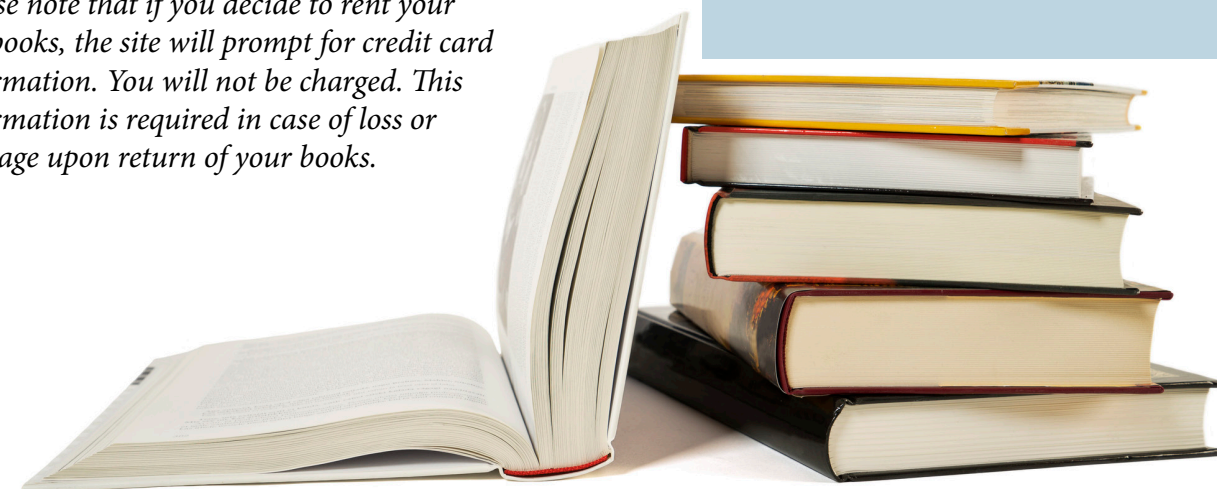
*\* Please note that if you decide to rent your textbooks, the site will prompt for credit card information. You will not be charged. This information is required in case of loss or damage upon return of your books.*

### Return Policy

You will find the Return Policy for textbooks on the back of your receipt. Please adhere to these policies that include:

- You must present your receipt.
- You must return books in original condition that they were purchased. (shrink-wrapped, etc.)
- No returns on reference materials or study aids.
- After the return date, you can sell your textbooks back to the bookstore at buy-back prices (not the full purchase price).
- During Summer and Intersession terms the refund policy is only available during the first two days of class.

*It takes a few days for your Bursar account to reflect changes such as removal of charges for returned books.*





## Office of the Registrar

The Office of the Registrar supervises registration, official academic records during a student's enrollment at Ole Miss, notification concerning student progress in courses, preparation of transcripts to be sent at the written request of the individual student, schedules for examinations, cooperation with veterans on various benefits available to them, and graduation.

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment) is a federal law that governs access to students' academic records. The law guarantees students access to their educational records, including the right to inspect and review educational records, the right to obtain copies of the records (a copying fee may be charged), and the right to challenge or supplement information on file in order to prevent flawed interpretation. Certain records (for example, medical records) are not deemed to be educational records and are therefore not accessible to students.

Additionally, the Buckley Amendment prohibits the disclosure of "personally identifiable information" to third parties without the prior written consent of the student. Exceptions may be made only for University officials and others with legitimate educational interests. The University may disclose "directory information" unless the student notifies the University to withhold it.

Directory information is defined as a student's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, date and place of birth, major field of study, student activities, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the last educational agency or institution attended.

## Academic Advising

Academic advising is available for all University of Mississippi-DeSoto students. Students may now schedule their advising appointments online at [www.olemiss.edu/desoto](http://www.olemiss.edu/desoto) by selecting "Meet with an Advisor" under the "Faculty and Staff" tab at the top of the page.

Advisors will be available throughout the semester.

Undergraduate and graduate students must have their advisors' approval for course registration. Additional contact with University academic advisors is available through e-mail, by phone, or by appointment.

Registration for all courses through the University of Mississippi is accomplished via the Ole Miss website. You must be admitted to the University of Mississippi, meet with your academic advisor, and have any holds removed before you may register for courses.

Students register for classes and make schedule adjustments using their Web ID and password. Early registration for classes is encouraged. The University reserves the right to limit enrollment, to cancel any class, to reschedule or postpone any class, or to limit registration by degree level.

*Note: The advisor hold is reset every semester. Students must meet with their advisors each semester to have the advising hold lifted before registering for courses.*

### HOW TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

- Step 1** Develop a schedule with your advisor. You must meet with your academic advisor to receive important instructions prior to accessing the registration system.
- Step 2** Go to [my.olemiss.edu](http://my.olemiss.edu) and sign in using your Ole Miss WebID. Select the "Registration" tab and read the instructions shown.
- Step 3** Select "Course Schedule" to find the courses you wish to take. Add the desired sections to "My Favorites." Once you are finished, select Start Registration.
- Step 4** On the registration screen, you will see options that include adding and dropping courses. If you wish to adjust your schedule at a later time, you can return to this screen by selecting "Start Registration" or "Drop/Add Courses" from the left menu.
- Step 5** When you have completed registration, be sure to close your browser so no one else may access your schedule.

## Web Registration

You must login to myOleMiss with your WebID in order to register for classes. When you are admitted, you should receive a text message and/or e-mail giving you your WebID and initial password. Go to the link provided to reset your password. If you did not receive the e-mail or text message, contact the UM-DeSoto office at (662) 342-4765.

You may also contact the IT Helpdesk at [helpdesk@olemiss.edu](mailto:helpdesk@olemiss.edu) or (662) 915-5222 for additional assistance.

The schedule of classes is available ONLINE and in print in the UM-DeSoto office about six weeks before the end of a semester. After your academic advisor approves your schedule, the advisor will remove the advising hold from your account. This will allow you to register for classes. The time when a student may begin registration varies for different categories of students. Priorities for various groups are listed in each semester's course schedule.

You may check your registration window each semester on the myOleMiss site under the "Current Students" tab. myOleMiss is an online system that allows students, faculty, and staff to access information and applications via the Web with a single login across multiple systems. Students must log in to myOleMiss at [my.olemiss.edu](http://my.olemiss.edu) in order to book (register for) classes, view their grades online, view financial aid information, view any holds, and many more activities.

Students may register for classes by visiting: [my.olemiss.edu](http://my.olemiss.edu) and signing in using your WebID. You accept the responsibility for maintaining acceptable grades and for the payment of fees at the time you pre-register.

## Dropping and Adding Classes

*During the drop-add process, students should be certain that they keep enough hours to classify as full-time students (12-hour minimum for undergraduates).*

Students may add courses, by using their myOleMiss portal through the fifth day in which classes meet during a regular semester. After the fifth day, students must have the approval of the instructor in the course. After the 10th day of classes (the last day to register),

courses may be added only under extraordinary circumstances approved by the Dean of the school or college in which the student is enrolled, and a small fee will be assessed per added course. In no case may a student add a class after the last regular class day in any semester.

A student may drop any course by using their myOleMiss portal until the course withdrawal deadline, which is on the 30th day in which classes meet during a regular semester. However, after the 10th day of classes a small fee will be assessed per dropped course. No indication of enrollment in a course properly dropped will be shown on any University record. Check the academic calendar.

### ***Late Withdrawal for a Course***

After the course withdrawal deadline, a student may drop a course only in cases of extreme and unavoidable emergency as determined by his or her academic dean. Unacceptable reasons for late withdrawal include dissatisfaction over an expected grade or a change in a student's degree program or major. In no case may a class be dropped after the last regular class day in any semester, session, or term. Courses dropped after the course withdrawal deadline will still appear on the student's official transcript. The W mark will be recorded if the student is passing the course at the time of withdrawal; the F grade will be recorded if the student is failing.

## **Withdrawal from the University**

A student who wishes to withdraw from the University during the course of a semester or Summer term may do so:

- Online at [myOleMiss.edu](https://myOleMiss.edu); select "Registration;" select "drop to 0 hours"
- In writing via fax or mail or e-mail
- In person at the Office of the Registrar on campus

Appropriate University offices (Student Housing, Financial Aid, Bursar, ID Center, Library, and the student's Academic Dean) will be notified of the withdrawal by e-mail.

Full refunds of tuition and fees (minus a processing fee) are given for withdrawals during the first 10 days of classes of a regular semester; no refunds are given after the 10th day of classes.

Students who withdraw must apply for readmission if not enrolling for the subsequent term.

In case of an unofficial withdrawal, the school will determine the appropriate date of withdrawal to be that of the midpoint of the term, unless the student can document a different date. **All students should be aware that withdrawing (either officially or unofficially) can adversely affect scholarships and grants (Academic Excellence, MTAG, etc.) for the next term of attendance. The Office of Financial Aid can provide guidance in those cases.** Refund, repayment and withdrawal policies are subject to change, without notice, in order to comply with administrative and regulatory requirements.

*UM-DeSoto students take part in a breakfast for Student Appreciation Day.*



### ***Military Withdrawals***

Any student who has enrolled at an institution under the governance of the Board of Trustees, who is a member of the Mississippi National Guard, or one or more units of the Mississippi State Guard, or who is a member of any of the reserve components of the armed forces of the United States, and who has been placed in active duty status by orders of the President of the United States, or who has been drafted into any component of the armed forces of the United States, may be allowed to withdraw as a student of the institution, with a full refund of tuition, out-of-state fees (if applicable), student fees and any special fees, with room and board fees prorated with the approval of the Institutional Executive Officer.

Any student who withdraws from an institution under this policy will not receive any grades. The student record will show evidence of the withdrawal with documentation on file.

A student required to withdraw from the University for involuntary military service may be given full credit for course work in progress provided at least four-fifths of the course requirements have been completed. The student's Academic Dean will decide if the four-fifths requirement is met, and the student's instructors will decide whether or not final examinations will be required.

### ***Summer Term Deadlines***

During a Summer term, the last day for full refunds on complete withdrawals is the third day of classes, which is the last day to register or add courses. The course withdrawal deadline is the 8th day of classes.

### ***Address Information***

The Office of the Registrar maintains addresses and other information for contacting each student. It is the student's responsibility to update address information immediately. Address changes are made through the student myOleMiss portal.

Requesting Your Transcript

A transcript is an exact copy of a your permanent academic record at the time it is issued. It can be either official or unofficial.

An official transcript carries the date of issue and the seal of the University. Normally, an official transcript is not given to a student but is sent directly to another college or a prospective employer. If a you must have an official transcript, the transcript is stamped “Issued to Student.”

An official transcript will be issued only on the written request or authorization of the student concerned. You can request a transcript online at [olemiss.edu/depts/registrar](http://olemiss.edu/depts/registrar). Telephone requests are not honored. A fee of \$7 will be charged for each official transcript. No official transcript may be issued to or for a student who is indebted to the University until such indebtedness has been paid or satisfactorily adjusted.

Transcripts covering a student’s previous secondary and college education, which have been submitted to the University as a requirement for admission, become a part of the Registrar’s official file. The University does not reissue or certify copies of transcripts from other institutions. Transcripts must be ordered directly from the institution(s) at which the work was undertaken.

Class Attendance

It is the responsibility of the instructor to notify classes at the outset of each course of the class attendance requirements. It is the responsibility of the students to comply with the class attendance policy. A student who is absent from the first class meeting may be dropped from that class by the Dean of the school or college with responsibility for the course. A student who incurs excessive absences in a given course may receive a grade of F for the course and may be dismissed from the class upon recommendation of the instructor and approval of the student’s Academic Dean.

When it appears to an instructor that a student has discontinued a class without officially dropping the course, the instructor will report this fact to the student’s Academic Dean. The University reserves the right to dismiss any student who has been excessively absent from multiple courses.

**It is the student’s responsibility to officially withdraw from a course; the student should consult his/her advisor before withdrawal.**

UM Course Forgiveness Policy

A current undergraduate student may improve his or her overall GPA by repeating a maximum of four courses in which the student received a grade of C-, D or F and requesting that the repeat grade be the only one counted in the GPA calculation. The repeat must be in the same course, taken at the University of Mississippi during or after Fall 1992. The student must file a petition to invoke the grade forgiveness policy with the Registrar, stating which course is to be forgiven. In order to have an upper-division course grade forgiven, the student must have the approval of the Department Chair in which the course resides.

Once the student has declared a course, a different course cannot be substituted for it at a later date. The forgiveness policy cannot be used to remove grades given for reasons of academic discipline. Forgiveness of a course grade will not change notations concerning academic standing or honors in the student’s official record for the semester containing the forgiven course.

Although the courses will remain on the student’s permanent record, the last grade received will be the one used to determine credit toward a degree and GPA. The first attempt will be recorded with both the grade earned and the symbol R to denote that it has been repeated. The recalculated GPA will be used for determining graduation honors.

Holds

A student may be prohibited from registering for classes, adding or dropping classes, or receiving transcripts or diploma if that student has a “Hold” with the University. Holds may be placed on a student’s account for various reasons, including money owed to the University, library fines, outstanding parking tickets, judicial sanctions, or other monies owed for services rendered or items received. Students may check to see if they have holds by going to their myOleMiss account and checking their holds.

GRADE POINTS PER CREDIT HOUR

A = 4.0	C+ = 2.3
A- = 3.7	C = 2.0
B+ = 3.3	C- = 1.7
B = 3.0	D = 1.0
B- = 2.7	F = 0

Grade Points and GPA

Grade-point average (GPA) is computed by dividing the number of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D, F-graded hours attempted at UM into the total number of grade points earned at the University. For the purpose of certain prerequisites and degree requirements, a B average and C average are defined as a GPA of 3.00 and 2.00, respectively, unless a more specific requirement is indicated. iStudy courses are not included in the semester-based GPA calculation.

**Grade Reporting** — Reports of final grades are available through the online system.





Staff and students volunteer at the Mobile Food Distribution.



Our 2016 Outstanding Students

## University Academic Honors

**Honor Roll:** Full-time students who have earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher on academic work are listed on the Chancellor's Honor Roll. Students earning a grade-point average of 3.50 to 3.74 are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll in the appropriate school or college.

**Honors Day:** The entire University community recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievements on Honors Day.

**Taylor Medal:** The University's highest individual academic award for scholarship is the Taylor Medal. It is awarded each year on Honors Day to students in pre-designated areas. These medalists are nominated by faculty members in their chosen area.

**Diploma Honors:** Students are recognized for academic achievement by the faculty and administration upon graduation with the bachelor's degree. Cum laude requires an overall grade-point average above a 3.5 to 3.74; magna cum laude requires a 3.75 to below a 3.9; summa cum laude requires a 3.9 or above.

## Academic Conduct

### *Standards of Honesty*

The University is conducted on a basis of common honesty. Dishonesty, cheating or plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University are regarded as particularly serious offenses. Disruptive behavior in an academic situation or purposely harming academic facilities is also grounds for academic discipline.

### *Disciplinary Procedures*

The University of Mississippi Academic Discipline Policy is available on the UM website by searching "Academic Discipline Policy" located online at [olemiss.edu](http://olemiss.edu).

## *Appeal Process for Disciplinary Procedures*

Disciplinary procedures for academic issues follow the policies outlined in the University's "Academic Discipline Policy" at [olemiss.edu](http://olemiss.edu).

Should a student wish to appeal a disciplinary action taken at their regional campus, the following is the proper procedure:

1. Hearing by an impartial staff member (UM-DeSoto Coordinator of Academic Support Services, Pat Coats). At this point the objections are heard, and an attempt at resolving the issue made (i.e. the student and staff member come to an understanding and the student accepts the discipline).
2. If Step One is not acceptable to the student, a Disciplinary Appeals Committee at the campus will hear the matter. The committee is composed of the staff member who heard the original issue and at least two others including a permanent appointee to the Appeals Committee (Dr. Desiree Watson at UM-DeSoto). The hearing could result in a resolution for the student.
3. If Step Two is not acceptable to the student, then the student can appeal the matter to the Executive Director at the campus. If the student does not accept the decision of the Executive Director, the matter is referred to the appropriate officer(s) on the Oxford campus.
4. If at any point in the process individuals believe that the student is a danger to him/herself or others, the matter will be referred to the Student Intervention Team on the Oxford Campus.

<b>2017-2018 Academic Calendar</b>		
<b><i>Fall 2017</i></b>		
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Day(s)</b>	<b>Event(s)</b>
July 31	Monday	Fall 2017 tuition and fees posted to students' accounts.
August 16	Wednesday	Excess financial aid distributed to students via direct deposit or mail.
August 20	Sunday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees.
August 21	Monday	Classes begin; registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through September 1. Phase 3 registration.
August 25	Friday	Students may add courses on a space available basis through this date.
September 1	Friday	Last day to register or add classes (between August 26 and September 1 may add only with instructor's approval.) Refund period ends.
September 2	Saturday	\$10 fee assessed per drop or add.
September 4	Monday	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (Administrative Offices closed.)
September 11	Monday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance.
October 2	Monday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended September 1).
October 9	Monday	Midterm grades due.
Oct 16 - 30	Mon-Mon	Academic Advising (for Winter session and spring)
Oct 23 - Nov 6	Mon-Mon	Priority Registration (for Winter session and spring)
November 18-26	Sat-Sun	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (Administrative Offices closed Thursday and Friday.)
December 1	Friday	Classes end.
December 4-8	Mon-Fri	Final Examinations

<b><i>First Fall 2017</i></b>		
August 20	Sunday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees.
August 21	Monday	Classes begin; registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through August 23. Phase 3 registration.
August 23	Wednesday	Last day to register or add classes. Refund period ends.
August 24	Thursday	\$10 fee assessed per drop or add.
August 28	Monday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance.
September 4	Monday	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (Administrative Offices closed.)
September 6	Wednesday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended August 23).
September 28	Thursday	Classes end.
Oct 2-3	Mon-Tues	Final Examinations.
<b><i>Second Fall 2017</i></b>		
October 17	Tuesday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees.
October 18	Wednesday	Classes begin; registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through October 20. Phase 3 registration.
October 20	Friday	Last day to register or add classes. Refund period ends.
October 21	Saturday	\$10 fee assessed per drop or add.
October 25	Wednesday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance.
November 2	Thursday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended October 20).
November 18-26	Sat-Sun	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (Administrative Offices closed Thursday and Friday.)
December 1	Friday	Classes end.
December 4-8	Mon-Fri	Final Examinations.



<b>Winter Intersession 2018</b>		
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Day(s)</b>	<b>Event(s)</b>
Oct 16 - 30	Mon-Mon	Academic Advising (for Winter session and spring)
Oct 23 - Nov 6	Mon-Mon	Priority Registration (for Winter session and spring)
Oct 23 – Nov 30	Mon-Thurs	Phase 1 registration period (for Winter session and spring)
November 10	Friday	Application for first-time enrollment should be submitted no later than this date.
December 1	Friday	\$50 registration fee assessed this date. Phase 2 registration
January 1	Monday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees.
January 2	Tuesday	Classes begin; late registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through January 3.
January 3	Wednesday	Last day to register or add classes; refund period ends.
January 4	Thursday	\$10 fee assessed per drop or add
January 5	Friday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended January 3).
January 5	Friday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance
January 12	Friday	Classes End
January 13	Saturday	Final Examinations
<b>Spring 2018</b>		
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Day(s)</b>	<b>Event(s)</b>
Oct 16 - 30	Mon- Mon	Academic Advising
Oct 23 – Nov 6	Mon - Mon	Priority Registration. Phase 1 registration
December 1	Friday	\$50 registration fee assessed this date; Phase 2 registration begins.
January 15	Monday	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY (Administrative Offices closed)
January 21	Sunday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees

January 22	Monday	Classes begin; registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through February 2; Phase 3 registration begins.
January 26	Friday	Students may add courses on a space available basis through this date.
February 2	Friday	Last day to register or add classes (between Jan. 27 and Feb. 2 may add only with instructor's approval); refund period ends.
February 3	Saturday	\$10 fee assessed per drop or add.
February 12	Monday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance
February 23	Friday	Last day to submit applications for May & August diplomas
March 2	Friday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended February 2)
March 5	Monday	Midterm grades due
March 10-18	Sat-Sun	SPRING BREAK
March 19-April 2	Mon-Mon	Academic Advising (for all Summer & Fall)
March 26-April 9	Mon-Mon	Priority Registration (for all Summer & Fall)
March 30	Friday	GOOD FRIDAY (Administrative Offices closed)
May 4	Friday	Classes end.
May 7-11	Mon-Fri	Final Examinations
May 12	Saturday	COMMENCEMENT
<b>First Spring 2018</b>		
January 21	Sunday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees
January 22	Monday	Classes begin; registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through January 24; Phase 3 registration begins.
January 24	Wednesday	Last day to register or add classes. Refund period ends.

January 25	Thursday	\$10 fee assessed per drop or add
January 29	Monday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance
February 6	Tuesday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended January 24)
February 28	Wednesday	Classes end.
March 5-6	Mon-Tues	Final Examinations
<b>Second Spring 2018</b>		
March 26	Monday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees
March 27	Tuesday	Classes begin; registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through March 29; Phase 3 registration begins.
March 29	Thursday	Last day to register or add classes; refund period ends.
March 30	Friday	\$10 fee Assessed per drop or add
April 4	Wednesday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance
April 12	Thursday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended March 29)
May 4	Friday	Classes end.
May 7-11	Mon-Fri	Final Examinations

<b>Summer 2018</b>		
<b>May Intersession 2018</b>		
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Day(s)</b>	<b>Event(s)</b>
March 19-April 2	Mon-Mon	Academic Advising
March 26-April 9	Mon-Mon	Priority Registration
March 30	Friday	Application for first-time enrollment should be submitted no later than this date.
May 1	Tuesday	\$50 Registration fee assessed this date. Phase 2 Registration
May 13	Sunday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees.
May 14	Monday	Classes begin; late registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through May 15.
May 15	Tuesday	Last day to register or add classes; refund period ends.
May 16	Wednesday	\$10 fee assessed per drop or add
May 17	Thursday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended May 15)
May 17	Thursday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance
May 25	Friday	Classes end.
May 26	Saturday	Final Examinations
<b>Full Summer 2018</b>		
May 28	Monday	MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
May 28	Monday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees
May 29	Tuesday	Classes begin; registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through June 4.
June 4	Monday	Last day to register or add classes; refund period ends.
June 5	Tuesday	\$10 fee assessed per drop or add



June 7	Thursday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance
June 19	Tuesday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refunds; refund period ended June 4)
June 25-29	Mon-Fri	Classes suspended.
July 2	Monday	Classes reconvene.
July 4	Tuesday	INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
July 25	Wednesday	Classes end.
July 26-27	Thurs-Fri	Final Examinations
<b>First Summer 2018</b>		
May 28	Monday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees
May 29	Tuesday	Classes begin; registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through May 31.
May 31	Thursday	Last day to register or add classes; refund period ends.
June 1	Friday	\$10 fee assessed per drop or add
June 5	Tuesday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance
June 7	Thursday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended May 31).
June 22	Friday	Classes end.
June 25-26	Mon-Tues	Final Examinations
<b>Second Summer 2018</b>		
June 27	Wednesday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees.
June 28	Thursday	Classes begin; registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through July 2

July 2	Monday	Last day to register or add classes; refund period ends.
July 3	Tuesday	\$10 Fee assessed per drop or add.
July 4	Tuesday	INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
July 6	Friday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance
July 10	Tuesday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended July 2)
July 25	Wednesday	Classes end.
July 26-27	Thurs-Fri	Final Examinations
<b>August Intersession 2018</b>		
March 19-April 2	Mon-Mon	Academic Advising
March 26-April 9	Mon-Mon	Priority Registration
July 1	Sunday	\$50 Registration fee assessed this date. Phase 2 Registration
July 29	Sunday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees
July 30	Monday	Classes begin; late registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through July 31.
July 31	Tuesday	Last day to register or add classes; refund period ends.
August 1	Wednesday	\$10 Fee assessed per drop or add
August 2	Thursday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended July 31)
August 2	Thursday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance
August 10	Friday	Classes end.
August 11	Saturday	Final Examinations

## UM-DeSoto Campus Information

Dr. Rick Gregory, University of Mississippi-DeSoto Executive Director  
[rgregory@olemiss.edu](mailto:rgregory@olemiss.edu), (662) 342-4765

### Distance Learning Classrooms

Lynn Reece, UM-DeSoto Distance Learning Technician, manages distance learning technology, linking our campus with the Oxford, Tupelo, Booneville, and Grenada campuses. Adobe Connect technology provides “live” instruction to all campuses. UM-DeSoto distance learning classrooms are Rooms 232, 252, 253, 254, 262, 263, and 264. Courses taught via distance learning are marked with an asterisk on the course schedule. Distance learning classes typically follow the Oxford campus schedule.



*Study, relax or use computers in UM-DeSoto's Student Room.*

### Breaks

Room 347, the UM-DeSoto Student Room, will be available for breaks. A café is located on the 3rd floor. Students must consume food and beverages prior to returning to classrooms. No food or beverages are allowed in classrooms. Smoking is not permitted on the premises.

### Room Assignments

Room assignment schedules may be picked up in the UM-DeSoto office prior to the first class meeting of each term.

### Copies

A copier is available in the Northwest Mississippi Community College-DeSoto Center Library for 15 cents per page, or in the UM-DeSoto Student Room. Copies are not available through the UM-DeSoto front office.

### Children

Students or visitors are not to bring children to class or leave them unattended at any time.

### UM-DeSoto Website and Communication

The University of Mississippi-DeSoto's website ([www.olemiss.edu/desoto](http://www.olemiss.edu/desoto)) features 2 + 2 curriculum guides, financial aid information, course schedules, and more. UM-DeSoto students will receive updated information on academic advising, financial aid, campus events, and other important dates. A weekly newsletter will be delivered via e-mail with pertinent information for students.

UM-DeSoto is on Facebook at /umdesoto, Twitter at @UMDeSoto, and Instagram at um\_desoto. Follow us for campus news, postings, and more.

## Student Identification Cards

The University of Mississippi requires all students to have an official University student ID. **ALL UM-DeSoto and NWCC-DeSoto students are required to visibly wear their student ID at all times while on campus.**

Student ID photos will be made during Orientation. If you do not have an ID, or lose your ID, please contact the UM-DeSoto office to have your ID replaced. When a student requests to have a Student ID made, they will be issued a temporary ID until their student ID arrives in the mail. The temporary ID should be returned to the office when the permanent ID is received.

A Student ID will also allow you to check out books and prove your identification as a UM student for other student services, such as taking a proctored exam.

## Testing Information

### Online & iStudy Exam Proctoring

Appointments can be made by contacting UM-DeSoto Program Coordinator Twyla Loftiss at (662) 393-9290, ext. 118, or [twyla@olemiss.edu](mailto:twyla@olemiss.edu).

Ms. Loftiss is available between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday. Students taking online courses must make their test appointments via “RegisterBlast” that can be located on the UM-DeSoto website homepage at [olemiss.edu/desoto](http://olemiss.edu/desoto). Click on “Current Students” then “Schedule Testing.”

Please make your appointment at least 48 hours in advance of the exam. Appointment times are limited, particularly for midterm and finals.

For testing of students with Disability Services clearance, see instructions under Student Disability Services.





*Each vehicle you plan to park on campus will need a parking decal.*

## Vehicle Registration and Parking

Each vehicle you plan to park on campus will need a parking decal. Order your first decal online for \$75.00. Each subsequent decal can be obtained through the Front Office. Additional decals will be \$75.00 or prorated according to the time of year that it is received. **Replacement decals** can be obtained for \$5, however you must provide proof that the previous decal is no longer in use (accident report, insurance or repair bill, bill of sale on previous vehicle, or the previous decal scraped from the windshield). Decals allow you to park in authorized commuter parking space on the regional campus as well as on the Oxford campus. *If you have any questions, contact Jo Stark at (662) 915-5953.*

### Online Vehicle Registration

1. Go to [olemiss.edu/parking](http://olemiss.edu/parking).
2. Click on “MyParkingAccount” and log in using your Ole Miss Web ID.
3. Click “Purchase Permits” and then click “Next.”
4. Read Introduction page, and click “Next.”
5. A list of permits that you are eligible to purchase will appear. Choose one, check the appropriate boxes below, and click “Next.” *Be sure to check that you have selected a decal for the UM-DeSoto campus.*
6. Select an existing vehicle already in the system or add a vehicle to your record by selecting the “Add Vehicle” button. To update a license plate on an existing vehicle, you must add a new vehicle with the new license plate number. Select the correct vehicle from the list. Click “Next.”
7. Select existing U.S. Postal Service mailing address or add a new address. Your permit should arrive within 14 days. On the receipt page, you may click the link to print a temporary permit to place on your dash until the regular permit arrives in the mail. You will also receive an e-mail with a link to a printable temporary permit. Acrobat or Acrobat Reader (free) is required. The temporary permit is only valid on the vehicle associated with the tag number listed. Use this permit for up to 14 days until the official permit arrives. If your permit does not arrive within 14 days, please call the Oxford office at (662) 915-7235. Charges will post to your Bursar account.

If you need to drive a non-registered vehicle to campus, you must stop by the UM-DeSoto office or the UM Oxford office in Lester Hall to obtain a temporary parking permit.

## Parking

Specific parking spaces are reserved for official vehicles, faculty and staff, and for persons with disabilities. Please park in student parking only. Vehicles parked at the DeSoto Center campus or Oxford campus that do not have a parking decal or temporary permit will be ticketed.

## Parking Fines

Parking follows Northwest Community College procedures and penalties. Fines must be paid in full in the NWCC office. Unpaid fines will result in a hold being placed on your student account, which may prohibit you from registering for classes, adding or dropping classes, or receiving transcripts or your diploma. A copy of your receipt showing that your fines are paid in full must be submitted to the UM-DeSoto for holds to be lifted.

## Emergency Closings and Safety

Instructors are responsible for informing class of cancellations (usually by e-mail and RebAlert messages).

Closing of the DeSoto Center due to weather will be announced by local radio and/or television stations, on Twitter and Facebook, and on our website. Closure of UM-DeSoto due to weather corresponds to the closure of Northwest Mississippi Community College AND the University of Mississippi’s main campus in Oxford. To inquire about closings of the Oxford campus due to weather conditions, call (662) 915-1040 or visit [olemiss.edu](http://olemiss.edu).

### DeSoto Center Safety Plan Signals

FIRE: Continuous siren or verbal instructions

TORNADO: Interrupted siren or verbal instruction

OTHER: Telephone, radio, or verbal instructions

### Fire (Continuous Siren)

In case of fire all students and personnel should calmly leave the building by way of the nearest exit. **DO NOT USE THE ELEVATOR.**

### Tornado (Interrupted Siren)

Sirens mean that a Tornado Warning has been issued. These sirens should be taken very seriously and are only activated by the local Emergency Management Administrators if the National Weather Service has evidence that campus is in the path of a tornado. The warning is over when the sirens have been silent for over 5 minutes. The siren system is the primary warning mechanism for tornadoes.

In the case of a Tornado Warning, all university activities are automatically suspended. This includes classes, meetings, and business operations. At the first sound of a siren you should seek shelter immediately on the lowest level and toward the

## REBALERT Text Message Notifications

Students who have provided a valid cell phone number will receive emergency text message notifications from the University of Mississippi-DeSoto.

Verify, change, or sign up for these notifications by logging in to myOleMiss with your WebID. Go to myOleMiss, and click on Student > My Profile > Contact Information. Follow the instructions to edit your information if needed.

center of a building away from windows (for example, interior classrooms, offices, or corridors) and remain there until the Tornado Warning has expired. Classes in session when a Tornado Warning is issued can resume immediately after the warning has expired at the discretion of the instructor. Classes that have not yet begun will resume 30 minutes after the Tornado Warning has expired, provided at least half of the class period remains.

In addition to sirens, the DeSoto Center intercom will provide specific directions during an emergency. Campus police announce by intercom when it is safe to return to class. Tornado preparedness information is posted online at [olemiss.edu/emergency](http://olemiss.edu/emergency).

### Earthquake

In case of an earthquake, all students and personnel should stay inside the building, drop to the floor, move away from falling objects, and seek shelter, such as under a desk.



### Graduation

UM-DeSoto students who are a semester away from graduation should discuss applying for graduation with their academic advisors. Although degrees are awarded throughout the year, the official commencement ceremonies for University of Mississippi graduates are held in May in Oxford.

A graduation celebration to honor student achievements is held for graduates each spring at the DeSoto Center. Family and friends of graduates are invited to share in recognizing students at their home campus.

Students can be fitted for and order rental cap and gown at the DeSoto Center prior to commencement each spring. These are worn at the official commencement exercises in Oxford only and are returned to the supplier there. Diplomas are mailed to students after final grades have posted and all fees and exit paperwork has been completed.

### Computers, E-mail, and Such

For more information, please contact Ms. Lynn Reece, University of Mississippi-DeSoto Distance Learning Technician, at [plreece@olemiss.edu](mailto:plreece@olemiss.edu), (662) 342-4765.

As an Ole Miss student, you will use computers and networks throughout your tenure as a University of Mississippi student to download information from course websites, turn in homework via e-mail, communicate with instructors and fellow students, and access library databases and other online resources. The UM IT (Information Technology) department provides the following to help you get connected:

- *A unique WebID that acts as a single sign-on for all UM Web applications*  
This is what you'll use to access the University's Online Services/MyOleMiss, and your Ole Miss e-mail address. By signing in with your WebID on these sites you will be able to register for classes, check grades, and view your student information. It is also how you will log on to Blackboard, a Web-based course-management system used by many UM instructors.
- *An Ole Miss e-mail account*  
This is automatically assigned. E-mail is the primary way the University faculty and staff contact students, so it is important to check it frequently at [go.olemiss.edu](http://go.olemiss.edu).
- *Easy network access*  
The DeSoto Center building is equipped with wireless internet access. Contact the Distance Learning office to find out more.
- *Computers*  
UM-DeSoto is equipped with computers available for student use in the UM-DeSoto Student Room (room 347) which includes nine computers and a printing station. This room is only for UM students and student IDs will be checked periodically. Additional computers and a printing station are available in the NWCC library.
- *Printing costs 10-cents per page. Instructions on how to login with your WebID and print are posted. Printing fees are billed to your Bursar account monthly, listed as "DeSoto Printing Charges."*
- *Vendor Discounts*  
Several hardware and software vendors have agreements with the University to offer select products at discounted prices for students. See [olemiss.edu/computers](http://olemiss.edu/computers).
- *Ole Miss Online Storage – Box and Google Drive*  
Use your WebID to log into Box from the Ole Miss home page or [box.olemiss.edu](http://box.olemiss.edu). Google Drive is linked through your Ole Miss e-mail account. This can be accessed at [go.olemiss.edu](http://go.olemiss.edu).



## UM-DeSoto Student Services

For more information, please contact Kacy Dixon, UM-DeSoto Coordinator of Student Services at (662) 342-4765

## Student Organizations

Student organizations on the UM-DeSoto campus have proven to be a vital part of academic life. On-campus clubs and organizations can enhance personal and professional skills that are invaluable to the well-rounded college student. UM-DeSoto faculty and staff are helping to offer these experiences to our student body by facilitating hands-on training and connections in the community that will aid students as they graduate and move into careers in their chosen professions.

Not only are these groups of UM-DeSoto students coordinating local outreach events, but they are also learning to apply classroom knowledge to real-world situations. Within each of these organizations, students can be seen taking the initiative to create proactive involvement within the Mid-South community.

### **Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society**

Advisor: Dr. Rachel Smith, [rsmith6@olemiss.edu](mailto:rsmith6@olemiss.edu)

This unique academic honor society aims to recognize the special achievements of adults who accomplish academic excellence while facing competing interests of home and work. ASL is also dedicated to the advancement of scholarship and recognizes high scholastic achievement in an adult student's career.

Students inducted into the UM-DeSoto ASL chapter meet certain academic standards that include having no less than a 3.5 cumulative grade point average on at least 24 credit hours from UM-DeSoto.

Members are selected from the highest 10 percent of the class who meet these requirements. Inductions into the UM-DeSoto chapter of ASL are held each February.



*The student chapter of ISACA helps future professionals in areas such as accounting, information systems, and business connect with industry leaders.*

## UM-DeSoto Student Ambassadors

Advisors:

Daniel Christian,  
[dschrist@olemiss.edu](mailto:dschrist@olemiss.edu)

Kacy Dixon,  
[kdixon@olemiss.edu](mailto:kdixon@olemiss.edu)

University of Mississippi-DeSoto student ambassadors are chosen based on student involvement, grades, character, and passion for the University of Mississippi. As representatives for UM-DeSoto, they participate in activities on campus and recruiting events around the community.



*UM-DeSoto's Ambassadors represent the campus during many activities throughout the year including orientations, open houses, and student fairs.*

Some of these activities include recruiting events such as career and education fairs throughout the Mid-South. They welcome guests and prospective students to our campus during orientation, student appreciation day, and the annual career fair.

Student ambassadors are also vital assets to UM-DeSoto's communications team. They write letters and postcards to potential students, create program information folders, and make phone calls to prospects. If you are interested in applying for an ambassador position for the 2017-2018 school year, please complete the application that is available in the UM-DeSoto office. There is a \$250 per semester scholarship available for UM-DeSoto student ambassadors for full participation.

### **Future Attorneys Communications Team (F.A.C.T.)**

Advisor: Kacy Dixon, [kdixon@olemiss.edu](mailto:kdixon@olemiss.edu)

F.A.C.T. is a student organization dedicated to bringing together undergraduates who are interested in law and want to pursue legal careers. Their mission is to host relevant speaker events, informational sessions, and workshops throughout the semester.

University of Mississippi-DeSoto students along with students from Northwest Community College will work together in providing information about programs, LSAT Prep, internships, and networking mentorships.

### **ISACA**

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Lynn Kugele, [lpkugele@olemiss.edu](mailto:lpkugele@olemiss.edu)

ISACA (Information Systems Audit and Control Association) allows its members to connect with fellow students from more than 700 universities worldwide. ISACA serves UM-DeSoto students who are interested in knowledge, standards, networking, and career development for fields of IS audit, accounting, information systems, information security, cybersecurity, enterprise governance of IT/MIS, and IT risk management.





2017 Kappa Delta Pi New Inductees

### **Kappa Delta Pi (KDP)**

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Nichelle Boyd-Robinson, [ncboyd@olemiss.edu](mailto:ncboyd@olemiss.edu)

Kappa Delta Pi is an international honor society that recognizes outstanding students in education. It works to foster support and growth for the education profession around the world. Each spring a new group of UM-DeSoto education majors are invited for induction into this organization.



*Teachers of Tomorrow is comprised of education majors and designed to help future educators develop an understanding of the profession.*

### **TOT (Teachers of Tomorrow)**

Faculty Advisors:

Dr. Andy Cheng,

[qcheng@olemiss.edu](mailto:qcheng@olemiss.edu)

Dr. Nichelle Boyd-Robinson,

[ncboyd@olemiss.edu](mailto:ncboyd@olemiss.edu)

As the University of Mississippi-DeSoto's largest student organization, TOT is a professional organization that supports tomorrow's teachers. Student members enjoy many of the same benefits and membership advantages as the active professional member in the classroom. Members receive state and national representation; liability protection; financial benefits with credit cards, home mortgages, and

insurance; invitations to attend workshops and conferences; and discounts at participating national and local retail stores

The goal of UM-DeSoto's TOT chapter is to serve as a support group for the students involved in the organization. The members are able to network with fellow students and their professors. Also, the students are able to share questions and ideas that they may have about their courses and their chosen profession in education.

TOT works on several community service projects including Read Across America. They attend the state TOT conference in order to network and share ideas with educators throughout the state. Students also organize an appreciation reception at the DeSoto Center each May to honor student teachers and clinical instructors who participated in the final-semester student-teacher internship program in local schools..

### **Student Social Work Organization**

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Desiree Watson,  
[dwatson@olemiss.edu](mailto:dwatson@olemiss.edu)

The Student Social Work Organization is a volunteer group through which students can develop a support network of peers, develop skills in organization, leadership, and volunteerism, and provide social work visibility within DeSoto County. The organization also works with social work majors from the Tupelo and Oxford campuses. All three campuses work together to build a strong student organization. One of the objectives for this group is to organize on-campus activities to raise awareness about social work in the community. The goal is to focus on a specific service organization and provide others with information about it. This past year the group sponsored their annual Social Work Forum, blending area agencies, faculty, and students. They also work closely throughout the year on projects that involve the Palmer Home children in our area.



*The Student Social Work Organization is for any student majoring in social work or for any student simply looking to get involved in community projects.*

### **Career Services**

The UM Career Center's services and programs are designed to facilitate students' transition from academia to a full-time career.

Each spring semester, UM-DeSoto holds special Career Prep events, such as resume writing workshops.

The UM-DeSoto campus now offers students another career services opportunity in the form of a "Career Corner" located in the DeSoto Center's Writing Center housed on the third floor adjacent to the Study Lobby. Job postings, resume writing, and interviewing skills tips are available.

For more information, visit [career.olemiss.edu](http://career.olemiss.edu).





## Library Services

Melissa Dennis, Head of Research and Instruction Services, [mdennis@olemiss.edu](mailto:mdennis@olemiss.edu), (662) 915-5861, [libraries.olemiss.edu](http://libraries.olemiss.edu)

### NWCC Library at the DeSoto Center

Currently enrolled University of Mississippi students may check out books from the NWCC Library with a valid photo ID. The UM-DeSoto campus provides a verified list of currently enrolled students to the NWCC librarian. NWCC Library (662) 280-6164, Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturdays: 8:30 a.m.-12 noon

### University of Mississippi J. D. Williams Library @ UM-Oxford

University of Mississippi students currently taking classes at UM-DeSoto enjoy the **same borrowing privileges and access to electronic resources** as students at the main campus in Oxford. Search for books, e-books, DVDs, music scores, government documents, etc. and enjoy access to over 250 databases with thousands of online full text articles at [libraries.olemiss.edu](http://libraries.olemiss.edu).

### Special Services Provided

You can ask UM Librarians to find any book or article in the world when we do not own full text access. Create an account through Interlibrary Loan (ILL) on the library's homepage to request print or digital materials. A shuttle brings books and other print items to the UM-DeSoto office Monday-Thursday. Articles are delivered electronically through your ILL account within 48 hours.

### Information and Assistance

For research help, use Ask-a-Librarian on the library's homepage to find your subject liaison, or contact Melissa Dennis, Head of Research and Instruction Services at [mdennis@olemiss.edu](mailto:mdennis@olemiss.edu). Please call Interlibrary Loan office and Circulation at (662) 915-5858 for questions about accessing resources.

### Additional Services for UM Students

- Ask-A-Librarian chat
- Subject, course, and topic guides
- Unique digital collections
- Online tutorials
- Librarians for every Ole Miss major

## Counseling Center

*The Annex – 1150 Church Road, (662) 393-9290 ext. 119*

Attending college can present unique challenges. It is a time of significant personal growth and decision-making regarding your values, interpersonal relationships, career, and other life goals, within a stressful academic environment. Even the most successful student may experience considerable difficulty with these challenges. Problems often encountered by students include difficulties with academics, interpersonal relationships, family problems,

self-identity issues, loneliness, low self-esteem, depression, and anxiety.

The Counseling Center offers services designed to complement the University's academic mission by assisting students with their personal and educational development through a variety of psychological services.

Personal counseling and therapy are aimed at helping students to cope with life stressors and to develop more positive ways of using strengths. The goal of counseling is to help students take more effective control of their lives. Types of personal issues that may be addressed include college adjustment, depression, anxiety, relationship concerns, substance abuse, eating disorders, grief/loss issues, and family problems.

Confidential, personal counseling is available by appointment, free-of-charge to currently enrolled students at the UM-DeSoto campus. **Students may now schedule their counseling appointments in the same manner in which they schedule their advising appointments. Go to [olemiss.edu/desoto](http://olemiss.edu/desoto) and select "Meet with an Advisor" under the "Faculty and Staff" tab at the top of the page.**

*Please watch for e-mails and flyers that will provide additional information concerning counseling services and how to schedule an appointment at the UM-DeSoto campus. Contact information and office hours will be posted at the UM-DeSoto campus at the beginning of each semester.*

## Equal Opportunity and Regulatory Compliance

(662) 915-7735 or [eeo@olemiss.edu](mailto:eeo@olemiss.edu).

The University of Mississippi does not discriminate against any student based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap status, age, veteran status, or sexual orientation. The University of Mississippi is committed to fostering an environment that prevents sexual harassment of students. The University's Sexual Harassment Policy covers the relationship between a faculty member and a student when the faculty member has a professional responsibility for the student.

Any student who feels that he or she has been discriminated against or sexually harassed is entitled to seek relief by submitting a complaint to the Executive Director of Equal Opportunity and Regulatory Compliance. If informal resolution is not possible, the complaint procedure outlined in the University's current Sexual Harassment Policy will be followed. University policy prohibits retaliation against any complainant or witnesses involved in an investigation.

For more information about the University's policies on affirmative action and sexual harassment, see the University's policy directory located at: <https://secure4.olemiss.edu/umpolicyopen/ShowDetails.jsp?istatPara=1&policyObjidPara=11079533> or call (662) 915-7735.

The Executive Director, EO/RC also coordinates complaints regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Title IX of the Education Amendment.



## Writing Center

(662) 915-8250

Jeanine Rauch, Writing Center Director, (662) 915-8222

[writingcenterdesoto@olemiss.edu](mailto:writingcenterdesoto@olemiss.edu)

### UM-DeSoto Writing Center Services

The Writing Center is a free service provided by the University of Mississippi to help you become a stronger writer and critical thinker.

In the writing center, you will find a community of writing consultants, students like you, who are specially trained to work with you on any writing project at any stage of the writing process. Our goal is to help you cultivate strategies to strengthen your writing.

View Writing Center hours and make an appointment online at: [olemiss.mywconline.com](http://olemiss.mywconline.com)

**We are currently accepting applications for Student Writing Consultants.**

If you enjoy working with people one-on-one and enjoy writing, contact Writing Center Director Jeanine Rauch at [mjrauch@olemiss.edu](mailto:mjrauch@olemiss.edu) for more information.

## Student Disability Services

Stacey Reyecraft, Director, (662) 915-7128 or [sds@olemiss.edu](mailto:sds@olemiss.edu)

The University of Mississippi is committed to the creation of inclusive learning environments for all students and toward that end is happy to assist students with disabilities with academic, environmental, and social barriers that they may encounter in the classroom and on campus. Student Disability Services (SDS) is the University department tasked with facilitating this barrier removal for students with visible and invisible disabilities.

**It is the responsibility of students with disabilities to seek assistance from SDS.** An intake application and interview must be completed and external documentation supporting any requests for assistance must be submitted. Students are encouraged to begin this process as soon as possible after admission to the University as the approval process can be time consuming.

Contact SDS at the telephone number and e-mail listed above for additional information or for copies of forms and policies. This information can also be found on the SDS website at [sds.olemiss.edu](http://sds.olemiss.edu).

Students with SDS clearance should contact Twyla Loftiss at (662) 393-9290 ext. 118 or [twyla@olemiss.edu](mailto:twyla@olemiss.edu) for special testing.



## Financial Aid

Michael Gary, UM-DeSoto Financial Aid Advisor,

(662) 915-8201 or [mtgary@olemiss.edu](mailto:mtgary@olemiss.edu)

The UM-DeSoto Financial Aid Advisor is available Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., to meet with you concerning any questions that you may have about financial aid. Schedule an appointment by e-mail at [mtgary@olemiss.edu](mailto:mtgary@olemiss.edu).

Advisors are also available via the Ole Miss Financial Services Help Line at 800-891-4596, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Applying for financial aid:

Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required for all forms of federal financial aid for which you might apply. Be sure to include the University of Mississippi school code on your FAFSA: 002440.

You should also complete applications for state-based aid and institution-based aid. See your financial aid advisor for instructions.

### As you transfer to UM-DeSoto, remember that:

Financial aid does not “transfer” from one institution to another. You must apply individually for each institution. You can only receive financial aid for one school at a time. (For example, if you are enrolled in courses at both NWCC and the University of Mississippi, you cannot receive financial aid at both.)

All correspondence from the Office of Financial Aid is sent via e-mail to your [go.olemiss.edu](http://go.olemiss.edu) account. Be sure to check your UM e-mail account frequently.

Financial Aid considers the Fall Semester to include Fall/Fall 1/ Fall 2 courses for purposes of determining enrollment status and awarding aid. Spring Semester combines Winter Intersession/ Spring/Spring 1/Spring 2. Summer is considered a separate term to include May Intersession, First Summer Session, Full Summer Session, Second Summer Session, and August Intersession. Financial aid may/may not be available for attending Summer session(s). Speak to your financial aid advisor if you are planning to attend Summer school.

2016-17 scholarship recipients



## THE 4 BASIC TYPES OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- **Scholarships** are gift programs that do not have to be repaid. They are typically awarded in recognition of significant achievement or academic talent. UM-DeSoto offers numerous scholarships to help you finance your education. We urge you to apply for all scholarships for which you might qualify.
- **Grants** are gift aid that will not have to be repaid and usually require demonstration of financial need.
- **Loans** are funds that have to be repaid with interest.
- **Part-time employment** on the UM-DeSoto campus provides opportunities for students to earn money to apply toward their educational expenses.

[finaid.olemiss.edu](http://finaid.olemiss.edu)



## Frequently Asked Questions about Financial Aid

### *When do I pay tuition and fees?*

For the Fall Semester, a bill will be e-mailed to your [go.olemiss.edu](mailto:go.olemiss.edu) address shortly after July 31. You should plan accordingly so that your payment will be received before the due date of August 15.

### *If I receive financial aid that will exceed my tuition and fees, how do I receive excess financial aid?*

You can choose to have excess financial aid delivered by direct deposit to your bank account (the preferred way) or by a check mailed to your billing address. The University will process direct deposits five days before classes begin. After this initial disbursement, direct deposits will be processed daily; **however, checks will only be processed once a week.** Students can access the direct deposit information at [olemiss.edu/depts/bursar/directdeposit.html](http://olemiss.edu/depts/bursar/directdeposit.html).

### *What are the advantages of direct deposit vs. having a check mailed to a local address?*

- Direct deposits are electronically delivered directly to your bank account.
- Mailing address problems are eliminated with direct deposits.
- No standing in line at the bank.
- Protection against theft or time delays caused by lost checks, which take several weeks to replace.
- No worries if you are out of town or don't have time to pick up the mail.

### *If I register for courses, but my plans change and I won't be attending the University of Mississippi, what should I do?*

Any student who decides not to attend the University should contact the Registrar's office as soon as his or her plans change and officially withdraw from the University. Students who officially withdraw:

- **Before the first day of classes** avoid all financial and grade obligations. Any financial aid that has been credited must be returned in full.
- **After classes begin**, see the chart below to determine the last date to withdraw and receive a refund. For the exact date, refer to the Academic Calendar at: [olemiss.edu/depts/registrar](http://olemiss.edu/depts/registrar).

Fall Term	Within the first 10 days of class
Fall 1	Within the first 3 days of class
Fall 2	Within the first 3 days of class
Wintersession	Within the first 2 days of class
Spring Term	Within the first 10 days of class
Spring 1	Within the first 3 days of class
Spring 2	Within the first 3 days of class

- **During the refund period** avoid most of their financial obligation (there is a maximum processing fee of \$100 per term) and all of their grade liability. Any institutional scholarships that have been credited must be returned in full. (For federal aid, please refer to the question about attendance verification.)
- **After the refund period has ended for the term but on or before the course withdrawal date deadline** will not receive a refund, but they will not receive failing grades. Students who received aid may have to return a prorated portion of their financial aid.
- **After the course withdrawal date deadline of the term** will not receive a refund and will receive grades ('W'-Withdrawn or 'F'-Failure) in each course. Students who received aid may have to return a prorated portion of their financial aid.

### *I am confused because the University has three withdrawal dates. Can you explain the difference?*

It is true that the University has three withdrawal dates. There is a date to withdraw to receive a refund of tuition and fees, there is a date to withdraw to avoid receiving grades, and there is a date to withdraw that affects whether or not you will be required to repay any federal financial aid.

**For Refund:** The last date to withdraw and receive a refund is within the first few days of the semester. After this date, there are no refunds.

**To Avoid Receiving Grades:** The last date to withdraw and avoid receiving a failing grade on your transcript is called the course withdrawal deadline date. If withdrawing after this date, you will receive grades ('W'-Withdrawn or 'F'-Failure) in each course. Refer to the academic calendar at [olemiss.edu/depts/registrar](http://olemiss.edu/depts/registrar) for exact refund and course withdrawal deadline dates.

**For Federal Financial Aid Recipients:** If you withdraw before the 60 percent point of your enrollment you must repay a prorated portion of the federal financial aid for that term. See the chart below for the 60 percent point based on your enrollment:

Fall	October 20, 2017
Fall 1	September 16, 2017
Fall 2	November 12, 2017
Fall 1/Fall 2	October 26, 2017
Spring	April 1, 2018
Spring 1	February 17, 2018
Spring 2	April 23, 2018
Spring 1 / Spring 2	April 5, 2018
Wintersession	January 9, 2018
Wintersession/Spring	March 27, 2018
Wintersession/Spring 1	February 12, 2018
Wintersession/Spring 2	April 18, 2018

### ***What is attendance verification?***

Per federal regulations, you establish eligibility for aid only if you actually show up for your classes. Therefore, your presence in a class will be documented by the instructor through taking roll or by use of attendance ID scanners. This will be done at one of the class meetings within the first two weeks of class for a regular Fall/Spring semester (shorter time frames apply for mini-terms like Winter Intersession and Summer).

All courses must be verified. Note that this policy also applies to online classes, thesis/dissertation hours, labs, Study Abroad, and internships – although the methods of “attendance collection” are modified.

#### ***Processing of federal aid is affected by non-attendance in the following ways:***

1. Once the semester starts, disbursement will be held until the University confirms that you have attended at least one class. (For Summer terms, no federal aid will be released until an instructor has documented attendance in at least one class).
2. Following the Mandatory Drop Date (MDD), Financial Aid will “lock in” your enrollment based on your class schedule as of the end of that day – and ONLY those courses where attendance has been verified will be used to determine your final aid eligibility for the term. Any previously disbursed aid may have to be adjusted to them, which may mean reduced aid amounts and/or paybacks. Please visit [registrar.olemiss.edu/academic-calendar-menu/](http://registrar.olemiss.edu/academic-calendar-menu/) to confirm the MDD for each term.  
On or after the MDD, you will be dropped from classes that you failed to attend. You will still be responsible for your tuition and fees. So don't let that happen!  
For more information, please visit [olemiss.edu/info/gotoclass/](http://olemiss.edu/info/gotoclass/).

### ***Does the University automatically drop schedules because of non-payment of fees?***

No, but please know that when you register for classes, you fill that seat in the course. The University makes the assumption that you are going to attend that class unless you officially withdraw from it. You assume financial responsibility to pay for your courses AND assume responsibility to attend class and successfully complete the course of study as presented by the instructor.

### ***I have an “Accounts Receivable” or “Bursar Hold” and cannot use priority registration. How can I get it released?***

These holds usually mean that your account is not current. In other words, you have University charges that are 30 days past due or there is another issue with your account in the Bursar's office. To have the hold removed, you will have to pay all past due charges or clear the outstanding issue.

### ***How do I apply for grants, loans, and the Federal Work-Study program?***

You must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) between **October 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018**. You may submit it electronically at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). The FAFSA must be completed annually.

### ***What is verification?***

Verification, a federally mandated process, requires a school to check the accuracy of the student's (and parent's, if applicable) financial and household information as reported on the FAFSA. Verification must be completed before any federal or need-based aid is awarded. In order to complete verification, students are required to complete and submit a verification worksheet and W2 forms (student/parent W2 forms for dependent students; student/spouse W2 forms for married students).

For 2017-18, students (and parents) are strongly advised to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer tax and income data to the FAFSA. Using this tool may expedite the verification process. Those who are unable or choose not to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool are required to also submit tax return transcripts (not the actual tax returns) in order to complete verification. Transcripts may be requested from the IRS by calling 1-800-908-9946 or visiting the IRS website, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), and selecting “Get a Tax Transcript” under the Tools list on the IRS homepage.

### ***What is MTAG?***

MTAG (Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant) is a grant of \$500 per year for freshmen and sophomores and \$1,000 per year for juniors and seniors. Entering freshmen with a minimum 2.5 GPA and a minimum 15 ACT (or equivalent SAT) qualify for MTAG. For transfer students, the high school GPA and test scores are no longer considered, but individuals must enter with a 2.5 college GPA. MTAG is prorated for those students who receive a Federal Pell Grant. One-year Mississippi residency and full-time enrollment are required for this grant. Students must enroll in at least 15 hours to receive this award. Please note that undergraduates can only receive one state grant per term (MTAG, MESG, HELP, Nissan Scholarship, or Law Enforcement & Fireman Scholarship) – whichever is larger.

MTAG applications are available from the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid at [www.riseupms.com](http://www.riseupms.com). The submission deadline is September 15.

### ***Can I check my financial aid/scholarship online?***

Yes! All students must have a WebID to access financial aid awards and information. WebIDs and e-mail will be the primary means of business communication. You should have received your WebID and e-mail account shortly after you were admitted to the University. If not, please contact the University's IT Help Desk at (662) 915-5222.

- To check your status, visit the UM Financial Aid Web site and click on “Check award status in myOleMiss”.
- If you are a first-time user, go to “WebID Help/Reset Password” then “Add a Security Question” to receive your WebID. Also, if you are using the UM Web e-mail for the first time, you must change your temporary password.
- You can review outstanding issues online and/or confirm our office has received a requirement.
- All financial aid awards must be accepted/declined/reduced electronically by accessing your award at [my.olemiss.edu](http://my.olemiss.edu)

### What is loan entrance counseling?

Entrance counseling is required by federal regulations for all first time borrowers at a school. The session gives an overview of the federal loan program, discusses interest rates, repayment requirements, and borrower rights and responsibilities. This counseling obligation is online at <http://finaid.olemiss.edu/online-loan-entrance-counseling/>. No loan funds can be disbursed until this is done.

### What is the process for Federal Direct student loans?

Once a student accepts the Direct loan online in myOleMiss, the University certifies the student's loan. The student should complete Loan Entrance Counseling and electronically sign the Master Promissory Note (MPN) at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). Then the loan funds are posted to the student's Bursar account at the beginning of the term (or, if processed later, within three to five business days.)

### What if I accept a Work-Study position?

You will be sent additional information regarding how to conduct your job search for your Work-Study position. Work-study recipients are paid bimonthly.

### What are the fees that I will be charged for 2017-2018?

The following chart is based on full-time enrollment for the **2017-2018 academic year**. If you attend academic terms other than Fall and spring sessions, such as Summer terms, Wintersession, and Study Abroad, you will incur additional costs.

### University of Mississippi Estimated Tuition/Fees\*

	Resident	Nonresident
Undergraduate (per credit hour)	\$341.25	\$977.25
Graduate (per credit hour)	\$455.00	\$1,303.00
Undergraduate (3 credit hours)	\$1023.75	\$2,931.75
Graduate (3 credit hours)	\$1,365.00	\$3,909.00
<b>Full-Time Fees</b>		
Undergraduate (12-19 hours)	\$4,095.00	\$11,727.00
Graduate (9-13 hours)	\$4,095.00	\$11,727.00
Capital Improvement Fee**	\$50.00	\$50.00

\*Fall tuition amounts are pending and are subject to change.

\*\*This fee will be assessed for improvements at the campus you attend. This fee will be prorated for less than full time enrollment.

Note: You may incur additional class fees based on the class in which you are registered for (i.e., art fees, etc.) For more information, visit: [catalog.olemiss.edu/fees-financial-aid](http://catalog.olemiss.edu/fees-financial-aid)

The estimated "Cost of Attendance" includes tuition/fees as well as allowances for books/supplies, housing, meals, travel, and personal expenses. This amount is also used as a cap for financial aid packages. For more, visit [finaid.olemiss.edu/cost-of-attendance/](http://finaid.olemiss.edu/cost-of-attendance/).

To check and accept your financial aid awards online, please visit: <http://finaid.olemiss.edu>. For more information, call the toll free, nationwide Student Financial Services Help-Line at 800-891-4596.

### Satisfactory Academic Progress

Federal Title IV student aid recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress. In order to continue to be eligible to receive assistance, students must meet the following academic progress standards listed below:

#### Undergraduate

The student must be passing at least 67% of the hours that he/she has attempted at the University of Mississippi.

The total number of hours attempted at the University of Mississippi and all other institutions (**including attempted hours gained in pursuit of prior undergraduate degrees or attempted hours gained in prior declared majors**) cannot equal or exceed 190 hours.

The student must achieve the minimum cumulative resident GPA of 2.00 in his/her course of study at the University of Mississippi. The cumulative resident University GPA does NOT include transfer work.

#### Graduate

The student must achieve and maintain the cumulative resident GPA of 3.00 in his/her course of study at the University of Mississippi.

The student will not be eligible to receive aid one he/she has attempted 72 total hours in pursuit of a Master's degree, 100 hours in pursuit of a Specialist degree, or a grand total of 160 hours in pursuit of all graduate degrees, including Doctorate.

The student must be passing at least 67% of the hours that he/she has attempted at the University of Mississippi.

Satisfactory academic progress is checked at the end of each spring semester. Students failing to meet the standard are placed on financial aid suspension beginning with the Summer terms and become ineligible to receive any federal student aid funds. Students may submit an appeal online citing any special or mitigating circumstance they believe should be considered.

Students denied aid for failure to meet these satisfactory academic progress requirements may re-establish eligibility once they meet the requirements.

Scholarship and state grant programs have differing requirements for continuing eligibility. Contact the UM Office of Financial Aid at [finaid@olemiss.edu](mailto:finaid@olemiss.edu) for these requirements, or visit [finaid.olemiss.edu/financial-aid-appeals/](http://finaid.olemiss.edu/financial-aid-appeals/).





## Ole Miss Athletics Information

### *Purchasing Tickets*

All UM students may purchase tickets online at [www.olemisssports.com](http://www.olemisssports.com).

## Glossary of Terms at the University of Mississippi

**Academic Standing:** The University expects all students to meet certain academic standards. Failure to do so will result in students' being placed on academic probation, suspended or dismissed.

Consult the Undergraduate Catalog for academic retention rules.

**Advisor:** Faculty/staff member who assists students with course selection and academic decision making appropriate to their personal, professional and academic needs and goals.

**Alma Mater:** Refers to one's college or university, and also is the name of the school song. Sung before athletics events, at graduations and at other campus activities.

'Way down south in Mississippi  
There's a spot that ever calls  
Where among the hills enfolded  
Stand old Alma Mater's halls  
Where the trees lift high their branches  
To the whispering Southern breeze  
There Ole Miss is calling, calling  
To our hearts fond memories

**Alumni:** An alumnus (male) or alumna (female) is a former student of Ole Miss. Many alumni (often shortened to "alums") are actively involved in programs that support the University.

**Bachelor's Degree:** The bachelor's degree is awarded after completion of the requirements of a specific program. Most bachelor's degrees take four years of study. There are several types of bachelor's degrees: the B.A. (Bachelor of Arts), B.S. (Bachelor of Science), BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts), BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration) and BAE (Bachelor of Arts in Education).

**Blackboard (Bb):** A Web-based course-management system. It provides a Web portal environment, support for courses and campus organizations, and access to e-mail. Your Bb username is the first part of your e-mail address (the text before the @ symbol).

**Blue Book:** A small booklet of paper with a blue cover used for essay exams.

**Chancellor:** The Chancellor is the chief administrative officer of the university and is equivalent to a university president.

**Circle:** Refers to the wooded space located on the center of campus in front of the Lyceum.

**Class Attendance:** Students are obligated to comply with class-attendance policies. It is the responsibility of each instructor to notify classes at the outset of each course of the attendance requirements for students. The University reserves the right to sever its relationship with any student who has been excessively absent, and the student who incurs excessive absences may be dismissed from a given class upon recommendation of the instructor and approval by the student's academic dean. If a student is out of class for an extended period of time due to reasons beyond the student's control, it is the responsibility of the student to inform the teacher.

**Colors:** The crimson of Harvard and the blue of Yale.

**Commencement:** Graduation!

**DM:** *The Daily Mississippian*, the student-run, daily newspaper at the University of Mississippi.

**Drop-Add:** This is the term used by most students to indicate a change of schedule. During specified periods, courses may be "dropped" and others "added." After the withdrawal deadline, the student must get special permission from her or his dean's office to drop a course.

**Electives or Options:** Elective courses help make up the total number of hours required to complete a degree but are not specifically required for a major or degree program. Almost every curriculum includes electives or option courses. No limitations other than the standing prerequisites are imposed on the student's choice of these electives.

**Fight Song:** "Forward Rebels"

Forward Rebels, march to fame  
Hit that line and win this game  
We know that you'll fight it through  
For your colors Red and Blue  
Rah, Rah, Rah  
Rebels you're the Southland's pride  
Take that ball and hit your stride  
Don't stop 'til the victory's won for your Ole Miss  
Fight, fight for your Ole Miss!

**GPA:** Cumulative grade point average computed by dividing grade points by class hours attempted.

**Grade Reporting:** A report of final grades is e-mailed to students after the close of each semester. Access midterm and final grades using your WebID at [my.olemiss.edu](http://my.olemiss.edu).

**Grove:** Wooded area located on the central part of the Oxford campus; site of football tailgating, outdoor concerts and commencement.

**Hotty Toddy:** The Ole Miss cheer—it only takes a few times to get it! Join in whenever you hear the Ole Miss faithful yell, “Are You Ready?”

Are You Ready? Hell Yes! Damn Right!  
Hotty Toddy, Gosh a’mighty  
Who in the hell are we — HEY!  
Flim Flam, Bim Bam  
Ole Miss by damn!

**ID:** Student identification card; needed to check out library materials, buy tickets to athletics and concert events, etc.

**Incomplete:** An incomplete on your transcript means that a portion of work for a class needs to be completed.

**Internship:** Work experience related to a student’s major.

**Lyceum:** Completed in 1848, the oldest building on campus; now serves as the main administration building.

**Major:** A specialized field of study chosen by the student.

**myOleMiss:** myOleMiss is an online system which allows students, faculty, and staff to access information and applications via the web with a single login across multiple systems. Students must log in to myOleMiss at [my.olemiss.edu](http://my.olemiss.edu) in order to book (register for) classes, view their grades online, view financial aid information, view any holds, and many more activities.

**Ole Miss:** The official name of the University of Mississippi’s yearbook and embraced over the years as The University of Mississippi’s nickname.

**The Pavilion:** Home of the Ole Miss Rebels men’s and women’s basketball teams

**Prereqs:** Courses a student must take before moving on to more advanced classes.

**Rebels/Lady Rebels:** The University’s athletic nicknames.

**Recitation:** A discussion section similar to a lab that must be registered concurrently with a lecture section.

**Scantron:** A sheet of bubbles that correlates to a professor’s exam questions; used in computer grading.

**Section:** Multiple classes offered for the same course.

**Tad Pad:** Term of affection for the Tad C. Smith Coliseum, former home to the men’s and women’s basketball teams.

**Tailgating:** The University of Mississippi has the distinction of being the No. 1 tailgating experience in the SEC, and one visit to our campus during a football Saturday will certainly confirm that. Occurring most frequently during football weekends, tailgating is also a tradition at Ole Miss baseball and other athletics events. Tailgating involves setting up tables, chairs, tents, food, beverages and whatever else you might enjoy and celebrating the gathering of the Ole Miss family on campus to enjoy the event of the day. Tailgating takes place in the Grove, Circle, and shaded, grassy areas all over campus, and is open to anyone who wants to come and participate.

**Vaught-Hemingway Stadium:** Home of the Ole Miss Rebels football team.

**Walk of Champions:** The sidewalk running from the Union through the Grove to University Avenue and dedicated to the 1962 Ole Miss football team, which went undefeated. Before every home football game, usually two hours before kickoff, the Ole Miss football team and coaches walk the Walk of Champions from the front of the Student Union through the Grove, across University Avenue, between Shoemaker and Faser halls and to the Mike Starnes Training Center, while being greeted and cheered by Ole Miss faithful.

**Web ID:** This is a sign-on to access all UM Web applications for taking care of University business, such as registering for classes, checking grades and viewing other student-oriented information.

*Chancellor Jeff Vitter meets with UM-DeSoto Executive Director Rick Gregory during the Flagship Forum series.*

