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**STUDENT
HANDBOOK**

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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



*Daphne Jenkins, Class of 2023,
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WELCOME OLE MISS-DESOTO STUDENTS!

Dear Ole Miss Students,

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration at the University of Mississippi – DeSoto, welcome 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 you begin this new adventure while seeking 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 one of our staff or faculty members know so that we can help you address these obstacles. The sooner you let us know, the more help we can provide.

Our faculty teach because they love their field of study, and they love to see students learn. UM-DeSoto faculty work to help their students meet the academic standards set in each course so that you can become successful in your program.

We are excited about what the future holds for you and for UM-DeSoto. Thank you for choosing to be part of our Ole Miss family!



Jenny Joyner,
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Ordering Textbooks

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Order Online

You can order your course required textbooks by either (1) going to “Retrieve Materials” at MyOleMiss, or (2) directly accessing the Ole Miss Bookstore Regional Campus website at olemissregionalcampus.bncollege.com .

Once on our site, click "Search Now" in the "Course Materials Concierge" box.

1. There are four categories that must be filtered through to select your exact course: Term (Ex: Spring 22); Department (Ex: BUS); Course # (Ex: 322); Section (Ex: Sec 1 TUPO)
Note: You can filter multiple courses at once.
2. Once you have filtered your course(s), select “Retrieve Materials” at the bottom right. All of your required materials will then appear with various options for you to choose from. Select books will give you the option to choose between: New or Used; Print or Digital; Purchase or Rental
3. After making your selections, click “ADD TO CART” for each item. Select between Free In-Store Pick-Up or Ship To Address. **If you wish to pick up at your regional campus, select "In-Store Pick-Up."** *Note: This option to select shipping is only displayed while viewing your cart.*
4. Before checking out, you must either log in, create an account, or proceed as a guest. Log in with your MyOleMiss credentials for updates and easier access to your orders. Your preferred contact information will be used to help identify your order. It is important to use an email address that you check frequently, such as your Ole Miss email.
5. Next, you will be asked to select the campus that you attend. If you wish to pick your books up at a regional campus, you must select In-Store Pick-Up. Your order will be delivered to your selected campus.

Payment

There are two payment options: Credit/Debit or Financial Aid. In order to use Financial Aid or charge your Bursar account, select “FINANCIAL AID.” Choose “External Provider” and input your Student ID number. Review your information, then select “PLACE ORDER” at the bottom right to complete your order.

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, 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 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 and sign in using your Ole Miss WebID. Detailed instructions on how to register are provided at: olemiss.edu/info/priorityregistration
- Step 3** 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 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 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 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 [my.OleMiss.edu](https://my.olemiss.edu); select "Registration;" select "drop to 0 hours"
- In writing via fax, mail, or e-mail (registrar@olemiss.edu)
- 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.



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 last day to register or add courses, and the course withdrawal deadline is the 10th 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 student must have an official transcript, the transcript is stamped “Issued to Student.”

Request an official transcript at parchment.com/u/registration/34153/institution. Telephone requests are not honored. 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

An undergraduate student may improve his or her overall GPA by invoking forgiveness or exclusion on a maximum of four courses (not to exceed 14 credit hours) in which the student received a grade of C-, D or F and requesting that the original grade be excluded from the GPA calculation. If the course has been repeated, the repeat must be in the same course and must be taken at The University of Mississippi in fall 1992 or later. Under the forgiveness policy, a maximum of two courses (not to exceed 7 hours) in which the student received a grade of C-, D or F may be excluded from the student’s GPA calculation without repeating the course.

The student must file a Petition to Invoke Grade Forgiveness Policy with the Registrar’s Office, stating which courses are to be forgiven or excluded. Once the student has declared one course, a different course cannot be substituted 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 original grades will remain on the student’s permanent record, the forgiven or excluded grades will not be used to determine credit towards a degree and GPA. The original course will be recorded with both the grade earned and the symbol R to denote that it has been removed from the student’s GPA calculation either because it was repeated or excluded. The recalculated GPA will be used for determining graduation honors.

The forgiveness policy does not apply to students enrolled in the professional program in the School of Pharmacy for grades received in required professional courses as designated in the curricula for the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

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.

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



Career Day



2022-2023 Most 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.

Appeal Process for Disciplinary Procedures

Disciplinary procedures for academic issues follow the policies outlined in the University's "Academic Discipline Policy" at 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.

2023-2024 Academic Calendar		
<i>Fall 2023</i>		
Date(s)	Day(s)	Event(s)
March 20-April 17	Mon-Mon	Academic Advising
April 10-April 24	Mon-Mon	Priority Registration
April 10-July 31	Mon-Mon	Phase 1 Registration Period
July 14	Friday	Application for 1st time enrollment should be submitted no later than this date.
July 31	Monday	Fall 2022 tuition and fees posted to students' accounts.
August 1	Tuesday	\$50 Registration fee assessed this date. Phase 2 Registration.
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 Sept. 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 9	Monday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended September 1.
October 2	Monday	Midterm grades due.
October 9-30	Mon-Mon	Academic Advising (for Winter Intersession and Spring session).
Oct. 23 – Nov. 6	Mon-Mon	Priority Registration (for Winter Intersession and Spring session).
Oct. 23 – Nov. 30	Mon-Thurs	Phase I registration period (for Winter Intersession and Spring session).
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.
<i>First Fall Term 2023</i>		
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 24. Phase 3 Registration.
August 24	Wednesday	Last day to register or add classes. Refund period ends.
August 25	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 24).
September 28	Thursday	Classes end.
October 2 – 3	Mon-Tues	Final Examinations.
<i>Second Fall Term 2023</i>		
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 23. Phase 3 Registration.
October 23	Friday	Last day to register or add classes. Refund period ends.
October 24	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 23).
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.
<i>Winter Intersession 2024</i>		
Oct. 9 – 30	Mon-Mon	Academic Advising (for Winter Intersession and Spring session).
Oct. 23 – Nov. 6	Mon-Mon	Priority Registration (for Winter Intersession and Spring session).
Oct. 23 – Nov. 30	Mon-Thurs	Phase 1 Registration period (for Winter Intersession and Spring session).
November 3	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, 2024	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.

Spring 2024		
Date(s)	Day(s)	Event(s)
Oct. 9 – 30	Mon-Mon	Academic Advising (for Winter Intersession and Spring session).
Oct. 23 – Nov. 6	Mon-Mon	Priority Registration (for Winter Intersession and Spring session).
Oct. 23 – Nov. 30	Mon-Thurs	Phase 1 Registration period (for Winter Intersession and Spring session).
December 1	Friday	\$50 registration fee assessed this date; Phase 2 Registration begins.
January 15, 2024	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. 28 and Feb. 3 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.
March 8	Friday	Last day to submit applications for May and August diplomas.
March 8	Friday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended February 2).
March 9 – 17	Sat-Sun	Spring Break.
March 18–April 8	Mon-Mon	Academic Advising (for all Summer & Fall)
April 1 – 15	Mon-Mon	Priority Registration (for all Summer & Fall)
April 1 – 30	Mon-Tues	Phase 1 Registration period
March 29	Friday	Good Friday (Administrative offices closed).
May 3	Friday	Classes end.
May 6 – 10	Mon-Fri	Final examinations.
May 11	Saturday	Commencement.

First Spring Term 2024		
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 25. Phase 3 Registration begins.
January 25	Thursday	Last day to register or add classes. Refund period ends.
January 26	Friday	\$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 25).
February 28	Wednesday	Classes end.
March 4 – 5	Mon-Tue	Final examinations.
Second Spring Term 2024		
March 25	Monday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees.
March 26	Tuesday	Classes begin; registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through March 31. Phase 3 Registration.
March 29	Friday	Good Friday (Administrative offices closed).
April 1	Monday	Last day to register or add classes. Refund period ends.
April 2	Tuesday	\$10 fee assessed per drop or add.
April 3	Wednesday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance.
April 11	Thursday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended April 1).
May 3	Friday	Classes end.
May 6 – 10	Mon-Fri	Final Examinations.

Summer 2024		
<i>May Intersession 2024</i>		
Date(s)	Day(s)	Event(s)
March 18–April 8	Mon-Mon	Academic Advising.
April 1- 15	Mon-Mon	Priority Registration.
April 1- 30	Mon-Tues	Phase 1 Registration period.
March 22	Friday	Application for first-time enrollment should be submitted no later than this date.
May 1	Wednesday	\$50 registration fee assessed this date. Phase 2 Registration.
May 12	Sunday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees.
May 13	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 14.
May 14	Tuesday	Last day to register or add classes; refund period ends.
May 15	Wednesday	\$10 fee assessed for each drop or add.
May 16	Thursday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended May 14).
May 16	Thursday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance.
May 24	Friday	Classes end.
May 25	Saturday	Final examinations.
<i>Full Summer 2024</i>		
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day Holiday.
May 27	Monday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees.
May 28	Tuesday	Classes begin; registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through June 3.
June 3	Monday	Last day to register or add classes; refund period ends.
June 4	Tuesday	\$10 fee assessed per drop or add.
June 6	Thursday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance.
June 18	Tuesday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refunds; refund period ended June 3).
June 24-Jun 28	Mon-Fri	Classes suspended.
July 1	Monday	Classes reconvene.
July 4	Thursday	Independence Day Holiday.
July 24	Wednesday	Classes end.
July 25 – 26	Thurs-Fri	Final Examinations.

<i>First Summer 2024</i>		
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day Holiday.
May 27	Monday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees.
May 28	Tuesday	Classes begin; registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through May 30.
May 30	Thursday	Last day to register or add classes; refund period ends.
May 31	Friday	\$10 fee assessed per drop or add.
June 4	Tuesday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance.
June 6	Thursday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended May 30.)
June 21	Friday	Classes end.
June 24 – 25	Mon-Tues	Final examinations.
<i>Second Summer 2024</i>		
June 26	Wednesday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees.
June 27	Thursday	Classes begin; registration fee (\$100) assessed this date; 100% refund (less 5% of fees or \$100, whichever is less) on withdrawals through July 1.
July 1	Monday	Last day to register or add classes; refund period ends.
July 2	Wednesday	\$10 fee assessed per drop or add.
July 4	Thursday	Independence Day Holiday.
July 5	Friday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance.
July 9	Tuesday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended July 1).
July 24	Wednesday	Classes end.
July 25 – 26	Thurs-Friday	Final examinations.
<i>August Intersession 2024</i>		
July 1	Saturday	\$50 registration fee assessed this date. Phase 2 Registration.
July 28	Sunday	Last day to officially cancel registration and avoid responsibility for payment of tuition and fees.
July 29	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 30.
July 30	Tuesday	Last day to register or add classes; refund period ends.
July 31	Wednesday	\$10 fee assessed per each drop or add.
August 1	Thursday	Deadline for course withdrawals (no refund; refund period ended July 30).
August 1	Thursday	Mandatory drop date for non-attendance.
August 9	Friday	Classes end.
August 10	Saturday	Final examinations.

UM-DeSoto Campus Information

(662) 342-4765

Distance Learning Classrooms

Distance learning technology links our campus with the Oxford, Tupelo, Booneville, and Grenada campuses. Zoom provides “live” instruction to all campuses. UM-DeSoto distance learning classrooms are Rooms 232, 252, 253, 254, 262, 263, 264, and 265. Courses taught via distance learning are marked with an asterisk on the course schedule. Distance learning classes typically follow the Oxford campus schedule.

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. 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) 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 have 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. Request an ID Card at idcenter.olemiss.edu/getting-one-card/

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.

Tobacco-Free Policy

The University of Mississippi-Desoto is a tobacco-free campus. The use of tobacco and smoking products is not permitted, which includes but is not limited to buildings, grounds, parking areas (including inside vehicles), and walkways.

Testing Information

Online & iStudy Exam Proctoring

Appointments can be made by contacting UM-DeSoto Coordinator of Testing Ebony McEwen at (662)-393-9290, ext. 118, or ecmcewen@olemiss.edu.

Ms. McEwen 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 “Register Blast” that can be located on the UM-DeSoto website homepage at 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.



Study, relax or use computers in The Rebel Room

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.
2. Click on "My Parking Account" (large red button on the right side of the page).
3. In the PERMITS section, click on Get Permits button.
4. Log in with your university Web ID and password (select the Affiliated Login option; do not select guest log-in).
5. Read any instructions on the Purchase a Permit page and click "Next."
6. A list of permits that you are eligible to purchase will appear. Choose one, read and check the boxes below, and click "Next."
7. Either select an existing vehicle already in the system or add a vehicle to your records 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.
8. Select an existing U.S. Postal Service mailing address, or add a new USPS address. Only USPS mailing addresses are valid. Your permit will arrive at your USPS mailing address within 14 days.
9. For students, click Bursar Account. Faculty and staff have the option to pay with Visa, MasterCard or by payroll deductions over nine months.
10. 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. To print your temporary permit, Acrobat or Acrobat Reader (free) is required. You will also receive an email confirmation, which has a link that may also be clicked to print your temporary permit. Please note the temporary permit is only valid on the vehicle associated with the tag number listed.

If your permit does not arrive within 14-days, please call our office at 662-915-7235. The decals will allow you to park in authorized commuter parking space on the regional campuses as well as Commuter Red spaces on the Oxford campus. If for any reason you need to drive a non-registered vehicle to campus, you must stop by the UM-DeSoto office, or the UM Oxford office in the South Campus Recreation Facility, Suite A, to obtain a temporary parking permit. **Vehicles parked at the UM-DeSoto campus or Oxford campus that do not have a parking decal or temporary permit will be ticketed.**

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.

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 center of a building

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.

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.

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.

Diplomas are mailed to students after final grades have posted and all fees and exit paperwork has been completed.



2023 Social Work
graduates

Computers, E-mail, and Such

For more information, please contact the University of Mississippi-DeSoto Distance Learning Technician, at (662) 915-8212.

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 daily at 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.
- *Printing*
The Rebel Room, a student lounge located on the third floor (347), is available for students to take breaks between class, check e-mail or work on assignments for class. There are ten computers available with access to printers. 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.
- *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. Google Drive is linked through your Ole Miss e-mail account. This can be accessed at go.olemiss.edu.



*Alpha Sigma Lambda
Honor Society Inductees*



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

UM-DeSoto Student Services

For more information, please contact Kacy Dixon, UM-DeSoto Coordinator of Student Services at kdixon@olemiss.edu or (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 (ASL)

Advisor: Allona Murry, asmurry@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.

UM-DeSoto Student Ambassadors

Advisors:

Daniel Christian, dschrist@olemiss.edu

Kacy Dixon, 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. They welcome guests and prospective students to our campus during orientation, student appreciation day, and the annual graduation celebration.

Student ambassadors also write letters and postcards to potential students. If you are interested in applying for an ambassador position, please complete an application. There is a \$250 per semester scholarship available for UM-DeSoto student ambassadors for full participation.

DECA

Advisor: Kacy Dixon, kdixon@olemiss.edu

DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.

Kappa Delta Pi (KDP)

Advisor: Amber McCullough, ajmccoll@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.

Order of the Sword and Shield

Advisor: Jeff Johnson, johnson1@olemiss.edu

Student membership in the Order of the Sword and Shield National Honor Society is open to any undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled in one of our Criminal Justice Programs.

Phi Theta Kappa Alumni

Advisor: Kacy Dixon, kdixon@olemiss.edu

Students who were formerly members of Phi Theta Kappa honor society at their two-year institutions can continue their involvement in the organization through the University of Mississippi-DeSoto's PTK Alumni organization. The group organizes various service projects and community-involvement projects throughout the year.

Pi Gamma Mu

Advisor: Jeff Johnson, johnson1@olemiss.edu

The mission of Pi Gamma Mu is to encourage and promote excellence in the Social Sciences and to uphold and nurture scholarship, leadership, and service. Pi Gamma Mu serves the various social science disciplines which seek to understand and explain human behavior and social relationships as well as their related problems and issues. Pi Gamma Mu is open to all Applied Science majors.

TOT (Teachers of Tomorrow)

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Andy Cheng, qcheng@olemiss.edu

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.

The goal of UM-DeSoto's TOT chapter is to serve as a support group for the students involved in the organization. TOT works on several community service projects including Read Across America.



2022-2023 Teachers
of Tomorrow Members



Members of the
Student Social Work Organization

Student Social Work Organization

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Desiree Watson, 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, as well as provide social work visibility within DeSoto County. The organization also works with social work majors from the Tupelo and Oxford campuses. One objective of the group is to organize on-campus activities to raise awareness about social work in the community.

Career Services

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

UM-DeSoto routinely holds special Career Prep events, such as resume writing workshops and mock interviews. Job postings and internships will also be available in the UM-DeSoto weekly newsletter.

For more information, visit career.olemiss.edu.





Library Services

libraries.olemiss.edu

Information and Assistance

General Questions: Melissa Dennis, Head of Research & Instruction Services and Associate Professor, mdennis@olemiss.edu (662) 915-5861

Borrowing/Returning books or shuttle service questions:

Interlibrary Loan (662) 915-5867 ill-lib@olemiss.edu

J.D. Williams Library on the main Campus in Oxford

University of Mississippi students currently enrolled at the UM-DeSoto campus enjoy the same borrowing privileges and access to electronic resources as students currently enrolled at the main campus in Oxford. Search for books, e-books, movies, journal articles, music scores, government documents, and more! You have 24/7 access to our online databases filled with millions of articles and digital content through libraries.olemiss.edu.

Special Services Provided

UM Librarians can help you find any book or article in the world. For items we do not have full access to, you can submit an Interlibrary Loan request for that item. Set up your ILL account at libraries.olemiss.edu/interlibrary-loan to make requests. UM shuttle services deliver books to the UM-DeSoto office Monday – Thursday. Articles are accessible electronically through your ILL account within 48 hours.

Additional Services for UM Students

- Ask-A-Librarian Chat: Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Research guides and online tutorials
- Unique digital collections
- Subject librarians for every Ole Miss major

Library Services at the DeSoto Campus

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.

Counseling Center

counseling.olemiss.edu

The University Counseling Center is a free, confidential, completely accessible resource for all students, faculty, and staff of the University of Mississippi. We offer a professional team of licensed staff members providing a host of services for your mental health and wellbeing including individual therapy, couples therapy, group therapy, crisis services, EAP services, and consultations. Counseling is provided through telemental health services for our regional campus students. If an in-person appointment is preferred, we offer face-to-face services on our Oxford campus at the University Counseling Center. Licensed counselors are available 24 hours a day for anyone in crisis. After hours, please call 662-915-3784 to speak to a licensed counselor for immediate assistance.

It's easy to set up an appointment by calling our center at 662-915-3784. We are here for you!

Equal Opportunity and Regulatory Compliance

Kimberly DeVries, Director (662) 915-7735 or eorc@olemiss.edu.

The University of Mississippi's EORC office manages compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title IX, and Equal Opportunity. These policies all relate to our non-discrimination statement: The University of Mississippi does not discriminate against any student based upon race, color, gender, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, national origin, citizenship, age, disability, veteran status, genetic information or any other legally prohibited form of discrimination. The University is committed to fostering a welcoming and safe environment for students.

The University also has policies which prohibit sexual harassment and provide guidelines and complaint procedures for sexual harassment complaints, including sexual assault and other types of sexual violence. The Consensual Relationships Policy covers relationships between university employees and students when the employee has or in the future may reasonably be expected to have academic responsibility or authority for the student. The Title IX Policy prohibits discrimination based on sex in educational programs and activities and applies to faculty, staff, and students. The ADA policy provides information about the University's obligations under the ADA.

Any student who feels that they have been discriminated against or sexually harassed is encouraged to contact the EORC office at 662-915-7735, eorc@olemiss.edu, or TitleIX@olemiss.edu. University policy prohibits retaliation against any party or witness involved in an investigation. An EORC representative can meet with you, answer questions, and discuss options for addressing your concern.

For more information about the University's policies on affirmative action, sexual harassment and consensual relationships see the University's policy directory located at policies.olemiss.edu.

View Writing Center hours and

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT ONLINE

olemiss.mywconline.com

Writing Center

(662) 280-6209

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

mjrauch@olemiss.edu

writingcenterdesoto@olemiss.edu

UM-DeSoto Writing Center Services

The Writing Center is a free service provided by the University of Mississippi to help students become stronger writers and

critical thinkers. In the writing center, a community of peer writing consultants, who are specially trained to work with students on any writing project at any stage of the writing process. Our goal is to help students cultivate strategies for stronger writing.

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, Dr. Jeanine Rauch, at mjrauch@olemiss.edu for more information.

Writing Center to offer new online appointment option

The Writing Center is now offering a correspondence appointment option for UM-DeSoto students in addition to face-to-face and online/chat. By choosing correspondence, students can now select an appointment time and upload their assignment files. The writing consultant will review it during the set time and provide feedback. Students do not have to be present during that session. For example, if a student has a class at 4 p.m. and is unable to make a face-to-face or online/chat appointment, selecting a correspondence appointment during that time is an option.

Student Disability Services

Stacey Reycraft, Director, (662) 915-7128 or 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 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 apparent and non-apparent disabilities.

It is the responsibility of students with disabilities to seek available assistance from SDS. An intake application and interview must be completed by the student 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.

To request accommodations, please visit the SDS website at sds.olemiss.edu/apply-for-services and complete an application using the Rebel Access system. Please contact SDS at the telephone number and e-mail above for assistance. Additional information can also be found on [the SDS website \(sds.olemiss.edu\)](https://sds.olemiss.edu).

Financial Aid

Michael Gary, UM-DeSoto Financial Aid Advisor,
(662) 915-8201 or 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 about any financial aid questions that you may have. Schedule an appointment by e-mail at 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.

Visit studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa and log in with FSA ID to complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA or select “Start Here” if no credentials currently exist.

You should also complete applications for state of Mississippi aid by visiting msfinancialaid.org. 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 include each institution’s school code on the FAFSA.

All correspondence from the Office of Financial Aid is sent via e-mail to your go.olemiss.edu account. Be sure to check your UM e-mail account daily.

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. General Summer financial aid information can be found here: finaid.olemiss.edu/current-students/summer-financial-aid-information/.

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Michael Gary, UM-DeSoto Financial Aid Advisor

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 merit. 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.

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 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 begin to process direct deposits five days before classes start. After this initial disbursement, direct deposits will be processed each workday; however, checks will only be produced once a week. Students can access the direct deposit information at olemiss.edu/directdeposit.

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.
- Direct deposits provide quicker access to your funds.
- 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: registrar.olemiss.edu.

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 aid that has 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, nor will they 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 disbursement.

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 registrar.olemiss.edu for exact refund and course withdrawal deadline dates.

For Federal Financial Aid Recipients: If you withdraw before the 60 percent point of your enrollment period, 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, 2023
Fall 1	September 16, 2023
Fall 2	November 12, 2023
Fall 1/Fall 2	October 26, 2023
Spring	March 31, 2024
Spring 1	February 17, 2024
Spring 2	April 22, 2024
Spring 1/Spring2	April 4, 2024
Winter session	January 9, 2024
Winter session/Spring	March 26, 2024
Winter session/Spring 1	February 12, 2024
Winter session/Spring 2	April 17, 2024

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, typically 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. For each of the combined terms (Fall, Spring, and Summer), Financial Aid will “lock in” your enrollment for ALL sessions following the Mandatory Drop Date (MDD) of the very last session in which you enroll. Your attendance must have been verified in these classes. These are the credit hours that will be used to determine your final aid eligibility for the term.

Special rules apply for Federal Pell, SEOG, and TEACH grants because the award amounts are based on your enrollment level. Any previously disbursed aid may have to be adjusted, which may mean reduced aid amounts and/or paybacks.

Disbursed Federal Direct Student Loans and PLUS Loans are subject to being reduced or paid back if the student does not have confirmed attendance on record for at least one class in the awarded terms (OR if the Cost of Attendance is reduced during this adjustment).

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. Service fees do accrue on unpaid balances that are past their due date.

I have an “Accounts Receivable” or “Bursar Hold” and cannot participate in 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, 2022 and June 30, 2024. You may submit it electronically at studentaid.gov. The FAFSA must be completed annually. There is also a federal parent loan (Parent PLUS) that requires a separate application on the same website, studentaid.gov.

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. To help with this process, students can access a self-service portal called Student Forms. All new users will need to create an account in the system first – then documents and other information can be submitted online. Please see finaid.olemiss.edu/studentforms/.

Verification must be completed before any federal or need-based aid is awarded. In order to complete verification, students are required to complete an online verification worksheet and upload W2 forms and/or other applicable tax documents (student/parent W2 forms for dependent students; student/spouse W2 forms for married students).

For 2023-2024, 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, irs.gov, and selecting “Get Your Tax Record.”

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 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 enrollment in at least 15 credit hours per term are required for this grant. Please note that undergraduates can only receive one state grant per term (MTAG, MESG, HELP, Nissan Scholarship, or Law Enforcement Officers & Firemen Scholarship) — whichever is larger.

The online application for MTAG (which is the same one for the other state grants) is available at msfinancialaid.org. The submission deadline is September 15 of each year. (Please note that MS HELP had an earlier deadline of March 31 and is now closed for 2023-2024.)

Can I check my financial aid/scholarship online?

Yes! All students must have a WebID to access financial aid awards and information. WebIDs and go.olemiss.edu e-mail will be the official 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

What is loan entrance counseling?

Entrance counseling is required by federal regulations for all first-time Federal Direct Loan 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 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?

A FAFSA is required for Federal Direct Loan consideration. Loans funds will then be automatically awarded up to a student's eligibility level. Once a student accepts the Direct Loan online in myOleMiss, completes Loan Entrance Counseling, and electronically signs the Master Promissory Note (MPN) at studentaid.gov, the University certifies the student's loan. 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. Undergraduates earn \$9.00/hour working for UM departments.

What are the fees that I will be charged for 2023-2024?

The following chart is based on full-time enrollment for the 2023-2024 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 Tuition/Fees

	Resident	Nonresident
Undergraduate (per credit hour)	\$385.50	\$1,117.50
Graduate (per credit hour)	\$514.00	\$1,490.00
Undergraduate (3 credit hours)	\$1,156.50	\$3,352.50
Graduate (3 credit hours)	\$1,542.00	\$4,470.00
Full-Time Fees		
Undergraduate (12-19 hours)	\$4,626.00	\$13,410.00
Graduate (9-13 hours)	\$4,626.00	\$13,410.00
Capital Improvement Fee*	\$50.00	\$50.00

**This fee will be assessed each Fall and Spring semester 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/courses/fees

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/.

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

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 180 hours.

The student must achieve the minimum cumulative resident GPA of 3.00 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 be passing at least 67% of the hours that he/she has attempted 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 achieve and maintain the cumulative resident GPA of 3.00 in his/her course of study at the University of Mississippi.

Consequences of Not Meeting Requirements

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. There is also an in-person appeal request option in the event of an online written appeal denial.

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 for these requirements, or visit finaid.olemiss.edu/financial-aid-appeals/.



*Food Truck Days
at the DeSoto Center*





Ole Miss Athletics Information

Purchasing Tickets

All UM students may purchase tickets online at 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.

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!
Flin 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 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 SJB Pavilion: The Sandy and John Black Pavillion, 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.