

# Admission to the University

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Admission to the University is administered under policies established by state law, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, and the University's faculty. Admission requirements are subject to change without notice at the direction of the Board of Trustees.

**Applications** • Prospective students interested in undergraduate admission for the campuses in Oxford, Southaven, and Tupelo are encouraged to apply online by going to <http://secure.olemiss.edu/admissions/ug.html>. Those who may be unable to apply online may print a copy from the Web site above or request a paper application from the Office of Admissions, P.O. Box 1848, 145 Martindale, University, MS 38677-1848. Prospective students interested in admission to the Graduate School may contact the dean of the Graduate School, The University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677. Those students interested in admission to the School of Law may contact the Director of Admissions, School of Law, The University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677.

**Application Deadlines** • Undergraduate and graduate applicants should submit all required admission materials well in advance of the start of the term in which enrollment is sought. Nonresidents of Mississippi applying for first-year undergraduate admission for the summer or fall terms should mail complete application materials no later than April 1. Applications postmarked after April 1 will be evaluated on a space-available basis, with special consideration afforded applicants who stand to make exceptional scholastic and/or co-curricular contributions to the campus community.

Applications may be accepted as early as one year before the start of the desired enrollment term. It may not be possible to evaluate an application that is received later than 20 days prior to the start of the term. Students who apply within 20 days of the start of the term may be required, if admitted, to register after classes have begun and to pay associated late fees.

**Application Fees** • Mississippi residents must pay a nonrefundable \$25 application fee and nonresidents of Mississippi must pay a \$40 fee at the time of application. The fee is payable by credit card with the online application. Students who have received a waiver of the charge for taking the ACT or SAT may qualify for a waiver of the UM application fee by providing a copy of the test fee waiver.

**Off-campus Sites** • The University of Mississippi offers undergraduate classes at various locations including Tupelo, Southaven, Jackson, and other sites. Degree credit earned at these locations will be treated as residence credit and appear on the student's permanent academic record. Students at off-campus sites must meet regular admission requirements and be accepted for admission to the University.

**Immunization Requirement** • The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, in cooperation with the Mississippi State Board of Health, requires all entering students born after January 1, 1957, to submit proof of two immunizations for measles and one for rubella prior to registration. Immunizations must be given after one year of age. Forms for documenting immunizations or establishing an exemption to the requirement are available from the Student Health Service office and will be sent to students upon admission.

## FRESHMAN ADMISSION

**Standard Test Results** • Please note that standard test results (ACT or SAT) should be sent directly from the testing service to the admissions office. Test results posted on a high school transcript cannot be used for final admission.

**College Preparatory Curriculum** • Admission of entering freshmen is based on the completion of the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) specified below with either a specific minimum grade-point average (GPA) or both a specific GPA and minimum standard test score. Students must submit a high school transcript reflecting satisfactory completion of the following high school course requirements. (Provisional admission may be granted after six semesters of high school provided the transcript indicates that courses to complete the CPC are underway; final admission will require a complete transcript.)

### Carnegie

Subject	Units	Contents and Remark
English	4	All must require substantial communication skills components (i.e., reading, writing, listening, and speaking)
Mathematics	3	Includes Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II. A fourth class in higher-level mathematics is highly recommended.
Science	3	Choice of biology, advanced biology, chemistry, advanced chemistry, physics, advanced physics, or any other science course with comparable rigor and content. One Carnegie unit from a rigorous physical science course with content at a level that may serve as introduction to physics and chemistry may be used. Two of the courses chosen must be laboratory based.
Social Studies	3	Courses should include U.S. history (1 unit), world history (1 unit with substantial geography component), government (1/2 unit), and economics (1/2 unit) or geography (1/2 unit).
Advanced electives	2	Requirements may be met by earning 2 Carnegie units from the following areas/courses, one unit of which must be in a foreign language or world geography. Foreign language World geography 4th year lab-based science 4th year mathematics
Computer Applications	1/2	Course should emphasize the computer as a productivity tool. Instruction should include the use of application packages, such as word processing and spreadsheets. The course also should include basic computer terminology and hardware operation.
Eighth Grade Units		Algebra I or first-year foreign language taken in the eighth grade will be accepted for admission provided the course content is the same as the high school course.

**Regular Admission** • Regular admission will be granted to the following:

- (1) All students completing the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) with a minimum 3.20 high school GPA on the CPC.
- (2) All students completing the CPC with a minimum 2.50 high school GPA on the CPC and a minimum score of 16 on the composite ACT (or 760 on the SAT).
- (3) All students completing the CPC with a class rank in the top 50 percent and a minimum score of 16 on the composite ACT (or 760 on the SAT).
- (4) All students completing the CPC with a minimum 2.00 high school GPA on the CPC and a minimum composite score of 18 on the ACT (or 860 on the SAT).
- (5) All students who meet full-qualifier certification requirements for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). *This option is available to all freshman applicants who are U.S. citizens.*

**Admission Requirements for Engineering, the Professional Program in Pharmacy, and Early Entry Nursing** • Freshman admission requirements for engineering, the professional program in pharmacy, and early entry nursing differ from general admission requirements. Please see the engineering, pharmacy, and health professions sections of the catalog for details.

**Minimum Test Scores** • Students whose ACT subtest score in reading, English, and/or mathematics is less than 17 (or SAT verbal and/or mathematics score is 400 or less) are required to enroll in an appropriate developmental course during the first semester of enrollment and to remain in the course until receiving a passing grade or until passing the placement exam administered by the Department of Developmental Studies. Students with ACT subtest scores of 17, 18, or 19 are encouraged to enroll in developmental courses. Those students who enroll in two or more developmental courses also are required to complete two semesters of Developmental Support Lab (see below). Enrollment in developmental courses is limited to students with subtest scores below 20 except with permission of the department. Developmental courses completed at other postsecondary institutions before enrolling at The University of Mississippi may be considered to meet developmental requirements.

**Test Score Minimums as Course Prerequisites** • Some courses may require a minimum standard test score as a prerequisite. For example, students enrolling in Chemistry 105/106 or Biology 160/161 must have a 22 subscore on the mathematics portion of the ACT (SAT math score of 510) or have completed College Algebra with a grade of B or higher.

**Other Admission Criteria** • Residents of Mississippi who apply and do not meet the admission requirements stated above may enter the Academic Screening Program (counseling and testing) held on campus and at other designated locations prior to the beginning of the first summer session. Such counseling will consider student interests, special skills, experiences, and other noncognitive factors. After counseling, students will take a computer-based examination (Mississippi College Placement Examination, MCPE) to assist the University in the admission decision. Students who pass the MCPE will be admitted for the fall term and will be encouraged to participate in the Developmental Support Lab during the first two semesters of enrollment. This admission option may also be available to children of alumni of The University of Mississippi who reside out-of-state and to residents of Shelby County, Tennessee, *if such students have at least a 2.0 overall final high school grade-point average.*

*Summer Developmental Program* • Mississippi residents or children of University of Mississippi alumni who are not successful on the MCPE may be admitted to the Summer Developmental Program. This intensive program concentrates on those high school subject areas (writing, reading, mathematics) that are crucial to success in first-year college courses. Students who successfully exit the summer program may continue in the fall term with the requirement of participation in the Developmental Support Lab during the fall and spring semesters. Students who do not pass the Summer Developmental Program are counseled to explore other postsecondary options, including those offered by two-year colleges that prepare students for transfer into bachelor's degree programs.

*The Developmental Support Lab* is designed to assist students with first-year college studies and offers special tutors in mathematics, science, reading, and writing, as well as career counseling. The goal of this lab is to provide individualized support in regular academic courses for marginally prepared students.

**Early Admission** • A superior secondary school student may be offered Early Admission at the end of the third year in high school if the following criteria are met:

At least a 3.5 GPA on all CPC courses completed, a minimum composite ACT score of 25 (or SAT 1130), and recommendation by the applicant's high school principal or counselor.

**Earning College Credit in High School** • In the summer before the senior year in high school, students may earn University credit by attending enrichment programs such as PACE (Promoting Academic and Creative Excellence), Croft Summer Scholars, and the Summer Institutes in Art, Journalism, and in Music, if the following criteria are met:

Completion of at least 15 college preparatory courses with a minimum 3.2 GPA on those courses, recommendation by the applicant's high school principal or guidance counselor, and successful application to PACE or to the Summer Institute.

Summer enrichment programs are administered by the Office of Summer School.

## **ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS**

Students may be accepted for transfer from other regionally accredited colleges and universities if a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA has been maintained on all course work attempted with the exception of vocational/technical or other courses not acceptable for transfer. Every attempt on repeated courses is counted. Applicants must list all colleges attended on the application for admission. ( Failure to provide information about prior college attendance is grounds for disciplinary action including immediate dismissal from the University.)

In addition, the applicant must meet **one** of the following criteria:

1. Has been admissible as a freshman. The applicant must submit official high school records (see Freshman Admission) as well as college transcripts to meet this requirement.
2. Has successfully completed at least the following 24 semester hours of college work at a regionally accredited school:
  - 6 hours of English composition
  - 3 hours of college algebra or higher

- 6 hours of laboratory science
  - 9 hours of transferable electives
3. Has earned an associate's degree intended for transfer to a four-year school.

A student who does not meet the 2.00 transfer GPA requirement and has not attended college in at least 12 months may be considered for admission on probation. The student must submit a letter of petition with the application and be approved by the academic dean of the college or school that the student wishes to enter. Students who have been out of school for at least 36 months may be admitted without petition as undergraduates. Such students must earn at least a 2.0 on the first 12 hours and thereafter.

**Evaluation of Credits** • University policy on the transfer of credit hours is described in the Academic Regulations chapter under Transfer Credit.

**Grade Requirements** • Transfer students are required to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 on courses taken at the University, and to have a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all college work attempted, in order to graduate. See Degree Requirements in the Academic Regulations chapter.

## OTHER TYPES OF ADMISSION

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**Admission of Visiting Students** • A student who regularly attends another recognized institution and who plans to return to that institution may be admitted to the University as a visiting student. The applicant must comply with the general requirements for admission and, in lieu of transcripts of credits, must submit a letter or certificate of good standing from an official of the institution that the student regularly attends. A student admitted to the summer session as a visiting student may elect to enroll in the University's next regular session. The student can qualify by submitting transcripts of credits from the other institutions attended and by meeting the requirements applicable to transfer students. If the student has attended The University of Mississippi previously, he or she must be re-admissible.

**Admission of Students Who Are Not Graduates of Regionally Accredited High Schools** • Applicants who are home-schooled or who have not successfully completed high school must submit standard test scores (ACT composite minimum of 18 or SAT combined minimum of 860) and successfully complete the Mississippi College Placement Exam (see "Other Admission Criteria" above). Home-schooled students must present summaries of their educational experiences, which may include portfolios and transcripts. Students who are not high school graduates must present qualifying GED scores or, in some cases, may qualify as undergraduate special students (see below).

**Admission of Undergraduate Special Students** • A student who is at least 21 years of age, has been out of school for at least three years, and cannot present an acceptable high school record may be admitted to the University for such courses as he or she may be prepared to enter. This category is reserved for those who have had delays or interruption of the traditional sequence of educational pursuits. A person admitted as a special student is admitted with the same retention standards as degree-seeking students. Special students must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA on 12 hours of course work to become degree-seeking students. After meeting this requirement, the special student may become a regularly enrolled student and the work completed while in the special status may be applied toward a degree. Failure to meet the stated requirements will result in academic suspension. While in special student status, a student may not register for more than 12 hours in a semester or summer session and will not qualify for financial aid programs.

**Admission of Unclassified Students** • Applicants who have already received the baccalaureate degree may enroll in the University if they desire to take courses for personal or professional improvement at the 400 level or below; or are pursuing a second undergraduate degree. Generally, students pursuing a second undergraduate degree will not be permitted to take graduate courses, but under certain circumstances, with the approval of the appropriate academic dean, they may enroll as unclassified students in 500-level courses.

**Admission of Graduate Students** • An applicant who has completed all requirements or has received the bachelor's degree from an institution accredited by a regional or recognized professional accrediting association may be admitted to the University as a graduate student for a program leading to an advanced degree, or as a graduate student with nondegree status for enrollment in graduate course work. Applicants desiring to enroll in the Graduate School should consult the Graduate School catalog for admission requirements and procedures.

**Admission to the University of Mississippi Medical Center (Jackson campus)** • After completion of the undergraduate prerequisites, applications for enrollment in medicine, nursing, dentistry, and health-related professions are submitted to the Division of Student Services and Records, The University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 N. State Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39216. Students should consult the Medical School catalog for admission requirements and procedures. Pre-nursing students also may have the option of seeking admission through the Early Entry Nursing Program. See the health professions sections of this catalog for details.

## **ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

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Enrollment of qualified students from other countries is encouraged by the University as it seeks to contribute to the realization of the personal aspirations of people throughout the world. It also seeks to stimulate in U.S. students a knowledge of and appreciation for the cultures and peoples of other lands.

International students from outside the United States must submit completed applications no later than 45 days prior to the intended term of enrollment. Applications received after that date may be considered for the following term. A \$40 nonrefundable application fee must accompany each application. Applications that do not include the \$40 application fee will not be processed. Other special admission requirements for international students include the following:

**Academic Requirements** • **FRESHMEN:** First-year undergraduate applicants must have received a high school diploma with a B average or above with three-year units in laboratory science, social studies, and mathematics. In addition, freshmen applicants are required to present results of either the American College Test (ACT) with a score of 21 or above or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) with a score of 980 or above.

International students who do not meet test score minimums may be considered for admission by sending a letter of petition along with other required application materials. A committee composed of representatives of the office of the dean of the school or college in which the student wishes to enroll and the offices of admission and international programs will review the student's file and make a decision.

**TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Undergraduates who have completed 15 or more hours of university-level academic courses with a B average, or three or more General Certificate of Education Advanced (GCE A) levels in academic subjects, will not be required to take the ACT or SAT and may be awarded transfer credit. International students transferring from U.S. institutions must meet the requirements outlined in the section Admission of Transfer Students earlier in this chapter.

**Language Requirements** • All applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a computer-based TOEFL score, which will result in the following placement: (1) 213 or above—full standing (some departments require higher results); (2) 193-210 and outstanding academic qualifications—admission with one course in English training required; (3) below 193—student should apply instead to the English as a Second Language Program (see below). Note: Placement scores may change for new versions of the TOEFL.

In addition, incoming students whose native language is not English and whose computer-based TOEFL score is 213 or above will be given tests of English proficiency and listening comprehension. On the basis of these tests, students may be advised or required to take the class EFS 100, English as a Foreign Language.

International students are deemed to be proficient in English and are exempt from taking the TOEFL when both of the following conditions have been met: (1) Students must have attended a regionally accredited secondary school and/or college in the United States for at least four regular semesters over two consecutive years and (2) English must have been the primary language of instruction for courses taken while attending the school and/or college.

**Estimated Costs** • The estimated minimum cost for attending The University of Mississippi for each 12-month period is \$18,842, which includes an international student service fee assessed each semester. The U.S. Office of Immigration requires that applicants verify their ability to meet the cost of each year of the entire period of study prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20).

**Health Insurance** • All international students are assessed a health insurance fee at each registration. The University provides a group policy for all nonresidents of the United States. The policy provides excellent inexpensive protection while students are studying away from their home country.

**Professional Programs** • Undergraduate international applicants may be admitted to the pre-professional programs. However, no admission is available to schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, or Health Related Professions. Admission of foreign applicants to the professional schools of Law and Pharmacy is extremely limited.

#### **Summary of Application Procedures for International Students:**

1. Completed application form.
2. Submission of official transcripts of all previous academic work.
3. Submission of required official test results including TOEFL (SAT if applicable).
4. Payment of a nonrefundable \$40 application fee. (Applications will NOT be processed without receipt of this fee.)
5. Submission of completed financial affidavit form and official bank statements.
6. All overseas applications, including all required documents, must be submitted and the admission decision completed 45 days prior to the intended period of enrollment. Applications received after that date will be considered for the following term upon request by the applicant.

**English as a Second Language Program** • Andrew Barnette, coordinator • 212 Hill Hall • (662) 915-1560 • esl@olemiss.edu

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Program provides intensive English language instruction for international students who wish to study at The University of Mississippi or other institutions in the United States. The ESL Program offers classes in reading, writing, speaking, and listening at four different ability levels. The ESL Program offers a conversation partner program and encourages its students to participate in cultural activities both on and off campus. Two eight-week sessions are offered during the University's fall semester, two eight-week sessions are offered during the spring semester, and two four-week sessions are offered during the summer. All students receive 20 hours of instruction in addition to language laboratory activities.

ESL students are considered to be international students and are subject to all regulations and fees pertaining to international students. Application forms are available from the ESL Program as well as from the Office of International Programs. **Attending the ESL Program does not guarantee admission into an academic program at The University of Mississippi.** Tuition and book fees for the ESL Program are listed in the Fees and Expenses section.

## **RE-ADMISSION OF FORMER STUDENTS**

All students who have interrupted their enrollment in the University must submit an application for re-admission to the Office of Admissions. Those who have attended other institutions during the interruption must have official transcripts forwarded by the institutions to the Office of Admissions. Re-admission will be to the school or department in which the student was enrolled during the most recent period of UM attendance. Students wishing to change majors must first be admitted and then may meet with an adviser from the program in which they wish to enroll.

Re-admission requirements for students who have been academically suspended or dismissed from the University are given in the Academic Standing section of the Academic Regulations chapter.

## **ACADEMIC RESTART POLICY**

A former University of Mississippi student who has been out of any educational institution for the 48 consecutive months immediately prior to the time the student wishes to begin academic restart, may start his or her college education completely over by invoking the University's academic restart policy. The student will be considered as a totally new student from the time of first enrollment after the 48-month hiatus, and all academic regulations for new students (e.g., concerning probation, suspension, and honors) will apply. The new enrollment need not have been at The University of Mississippi.

A student's grades obtained prior to academic restart will remain on the student's transcript. However, no grade made prior to academic restart will be included in the student's cumulative grade-point average, and no credits earned prior to academic restart will fulfill graduation requirements.

A student's eligibility for academic restart at The University of Mississippi is determined regardless of the student's restart status at other institutions. A student may use The University of Mississippi's academic restart policy only one time.

## **ADMISSION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

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The University of Mississippi complies with all applicable laws regarding affirmative action and equal opportunity in all its activities and programs and does not discriminate against anyone protected by law because of disability. **Decisions regarding admission to the University are made on the basis of admissions standards stated above.** If assistance is needed to complete the admissions process because of disability-related reasons, incoming students must inform admissions' personnel of those needs.

In order for students to receive academic accommodations at The University of Mississippi, their eligibility must be verified. **Students must be fully admitted to the University before the verification process can begin.** For information regarding the verification process and documentation guidelines, students who may require academic accommodations should contact the Office of Student Disability Services at (662) 915-7128. Information can also be accessed through the office's Web site at [www.olemiss.edu/depts/sds](http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/sds).

The University of Mississippi will make a good-faith effort to provide reasonable academic accommodations to those students who request assistance and who are verified as eligible. Students who may require accommodations or services through the Office of Student Disability Services are encouraged to ascertain, before enrolling in the University, whether the specific accommodations or services they may require would be available to them.