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Dates and Deadlines

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005 : Course Withdrawal Deadline

The last day to drop a class for the Fall 2005 Semester is Monday, October 10, 2005. [Read more about the official University policy regarding the course withdrawal deadline.](#)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2005 : Priority Registration for Winter and Spring

Priority registration is scheduled to open on Friday, October 21, 2005, for the Winter Intersession 2006 and for the Spring Semester 2006. [Read more](#) and also [view a step-by-step guide for academic advising.](#)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2005 : May/August 2006 Degree Application Deadline

Degree applications for May and August 2006 are due in the Dean's Office by Friday, October 28, 2005. [Read more.](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Letter to Seniors Planning To Graduate in December 2005 or Spring 2006

In mid-September 2005, a letter was sent to all senior Liberal Arts students concerning important deadlines for degree applications and diploma applications. [Read entire letter.](#)

Steps for Academic Advising

Priority registration is a busy period for students, faculty, and staff. Please schedule an appointment with your advisor as early as possible so that you can register as soon as your time window opens. [View the steps for academic advising.](#)

Prerequisite Checking Goes Live

If all goes according to plan, prerequisite checking will be turned on toward the end of the priority registration period. [Read more.](#)

Academic Calendars

- [Fall Semester 2005-2006](#)
- [Winter Intersession 2005-2006](#)
- [Spring Semester 2005-2006](#)

Exam Schedule

- [Fall 2005 Exam Schedule](#)--The College of Liberal Arts strictly adheres to the official University policy concerning final examinations. [Read more.](#)

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This first electronic newsletter for students in the College of Liberal Arts contains important deadlines for graduation, information on the relocation of departments, and information about priority registration in October. The information in this newsletter is important for every student in the College.

We will send two electronic newsletters from the College each term, one near the beginning of the term and one near the end. Each newsletter will contain information of use to students in the College, and we ask for your thoughts on information you would like to see in future newsletters. Please send your comments to libarts@olemiss.edu.

I hope you find this newsletter helpful.

Glenn Hopkins, Dean
College of Liberal Arts

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African American Studies Becomes Degree Program

General Information

African American Studies (AAS) at The University of Mississippi began in 1970 and now operates with departmental status. The University of Mississippi is the only institution in the state of Mississippi that offers a degree in African American Studies. The program's undergraduate degree was approved by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning during the academic year 2004-2005 and has begun to admit students.

The primary function of African American Studies is to conduct research on and teach about the African American Experience. The courses offered in African American Studies are comparative and multi-disciplinary in nature and facilitate research. They integrate the methods and theories of the various behavioral/social sciences, humanities, and arts into a comprehensive analysis of the African American experience.



The African American Studies interdisciplinary major consists of 42 semester hours, including 9 hours of basic core courses, 30 hours of upper-division courses, and the 3-hour senior seminar course. At least 12 of the 30 credits of required upper-division work must be in one of the following areas of specialization:

1. African and African American History
2. African and African American Political and Social Institutions
3. African and African American Culture

The Department of African American Studies also offers a minor which consists of 18 hours. Students should consult the official 2005-2006 UM Undergraduate Catalog for full details of the major and minor.

Students wishing to change majors to the BA in African American Studies or to add African American Studies to an existing major should fill out a Change of Major Form. This form is

available at 103 Ventress Hall in the College of Liberal Arts and online at the Liberal Arts web site.

Core Faculty

The core faculty for African American Studies consists of Dr. Charles K. Ross, Dr. James F. Payne, Dr. Ethel Young-Minor, Dr. Kirk Johnson, and Professor Marvin King.

Dr. Ross serves as Director and Associate Professor of African American Studies. His research interests include African American history, sport history, and 20th century U.S. history.

Dr. Payne is an Associate Professor of African American Studies and History. His research interests include African American history, black leadership, and comparative studies.

Dr. Young-Minor is an Associate Professor of English and African American Studies. Her research interests include African American literature, novels, and sermons.

Dr. Johnson is an Assistant Professor of African American Studies and Sociology. His research interests include African Americans and mass communications, urban sociology, and health.

Professor King is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and African American Studies. His research interests include minority/ethnic politics, campaigns and elections, voting behaviors, and political parties.

There are also several affiliated faculty members whose courses are regularly cross-listed with African American Studies and their respective departments.

The African American Studies Program at the University of Mississippi is a growing endeavor. We hope you will join in the excitement created by the interdisciplinary focus which we bring to the University. Our future and your future will be much brighter when you do.

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The Departments of Journalism and Political Science Have New Temporary Homes

The Departments of Journalism and Political Science have moved to Lester Hall ([campus map](#)) while their permanent homes are being renovated. Lester Hall is on Dormitory Row West and across from Powers Hall. Any student needing to talk to someone in the Department of Journalism or the Department of Political Science should go to the departmental offices in Lester Hall.

Journalism

The main office of the [Department of Journalism](#) is temporarily located in [120 Lester Hall](#), and the department's main phone number is (662) 915-7146.



The Department of Journalism's permanent home is Farley Hall located next to the Law School. Renovation, which will include an addition to the building, has begun on Farley Hall, and we are hopeful that the Department of Journalism will be able to return there in Fall, 2007. The newly renovated building will house both the Department of Journalism and the Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics, which is named for Charles L. Overby, chairman and CEO of The Freedom Forum, who attended the University of Mississippi from 1964 to 1968 and was editor of the *Daily Mississippian*.

Political Science

The main office of the [Department of Political Science](#) is temporarily located in [210 Lester Hall](#), and the department's main phone number (662) 915-7401 .

The Department of Political Science has been in Deupree Hall since the late 1960s. Deupree Hall, Odom Hall, and Labauve Hall form a U-shaped complex directly across from Weir Hall and the Galtney Center for Academic Computing. You may recall that Labauve Hall was renovated last year and is now the home for the Trent Lott Leadership Institute. Renovations will begin on Odom Hall and Deupree Hall very soon. The Department of Political Science hopes to move back into Deupree Hall no later than Fall, 2007.

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December 2005 Graduating Seniors

Seniors who have filed a degree application for December 2005 in the Dean's Office will be notified by e-mail that the Diploma Application form is available online. Students should check their Ole Miss e-mail accounts on a regular basis. The deadline for processing the diploma application is **Monday, September 26, 2005**.

Since the University does not have a commencement ceremony in December, all graduates are invited to participate in the May commencement. The names of all December graduates will be listed in the May commencement program.

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The last day to drop a class for the Fall 2005 Semester is Monday, October 10, 2005. The following is the official policy regarding late withdrawal from a course as stated on page 128 of the 2005-2006 Undergraduate Catalog.

Late Withdrawal from a Course • After the course withdrawal deadline, a student may drop a course only in cases of extreme and unavoidable emergency as determined the student's 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 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.

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Priority Registration for Winter Intersession and Spring Semester

Student Time Windows

Priority registration is scheduled to open on Friday, October 22, 2005, for the Winter Intersession 2006 and for the Spring Semester 2006. As has been the case in previous semesters, each student is assigned a time window which indicates the time of day and the date on which he or she may begin registering for classes. The time windows of students are assigned based on classification with seniors being allowed to register before juniors, juniors before sophomores, and sophomores before freshmen.

Prerequisite checking will "go live" on November 28, 2005. [Read more about this change in the registration process.](#)

Academic Advising and Advisor Holds

Each student having a program in the College of Liberal Arts is assigned an advisor based upon the student's program of study. Immediately before the priority registration period, an advisor hold will automatically be placed on each student's account. This advisor hold will prevent the student from registering for classes.

In order for the advisor hold to be lifted, a student must be advised by his or her academic advisor. Each department within the College of Liberal Arts determines how academic advising is handled. To have the advising hold lifted, each student must meet with an advisor. The name and contact information of the advisor is available through myOleMiss (formerly UM Online Services).

Visit [Steps for Academic Advising in the College of Liberal Arts](#) for a step-by-step guide to academic advising for students in the College.

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Priority registration is a busy period for students, faculty, and staff. Please schedule an appointment with your advisor as early as possible so that you can register as soon as your time window opens.

1. SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR ADVISOR.
2. OBTAIN A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT COURSE SCHEDULE, YOUR MOST UM TRANSCRIPT, YOUR TRANSFER EQUIVALENCY REPORT, AND ANY EXTERNAL TRANSCRIPTS FROM ALL EXTERNAL ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS FOR WHICH TRANSFER WORK DOES NOT APPEAR ON YOUR TRANSFER EQUIVALENCY REPORT.
3. PREPARE A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE USING A [LIBERAL ARTS ADVISING WORKSHEET](#) BEFORE VISITING YOUR ADVISOR.
4. MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.
5. KEEP A COPY OF YOUR SIGNED ADVISING WORKSHEET.

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Degree Applications for May and August 2006 Due in Dean's Office

Degree applications for May and August 2006 are due in the Dean's Office by Friday, October 28, 2005. The degree application should be on file in the Dean's Office at least one full semester before the actual date of graduation. Forms are available in Ventress Hall at any time.

The degree application must be filled out by the student, then signed by the advisor and department chair before it can be accepted by our office. You will need a copy of your transcript (including transfer work) to fill out this form.

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September 16, 2005

Dear Graduating Senior:

1. DIPLOMA APPLICATIONS FOR DECEMBER 2005 GRADUATES.

Diploma applications are required for all graduates. The Diploma Application form is used to order diplomas and to compile the information included in the Commencement program. In order to complete the graduation process, you must file a diploma application online. You will be notified by e-mail through your Ole Miss e-mail account when your diploma application is available online. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!** You cannot graduate without filing a diploma application. **THE DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 26.** As you may already know, the University of Mississippi has only one graduation ceremony each year. Students graduating in December will be invited to participate in the May 2006 ceremony.

2. DEGREE APPLICATIONS FOR MAY & AUGUST 2006 GRADUATES.

According to the University catalog, degree applications are due in the Dean's Office two full semesters before the date of graduation. It is, therefore, your responsibility to come by the Dean's Office and pick up the degree application, fill it out, have your adviser and chair of your major department sign the form, and return it to the Dean's Office. **IF YOU ARE GRADUATING IN MAY OR AUGUST 2006, YOU MUST FILE A DEGREE APPLICATION IN THE DEAN'S OFFICE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 28!!!** Failure to do so will result in a delay of your graduation for spring semester.

3. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATES.

Please be aware of the catalog requirements for specific grade point averages in your major and minor, your University of Mississippi credits, and your overall grade point average. Failure to meet these requirements prevents many seniors from graduating each year.

If you have questions concerning any of these deadlines, or degree requirements, please contact me immediately. My e-mail address is bleeton@olemiss.edu.

Sincerely,

Barbara Leeton
Director of Academic Support

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Prerequisite Checking Goes Live

If all goes according to plan, prerequisite checking will "go live" on November 28, 2005.

In previous semesters if a student's academic coursework did not satisfy a course's prerequisites, the registration system gave a student a warning that the prerequisite was not met. However, the system would allow the student to book the class.

When prerequisite checking is turned on, the registration system will **NOT** allow the student to book the course if a prerequisite has not been met. The student will receive an error message similar to the error messages which are already in use for courses limited to majors only or to students in the Honors College.

Work is in progress to have external coursework entered into Campus Management so that transfer work will be taken into account in prerequisite checking.

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Final Examination Instructions

Any student having three or more examinations scheduled for the same day will arrange with the instructor to take the noon examination or the 7:30 p.m. examination on some other mutually satisfactory date. Please note that only the noon and 7:30 p.m. examination may be rescheduled for this reason.

Examination should be concluded in three hours unless otherwise specified by the instructor.

No other examinations are to be given at other than scheduled hours, either for an individual or for a class, unless the instructor concerned has specific approval from the academic dean. The [Fall 2005 Final Exam Schedule](#) is posted on the [Registrar's web site](#).

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