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HANDBOOK
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MISSISSIPPI STATE FAMILY HUB

**A NEW WAY TO
STAY INVOLVED WITH
YOUR STUDENT**



The Mississippi State Family Hub is designed to enhance your Bulldog family experience by providing customized newsletters and 24/7 access to information, news and resources. This platform requires a user email to create and account.



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Contact us!

Let us help you and your student navigate the many different resources at Mississippi State! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything at all.



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IMPORTANT RESOURCES

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Dean of Students' Office &
Office of Parent & Family Services
662.325.3611 | students.msstate.edu

MSU Police Department
662.325.2121 | police.msstate.edu

Campus-wide Emergency (Info Line)
662.325.5555 | emergency.msstate.edu

Longest Student Health Center
662.325.2431 | healthcenter.msstate.edu

OCH Regional Medical Center in Starkville
Main Number: 662.323.4320
Emergency Room: 662.615.2692
och.org

ACADEMIC COLLEGES

Agriculture and Life Sciences
662.325.2110 | cals.msstate.edu

Architecture, Art and Design
662.325.5150 | caad.msstate.edu

Arts and Sciences
662.325.2646 | cas.msstate.edu

Bagley Engineering
662.325.2270 | bagley.msstate.edu

Business
662.325.2580 | business.msstate.edu

Education
662.325.3717 | educ.msstate.edu

Forest Resources
662.325.2952 | cfr.msstate.edu

Professional and Continuing Studies
662.325.3473 | cpcs.msstate.edu

Veterinary Medicine
662.325.3432 | vetmed.msstate.edu

RESIDENCE HALLS

Cresswell | 662.717.1204

Critz | 662.325.5849

Deavenport | 662.717.0043

Dogwood | 662.717.0062

Griffis | 662.717.0798

Hathorn | 662.717.0143

Herbert | 662.325.2867

Hull | 662.325.8156

Hurst | 662.717.0645

Magnolia | 662.717.0028

McKee | 662.325.3214

Moseley | 662.717.0964

Nunnelee | 662.717.0947

Oak | 662.717.0012

Ruby | 662.717.0150

Sessums | 662.325.3440



IMPORTANT RESOURCES

STUDENT SERVICES

Account Services

662.325.2071
controller.msstate.edu/accountservices

Admissions and Scholarships

662.325.2224 | admissions.msstate.edu

Alumni Association

662.325.7000 | alumni.msstate.edu

Athletic Ticket Office

662.325.2600 | hailstate.com

Barnes & Noble at MSU

662.325.8361 | msstate.bncollege.com

Band

662.325.2713 | msuband.msstate.edu

Career Center

662.325.3344 | career.msstate.edu

Center for America's Veterans

662.325.6719 | veterans.msstate.edu

Center for Academic Excellence

662.325.2957 | studentsuccess.msstate.edu

Center for Student Activities

662.325.2930 | union.msstate.edu

Cheese Store

662.325.2338 | mscheese.com

Colvard Student Union

662.325.3228 | union.msstate.edu

Computer-Based Testing Services

662.325.6610 | cbt.msstate.edu

Counseling Center

662.325.2091 | counseling.msstate.edu

Dining Services

662.325.7120 | dining.msstate.edu

Directory Assistance

662.325.2323 | msstate.edu/directory

Disability Resource Center

662.325.3335 | drc.msstate.edu

Financial Aid

662.325.2450 | sfa.msstate.edu

Florist

662.325.3585 | florist.msstate.edu

Fraternity & Sorority Life

662.325.2930 | greeks.msstate.edu

Holmes Cultural Diversity Center

662.325.2033 | hcdc.msstate.edu

Housing and Residence Life

662.325.3555 | housing.msstate.edu

Information Technology Services (Service Desk)

662.325.0631 | servicedesk.msstate.edu

International Institute

662.325.8929 | international.msstate.edu

Longest Student Health Center

662.325.2431 | healthcenter.msstate.edu

Maroon Volunteer Center

662.325.2150 | mvc.msstate.edu

MSU Libraries

662.325.7668 | library.msstate.edu

Recreational Sports

662.325.7529 | urec.msstate.edu

Registrar

662.325.2022 | registrar.msstate.edu

ROTC/Air Force

662.325.3810 | afrotc.msstate.edu

ROTC/Army

662.325.3503 | armyrotc.msstate.edu

Shackouls Honors College

662.325.2522 | honors.msstate.edu

Student Affairs

662.325.3045 | saffairs.msstate.edu

Student Leadership & Community Engagement

662.325.0244 | slce.msstate.edu

Student Money Management Center

662.325.8516 | smmc.msstate.edu

Student Well-Being

662.325.2090 | studentwellbeing.msstate.edu

Transportation (Parking)

662.325.3526 | transportation.msstate.edu

U.S. Postal Service Office

662.323.5772 | usps.com



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IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS

NEW MAROON CAMP

Register now for New Maroon Camp, Mississippi State's student-led retreat (August 11-15)! NMC prepares incoming students for the transition to Mississippi State through fun activities, mentorships with current students, familiarization with Mississippi State history/tradition, and early residence hall move-in on August 10-11. To register or learn more, visit newmaroon.msstate.edu.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD

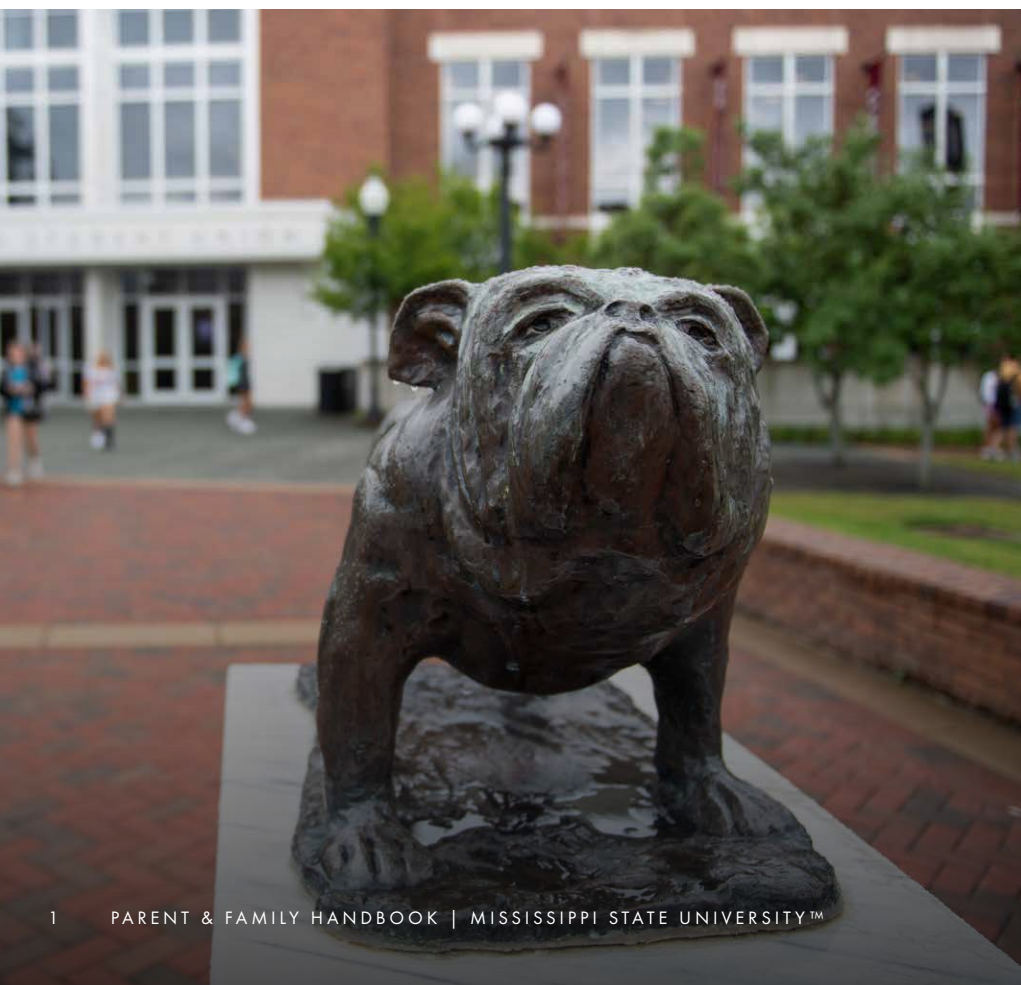
Your Student ID is your "key" to Mississippi State. You will need your Student ID before move-in day to check into your residence hall, scan in for class attendance, and utilize your meal plan. If you have not received your Student ID, please visit Allen Hall, Room 108.

POST OFFICE BOXES

Complete a post office box application online at usps.com using zip code 39762 or by visiting the Post Office, located in the Roberts Building with Transportation. Mississippi State students living on campus must have a post office box to receive mail.

BULLDOG FAMILY WEEKEND

Save the date: **November 1-3, 2024**



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**Mississippi State
is committed to
our partnership
with families. We
strive to guide
and assist you in
navigating through
our many different
university resources.
By becoming
familiar with these
resources, you can
help your student
find success.**

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Dear Bulldog Parents and Family Members,

We are so excited your student has chosen Mississippi State as their college home and are delighted to welcome you to the Bulldog family! This is an exciting time for you and your student and our goal is to share the information and resources needed to assist your student in making a smooth transition to campus. Our mission in the Division of Student Affairs is centered on supporting your student's academic, career, and personal goals and we achieve that mission through the many programs, services, and activities you will learn about in this welcome guide.

You and your student will hear and read a great deal about what it takes to be a successful student. We believe there are some simple principles to guide your student's success: Go to class, Get involved, Ask questions. These basic ideas can help your student successfully navigate the transition to college and help them to achieve any goals they may have.

As partners in your student's success, we hope the resources and information presented here will help shape your student's experience. Our goal is to ensure their preparation for a life after college, helping them to develop the capacity to be lifelong scholars and productive citizens of the world. We value the critical role parents and family members play in the lives of our students, so if we can be helpful to you or your student in any way, we hope you will reach out.

Hail State!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Regina Young Hyatt".

Regina Young Hyatt, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs

STAY CONNECTED WITH STUDENT AFFAIRS



@msstatestudents



DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

662.325.3045 | SAFFAIRS.MSSTATE.EDU | [@MSSTATESTUDENTS](https://www.instagram.com/msstatestudents)

YMCA BUILDING - 2ND FLOOR

The Division of Student Affairs is dedicated to fostering an environment where students thrive. With a focus on well-being and belonging, our team strives to create opportunities that enrich your Mississippi State journey and set you on a path to make a meaningful impact in the world.

DEAN OF STUDENTS

662.325.3611 | STUDENTS.MSSTATE.EDU | DOS@MSSTATE.EDU

YMCA BUILDING - GROUND FLOOR

The Dean of Students' Office strives to provide an exceptional experience for all Mississippi State students through advocacy and support. This office serves as an information center for referrals and questions regarding university life. We are committed to working with students as they learn about campus resources and develop the necessary tools to be successful. The goal of the Dean of Students' Office is to help students through situations rather than help them get out of them. Students who need help may contact us in person, by phone, or through email.

OFFICE OF PARENT AND FAMILY SERVICES

662.325.3611 | FAMILY.MSSTATE.EDU | FAMILY@MSSTATE.EDU | [@MSSTATEFAMILY](https://www.instagram.com/msstatefamily)

YMCA BUILDING - GROUND FLOOR

The Office of Parent and Family Services serves as the liaison between your family, your student, and the university community. It is a resource to help parents and family members navigate through the many different university services and administrative processes. We recognize the value of parents and family members, and we will strive to provide you with encouragement, support, and guidance. This office also provides communications about resources and important dates to help parents and family members stay connected to campus. Sign-up to receive communications through our Mississippi State Family Hub at msstate.campusesp.com. Families interested in purchasing Happy Packs for their student are encouraged to check out our website at family.msstate.edu. Each "Happy" includes a unique Mississippi State item.

SAVE THE DATE

Bulldog Family Weekend - November 1-3, 2024

WAYS TO HELP YOUR STUDENT SUCCEED

SHOW YOUR STUDENT HOW

Show your student how to function and live properly on their own. Encourage your student to pick their own classes and set up their own meetings. They will need your help along the way but encourage them to make their own decisions. Instead of taking a lead role, learn to help in more subtle ways. Take time to study the Mississippi State website, review the orientation materials and this handbook, and become familiar with campus services to help your student succeed.

DO REFER

Don't forget that the Dean of Students' Office is here for all students. It serves as a campus advocate and resource center to help address any problem they may encounter. Talking with a staff member is as easy as stopping by the ground floor of the YMCA, telephoning **662.325.3611**, or visiting **family.msstate.edu**.

HAVE EXPECTATIONS

You are still the parent and it's okay to have expectations. Your student may be an adult but that doesn't mean your parenting days are over. While a curfew will be hard to enforce, an insistence on class attendance should not be. Make your student aware of your expectations for them to go to class, study, and overall succeed to the best of their ability.

IF THEY ARE HOMESICK

Encourage your student to get involved with extracurriculars. Strongly discourage coming home every weekend during the first semester. While this is a natural tendency, all new students need to begin regarding Mississippi State as their current home. If homesickness persists beyond the first few weeks, don't hesitate to telephone the Office of Parent & Family Services at **662.325.3611** so we can work with you to help your student.

EXPECT CHANGE

Your student will experience many changes after coming to Mississippi State and there is nothing wrong with that. The change may evolve over years or take place in a matter of months, but it will happen. Understand that your student is becoming an independent adult. They are figuring out life and the path they wish to take. Lend support or a helping hand; this change may be a difficult journey.

VISIT

While there are times students may feel like families are invading their new world, there may be many times they need and want them around. Occasionally spending time with family can give students a feeling of home that they desire. Plan a visit with your student so they can show you their new favorite spots around campus and their new community.





KNOW THE RIGHT QUESTIONS TO ASK

When you come to campus, consider in advance the best questions to ask such as questions about grades and classes, social activities and getting involved, or personal relationships and new friendships. Plan some one-on-one time with your student to talk through important questions.

TRUST THEM

Relationships built on trust by both sides will be the most beneficial for the entire family. This is a new and exciting journey for every student. Help guide them along the way but also trust them to make the right decisions on their own. This is their first taste of adulthood, trust that you have prepared them for this new adventure.

NEWFOUND FREEDOM

A student's first visit home can be challenging for both you and your student. Experiment with a more flexible set of rules to help acclimate your student to being home again while also instilling the freedom that they are now used to.



QUICK TIPS FOR FAMILIES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

CAREERS AND MAJORS

Mississippi State has a wide variety of majors, minors, and career options. Encourage your student to review these options and make decisions that would best suit them. Choosing a career path can be difficult for some students, but encouragement and guidance from you can help. Your student will study this major or career path intensively; help them choose something they are interested in and could see themselves enjoying for many years to come.

DOUBLE MAJOR/MAJOR AND MINOR

Some students choose to pursue a double major for academic or intellectual reasons. Make sure your student understands that if they choose to pursue a double major/major and minor that they may have a heavier class load than other students. A double major/major and minor can broaden future career opportunities.

GRADE-POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

Students should be encouraged to make academics one of their highest priorities. Some students may take a while to adjust to the academic demands of higher education. Maintaining a high GPA can be very important for scholarships, financial aid, joining social groups, and future employment.



OBTAINING MARKETABLE SKILLS

Most employers put more emphasis on skills than on an academic major. Encourage your student to develop strengths in at least two or three skill areas. These might include computing, quantitative analysis, communication, marketing and selling, science proficiency, foreign language or demonstrated leadership abilities.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Many employers tend to rate demonstrated leadership activities as being more important than grade-point averages. For this reason alone, your student may find it beneficial to become involved in activities or organizations that offer the potential for leadership roles.

PLANNING FOR GRADUATE/ PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

Some students may decide that they wish to attend a graduate or professional school program. Encourage your student to research all their options before making a final decision. Having a variety of options can increase acceptance rates for your student. Have them discuss their options with their academic advisor.

CAREER SERVICES

Future employers often like for applicants to have work experience. The Career Center can assist students in finding a part-time job, obtaining a summer internship, and even improve a résumé. Students can begin visiting the Mississippi State Career Center as early as their freshman year. Individual career counseling and advising, career-planning workshops, internship assistance, and career fairs and programs are among the many services offered.

TYPICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT HIGHER EDUCATION

WHAT COURSES WILL MY STUDENT TAKE?

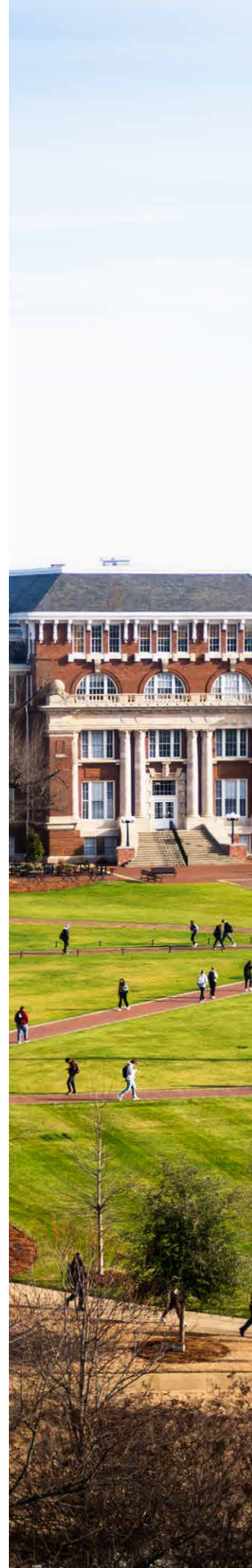
A course schedule is determined by your student's major and/or advisor. Class size varies depending on the subject. Whatever the course, regular class attendance and daily study for each course are essential for success.

HOW WILL MY STUDENT BE GRADED?

Grades are assigned on a letter scale that carries a numerical value. These are called grade points. For each credit hour, a grade of A equals four points; B, three; C, two; and D, one. No grade points are assigned for an F, nor for an incomplete (I grade) or withdrawal (W grade). A GPA is determined by dividing the sum of all quality points earned for a semester, or for the entire time of study, by the sum of all credit hours attempted for that semester or academic career. (See **page 37** for the formula.)

WHAT IF MY STUDENT IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH CLASSES?

Encourage your student to ask questions in class or meet with their instructor. The Center for Academic Excellence offers programs and services to enhance learning and promote academic success, including both credit courses and non-credit services. To get help from CAE, a student can call **662.325.2957** or visit **cae.msstate.edu**.





WILL I RECEIVE A COPY OF MY STUDENT'S GRADES OR HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR ACCOUNT?

Federal law makes the distribution of adult (18 or older) academic records to any person other than the student illegal. Mississippi State students will be treated as adults since the university complies fully with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (F.E.R.P.A.) of 1974 that protects their records. Although students may have access, with limited exception, to all records about themselves maintained by the university, no information from a student's record will be disclosed to any individual, without the student's prior consent.

A student can authorize Mississippi State to grant a parent or family member access to certain educational records through the University's Parent Portal online system.

PARENT PORTAL

Students can give parents and others access to view a summary of their academic information including class schedule, grades, absences, account balance, financial aid, and meal plan use. To grant someone access to the Parent Portal, go to the myState portal, choose Banner from the Apps & Services sidebar, and under the Student drop down menu, choose F.E.R.P.A. Release & Parent Portal Access.

WHAT ADVICE SHOULD I GIVE MY STUDENT REGARDING ACADEMICS?

It is important for your student to develop a schedule that includes study time for each class as well as their social activities. To help adjust to class routines, your student can schedule a meeting with instructors and advisors during the first few weeks of school to become familiar with the requirements of their major. Most importantly, read emails.

ISSUES STUDENTS MAY EXPERIENCE DURING THEIR FRESHMAN YEAR

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homesickness/Loneliness• Relationships from home• Adjustment (academically and socially)• Financial concerns• Time management/ Organizational skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Test anxiety• Roommate/Friend conflicts• General stress• Health concerns• Academic uncertainty, difficulty choosing a major |
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STUDENT CONDUCT

The Dean of Students' Office (DOS) is responsible for adjudicating cases of alleged individual and organizational violations of the code of student conduct.

The DOS staff addresses behavior in a manner consistent with core values of fairness, honesty and integrity while promoting the university's educational mission. Our mission is to promote responsibility and standards of conduct for Mississippi State students through a fair and objective process. By fostering concepts of fairness, civility and encouraging personal responsibility, we are striving to ensure a safe and healthy university community by:

- Administering the Code of Student Conduct while ensuring the principles of due process.
- Serving as a consultant and resource for students, faculty, staff and parents concerning student conduct expectations and rights including university policies and procedures related to student life.
- Assisting and counseling victims and those accused of conduct violations.
- Offering conflict and dispute management.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Mississippi State prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on university property. Any student failing to observe these policies will be subject to institutional sanctions in accordance with established disciplinary procedures including suspension or expulsion. In addition to university sanctions, a student found in violation of the drug and alcohol policy may be referred to the appropriate authorities for prosecution. Under local, state and federal laws, legal sanctions may include fine, imprisonment or both.

Reports of possible policy violations and other alcohol-related incidents are forwarded to the Dean of Students' Office. Students found to have violated the alcohol policy may be required to attend alcohol education classes, undergo individual alcohol assessments, perform community service, and/or have their parents or legal guardians notified. The office also notifies parents in alcohol and drug cases in which an involved student is under the age of 21.

Students are coming to an environment in which they will likely be exposed to alcohol and other drugs. Some may not make the smartest choices in dealing with related situations that may arise. DOS staff members are available to both you and your student for discussion of any issue.

WEAPON POSSESSION

While Mississippi State understands that many are hunters, its students should be aware that possession of any weapon on campus represents a serious concern. Under most circumstances, possession violates both university policy and state law. Because it is a felony, any student found in possession within campus boundaries may be subject to arrest and confiscation of the weapon. Additionally, an arrested student may immediately be suspended from classes, pending a disciplinary hearing.



BULLDOG *checklist*



Between Orientation and the first day of class, we believe it's important for you and your student to spend some time together discussing their transition to university life. Please take a moment to go over the following information, ensuring your student is positioned for a successful year. As always, you are welcome to contact the Office of Parent and Family Services if you ever have questions or need guidance.

☐ Encourage your student to:

- SYNC Microsoft 365 (student email account) with their phone (and check email daily)
- Make sure Banner info is always updated with current contact information (student info)
- Enroll in Duo multi-factor authentication (details explained at servicedesk.msstate.edu)
- Download CANVAS app
- Use a calendar daily (ex. syllabus due dates, advising appointments, academic calendar, holidays, finals)
- Stick with their schedule. **DO NOT** drop/add classes without academic advisor approval
- Get to know their Navigator at freshman.msstate.edu (if a freshman) and Advisor
- Attend class and purchase **ALL** class materials (books, access codes, supplies, etc.)
Reduce the cost of traditional textbooks by up to 50% with Bulldog Bundle!
- Read/Follow syllabus & get to know their professors
- Only park in designated spots to avoid tickets (transportation.msstate.edu)
- Get involved and make friends
- Be familiar with scholarship and financial aid requirements
- Use student resources such as:

Career Center
Center for Student Activities
Center for Academic Excellence
College/Departmental Tutoring

Dean of Students' Office
Holmes Cultural Diversity Center
The Math Domain
Mitchell Memorial Library

Money Management Center
Undeclared
The Writing Center

☐ Talk to your student about:

- Being themselves
- Asking for help when needed
- Being responsible (sleep, eat, and exercise)
- Being respectful (roommate expectations/classroom conduct)
- Expectations and Consequences (G.P.A., scholarship & financial aid requirements, behavior, money, etc.)
- Campus Safety and Awareness (emergency.msstate.edu)
- Communication Expectations (frequency of phone calls, texts, emails, etc.)
- Time Management and Managing Freedom
- Code of Student Conduct (policies.msstate.edu/policy/91100)

❑ **Important dates, fees and deadlines:**

- Tuition Dates: Fall (**August 1**) | Spring (**January 1**)
Enroll in a payment plan or pay the full balance on your student's account by the above deadline.
- Academic Calendar: **registrar.msstate.edu/calendars/academic-calendar**
August 27: Last day to drop a course *without a grade* (Withdraw from the University - 90% refund)
October 14: Last day to drop a course *with a grade* (0% refund)
November 15: Last day to withdraw from the semester
- Refund Schedule: **registrar.msstate.edu/files/withdrawal-refund-schedule.pdf**
- Tuition Costs: **controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/tuition**
- Student Financial Aid: **sfa.msstate.edu**
- State Financial Aid: **msfinancialaid.org**

	ITEMS TO CONSIDER	SEMESTER COST
MISSISSIPPI STATE STUDENT ACCOUNT	Family Contribution	
	Student Income	
	Scholarships	
	Financial Aid (federal grants/loans, state grants)	
	Total Student Funding	
	Tuition/Fees (may include Printing and Lab fees)	
	Books - Bulldog Bundle (\$20 per credit)	
	Housing (on-campus/off-campus)	
	Dining Plan (dining.msstate.edu)	
	Parking Permit	
	Football Tickets	
	Longest Student Health Center	
	Total Mississippi State Student Account Expenses	
MISCELLANEOUS	Groceries/Eating out	
	Renters' Insurance	
	Cell Phone	
	Off-Campus Housing Utilities	
	Entertainment	
	Clothing and Laundry	
	Automobile (payment, insurance, maintenance, gas, etc.)	
	Student Involvement (i.e. organizational dues)	
	Other	
	Total Miscellaneous Expenses	

All of these expenses will be credited or charged to the centralized Student Account.

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- ☐ **Discuss the budget.**
Make sure your student makes you an Authorized Payer (QuikPAY®) so you can access account details.
controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/paymentinfo/authorizedpayer
- ☐ **Have your student grant you access to the Parent Portal.**
Visit **family.msstate.edu** and click on the Parent Portal information box to find out how your student can grant you access.
- ☐ **Submit Proof of Immunizations to:**
Longest Student Health Center | P.O. Box 6338 | Mississippi State, MS 39762
healthcenter.msstate.edu
- ☐ **Submit FINAL transcript from previous institution(s) to:**
Office of Admissions & Scholarships | P.O. Box 6334 | Mississippi State, MS 39762
admissions.msstate.edu
Final transcripts should clearly identify the date of graduation and final grades.
- ☐ **Submit Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) test scores to:**
Office of the Registrar | P.O. Box 5268 | Mississippi State, MS 39762
registrar.msstate.edu
- ☐ **Mississippi State Family Hub:**
Keep up with important communications, academic resources, and more by registering at **family.msstate.edu/get-connected**.

ACCESS TO PARENT AND FAMILY RELATED RESOURCES

[FAMILY.MSSTATE.EDU](https://family.msstate.edu)

PARENT PORTAL*

The Parent Portal provides a snapshot of general account details and recorded progress grades, reported absences, class schedules, and meal plan balances.



Requires a user ID (email address) to login

QUIKPAY®*

QuikPAY® allows authorized payers to review billing statements, account transactions, and make payments.



Requires a login name to login (this is not an email address)


MISSISSIPPI STATE FAMILY HUB

The Mississippi State Family Hub is our communication platform providing personalized newsletters and 24/7 access to information, news and resources.



Requires a user email to login

*Make sure your student authorizes you to access BOTH QuikPAY® and Parent Portal. These are two different platforms! Bookmark the login pages and securely store your login information for easy access.



Is your student considering living off-campus? Visit **ocss.msstate.edu** for information and resources.



As a comprehensive institution of higher learning, Mississippi State has everything students could want in their “home away from home.” In addition to beautiful, comfortable residence halls, the campus is home to numerous dining facilities. A shuttle system gets students around quickly without having to search for a parking spot.

Mississippi State offers two different styles of residence halls – New Construction and Traditional.

Our Traditional-style residence halls continue to be a favorite of our students here at Mississippi State! Our students tell us day in and day out that living in Traditional halls gives them the opportunity to create lifelong friendships, build a stronger connection with the university, and a stronger sense of belonging.

Traditional halls have most of the same amenities as New Construction halls on campus while providing more affordable living accommodations for students.

New Construction halls have restrooms within the residence hall rooms, and Traditional halls have community-style restrooms in each hallway.

New Construction

Deavenport Hall
Dogwood Hall
Griffis Hall
Hurst Hall
Magnolia Hall
Moseley Hall
Nunnelee Hall
Oak Hall
Ruby Hall

Traditional Halls

Cresswell Hall (female only)
Critz Hall
Hathorn Hall
Herbert Hall
Hull Hall
McKee Hall (male only)
Sessums Hall (female only)

Visit housing.msstate.edu to explore all of the campus residence halls and find details about rates and amenities.

** As of April 2024*



HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

662.325.3555 | HOUSING.MSSTATE.EDU | @MSSTATE_HOUSING | DOGWOOD HALL

Residence halls at Mississippi State offer the opportunity to meet new friends, get involved, and experience educational and social events. Our staff is dedicated and trained to assist students during their transition to college life. Approved early arrivals (Famous Maroon Band, New Maroon Camp, Panhellenic Council, etc.) will move in August 10-11.

WELCOME HOME

AUGUST 17
MVNU2MSU
2024

As we approach move-in, students will receive communication from our new Full Measure system with more details.

Consider the Eugene Butler Guest House for your next overnight visit to Starkville, conveniently located next to Davis Wade Stadium. For more information, visit guestservices.msstate.edu or call us at **662.325.4140**.

RECOMMENDED THINGS TO BRING CHECKLIST:

BEDDING

- ☐ Pillows
- ☐ Mattress Pad
- ☐ Mattress Topper
- ☐ Twin XL Sheets
- ☐ Comforter
- ☐ Blanket/Throw

BATH

- ☐ Towels
- ☐ Wash Cloths
- ☐ Shower Soap
- ☐ Shower Tote
- ☐ Shower Shoes
- ☐ Wastebasket

CLEANING

- ☐ Laundry Basket
- ☐ Vacuum
- ☐ Cleaning Supplies
- ☐ Broom & Dust Pan
- ☐ Laundry Soap
- ☐ Dryer Sheets

DINING

- ☐ Dishes/Cups
- ☐ Utensils
- ☐ Water Bottle
- ☐ Travel Mug
- ☐ Chip Clips
- ☐ Dish Soap
- ☐ Sponge

DEVICES

- ☐ Laptop
- ☐ Television
- ☐ Headphones
- ☐ Ethernet Cord
- ☐ Chargers
- ☐ Lamp & Fan
- ☐ Power Strips

STUDYING

- ☐ Notebooks
- ☐ Textbooks
- ☐ Pens/Pencils
- ☐ Highlighters
- ☐ Folders
- ☐ Planner

PERSONAL

- ☐ Driver's License/Photo ID
- ☐ MSU ID
- ☐ Debit/Credit Card
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Coffee Maker
- ☐ Reed Diffuser/Air Freshener

CLOTHING

- ☐ Shirts
- ☐ Pants/Shorts
- ☐ Gym Clothes
- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Shoes/Socks
- ☐ Rain Coats
- ☐ Hangers

JUST IN CASE

- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Tool Kit
- ☐ Light Bulbs (for Lamp)
- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Storage Bins/Organizers



Community starts in the residence halls here at Mississippi State by encouraging students to meet new friends, get involved, and experience educational and social events. As part of Mississippi State's commitment to academic success, we require first-time freshmen to live on-campus in residence halls.

HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF

Our department's staff is dedicated and trained to assist students during their transition to college life. The front desks of each hall are staffed seven days a week by trained student Information Assistants (IAs). Your student will also have a trained student worker Resident Advisor (RA) located in their hallway to help assist with any housing needs. Community Directors (CDs) and Graduate Resident Directors (GRDs) are full-time trained professionals who oversee IAs, RAs, and all hall activity.

MAINTENANCE REQUESTS/FIX-ITS

If a student finds something in their room is broken or needs attention, they can submit a fix-it ticket online at any time by logging on to their housing portal at my.housing.msstate.edu.

BREAKS

The residence halls are open from fall opening day to spring closing day except during the University's Winter Break. More information regarding needing to extend your stay over Winter break and check-out processes can be found at housing.msstate.edu.

RSVP

Current residents have an opportunity to express their interest to continue living on campus through our Renewal Selection Verification Process (RSVP). Additional information and instruction are shared with residents in late fall.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The safety and security of students is of the utmost importance. Residents must have their MSU ID card to access the residence halls 24 hours a day. Card readers use MSU ID cards to allow those residents who live in that hall, or in some instances, on a specific floor to enter the building, floor, or hallway. Guests must use the front entrance, check in at the front desk, and always be escorted by their host.

VISITATION

Visitation hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m., Monday-Sunday. Violation of the visitation policy may result in the loss of visitation privilege. Students who would like to have overnight guests of the same sex must request an overnight guest form from their front desk and have their roommate and Resident Advisor (RA) sign/approve it.

ROOMMATE AND ROOM CHANGES

Community starts in the halls so students experiencing a college roommate is exciting and significant. Although this is an exciting time, students may find themselves looking for a new roommate or wanting a room change. If this happens, students are encouraged to meet with their Resident Advisor (RA) first, then the Graduate Residence Director (GRD)/Community Director (CD) to explore all options.

KITCHENS

Our residence halls have common kitchens for students to use. Kitchens are available for use 24/7. Most hall front desks have pots and pans available for students to check out. Students are expected to clean up after each use.

LAUNDRY

Each residence hall has at least one community laundry room with washers and dryers. The machines accept quarters and credit or debit cards. It costs \$1.50 to wash and \$1.50 to dry. We also have an app, **WaveRider**, where students can load money to use the washers and dryers, see what units are open, and receive notifications when the laundry cycle is finished.

ADDITIONAL FURNITURE

The standard furniture each room will be furnished with, along with room and furniture measurements, can be found at housing.msstate.edu. Students are welcome to bring items that will make the space in their rooms feel like home, with some exceptions. The standard furniture provided by Mississippi State may not be removed/replaced by any additional furniture.

MOVE-IN CHECKLIST

A helpful move-in checklist can be found on page 15 or at housing.msstate.edu/future-residents/moving-in.

INTERNET ACCESS

Wi-Fi and Ethernet access is provided in each room. Wireless routers are not permitted.





MAIL AND PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICES

All students residing on campus are strongly encouraged to have a United States Postal Service (USPS) box to receive mail and packages sent via the carrier. To obtain a box, a student must complete an application and turn it in to USPS staff. Two forms of identification are required to apply. Students may also apply online at **usps.com** using zip code **39762**. Fees begin at \$65, depending on the box size, and two keys are provided to each box holder.

Mail and packages using the U.S. Postal Service should be addressed in the following manner:

Sally Student
P.O. Box ____
Mississippi State, MS 39762

The U.S. Postal service does not include independent carriers FedEx, UPS or DHL. Packages may be sent directly to the residence halls using FedEx, UPS or DHL. Addresses for these should be labeled in the following manner:

Sam Student
____ Residence Hall
Room ____
Street Address (see below)
Mississippi State, MS 39762 *

**As with USPS boxes, all campus residence halls are at Mississippi State, MS 39762.*

Mailing addresses for campus residence facilities include:

College View Apartments, 385 College View Drive
Cresswell Hall, 36 Magruder Street
Critz Hall, 685 Barr Avenue
Deavenport Hall, 220 Bailey Howell Drive
Dogwood Hall, 705 George Perry Street
Griffis Hall, 500 Bailey Howell Drive
Hathorn Hall, 76 Magruder Street
Herbert Hall, 170 Herbert Street
Hull Hall, 85 Walker Road

Hurst Hall, 95 Hurst Lane
Magnolia Hall, 15 Morgan Avenue
Moseley Hall, 55 Magruder Street
McKee Hall, 450 Lee Boulevard
Nunnelee Hall, 215 Hurst Lane
Oak Hall, 205 Magruder Street
Ruby Hall, 75 Hurst Lane
Sessums Hall, 459 Lee Boulevard

Letters or magazines addressed to the residence halls will be returned to sender.

DINING SERVICES

662.325.7120 | DINING.MSSTATE.EDU | @MSSTATEDINING

RESIDENTIAL DINING LOCATIONS AND OPTIONS

We have over 20 on-campus dining locations for students to choose from.



PERRY HALL (Under Renovation)

While Perry Hall is currently undergoing renovation for the Fall 24 - Spring 25 Academic Year, accommodations have been made to make sure you will still get all the best Perry has to offer.

PERRY-TO-GO

Conveniently located in the Colvard Student Union, Perry-To-Go offers an on-the-go Perry Menu for lunch.

PERRY FOOD TRUCK

It's Perry in food truck form! Find it in the YMCA Plaza, Monday - Friday.

FRESH FOOD COMPANY

All-you-care-to-eat location

MCARTHUR CAFE

Block meal lunch option



NATIONAL RETAILERS



LOCAL RETAILERS



CONVENIENCE RETAILERS



MOBILE ORDERING

Download the Grubhub Mobile Ordering App and pick it up on your way. Use your Meal Plan to order. Credit/Debit accepted as well.



HOW DO MEAL PLANS WORK?

Block Meals: Block Meals are used to eat at Fresh Food Company, Perry-To-Go, Perry Food Truck, and McArthur Cafe. Your Student ID is your Block Meal Pass - because less cards equals less stress. One swipe in at the register equals an all-you-care-to-eat meal at Fresh Food Company or a set meal at McArthur Cafe, Perry-To-Go, or Perry Food Truck. Block Meals expire at the end of each semester. Weekly Block Meal Plans provide you with a set amount of Block Meals per week; Block 60 and Block 30 Meal Plans provide you with a set amount of Block Meals per semester.

Meal Equivalency: Block Meals normally used at the dining halls can also be used once a day at our retail locations (Chick-fil-A, Subway, etc.). Meal Equivalency Block Meals are equal to \$8 in Retail Value.

DAWG DOLLARS

Dawg Dollars are a dollar-for-dollar value and can be used at any dining location on campus, including food trucks withing the Mississippi State Dining Food Truck Program. Dawg Dollars can also be used at select concession stands at football and basketball venues, Barnes & Noble Cafe, and more. For all locations that accept Dawg Dollars, visit dining.msstate.edu.

MEAL PLANS

	WEEKLY 21	WEEKLY 14	WEEKLY 7	BLOCK 60	BLOCK 30	\$200 DAWG DOLLARS
BLOCK MEALS PER WEEK	21	14	7	60 PER SEMESTER	30 PER SEMESTER	0
AVG. MEALS PER DAY	3	2	1	3 PER WEEK	2 PER WEEK	N/A
DAILY MEAL EQUIVALENCY	1	1	1	1	1	0
DAWG DOLLARS	CAN BE ADDED SEPARATELY (CHARGED SEPARATELY)					\$200
COST PER SEMESTER	\$2,143	\$1,806	\$1,127	\$679	\$355	\$200

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Our chefs and registered dietitians are trained and eager to assist with any dietary restrictions or concerns you may have. Set up a one-on-one consultation to go over your specific dietary needs with Mississippi State's Registered Dietitian, Jill Hamilton, RDN, by emailing hamilton-jill1@aramark.com. Scan the QR code to fill out a dietary restriction form and start the process.



FIRST-TIME COLLEGE STUDENTS

First-Time College Students are automatically enrolled in the Weekly 21 Meal Plan (21 block meals per week).

- Includes incoming freshman students
- Weekly 21 covers all 3 meals, 7 days a week throughout the semester.
- No sign up required - you can grab your Student ID, tap, and go when you arrive.
- Freshmen are able to change to the Weekly 14 Meal Plan within the first 2 weeks of either semester (Weekly 14 covers 2 meals a day throughout the semester).

First-Time College Students are automatically enrolled in \$300 Dawg Dollars each semester.

Freshmen going Greek have an additional Meal Plan option.

UPPER DIVISION STUDENTS

- Includes sophomore, junior, senior, and transfer students
- Select from 6 different Meal Plan options (from the Weekly 21 to the \$200 Dawg Dollars Plan).
- You are able to choose a plan that fits your schedule and lifestyle.
- Whether on or off campus, there's a plan for every student.

BARNES & NOBLE AT MSU

662.325.8361 | MSSTATE.BNCOLLEGE.COM | [@BNCOLLEGEMSU](https://www.instagram.com/BNCOLLEGEMSU)

CULLIS WADE DEPOT - 75 B.S. HOOD DRIVE

The campus bookstore provides the flexibility and convenience Mississippi State students need to be ready for class. To best suit their study needs, the bookstore offers options to rent or purchase textbooks or e-textbooks. A wide selection of general reading and reference books also are available for purchase, as are school supplies, campus-life products, and Mississippi State clothing and gifts. Additionally, the bookstore operates Bully's Café, proudly serving Starbucks beverages and food options for any time of the day.



MSU'S BULLDOG BUNDLE

MSSTATE.EDU/BULLDOGBUNDLE
M204@BNCOLLEGE.COM

Through a partnership with Barnes & Noble, MSU's Bulldog Bundle allows students to receive required course materials for all classes for a flat fee, regardless of how much each individual textbook or digital access would cost to rent or purchase separately.



All undergraduate students, excluding Gulf Coast Engineering, are automatically enrolled and provided access to all required textbooks, lab manuals, access codes and electronic book versions in a convenient bundle before the first day of class.



All electronic books and access codes will be delivered through the student's Canvas page. All printed titles can be picked up in store or shipped to an address provided for a small fee.



All printed books, not listed as consumables, will be a rental on the student's account and must be returned by the last day of finals.



Cost of Bulldog Bundle is \$20 per credit hour and will be applied to the student's account at the same time tuition is charged.



Students will receive a welcome email from Barnes & Noble 35 days before classes begin outlining next steps and a second email 30 days out instructing them to select their delivery preference.



If students choose not to participate, they must opt out each semester. If they opt out and change their mind, they have until the last day to add a course to enter back into the program.



Downloading the My College Bookstore app will enable the tracking of online orders, as well as receiving rental reminders and B&N special offers.



CAREER CENTER

662.325.3344 | CAREER.MSSTATE.EDU | 300 MONTGOMERY HALL

TOP 5 THINGS TO KNOW

Here are some common services we offer:

1.

CONNECTIONS ACCOUNT

FOR JOB SEARCH & CAREER-RELATED EVENTS/WORKSHOPS

Once registered for classes, you'll have full access to your account.

2.

CAREER ADVISORS

FOR ONE-ON-ONE APPOINTMENTS

To set up an appointment, give us a call at 662.325.3344 or drop in our office!

3.

CO-OP AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

TO GAIN PRACTICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

For information on the types of programs we offer, please visit career.msstate.edu/coop/program options.

4.

CAREER ASSESSMENTS

TO CHOOSE OR CHANGE MAJORS

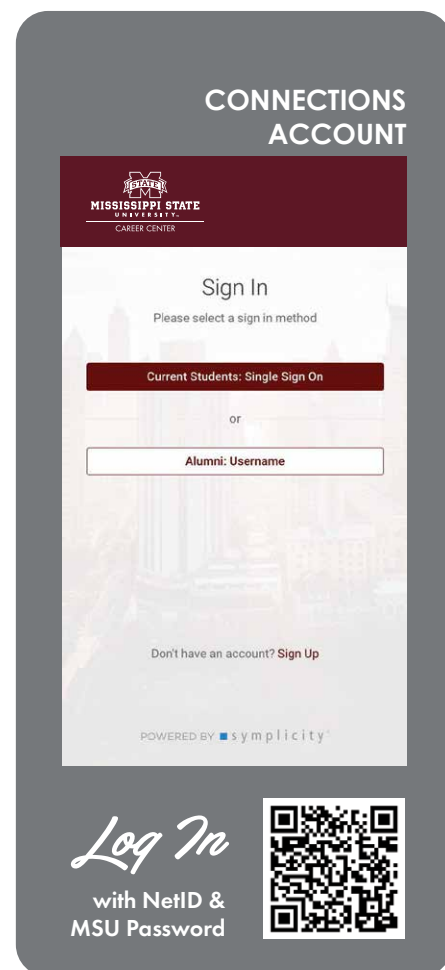
To see the assessments we provide, please visit career.msstate.edu/students/discover/assessments.

5.

DOCUMENT CRITIQUES

TO SPRUCE UP PROFESSIONAL DOCUMENTS

We assist with resumes, cover letters, and personal statements.



Visit us

on the 3rd floor of Montgomery Hall,
located next to the Hail State sign.



PART-TIME JOBS FOR STUDENTS

The Part-Time Job Fair at the beginning of the fall semester is a great way to identify employment opportunities on campus and within the Starkville community for the upcoming semester or academic year. Students can oftentimes apply and interview on the spot!

TOOLS TO FIND CO-OPS, INTERNSHIPS, AND JOBS

Students can also search jobs on Connections, Mississippi State's online job board, for opportunities. Connections is a great place to view upcoming career fairs, company information sessions, and Career Center workshops. Students can access their Connections account by logging into **connections.msstate.edu** with their net ID and password once they have registered for classes.

HOW TO DECLARE OR CHANGE A MAJOR

Students can meet with the Career Center's Career Advisor dedicated to helping undeclared and undecided students through career assessments, such as the Strong Interest Inventory and Typefocus. Through an appointment with your career advisor, these assessments can help to clarify interests into possible majors and careers and help to narrow options. The Mississippi State Career Center is ready to help students decide on a major or career that aligns with their interests, personality, and overall goals.

HOW THE CAREER CENTER CAN HELP ALONG THE WAY

The Career Center is here to assist students in their career journey no matter where they are, some of our services include:

- Resume and cover letter writing
- Major and career exploration
- Interview preparation
- Job searching (including internship, co-op, and part-time employment)
- Preparing for graduate or professional school
- Navigating the workplace as a new professional

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Students can drop by Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to visit Career Ambassadors who are available to help them with immediate needs or schedule an appointment with their Career Advisor at the front desk. Our office is in Montgomery Hall, 3rd floor, next to the Hail State sign. Please stop by, call **662.325.3344**, or visit our website, **career.msstate.edu**, for more information.



CAMPUS ROUTES

Free to Ride

Monday - Friday
7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mississippi State North
Mississippi State Central
Mississippi State South
Starkville East
Blackjack

CAMPUS/CITY ROUTES

Also Free

Monday - Saturday
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Starkville North
Starkville Central
Starkville South
Starkville Connector

GOLDEN TRIANGLE AIRPORT ROUTE

Yep, Free

Monday - Sunday
Based on flight arrivals
and departures

Golden Triangle
Regional Airport

LIVE BUS TRACKING

Mobile Device

TransLoc App

(iPhone or Android)

Download From App Store
Select Starkville MSU Area
Rapid Transit



For the most up-to-date information, visit transportation.msstate.edu and follow us on social media.

MSU Transportation

msstate_transportation

msuprkg_trnst

LINKING YOUR CITY & CAMPUS



THE S.M.A.R.T. BUS SYSTEM IS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.



TRANSPORTATION

662.325.3526 | TRANSPORTATION.MSSTATE.EDU

412 EAST LEE BOULEVARD | ROBERTS BUILDING

The Department of Transportation works to ensure safe and reliable campus parking for students, staff, faculty and visitors.

IMPORTANT PARKING INFORMATION

- Every vehicle must have a valid MSU digital parking permit (*students, staff, visitors, moms and dads, alumni, etc.*).
- Residential and Greek students will receive a complimentary decal for game day parking purposes.
- Vehicles are digitally permitted through their license plate and two vehicles can be linked to the same annual digital permit.
- All vehicles must be linked to an active digital permit. For more information on vehicle management, please visit transportation.msstate.edu.
- Every vehicle must be parked in their designated zone.

STUDENT PERMITS

- **PERMIT SALE DATES:**
Residential Students: July 17, 2024 | Commuter Students: July 24, 2024
- Permits must be purchased online at myparking.msstate.edu.
- Permits must be mailed to a valid U.S. postal address (your residence hall room is not a valid postal address).
- Residential students will receive a windshield credential for the purpose of reentry to your designated zone on game days.

ADDITIONAL TIMED AND METERED AREAS

- **Timed Areas:** Old Main Academic, Center Garage, North Parking Garage
- **Metered Areas:** Union, Roberts Building
- All handicap placards must be registered. You may register your placard via your parking portal at myparking.msstate.edu or at the Customer Service Desk in the Roberts Building.



Students at Mississippi State are supported through a number of dedicated resources. Through service excellence, these resources include student support, health care, education, counseling, and spiritual connection.

OFFICE OF CARE, CONCERN & WELL-BEING DEAN OF STUDENTS' OFFICE

662.325.3611 | STUDENTS.MSSTATE.EDU | DOS@MSSTATE.EDU

YMCA BUILDING - GROUND FLOOR

The Dean of Students' Office serves as a first point of contact when students are experiencing academic, personal, or transition issues. This office provides assistance and case management for students in crisis and referrals to additional resources, if needed. It also provides outreach to parents and families. The staff in this area coordinates a range of services to assist students with issues and concerns that may interfere with their academic success.

BULLY'S PANTRY

Bully's Pantry is a collaborative effort between the Division of Student Affairs and the Student Association. As part of the Mississippi State Food Security Network, a broader initiative to meet the basic needs of students, Bully's Pantry provides nutritious food, toiletries, school supplies, and other necessary items to current Mississippi State students in need. Bully's Pantry is located at 120 Morgan Avenue (south side of campus) and open weekdays from 1-4 p.m. A Bully's Pantry vending machine is located on the first floor of the Colvard Student Union for students needing one or two quick necessities. These times are subject to change. Please visit students.msstate.edu for updates on hours for Bully's Pantry.

MAROON MEALS

Maroon Meals is a program that notifies current Mississippi State students when free food is available on campus, including its location and how long it will be available. To opt in for Maroon Meals, follow these steps:

- Log in to my.msstate.edu with your Net ID and password.
- Find the Maroon Meals block.
- Click the "Subscribe" button.
- Be on the lookout for your first Maroon Meals email.

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

662.325.3335 | DRC.MSSTATE.EDU | @MSSTATE.DRC

MONTGOMERY HALL - GROUND FLOOR

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) leads University efforts in facilitating an inclusive and accessible environment for students with disabilities and in celebrating disability as a valued aspect of diversity. We collaborate with students who have disabilities to provide and/or arrange accommodations for academic, residential life, and many co-curricular events.

If you have, or think you may have a disability, please contact drc@saffairs.msstate.edu or call **662.325.3335** to arrange a confidential discussion regarding equitable access and accommodations. Disabilities may include, but are not limited to: mental health, attentional, learning, autism spectrum disorders, chronic health, traumatic brain injuries and concussions, intellectual disabilities, vision, hearing, mobility, and speech impairments, as well as some temporary injuries and disability conditions.

For students with and without disabilities who want to further support a positive culture for disability at Mississippi State, we encourage you to contact us.



UNIVERSITY COMMON MINISTRY

Mississippi State's Common Ministry serves by affirming the spiritual lives of university students, faculty, and staff.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

Campus Ministers: Michael Ball and Daniel Herndon
msubsu.com | 662.323.5761

CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Minister: Rev. Dr. George Rambow
msuchaplain@gmail.com
resurrectionstarkville@gmail.com
canterburymso.org | 662.323.3483

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Minister: Joseph Terbrack
ccm@stjosephstarkville.org
msstateccm.org | 662.323.2257

CHOSEN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Minister: Ra'mon Forbes
c3chosen@gmail.com
facebook.com/ChosenC3 | 601.260.6739

CRU

Campus Ministers: Duane and Alice Walters
alice.walters@cru.org | 407.495.9178
duane.walters@cru.org | 662.242.3194
facebook.com/cruatmsu

LUTHERAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

Campus Minister: Rev. David Hartung
office@saintlukestarkville.org | 662.694.9201

MSU HILLEL: JEWISH LIFE ON CAMPUS

Contact: Tyler Daniel
msujewishlife@gmail.com | 601.918.5867

REFORMED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

Campus Minister: Joe Johnson
joe.johnson@ruf.org
ruf.org/msu | 601.573.5602

UKIRK

Director: Cate Van Halsema
ukirkmsstate@gmail.com | 616.206.5800
Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram: @2msukirk

WESLEY FOUNDATION

Campus Ministers: Hugh Griffith and Ryan Stallcup
statewesleyfoundation@gmail.com
statewesley.org | 662.323.1778
facebook.com/msstatewesley
Instagram: @msstatewesley

YOUNG LIFE

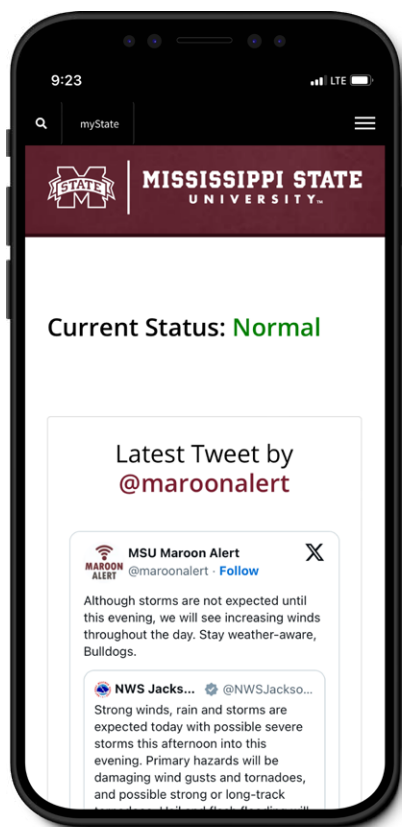
Campus Minister: Taylor Rorex
younglifemsu@gmail.com
taylor.rorex.yl@gmail.com
starkville.younglife.org | 865.216.3466

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN STUDENT CENTER

Campus Minister: Shane Meredith
ministershane@gmail.com
starkvillechurch.org | 662.323.1499

Any student feeling that his or her spiritual needs cannot be met by any of the above organizations should contact the Dean of Students for further guidance at 662.325.3611.

MAROON ALERT



CLEAR THE AIR SMOKE FREE CAMPUS

MAROON ALERT

EMERGENCY.MSSTATE.EDU | @MAROONALERT

Maroon Alert is the official source for campus emergency information. It includes several methods of notifying the university community that an emergency exists or is developing. Learn more about Maroon Alert and emergency response steps by visiting emergency.msstate.edu. Students will be enrolled to receive Maroon Alerts. Family and guests of the university can receive notifications by texting "MAROONALERT" to **888777**. Follow updates and advisories [@MaroonAlert](https://twitter.com/MaroonAlert) on X.

BE PREPARED

Mississippi State wants to help your student be prepared in the event of an emergency.

- Verify you have signed up to receive Maroon Alerts
- Make an emergency kit
- Keep your vehicle travel-ready
- Develop an emergency communication plan

Find emergency preparedness tips and emergency guidelines at emergency.msstate.edu.

SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS

SMOKEFREE.MSSTATE.EDU

Smoke-free means that smoking in any form is prohibited on campus including:

- Cigarettes
- Cigars
- Pipes
- E-Cigarettes
- Hookah
- Juuls
- Similar Devices

Cessation programs will be offered to students and employees who wish to stop using tobacco products through the Longest Student Health Center - Department of Health Promotion and Wellness. While the university is not requiring faculty, staff, and students to quit smoking or using tobacco products, we do expect the policy to be followed while on university property, and we are offering support to our students and employees who wish to stop smoking or using tobacco products. These programs are free of charge with the exception of prescribed medications that may be required. For more information about our policy, visit smokefree.msstate.edu.



**DOWNLOAD THE
HEALTHYSTATE APP**



UNIVERSITY RECREATION

662.325.7529 | UREC.MSSTATE.EDU | @MSSTATEUREC | SANDERSON CENTER

FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

University Recreation provides unique recreation programs, services, and facilities that support the total educational development of students. Mississippi State has several recreation facilities on campus, including the Sanderson Recreation Center, the Sawyer tennis courts, the RecPlex outdoor field complex, and the Chadwick Lake disc golf course.

The Sanderson Center is an award-winning 150,000-square-foot recreation facility that is one of the most popular student areas at Mississippi State. Fitness amenities include multiple strength and cardio training spaces, free group exercise classes including yoga, Zumba, group cycling, and an indoor track. Other popular features include racquetball courts, boxing equipment, an indoor climbing wall, a swimming pool, and two gymnasiums for basketball, volleyball, badminton and indoor soccer. University Recreation also offers outdoor adventure trips, adventure gear rental, adult swim lessons, team-building courses, and personal training and fitness assessments.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Canoe Battleship
- Dodgeball
- Flag Football
- Futsal
- Golf Scramble*
- Intertube Water Polo
- Kickball
- Pickleball
- Soccer
- Softball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Canoe Battleship
- Various eSports
- Volleyball

*Special Event

SPORT CLUBS

- Academic Quiz Bowl
- Archery
- Baseball
- Basketball (Men & Women)
- Bass Fishing
- Disc Golf
- Fencing
- Lacrosse (Men & Women)
- Pickleball
- Powerlifting
- Rugby (Men & Women)
- Soccer (Men & Women)
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Unified
- Ultimate Frisbee (Men & Women)
- Volleyball (Men & Women)
- Wrestling

Not all clubs are competitive in nature



MSU POLICE DEPARTMENT

662.325.2121 | POLICE.MSSTATE.EDU | @MSSTATEPD | BUTLER WILLIAMS BUILDING

The MSU Police Department is a round-the-clock, year-round, full-service agency dedicated to delivering high-quality law enforcement to the Mississippi State community and its visitors. It focuses on educational initiatives, fostering a safe environment and strict enforcement to encourage student growth, healthy living and safety. The department builds partnerships with the university community through programs and services such as:

- **Campus Security Officers** patrol campus on foot and in utility vehicles, providing an extra set of eyes and ears for the Police Department, assisting in responding to door prop alarms, and checking the security of campus buildings.
- **Emergency Blue Light Phones** are non-dial, outdoor emergency telephones located at strategic points throughout campus. The phones are easily identified by their distinctive blue lights and can be seen day or night. When the button is activated/pushed or the receiver is lifted, the caller is immediately dispatched to the MSU Police Department.
- **The Self-Defense Course (PE 1281)** - taught in different sessions to men and women at Mississippi State - introduces basic self-defense skills, escape and avoidance strategies, offensive and defensive postures, defensive techniques and simulated attacks. Taught using Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) systems by nationally accredited instructors, the course explores violence prevention and victim abuse community services. It also addresses basic fitness principles, including strength, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness.
- **Operation I.D.** assists interested individuals in collecting vital information on their valuables. This information is on file in the event that items are lost or stolen while on campus. Individuals can complete a Property Identification Form and keep it in a safe place or turn it into the MSU Police Department so they have the necessary information to give to police officers in the event valuables are lost or stolen.
- **Safe Walk** is a 24/7 service operated by the MSUPD to safely escort individuals to their vehicles, buildings or other campus destinations. Call or text **662.325.2121** and an escort will be sent to walk students to their destination. Safe Walk members are equipped with two-way radios and wear reflective vests. At night, patrol members travel throughout campus in golf carts to provide extra sets of eyes and ears for officers on duty and report any activity that may require law enforcement response. Hours of operation vary but the generally begin at dark and continue until the early morning hours.

LONGEST STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

662.325.2431 | HEALTHCENTER.MSSTATE.EDU

@MSSTATE_HEALTHCENTER | 360 HARDY ROAD

Conveniently located on campus, the Health Center contains staff to take care of your health care needs. For students of the Starkville campus or the Vet School, there is no charge for primary care physician services (which are covered through student tuition). Fees that transfer to a student's account include laboratory work, X-rays and pharmacy services. Insurance will be filed, and the student account will be credited with any payments and/or adjustments received from the insurance company. The clinical staff consists of five physicians and four nurse practitioners. Prescriptions may be transferred from other pharmacies and outside providers to the Student Health Center Pharmacy. Health Center services include:

- Comprehensive Medical Care
- Full-service Pharmacy
- Mental Health
- Allergy Shots
- Travel Immunization
- Nutritional Counseling
- X-Ray
- Lab Work

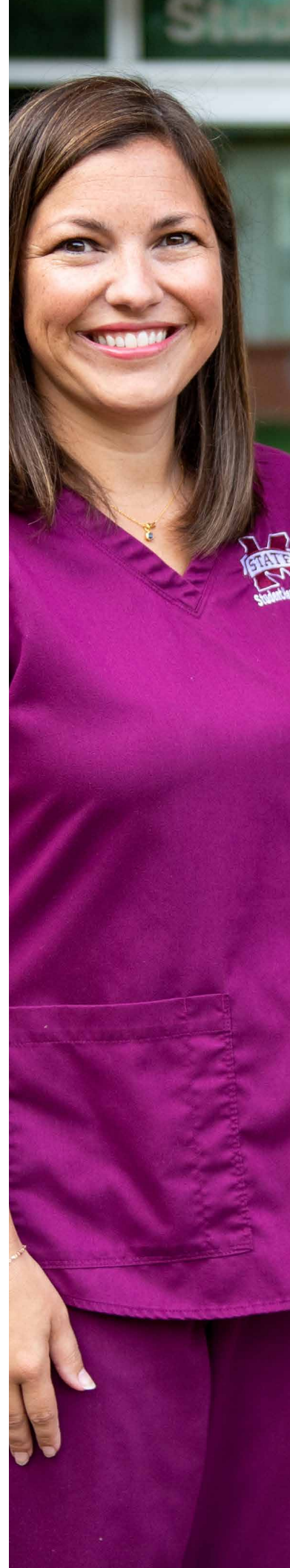
STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES

662.325.2091 | COUNSELING.MSSTATE.EDU

HATHORN HALL

Student Counseling Services (SCS) supports and facilitates personal change in a supportive and inclusive environment through advocacy, university collaboration and a system that is motivated by improving the mental wellness of our student body. SCS strongly endorses acceptance and commitment to diverse populations, and we value and promote mental health of the Mississippi State community. SCS engages with students through therapeutic and wellness-centered services. A variety of free and confidential services available to Mississippi State students are as follows:

- Brief Psychotherapy
- Consultation
- Individual Counseling
- Couples Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Preventative Psycho-Educational Programming
- Sexual Assault Response
- 24-Hour Crisis Response
- Referrals





OFFICE FOR STUDENT WELL-BEING

662.325.2090 | STUDENTWELLBEING.MSSTATE.EDU | @MSSTATE_WELLBEING
205 FAMOUS MAROON BAND STREET

The Office for Student Well-Being equips Bulldogs to develop healthy habits and choices outside the classroom that will create a balanced lifestyle beyond their college career.

FREE HEALTH & WELL-BEING RESOURCES

- Nutritional Counseling
- Mental Health
- Sexual Health Testing & Packets
- Substance Use Screenings
- Food Freedom Support Group

BULLDOGS IN RECOVERY

- Sober Tailgates
- Family Weekend Celebration
- Weekly Fun & Educational Seminar
- All Recovery & 12-Step Meetings

STUDENT & LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

- **Active Minds** helps bring awareness to mental illness and eliminate the stigmas surrounding it.
- **Aspiring Minorities in Health Professions** provides aspiring health professionals with educational information and resources to help them prepare for their preferred health profession.
- **Healthy Dawgs Peer Educators** promote healthy behaviors among Mississippi State students by raising awareness, increasing knowledge of health issues, and providing campus and community resources.

TELUS HEALTH STUDENT SUPPORT APP

Attending Mississippi State is an exciting life experience. It can also be a time of change, adjustment and stress. The Telus Health Student Support app is here to help you succeed. Telus Health Student Support provides free, confidential mental health and well-being support to Mississippi State students, at no charge. All students should download the app and get connected!





ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Mississippi State is recognized as a place where learning is a top priority. For more than a century, our graduates have established a proud record of admission to medical and law schools, as well as to other graduate and professional programs. Not to mention, our students are in high demand by employers. Academic success matters here, and we are committed to helping our students reach their full potential.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

662.325.2022 | REGISTRAR.MSSTATE.EDU

GARNER HALL

Learning is a top priority for Mississippi State. Our graduates have established a proud record of admission to medical and law schools, as well as to other graduate and professional programs. Academic success matters here, and we are committed to helping students reach their full potential.

The Office of the Registrar is responsible for the academic records, academic calendar, examination schedules, master class schedule, course articulation, undergraduate readmission, transcripts, and degree and enrollment verification.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

University class attendance is strongly correlated to student success, with numerous studies indicating how students with two or fewer absences tend to make higher grades and are more successful than those with more absences. Mississippi State freshmen repeatedly are encouraged to attend every class and make every effort to not be absent. The Academic Operating Policy on Class Attendance is (AOP 12.09).



REGISTERING FOR CLASSES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES

After Orientation, prior to the start of each semester, all students must meet with their assigned academic advisor who will, in turn, release the student to register for the next semester as well as answer course selection questions. A student can find their advisor information on their myState account under "Your Advisor." Once released for registration for the upcoming semester, the student will be able to register online through their Banner account accessed via my.msstate.edu.

Students may add/drop a class by accessing their university Banner account via my.msstate.edu. See the Academic Calendar for the add/drop dates.

ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS

Undergraduate students may request forgiveness for up to 9 credits of undergraduate semester hours at Mississippi State in which they made a D or an F. The original grade remains on the transcript but is not counted toward the student's GPA.

This policy will be applied only to courses taken at Mississippi State. For specific regulations and instructions on this policy, students should contact the Office of the Registrar or refer to the Academic Operating Policy (AOP 12.20).

DROPPING A COURSE VS. WITHDRAWING FROM THE SEMESTER

Students choosing to drop an individual course after the fifth class day must seek permission from their advisor and will receive a grade of W, if approved. If dropping ALL classes for the semester, students will need to visit my.msstate.edu to submit a withdrawal request.

HOW ARE STUDENTS CLASSIFIED?

FRESHMAN

29 or fewer semester hours

SOPHOMORE

30-59 semester hours

JUNIOR

60-89 semester hours

SENIOR

90 or more semester hours

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE LISTED AS A SCHOLAR?

PRESIDENT'S LIST

3.8-4.0 GPA

DEAN'S LIST

3.5-3.79 GPA

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GRADUATE WITH HIGH HONORS?

CUM LAUDE

overall 3.40-3.59 GPA

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

overall 3.60-3.79 GPA

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

overall 3.80-4.0 GPA

* Being listed with High Honors under any level of recognition is based on **both** Mississippi State and overall GPA.



F.E.R.P.A.

Mississippi State students are treated as adults and the university complies fully with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, typically referred to as F.E.R.P.A., which protects student records. Students may view their grades by logging into their university account. While parents should encourage their student to share the grades, federal law makes records distribution illegal to any person other than the student.

Although a student may access his or her own university records, with limited exception, the university will not disclose, without prior consent, record information to anyone, including parents.

However, students may authorize Mississippi State to grant a parent or family member access to certain educational records through the University's Parent Portal online system. Contact the Office of Parent & Family Services at **662.325.3611** or **family@msstate.edu** to obtain help in navigating this process.

A student may restrict the release of his or her basic contact information published annually in the campus and online directories. Those desiring to restrict directory information may do so online at **my.msstate.edu**.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The full version can be found at registrar.msstate.edu/calendars/academic-calendar.

AUG 21	Classes Begin
AUG 27	Last day to drop a course without a grade (5th class day) 11:59 p.m.
AUG 27	Fall Convocation
AUG 28	Last day to register or add a course (6th class day) 5:00 p.m.
SEPT 2	Labor Day Holiday – no classes scheduled
OCT 10 - 11	Fall Break – no classes scheduled
NOV 27 - 29	Thanksgiving Holiday – no classes scheduled
DEC 23 - JAN 1	Winter Holidays



GPA CALCULATOR

	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>QUALITY POINTS</u>
Excellent	A	4
Good	B	3
Satisfactory	C	2
Poor	D	1
Failure	F	0

EXAMPLE:	<u>GRADE</u>	=	<u>QUALITY POINTS</u>	x	<u>COURSE HOURS</u>	=	<u>TOTAL</u>
English Comp 1 (EN 1103)	B	=	3	x	3	=	9
Gen. Psychology (PSY 1013)	A	=	4	x	3	=	12
Biology I (BIO 1134)	B	=	3	x	4	=	12
Early U.S. History (HI 1063)	C	=	2	x	3	=	6
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Calculate Your GPA:	<u>TOTAL QUALITY POINTS</u>	÷	<u>TOTAL COURSE HOURS</u>	=	<u>GRADE POINT AVERAGE</u>
	39	÷	13	=	3.0

Calculate your GPA online at registrar.msstate.edu/students/gpa-calculator.

MAROON U

Maroon U is a free, required course for all first-time freshmen and transfer students enrolled at Mississippi State. Offered exclusively online through Canvas, Maroon U is offered exclusively online through Canvas. Maroon U is a “fast start” intended to help each student get ready to hit the ground running and put their best foot forward for a successful career at Mississippi State. Topics covered in Maroon U include:



- Academic Success
- Belonging and Success
- Campus Safety and Emergency Guidance
- Career/Major Exploration
- Financial Wellness
- Sexual Assault and Violence Education
- Student Conduct and Honor Code
- Well-being



HONOR CODE

HONORCODE.MSSTATE.EDU

The Honor Code promotes the highest standards of integrity and honor for Mississippi State students both inside and outside the classroom. Each student enrolling in the institution agrees to abide by the Honor Code. The Student Honor Code leads the university's efforts to promote academic integrity as well as reduce academic misconduct. In the process, the office works to foster an environment that encourages fairness, personal responsibility, and integrity.

"As a Mississippi State University student I will conduct myself with honor and integrity at all times. I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I accept the actions of those who do."



CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

662.325.2957 | STUDENTSUCCESS.MSSTATE.EDU

STUDENTSUCCESS@MSSTATE.EDU

YMCA BUILDING - GROUND FLOOR

TUTORING

Students can contact the Center for Academic Excellence for tutoring in any subjects and a tutor will be located to help in the desired subject.



SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

SI.MSSTATE.EDU

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a free academic resource designed to help students succeed in historically difficult courses. SI offers regularly scheduled study sessions where students work collaboratively to break down complex topics. Study sessions are led by SI Leaders, students who have already taken the class and succeeded. SI Leaders attend all class lectures, take notes, meet with their assigned faculty member, plan for study sessions, and lead study sessions.



FRESHMAN YEAR NAVIGATORS

662.325.7221 | STUDENTSUCCESS.MSSTATE.EDU

Freshman Year Navigators are Mississippi State students who are assigned a group of incoming freshmen each fall to help them navigate the first year. Navigators email their assigned students, call them, text them, meet with them face-to-face, and work throughout the year to help their assigned freshmen succeed in school by answering questions and finding resources.





THE WRITING CENTER

662.325.1045 | WRITINGCENTER.MSSTATE.EDU | 94 PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

ONLINE SCHEDULER: [MSSTATE.MYWCONLINE.COM](https://msstate.mywconline.com)

The Writing Center is dedicated to helping all Mississippi State students develop as writers and critical thinkers. Available online and in person, its staff of writing consultants includes undergraduate and graduate students trained in writing-center theory, practice and research, and faculty members from our writing program. Scheduled 30-minute and 60-minute consultations are available to all Mississippi State students free of charge; walk-in appointments are also welcome, though availability cannot be guaranteed. Assistance is provided to writers in a variety of genres, including class assignments and professional documents and material. During any stage of the composition processes, staff members are available to help with brainstorming, development, and revisions.

MSU LIBRARIES

662.325.7668 | LIBRARY.MSSTATE.EDU

MITCHELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY - 395 HARDY ROAD

MSU Libraries are at the forefront of research and technology. Whether using Mitchell Memorial Library or one of the branch libraries, students, faculty, and researchers will find books, online resources, primary source documents, and other research tools. Through our extensive collections of online journal and e-books databases as well as our digital collections, students can do research from anywhere. Students needing research help can visit the Access & Information Desk, send an email, use the chat feature, schedule a consultation, or attend a workshop.

The Libraries provide students with a variety of non-traditional services including access to computers, equipment checkout, 3D printers, 3D scanners, color printing, and VR. Additionally, students can explore our unique collections and spaces including the Mississippi Political Collections, Grant Museum, Templeton Museum, Frank and Virginia Williams Collection of Lincolnia, and the John Grisham Room.

The MSU branch libraries provide focused services and collections. They include the College of Veterinary Medicine Library, the CAAD Library, the Jackson Design Center Library, and the Phil Hardin Foundation Libraries on the MSU-Meridian campus. The MSU Libraries are home to friendly and knowledgeable staff and faculty members ready to help.



NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

662.325.7048 | [NSE.ORG](https://nse.org) | LEE HALL - SUITE 3501

The National Student Exchange (NSE) provides opportunities for you to study for a semester or a year at another NSE university in the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands. With nearly 170 universities from which to choose, you should be able to find a campus with just the right combination of courses, facilities, and environment to meet your personal and academic needs and interests. Students participate in NSE to:

- Broaden their perspectives
- Explore new areas of study
- Learn from different professors
- Access new courses
- Experience personal growth
- Make new friends
- Live in a different area
- Investigate graduate schools
- Seek future employment
- Become more independent
- Experience life from a different point of view



NSE participation expands academic, cultural, and personal experiences. The changes in attitudes, understanding of other people in other settings, flexibility, maturity, self-confidence, and decision-making are similar to the experiences of students who study internationally. NSE is an enhancement of your undergraduate program that demonstrates to graduate schools and future employers that you possess the flexibility to plan, follow-through and go beyond the expected. For more information, visit nse.org or contact the Mississippi State NSE Coordinator, Lisa Stricklin, by calling **662.325.7048** or by emailing lstricklin@provost.msstate.edu.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

662.325.7400 | GRAD.MSSTATE.EDU | ALLEN HALL - SUITE 617

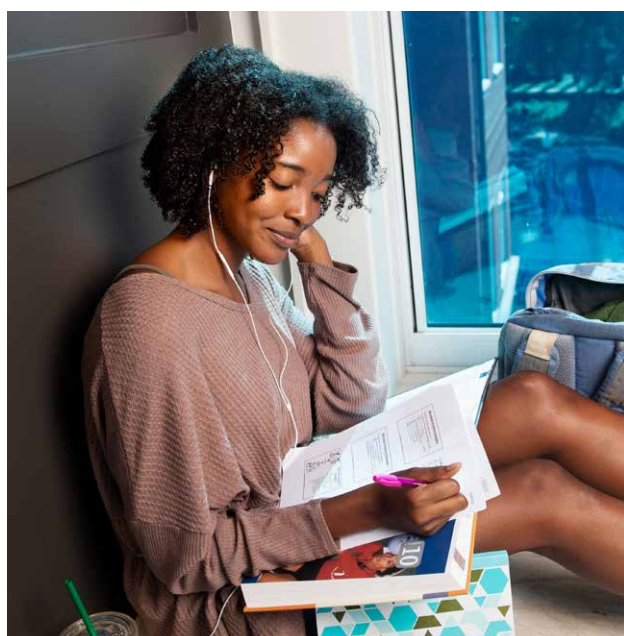


THRIVE IN FIVE

YOUR DREAM CAREER JUST GOT CLOSER

Accelerate your future with Mississippi State's dual degree program.

Ambitious students now can aspire even higher at Mississippi State. Undergraduate students who have completed at least 60 hours of coursework and have a minimum 3.50 GPA may begin the process of earning their master's degree while completing their bachelor's degree. Learn more at msstate.edu/thriveinfive.



Thrive in Five is perfect for several classes of students, including:

- Self-motivated high school graduates with advanced placement courses who want to continue a fast pace to the finish line
- Highly skilled community college graduates looking for a flexible, fast way to climb the ladder and achieve career goals
- Eager college students looking to save time and money by graduating sooner

ACADEMIC COLLEGES, MAJORS & CONCENTRATIONS

Explore all of what the University has to offer in its colleges and their respective programs, departments, and units.
Visit majors.msstate.edu to learn more.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

DSCI.MSSTATE.EDU

DATA SCIENCE

- Business Information Systems
- Computational Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Computational Intelligence
- Geoinformatics
- Marketing and Supply Chain Analytics
- Psychoinformatics
- Sports Science
- Social Data Analysis
- Statistical Modeling
- Visualization and Visual Analytics for Built Environment

AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES

CALS.MSSTATE.EDU

AGRIBUSINESS

- Management
- Policy and Law
- Production

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP, & COMMUNICATIONS

- Agricultural Communications
- Agricultural Education
- Agricultural Leadership

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY & BUSINESS

- Enterprise Management
- Natural Resources and Environmental Management
- Precision Agriculture
- Surveying and Geomatics

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

AGRONOMY

- Agricultural and Environmental Soil Sciences
- Golf and Sports Turf Management
- Integrated Crop Management
- Integrated Pest Management

ANIMAL & DAIRY SCIENCES

- Business and Industry
- Pre-Veterinary Medical Technology
- Pre-Veterinary/Science
- Production Management

BIOCHEMISTRY

- Bioinformatics
- Entomology
- Forensic Sciences
- Plant Pathology
- Pre-Dental
- Pre-MBA
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Veterinary
- Science

CULINOLOGY

ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS & SUSTAINABILITY

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS

FASHION DESIGN & MERCHANDISING

- Design and Product Development
- Merchandising

FOOD SCIENCE, NUTRITION & HEALTH PROMOTION

- Food and Nutrition
- Food Safety
- Food Science
- Food Science Technology
- Pre-Health Professions

HORTICULTURE

- Floral Management
- Floricultural and Ornamental
- Fruit and Vegetable Production

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY SCIENCE

- Child Development**
- Child Life
- Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Education
- Family Science
- Youth Development**

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

LANDSCAPE CONTRACTING

POULTRY SCIENCE

- Applied Poultry Management
- Science and Pre-Veterinary Science

ARCHITECTURE, ART AND DESIGN

CAAD.MSSTATE.EDU

ARCHITECTURE

ART, UNDECLARED*

- Fine Arts
- Graphic Design
- Photography

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SCIENCE

INTERIOR DESIGN

ARTS AND SCIENCES

CAS.MSSTATE.EDU

ANTHROPOLOGY

APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

- Botany
- Pre-Dental
- Pre-Health Records Administration
- Pre-Medical
- Pre-Nursing
- Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Veterinary
- Zoology

CHEMISTRY

- American Chemical Society
- Pre-Health
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Pharmacy

COMMUNICATION

- Broadcasting and Digital Journalism
- Communication and Media Studies**
- Print and Digital Journalism
- Public Relations**
- Theatre

CRIMINOLOGY

ECONOMICS

ENGLISH

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- Asian Studies
- Classics
- French
- German
- Spanish

GENERAL SCIENCE

GEOSCIENCES

- Broadcast Meteorology
- Environmental Geosciences
- Geographic Information Systems
- Geography
- Professional Geology
- Professional Meteorology

HISTORY**

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

- Entertainment Technology

LIBERAL ARTS

- Political Communication

MATHEMATICS

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

MICROBIOLOGY

- Pre-Veterinary Medicine

MUSIC

PHILOSOPHY

- Pre-Ministry
- Religion

PHYSICS

POLITICAL SCIENCE

- Pre-Law (Offered as a minor with any major)

PSYCHOLOGY**

SOCIAL WORK

SOCIOLOGY

BUSINESS ECONOMICS

BUSINESS.MSSTATE.EDU

ALL BUSINESS MAJORS OFFER A CONCENTRATION IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

BUSINESS ECONOMICS

BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS

FINANCE

- Risk Management and Insurance

MANAGEMENT

MARKETING

- Integrated Digital Marketing
- PGA Golf Management

SUPPLY CHAIN LOGISTICS

EDUCATION

EDUC.MSSTATE.EDU

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY**

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

- Early Childhood
- Middle School

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

- Industrial Automation**
- Industrial Coatings**
- Industrial Packaging**
- Manufacturing and Maintenance**
- Process Technology**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

KINESIOLOGY

- Clinical Exercise Physiology
- Neuromechanics
- Physical Activity and Coaching
- Physical Education and Coaching
- Sport Administration
- Strength & Conditioning

MUSIC EDUCATION

- Guitar
- Instrumental
- Piano
- Vocal

PERFORMANCE

- Guitar
- Keyboard
- Instrumental
- Vocal

SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Biology Education
- Chemistry Education
- English Education
- Mathematics Education
- Physics Education
- Social Studies Education

SPECIAL EDUCATION

ENGINEERING

BAGLEY.MSSTATE.EDU

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

- Aeronautics
- Astronautics

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

- Biomolecular Engineering
- Chemical Engineering Practice
- Chemical Engineering Research/Development

CIVIL ENGINEERING

- Environmental Engineering

COMPUTER ENGINEERING

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Artificial Intelligence
- Computational Science
- Human and Visual Computing
- Systems

CYBERSECURITY

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

- Power and Energy Systems*

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

PETROLEUM ENGINEERING

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

FOREST RESOURCES

CFR.MSSTATE.EDU

FORESTRY

- Environmental Conservation
- Forest Business
- Forest Management
- Urban Forestry
- Wildlife Management

NATURAL RESOURCE & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

- Natural Resource Law and Administration
- Natural Resource Technology
- Resource Conservation Science

SUSTAINABLE BIOPRODUCTS

WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE

- Conservation Biology
- Conservation Law Enforcement
- Human-Wildlife Interactions
- Wildlife Agriculture Conservation
- Wildlife Veterinary Medicine
- Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING STUDIES

CPCS.MSSTATE.EDU

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

- Applied Science
- Business Office Technology
- Public Management

VETERINARY MEDICINE

CVM.MSSTATE.EDU

VETERINARY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

*CONCENTRATIONS DECLARED IN SOPHOMORE YEAR PENDING PORTFOLIO REVIEW

**INDICATES PROGRAM IS ALSO OFFERED FULLY ONLINE THROUGH MSU ONLINE



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JUDY AND BOBBY SHACKOULS HONORS COLLEGE

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C210, GRIFFIS HALL

Academically talented Mississippi State students seeking to enhance and enrich their higher education experience should join the university's Shackouls Honors College. While the college enrolls more than 2,400 students, honors classes typically are limited to no more than 20. As a result, students receive individualized instruction from faculty members who challenge them to explore their full potentials.

Some advantages of being a part of the Shackouls Honors College include:

- All Honors freshmen typically live together in Griffis and Nunnelee halls, where they are encouraged to academically excel while enjoying the benefits of a dynamic social life. Both feature state of the art classrooms. Griffis is home to college offices, and both halls are located in the Zacharias Village.
- Freedom to explore and be challenged in small classes taught by top professors.
- Working directly with research faculty members.
- Individualized mentoring and assistance with applications for national and international fellowships and awards.
- Financial support for a variety of global adventures in, among other locations, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, Jamaica, Ecuador, Italy, and Spain.
- Opportunities to represent the college's student body and hone leadership skills by service on the Honors Council.
- Opportunities to give back to society through community service programs.
- Afforded priority registration status within an honor student's class cohort.
- Honors Diploma* and honors distinction on transcripts.

*Honors Diploma awarded to those students who successfully complete the *Cursus Honorum*.

honors.msstate.edu/curriculum/cursus-honorum

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Name:	Sample, Samantha S
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MSU ID:	929018030
Bill Date:	15-JUL-2024
Due Date:	01-AUG-2024
Term:	Fall 2024
Enrollment Hours:	15

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If there is a Balance Due, please make full payment or enroll in a payment plan by the statement due date. More information about payment options and payment plans is available at: www.paymybill.msstate.edu

If your balance is displayed in (parentheses), it means you have a (credit balance), and MSU may owe you a refund. More information about refunds and direct deposit can be found at: <https://www.controller.msu.edu/accountservices/tuition/refunds/>

If the Balance Due is \$0.00, no further action is required at this time.

If your awards remain in an Anticipated/Pending status for two or more billing cycles, please check your myState portal to ensure all financial aid requirements are satisfied. Once satisfied, Anticipated/Pending aid will be processed as a payment received on your account.

Total Charges	\$4,907.50
Less: Payments	\$0.00
Less: Anticipated Payments	\$2,732.00
Balance Due	\$2,175.50

Financial Aid (662) 325-2450

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Bill Date : 15-JUL-2024

Due Date : 01-AUG-2024

If mailing a check, please make check payable to MSU and enter your student ID number on the front. Payment must be received by the due date to avoid late fees and account holds.

Balance Due

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NEW STUDENT *checklist*



ACCOUNT SERVICES

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Welcome to Mississippi State! Tuition is the basic, comprehensive, multi-purpose charge all students must pay as a condition for enrollment. Assessed tuition and required fees cover the costs of education, as well as some student services or facility operations at Mississippi State.

To view current tuition and fee rates, visit controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/tuition.

Semester charges must be paid prior to the start of the term. Schedules may be canceled for students who have not paid their account or enrolled in a payment plan by the due dates shown below:

Fall Term: **August 1**
Spring Term: **January 1**
Summer Term: **July 1**

ACCOUNT BILLING

Because students are responsible for any charges to their Mississippi State accounts, the university provides a consolidated statement online around the 15th of each month, with a payment due date of the 1st of the following month. Notification emails will be sent to the student's msstate.edu email address monthly.

Account details are made available 24/7/365 through QuikPAY®. QuikPAY® is an online service site where students can make payments, review their account transactions and monthly billing statements, or authorize a payer to access account information and make payments on their behalf. To enter QuikPAY®, log in to the Mississippi State myState portal at my.msstate.edu and click *Make a Payment* in the *Financials* section of the Main page.

☐ Log in to QuikPAY® and view your account

PAYMENT PLANS

Mississippi State is pleased to offer payment plans that will allow you to pay tuition, residence halls, meal plans and other expenses through monthly installments.

☐ Enroll in a payment plan (optional) in the QuikPAY® system.
Learn more at controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/payment/plans.

AUTHORIZED PAYERS

Students may authorize other users (usually a parent) to access their account information and make payments to their account.

- ☐ Establish an authorized payer.

Visit controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/resources/payer to view the steps to authorize someone to pay on your behalf.

ACCOUNT REFUNDS

If a student's aid exceeds charges on the account, they may be entitled to a refund. Student refunds are made available through Mississippi State's automated service. Two options are available:

- **e-Refund (Direct Deposit)** to a student's checking or savings account. This is the preferred method as it is fast and safe; e-Refunds are processed on a daily basis.
- A confirmation email is sent to the student's msstate.edu email address. Bank account information must be updated whenever account changes have been made to ensure delivery.
- **Paper check refunds** will be processed on a weekly basis and will be mailed to the student's home address on file with the university.

- ☐ Enroll in direct deposit.

Learn more at controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/tuition/refunds.

PAYMENT METHODS

All payments to Mississippi State require use of a student's NetID or MSU ID number. Payments are accepted as follows:

- **Online through QuikPAY®:** e-Check or credit/debit cards (MasterCard, Discover, American Express, and Visa). *Note:* e-Check payments are free. Credit/debit card payments are assessed an additional 2.8% service/convenience fee and are accepted online only.
- **By mail:** check or money order. Please mail to the following address:
Account Services
P.O. Box 5328
Mississippi State, MS 39762-5328
- **In person at Garner Hall:** cash, check, or money order
- **By telephone:** e-Check



FINANCIAL AID

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Financial assistance to help pay for higher education comes primarily in the following forms:

- Grants and scholarships that don't have to be repaid.
- Loans, borrowed money that must be paid back.
- Federal Work-Study program to help cover expenses besides tuition and room and board, including books, supplies, transportation, etc.

Also, Mississippi State's Center for America's Veterans was created to assist students that are current or former members of the military or their dependents. For complete information about veteran and military education benefits, contact the center at **662.325.6719** or **veterans.msstate.edu**.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students must be admitted to Mississippi State in order to apply for scholarships. Once admitted, students should log in to their myState account, then complete, save, and submit the General Scholarship Application. After submitting this general application, additional opportunities may be recommended in your myState account based on your test scores, GPA, leadership and service, and applicant record. More opportunities, like departmental scholarships, may become available over time.

GRANTS

Grants provided to students by federal, state and institutional organizations are awarded on the basis of a family's financial need. The State of Mississippi provides several for state residents not based on financial need and in amounts that may vary each year. To apply each year:

- Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form.
- Mississippi resident students also should complete the online application at **msfinancialaid.org**.

Other sources of scholarships and financial assistance may be available through hometown clubs, churches and community organizations.

LOANS

Major federal student loans at MSU include:

- Federal Direct Stafford Loans (subsidized, based on financial need; unsubsidized, not based on financial need)
- Federal Direct PLUS Loan (credit based loan program for a dependent student's parents)

On some loans, students may choose not to make payments while enrolled at least half-time. Student borrowers must start repaying loans, however, after leaving school or dropping below half-time enrollment status. Students may choose to pay interest only while in school on the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford loan. Students qualifying for a loan will find out through the award letter. After the offer is accepted, completion of additional forms will be required. The award letter and Mississippi State Student Financial Aid website at **sfa.msstate.edu** will provide details.

WORK-STUDY AND STUDENT JOBS

Work-study and student jobs taking place part-time on campus are additional ways to help offset educational expenses. Some tips here include:

- A parent and student should submit FAFSAs early.
- Any amount for which the student qualifies will be indicated in the award letter and is the maximum amount that may be earned through the Federal Work-Study Program during the school year
- A typical work week usually involves 10-15 hours.
- Overtime shouldn't be considered since a student cannot earn more than the amount listed in the award letter.
- Since paychecks are issued semi-monthly, students should ensure the money goes to good use (for instance, textbooks instead of snacks).
- Because it covers hours actually worked during the previous pay period, the semi-monthly paycheck will not be available at the beginning of the semester for tuition and other charges.
- Within the first three workdays, a student must provide the employing office with an original passport, Social Security card or birth certificate, along with the student ID card/or driver's license.

For details on grants, loans, and work study, go to sfa.msstate.edu.

HOW TO APPLY FOR AID

COMPLETE THE 2023-24 FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

To apply for federal and state financial aid, first complete the 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the primary form for all types of federal aid, as well as some state and institutional aids. The steps to complete the FAFSA include:

- Both parent and student will need to use their 2022 federal tax return information when completing the 2024-25 FAFSA. Your contributors will each need their own studentaid.gov account before they can enter the FAFSA form.
- Before beginning the FAFSA, go to studentaid.gov and create a U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid identification.
- Once the FSA IDs are received, complete the 2024-25 FAFSA on the same studentaid.gov website.
- Once the FAFSA is completed, the student will receive a confirmation number.
- Mississippi State will receive an electronic copy of the student's FAFSA within seven business days.
- Regularly check the student myState account for FAFSA updates.

To receive maximum consideration for financial aid, it is critical for parents and students to submit the FAFSA and any required supporting documentation. The earlier a student submits the documents, the better chances he or she will have for available grants and work-study opportunities.



IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT FAFSA

Remember that some federal supplemental grants and institutional grants have limited funding and may be depleted by the time late applications are received. If the deadline is missed, any financial aid for which the student does qualify may not be finalized by the time classes start in the fall.

The Federal School Code is **002423** when listing Mississippi State University as the institution to receive the FAFSA results.

The student is responsible for periodically checking the FAFSA website regarding the application status or processing problems notifications. Status checks may be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week through myState using the MSU NetID and NetPassword.

Once admitted to MSU and after FAFSA results and other required documents have been received, Mississippi State's Student Financial Aid Department will determine the student's eligibility for aid and process an award. The student will be prompted by letter and/or e-mail to complete the online MSU Award Notification Letter.

STATE AID

Student aid from the State of Mississippi is for Mississippi residents only. (ex. Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant, Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant, Nissan Scholarship Program (March 1 deadline), H.E.L.P. Program) Complete the application as soon as possible after October 1 each year for the coming school year with application deadlines of March 31 and September 15. Apply online at msfinancialaid.org.

Students must earn 15 hours to be eligible for the following state aid programs:

- Higher Education Legislative Plan for Needy Students Scholarship (HELP)
- Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG)
- Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG)
- Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen Scholarship (LAW)

The Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid in Jackson will communicate with Mississippi students that submit an online state-aid application regarding proof of residency documentation, other required documents and state aid award amounts. For additional information, call **1.800.327.2980**.

FINALIZE THE AWARD

Entering students will receive an "Informational" award notification that will display initial awards that have been processed. The award recipient will be directed to myState to log in using his or her MSU NetID and NetPassword. The final step involves accepting or declining the awards and completing the online Supplemental Information Form.



RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID

Even after completing all FAFSA paperwork and receiving an award notice, a student is not yet done with the financial aid process. Some final steps include:

- A requirement for first-time recipients of a federal student loan to complete online entrance counseling that basically outlines what the loan is meant for, and responsibilities that the student must now manage the account. Go to **studentaid.gov** to complete the Stafford Entrance Loan Counseling.
- For first-time students borrowing with a Federal Direct Stafford Loan, there is a requirement to complete and submit a Master Promissory Note. Parents may also be required to complete a similar form for the Federal Direct PLUS Loan.
- Grant, scholarship, and loan funds typically are available at the beginning of each semester. As mentioned previously, work-study funds are earned and students are paid twice per month for the hours actually worked during the previous pay period.

LOSS OF AID AWARDS

Students receiving financial aid who withdraw or drop courses during a semester may have to repay funds already received. In some cases, educational award funding from external sources, other than those shown in the award letter, may cause what is known as an “over award” that results in a reduction or cancellation of federal, state or institutional awards previously provided.





HOW TO ACCEPT OR DECLINE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

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- Log in to your myState account.
- Under the Apps & Services, click *Banner*.
- Click *Student*.
- Under the Financial Aid and Scholarship column, click the link stating *Accept/Decline Scholarship Awards*.
- This will take you to a new window for the Scholarship Portal.
- Click the *Sign In* button. (This is located on the top right corner for computers and the bottom right corner for tablets or smartphones).
- Click the *Sign in with your Institution* button. If needed, login with your myState netID and netPassword.
- Click the *My Applications* heading toward the top left corner.
- Click on your scholarship name in the *Needs Attention* section to read the terms and conditions of your scholarships. Accept or decline your scholarship offer.

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- Log in to your myState account.
- Under the Apps & Services, click *Banner*.
- Click *Student*.
- Under the Financial Aid and Scholarship column, click the link stating *Accept/Decline Financial Aid Awards*.
- This will be a 3-step process (view awards and click *Next*, answer questions and click *Next*, accept/decline awards).



STUDENT MONEY MANAGEMENT CENTER

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The Student Money Management Center is a free student support service dedicated to providing personal finance guidance and resources to all Mississippi State students.

Come meet with a Money Mentor, a student coach for your finances, who can work with you one-on-one and step-by-step on your personal finance questions and goals! It's always free and confidential!

Schedule a session with a Money Mentor at smmc.msstate.edu if you have questions about:

- Paying for school
- Getting ahead of the tuition bills
- Building credit
- Budgeting
- Setting financial goals



BUDGETING



STUDENT LOANS



CREDIT



SAVINGS



INVESTING



& MORE!

Invest in your financial future and schedule your free peer coaching session to empower your financial success!



Mississippi State wants students to try new things. Encourage your student to take risks - join a registered student organization, try a new sport, or apply for a student leadership position. The only way to know if an activity is right is to give it a try. If an organization doesn't seem like a good fit, there is always an opportunity to try something else.

CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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COLVARD STUDENT UNION – 3RD FLOOR



COWBELL CONNECT

Mississippi State boasts over 300 student organizations, which have an ample amount of ways for students to get involved, meet other people, and make the most of their college experience. The best way to view these student organizations is by visiting the Cowbell Connect website, our student organization database, at cowbellconnect.msstate.edu, which will allow students to create a profile, search organizations, see upcoming events, and find ways to get involved.

DAWG DAYS

Dawg Days is an exciting collection of activities and events held to welcome new freshmen and transfer students to Mississippi State. Join us daily, beginning on August 16 through August 25, and enjoy all the food, music, movies, southern hospitality, and fun that Mississippi State has to offer! For Dawg Days' complete schedule, visit dawgdays.msstate.edu.



LYCEUM SERIES

The annual Lyceum Series offers exposure to the talents of national artists in a variety of performance areas, ranging from music to drama to dance. These programs are an essential part of expanding cultural and educational horizons. Mississippi State students can attend all events for free. For ticket information and future performances, please visit lyceum.msstate.edu.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Association is a student-run organization that acts as the governing body for the students. The student leaders are responsible for bringing fun, imaginative, diverse, educational, and entertaining events and programs to Mississippi State. To learn more about the Student Association and how to get involved, please visit sa.msstate.edu.



DAWGS AFTER DARK

Dawgs After Dark is a series of late-night and weekend events, which allows students to experience a variety of social events, including laser tag, movie nights, escape rooms, and more. The Dawgs After Dark series - usually held on Thursday, Friday or Saturday nights from 8-11 p.m. - is free for students.



FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

662.325.2930 | [GREEKS.MSSTATE.EDU](https://greeks.msstate.edu) | COLVARD STUDENT UNION – 3RD FLOOR

Fraternalities and sororities at Mississippi State promote a balance of academics, leadership, community service/philanthropy, and social events. Members of chapters at Mississippi State consistently maintain higher grades, graduate at a higher percentage, and find jobs or professional school placements at a higher rate than non-Greek affiliated students. Members volunteer in the local community and become involved in other campus organizations. Students involved in fraternities and sororities report a higher sense of belonging and overall happiness at the university.

For a list of all organizations and more information on ways to join, visit greeks.msstate.edu.

- Panhellenic Council - Sorority Recruitment: **August 15-20**
- National Pan-Hellenic Council - Icebreaker: **August 21**
- Interfraternity Council - Fraternity Recruitment: **August 23-27**
- National Pan-Hellenic Council & Multicultural Greek Council - Going Greek 10: **August 25**

CENTER FOR AMERICA'S VETERANS

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The G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Center for America's Veterans is a National Leader in providing comprehensive support through a University-based Veteran Resource Center. Located in Nusz Hall, the 7,500-square-foot facility includes private study rooms, a computer lab, complimentary printing services, student lounge, multipurpose meeting room, and Student Veteran Association office. The Center offers a variety of student services designed to support the unique needs of today's military-connected students, including veterans, service members, and dependents. Services include:

- Veteran Affairs Educational Benefits (G.I. Bill), counseling, and processing
- Scholarships
- Non-resident tuition waiver
- Mississippi Air/Army National Guard General Scholarship Program
- Veteran Affairs work-study program
- US Air Force, Air University Associate to Baccalaureate Cooperative Online Program
- Federal Tuition Assistance for all Military Service Branches



STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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MOSELEY HALL - C313 (3RD FLOOR)

The Office of Student Leadership and Community Engagement (SLCE) at Mississippi State strives to transform experiences through leadership education and engaging service experiences. SLCE aspires to educate, enlighten, and empower tomorrow's leaders.

MAROON VOLUNTEER CENTER

The Maroon Volunteer Center coordinates service opportunities throughout campus and the local community. Signature events include Service Dawgs Day, MLK Day of Service, Mississippi State's BIG Event, and Alternative Break Trips. For more information, go to mvc.msstate.edu.

MONTGOMERY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Established in 2006, the Montgomery Leadership Program (MLP) is a selection-based cohort experience for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The program is a multi-semester immersive leadership experience that culminates with a capstone project. To learn more, visit mlp.msstate.edu.





OFFICE OF STUDY ABROAD

662.325.8929 | STUDYABROAD.MSSTATE.EDU
@MSSTATESTUDYABROAD

The Office of Study Abroad presents Mississippi State students with an invaluable opportunity to broaden their horizons and gain fresh perspectives on the world while immersing themselves in a vibrant new culture. Those who engage in study abroad develop intercultural communication and problem-solving skills that are not easily attained in their home environment. By living in a new culture and conversing in a different language, students hone their abilities to overcome challenges. Furthermore, studying abroad enhances students' employment prospects, as their degree gains added value through their international experience.

Mississippi State's study abroad programs offer students a chance to apply for numerous scholarship opportunities, both locally and nationally. Financial aid options are available to make studying abroad more financially feasible. This past year, Mississippi State achieved a record number of students participating in study abroad programs, and the Office of Study Abroad looks forward to further expanding Mississippi State's reputation as an internationally-minded community. For more information, visit studyabroad.msstate.edu.





DIVISION OF ACCESS, OPPORTUNITY AND SUCCESS

662.325.2859 | ADI.MSSTATE.EDU

@AOS_MSSTATE

COLVARD STUDENT UNION - SUITE 220

The Office of Access and Success (AOS) provides students with resources and support throughout the college experience. From career exploration to tutoring, our office prepares students for success in college, graduation and beyond. Get involved with AOS's student organizations and programs:

- **The Promise Scholars Program** is designed to help fulfill Mississippi State's land-grant mission by offering academic scholarships and other opportunities to entering first-year students based on parental income. Students who are selected for the program will receive academic support, career exploration opportunities, and receive financial assistance.
- **The Thrive Scholars Program** provides independent status students with the comprehensive support necessary in navigating and maximizing their college experience as they pursue degree completion at Mississippi State.
- **TRiO Student Support Services** assists first-generation, low-income students with documented disabilities with the support, services, and resources needed to navigate their college experience and graduate from Mississippi State.



HOLMES CULTURAL DIVERSITY CENTER

662.325.2033 | HCDC.MSSTATE.EDU | [@MSSTATE_HCDC](https://www.instagram.com/MSSTATE_HCDC)
COLVARD STUDENT UNION - SUITE 222

Holmes Cultural Diversity Center (HCDC) is a home away from home, providing opportunities for campus involvement and a welcoming space for students of different backgrounds. Get involved with HCDC's student organizations and programs:

- **The Black Student Association** serves as the liaison between university administration and the African American student population. The Black Student Association is the official umbrella organization that all African American student organizations on campus fall under.
- **Black Voices**, established more than four decades ago, is a group of students committed to worshipping through the ministry of music and song.
- **F.L.A.R.E.** is a student organization, providing a welcoming environment in which individuals from all spectrums of the LGBTQ+ community can be themselves and feel affirmed.
- **The Indigenous Students & Allies Association** is an organization that serves to unify Indigenous students, faculty, staff and other communities interested in learning about Indigenous culture.
- **The Intelligent Dignified Elegant Ambitious Leaders (I.D.E.A.L.) Woman Program** is a leadership and professional development organization for minority women who value academic excellence, professional growth, leadership and community service.
- **The International Student Advisory Board** is a group of students, hailing from every corner of the world. Their main mission is to assist international students throughout their collegiate experience.
- **The Latino Student Association** is a group that works to foster cultural awareness, leadership skills and educational success for the Latin student community.
- **Linking International Students in the Community (L.I.N.C.)** provides an opportunity for international students to learn about the American culture and traditions through a family and/or mentor.
- **Men of Excellence** is a program that provides educational, social and community services to enhance the personal, professional and social growth in male students of color.
- **The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)** works to improve the political, social and economic status of minority groups. It works to eliminate prejudice and to spread awareness of the adverse effects of racial discrimination.



MSU ID CARD

All MSU students may obtain their official university identification card through the Campus Card Office in 108 Allen Hall. The card should be carried at all times since it is required for a variety of important services, including meal plans, residence hall access, admissions to certain athletic events, class attendance tracking, and at Account Services.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT LOSES THEIR MSU ID CARD?

When an MSU ID card is lost or stolen, a student should immediately report it by contacting the Campus Card Office at **662.325.3387** or, after business hours, the MSU Police Department at **662.325.2121**. The MSU ID card will then be deactivated and become non-functional. To obtain a new MSU ID card, visit the Campus Card Office as soon as possible in 108 Allen Hall. A replacement fee will be incurred and automatically billed to the student's account.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

662.325.0631 | 888.398.6394 | ITS.MSSTATE.EDU | SERVICEDESK@MSSTATE.EDU
117 ALLEN HALL

The mission of Information Technology Services (ITS) is to position Mississippi State University as a secure, collaborative, and innovative leader in technology.

Hours of operation are:

- Sunday:** 1 p.m. - 10 p.m. (midnight by phone)
- Monday - Thursday:** 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. (midnight by phone)
- Friday:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

PERSONAL COMPUTERS

Students who do not own a personal computer may take advantage of several university open-access computer labs. However, certain colleges and departments at Mississippi State require their students to own a personal computer, and may require or recommend specific hardware and software that could vary from the university baseline specifications. Students should check the corresponding college or department for recommended computer specifications and guidelines.

These units are known to have specific computer requirements:

- Adkerson School of Accountancy
- Bagley College of Engineering
- College of Business
- Communication
- Landscape Architecture
- School of Architecture
- Interior Design Program
- College of Veterinary Medicine

A student should follow the minimum specifications for desktop and laptop computers at servicedesk.msstate.edu/computer/studentspecs.

LAPTOP MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

Processor: Latest Generation Intel Core i5 or equivalent

Memory: 8 GB

Disk storage: 250 GB Solid State Drive (SSD)

Network connectivity: 100/1000 Mbps Ethernet and/or 802.11n/ac/ax wireless

Other external ports: USB

Warranty: three-year on-site manufacturer's warranty

Operating system (64-bit): Latest version of Windows or latest version of macOS

DESKTOP MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

Processor: Latest Generation Intel Core i5 or equivalent

Memory: 8 GB

Disk storage: 250 GB Solid State Drive (SSD)

Network connectivity: 100/1000 Mbps Ethernet

Other external ports: DVD-RW/CD-RW drive

Warranty: three-year on-site manufacturer's warranty

Operating system (64-bit): Latest version of Windows or latest version of macOS

NOTE: Chromebooks are not recommended.

SAFE COMPUTING TIPS

- Use long, hard-to-guess passphrases and never share NetPasswords.
- Duo, Mississippi State's Multi-Factor Authentication, is required for Mississippi State students. For more information go to servicedesk.msstate.edu/mfa.
- Use anti-virus and anti-spyware software that is updated regularly.
- Configure computers to receive automatic updates.
- Download software only from trusted sources after reading terms and conditions.
- Understand that unauthorized downloading or sharing of copyrighted materials such as music and movies is illegal and organizations such as the RIAA and MPAA vigorously pursue violators. For more information see filesharing.msstate.edu.
- While social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter have their place, students should exercise caution when posting information of a personal or sensitive nature on such sites. Always think before posting because that information will likely remain on the Internet for a long time.



SOFTWARE

Mississippi State's policy requires that all computers accessing the University network have anti-virus software installed. Both Windows and macOS have built-in anti-virus programs (Windows Defender for Windows and XProtect for macOS) and other security features designed to keep you safe and secure.

Students may download software such as Microsoft Office, SPSS, SAS, Autodesk products, and others at no cost from **servicedesk.msstate.edu/software**. In addition, students may download a copy of the Microsoft Windows 11 Education operating system at no cost from Microsoft Azure at **azureforeducation.microsoft.com/devtools**. Other discounted software is available to students through Barnes & Noble's campus e-store at **thinkEDU.com/BN**.

NETWORK CREDENTIALS

NETID

Each Mississippi State student is issued a unique electronic network identifier, or NetID, which is used to access a variety of Mississippi State information technology systems and services on the campus network.

NETPASSWORD

A NetPassword is used in conjunction with a NetID when logging in to Mississippi State information technology systems and services. The NetPassword website, **netpassword.msstate.edu**, is used to:

- Set an initial NetPassword prior to logging in to Mississippi State information technology systems and services for the first time
- Change a NetPassword periodically to keep it secure
- Reset a forgotten NetPassword

DUO

Duo is Mississippi State's multi-factor authentication, MFA, application which adds another layer of security when logging in to MSU information technology systems and services. The first factor required to log in is something you know, i.e. your NetID/NetPassword. The additional factor is something you have, typically your smartphone or tablet. Therefore, even if a hacker is able to get your NetID/NetPassword, they should not be able to log in to your account because they do not have your additional factor. For more information visit **servicedesk.msstate.edu/mfa**.



NETWORK CONNECTIVITY

Access to the MSU network and all its resources is provided via comprehensive wireless coverage in residence halls and in all major buildings. Students with a personal computer are encouraged to have the necessary hardware for both wired and wireless connectivity. Although wireless access is convenient, a wired connection is significantly faster and more reliable. Residence halls have high-speed Ethernet ports. Each port can accommodate a single computer. To take advantage of this high-speed network connection, students must have an Ethernet adapter in their computer and an Ethernet patch cable. This cable connects the Ethernet adapter in the computer to one of the room's Ethernet ports.

WIRELESS NETWORK CONNECTIVITY

Wireless network coverage is available in most buildings at the University. Instructions for configuring computers and mobile devices for the Mississippi State wireless network, eduroam, are available on the ITS website at servicedesk.msstate.edu/eduroam. Also, alternative wireless network authentication methods are available for consumer devices, such as gaming consoles, in residence halls. Instructions for configuring consumer devices for the Mississippi State wireless network are available on the ITS Service Desk website at servicedesk.msstate.edu/msu3. Wireless routers are not permitted to be installed by students.

MYSTATE

myState, Mississippi State's web portal, offers single sign-on access to systems and services such as Banner, Canvas, and eForms. myState is available at my.msstate.edu or through the myState link located in the upper right portion of the Mississippi State home page, msstate.edu.

MYBANNER

myBanner allows students access to a number of services including registration, academic records, financial aid and scholarship information, account information, enrollment verification, and personal information. myBanner is available within the myState portal by selecting the Banner page from Apps & Services sidebar menu.

CANVAS

Canvas is the learning management system (LMS) used in the delivery of online instruction at Mississippi State. Canvas is accessed through the myState portal by selecting Canvas from the Apps & Services sidebar menu or by going to canvas.msstate.edu.

CANVAS STUDENT MOBILE APP

The Canvas Student Mobile app allows access to Canvas courses from mobile devices. The app allows students to view grades and course content, submit assignments, keep track of course work, send and receive messages, post to discussion groups, and watch videos. The app is available at no cost for iOS and Android devices from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

PARENT PORTAL

Students can give parents and others access to view a summary of their academic information including class schedule, grades, absences, account balance, financial aid, and meal plan use. To grant someone access to the Parent Portal, go to the myState portal, choose Banner from the Apps & Services sidebar, and under the *Student* drop down menu, choose F.E.R.P.A. Release & Parent Portal Access.



MICROSOFT 365 STUDENT EMAIL

Mississippi State assigns every student an official email address of netid@msstate.edu and uses this email address for official communication with students. It is important that students regularly check their Microsoft 365 email (Outlook) and maintain it in good working order. To access Microsoft 365, select Microsoft 365 from the Apps & Services sidebar menu of the myState portal or browse to **m365.msstate.edu**.

OPEN COMPUTER LABS

Open computer labs are available for student use in Mitchell Memorial Library. These open labs have both Mac and Windows computers, as well as laser printers. Charges for printing are automatically assessed and posted to the student's Banner account. Rates for printing, as well as operating hours and other information, can be found at **servicedesk.msstate.edu/labs**.

JUMP START FOR NEW STUDENTS

- Set your initial NetPassword. Use a hard-to-guess password, don't share it with anyone, and don't use it elsewhere on the internet.
- Verify registration of your mobile devices in Duo.
- Connect to the eduroam wireless network using your netid@msstate.edu email address and NetPassword.
- Update online directory information such as your Maroon Alert cell phone number and choose which directory information other students can see.
- Verify operating system and browser updates are being automatically installed.
- Verify anti-virus software is installed and up-to-date.
- Download the Canvas Student app.
- Grant Parent Portal access as appropriate.
- Never open email attachments from unknown people/senders and look out for potential phishes and scams.
- Be cautious of all requests for personal information.
- Visit **filesharing.msstate.edu** to understand the consequences of illegally sharing copyrighted materials such as movies and music.
- Be careful about what you post on social media.
- Make regular backup copies of data, especially if essential to school or work.
- Never leave a laptop or mobile device unattended in a public setting.
- ITS will NEVER ask for your NetPassword; be wary of anyone who does.
- The ITS Service Desk is available to answer questions and assist as needed.



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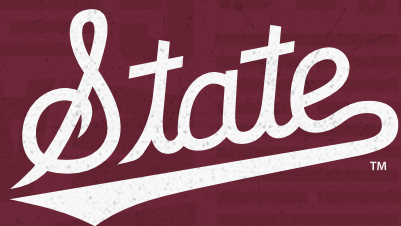
Traditions

Bulldog Network
Tradition Keeper
Bingo Night



Study Break
Class Ring
Senior Celebration

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ATHLETICS

STUDENT ALL-SPORT 2024-2025 Pass

[HAILSTATE.COM/STUDENTTICKETS](https://hailstate.com/studenttickets)

2024 HOME FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

EASTERN KENTUCKY | AUGUST 31

FIRST SATURDAY IN STARKVEGAS

TOLEDO | SEPTEMBER 14

FLORIDA | SEPTEMBER 21

TEXAS A&M | OCTOBER 19

ARKANSAS | OCTOBER 26

UMASS | NOVEMBER 2

MISSOURI | NOVEMBER 23

ATHLETIC INTERNSHIPS

[HAILSTATE.COM/EMPLOYMENT](https://hailstate.com/employment)

CHECK FOR INTERNSHIPS THROUGHOUT OUR ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT IN AREAS LIKE MARKETING, FAN EXPERIENCE, SEC NETWORK, GAME OPS, STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING, CREATIVE VIDEO, PHOTOGRAPHY AND CREATIVE DESIGN.

MAROON MEMORIES

[HAILSTATE.COM/MEMORIES](https://hailstate.com/memories)

MISSISSIPPI STATE ATHLETICS STRIVES TO GIVE YOU THE BEST GAME DAY EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE BY OFFERING BEHIND-THE-SCENES ACCESS AND UPGRADES FOR ALL FANS. LET US ENHANCE YOUR GAME DAY EXPERIENCE! BEGIN MAKING YOUR MAROON MEMORIES TODAY!



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[HAILSTATE.COM/REWARDS](https://hailstate.com/rewards)

WHAT IS HSR?

HAIL STATE REWARDS IS THE FREE STUDENT PROGRAM THAT REWARDS STUDENTS FOR ATTENDING MSU ATHLETIC EVENTS. AS STUDENTS EARN POINTS, THEY CAN REDEEM THEM FOR GREAT GEAR AND PRIZES! THE POINTS YOU EARN NOW AS A STUDENT WILL GIVE YOU A HEAD START TOWARDS BULLDOG CLUB PRIORITY POINTS ONCE YOU GRADUATE!

HOW DO YOU JOIN?

- THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO START EARNING POINTS TODAY:
1. DOWNLOAD THE HAIL STATE REWARDS APP! JUST SEARCH HAIL STATE REWARDS IN THE APP STORE OR GOOGLE PLAY STORE NOW!
 2. GO TO [HAILSTATE.COM/REWARDS](https://hailstate.com/rewards) AND CLICK "JOIN" TO GET STARTED!

HOW DO YOU START EARNING POINTS?

ONCE YOU BECOME A HSR MEMBER, BE SURE TO CHECK-IN TO THE APP TO RECEIVE YOUR POINTS! HAVING THE HSR APP PUSH NOTIFICATIONS TURNED ON AND FOLLOWING @HAILSTATEREWARDS ON TWITTER WILL KEEP YOU IN THE KNOW FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWLY-RELEASED PRIZES!

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

STARKVILLEARTS.NET

Art in Public Places is a year-round program where artists are given public exhibit space to sell their work in a variety of group and solo shows.

BULLDOG BASH

MSUBULLDOGBASH.COM

Bulldog Bash takes place each fall on an away football game weekend in downtown Starkville. In addition to live musical concerts, the event features a major pep rally and an array of food vendors.

CHARLES TEMPLETON RAGTIME JAZZ FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL.LIBRARY.MSSTATE.EDU

Charles Templeton Ragtime Jazz Festival is held during the spring semester and features a blend of major and mini concerts, seminars and tours of the Charles H. Templeton Sr. Music Museum at Mitchell Memorial Library.

COTTON DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL AND TASTE OF STARKVILLE

STARKVILLEARTS.NET

Held each fall in the historic Cotton District in Starkville, Mississippi, the festival blends incredible art, music, and food into a showcase event. The festival is host to more than 125 artisans, as well as a Juried Art competition and show, Writer's Village, Taste of Starkville restaurant competition, Pet Parade, Student Art competition, and much more.

INTERNATIONAL FIESTA

International Fiesta is sponsored each April by the Richard Holmes Cultural Diversity Center. Members of the campus and Starkville communities come together to celebrate and experience various world cultures, including representative food items and entertainment activities.

KING COTTON CRAWFISH BOIL

STARKVILLE.ORG/VISIT/EVENTS/KING-COTTON-CRAWFISH-BOIL

Held at the Fire Station Park in downtown Starkville, bragging rights are on the line as local cooking teams show their best crawfish recipes along with add-ins and fixins.

MAGNOLIA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL

MAGNOLIAFILMFEST.COM

Mississippi's oldest film festival, Magnolia Independent Film Festival is held in February and affords opportunities to view more than two dozen independent films.

PUMPKINPALOOZA

STARKVILLE.ORG/VISIT/EVENTS/PUMPKINPALOOZA

Pumpkinpalooza is a fall semester family event held around Halloween in downtown Starkville that features a locally grown pumpkin patch, trick-or-treating with local merchants, live music and other fun events.



OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT SERVICES

662.325.3611 | OCSS.MSSTATE.EDU
YMCA BUILDING - GROUND FLOOR

Mississippi State University's Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS) exists to positively impact and benefit students, the university, and the surrounding area. OCSS provides centralized resources and support to cultivate independent life skills, develop strong civic leaders, and foster involvement in the University and the Starkville community.

We help students who are currently, or considering, living off campus and strive to provide students with the resources necessary to have a positive off-campus experience. OCSS is housed within the Dean of Students' Office, a part of the Division of Student Affairs.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

SAM D. HAMILTON NOXUBEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

FWS.GOV/REFUGE/NOXUBEE

Located 13 miles south of Starkville, the 48,000-acre Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee Wildlife Refuge is home to bald eagles, alligators, red-cockaded woodpeckers, bobcats, wild turkeys and other animals native to the region. In addition to hunters and fishers, regular visitors include birdwatchers, hikers and photographers. The Refuge, as it's known to most, also has several nature trails and observation decks.

OTHER OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Also near Starkville are the John W. Starr Memorial Forest, an 8,200-acre natural woodlands park to the south; and the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway to the east that offers 1,000 miles of shoreline and 110,000 acres of land and water for fishing, boating, skiing, camping, hiking, and swimming.

Within the city limits, Starkville's Parks and Recreation Department maintains six public parks (**662.323.2294**, starkvilleparks.com). Starkville in Motion, a private organization, promotes bike trails, hiking trails, sidewalks, and more within the city.

Starkville, which bills itself as "Mississippi's College Town," offers a variety of entertainment opportunities that range from concerts to rodeos. To check the calendar of events, visit members.starkville.org/events/calendar.



ADDITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS INCLUDE:

UEC Hollywood Premier Cinemas,
10-screen movie

662.320.9000 | uecmovies.com

Skate Odyssey,
roller skating rink

662.323.8821 | msskate.com

Southern Billiards, 662.323.8821

Mississippi Horse Park,
Agricenter and Fairgrounds

662.325.9350 | mshorsepark.com

Starkville Community Theatre

662.323.6855 | sct-online.org

DISTINCTIVE DISTRICTS

COTTON DISTRICT

Probably Starkville's most photographed area and a model for "New Urbanism" architecture, this area just off campus once included a collection of row houses and substandard residences associated with the neighborhood cotton mill. Today, it is filled with award-winning, brightly colored buildings evocative of Savannah, Charleston and New Orleans.

DOWNTOWN STARKVILLE

662.323.3322 | STARKVILLE.ORG

The city's earliest identity as "Boardtown" disappeared with the massive sawmill and literal boardwalks, but Starkville has kept the flavor and character of its "boomtown" years around the turn of the 20th century. Well-preserved churches and the downtown 1925 Hotel Chester (on the National Register of Historic Places) add character and charm.

NASH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

Mississippi State faculty and staff members built this neighborhood, Starkville's earliest subdivision, consisting of Tudor-Revival, bungalow and craftsman styles dating from the early- and mid-20th century.

GREENSBORO STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

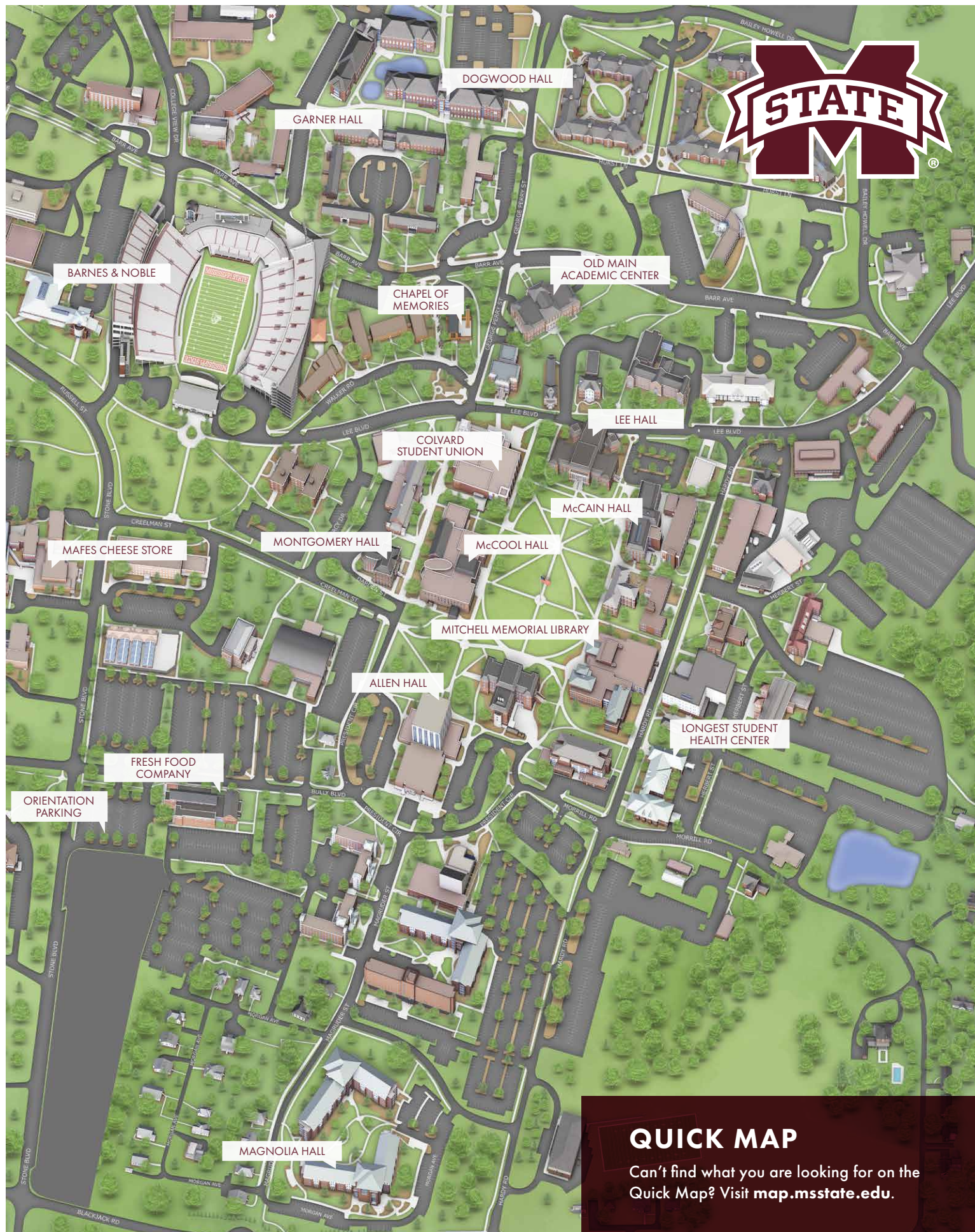
Cotton-hauling wagons that negotiated "Greensboro Road" on their way to the Tombigbee River were long gone by the time Starkville's prosperous merchants and professionals made Greensboro Street the address of choice for their Victorian, Tudor-Revival, bungalow and craftsman homes from the 1860s through the 1930s.

OVERSTREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

Houses built close to both downtown and Overstreet School (circa 1894) form Starkville's largest historic district. Overstreet homes range from ornate Queen Anne to mid-20th century craftsman and bungalow styles. An occasional cook's or smoke house found behind some main structures are reminders of another era. The district is bordered by Washington Street to the west, Wood Street to the south, South Montgomery to the east and Hogan Street to the north.



NOTES



QUICK MAP

Can't find what you are looking for on the Quick Map? Visit map.msstate.edu.