

University of Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg USA



The University

The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) was founded in 1910, and possesses the sixth oldest Honours College in the nation among public universities. In almost a century it has grown to encompass two campuses with 13,110 students and is now ranked as a top 150 Carnegie Foundation and is a premier, comprehensive university distinguished by its established excellence in undergraduate education and nationally known programmes. With over 200 musical concerts performed on campus each year, and a wealth of traditional 'Southern Miss' social events, student life thrives at USM.

University website: <http://www.usm.edu>



Location

Forget the myths you may have heard about Mississippi, this is the 'New South' that invites diversity, attracts economic growth, and embraces new ideas. The USM campus is set in Hattiesburg which, with a population of approximately 50,000, is one of the South's fastest-growing and most progressive cities. Hattiesburg lies in the southern part of Mississippi and is known as the 'Hub City' for its central location to New Orleans, Louisiana, Mobile, Alabama, Jackson (the state's capital), and the Gulf of Mexico. For more information about Hattiesburg go to:

www.hattiesburgms.com

Travel

The University is served by New Orleans, Jackson or Mobile Airports.

Airport pickup available from New Orleans Airport

More information on getting to USM is available from:
<http://www.usm.edu/english-language-institute/location>



Immigration

The University of Exeter produces a visa factsheet for students travelling to the United States, including approximate costs.

For further information:

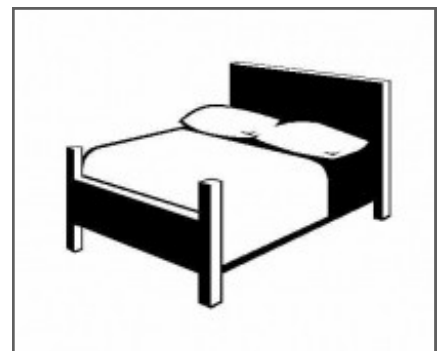
<http://www.exeter.ac.uk/international/abroad/exchange/visa/>

Housing

International Students are automatically registered for campus housing in double occupancy unless otherwise noted. Rent for one semester costs \$2,125.00 (double occupancy) and \$4,200.00 (private room). <http://www.usm.edu/residence-life>

Students living on campus are required to purchase a meal plan through Southern Miss Dining Services. The cost of a meal plan is from \$1,259.00

: <http://www.campusdish.com/en-US/CSS/UnivSouthernMS/MealPlans/ResidentMemberships.htm>





Health Insurance

Due to stringent U.S. Health Insurance requirements, USM *strongly* encourage students to opt for Southern Miss health insurance upon arrival.

Premiums for 2010/11 are \$622 for the Fall Semester, and \$862 for the Spring Semester or \$1484 for the academic year.

Term Dates

Fall Semester 2012		Spring Semester 2013	
Orientation begins	16 August	Orientation begins	18 January
Classes begin	22 August	Classes begin	22 January
Fall Break	18-19 October	Mardi Gras Holiday	11-12 February
Thanksgiving holiday	21-23 November	Spring Break	11-15 March
Classes end	7 December	Classes end	10 May
Exam period	10-13 December	Exam period	13-16 May



Services

Student services: <http://www.usm.edu/student-life>

Course Requirements

To maintain your student visa status you must take a minimum of 12 credits of study per semester. For further information on courses offered in the various departments at USM go to: www.usm.edu/soar. Once assigned a student ID number you may log in and search for courses. Online tutorial available at: http://www.usm.edu/lec/training/soardocs/89/online_tutorials/Stu_SSC_Intro/Stu_SSC_Intro%20Published.html.

Until you are assigned a USM ID you may use the 'Guest Log-in', but refer to tutorial above to learn how to utilize 'Southern's Online Accessible Records' (SOAR).



Application

- 1 February 2012** Deadline for submitting internal application form accompanied by personal statement, transcript of studies to date and 2 academic references.
- 8 February 2012** Allocation of host institution made (in liaison with Study Abroad Co-ordinators). Students notified and provided with relevant host institution application form.
- 1 March 2012** Deadline for submitting host institution application form and any additional supporting documentation required (e.g. transcript, photographs, financial statements, housing applications etc).



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