Student organizations that obtain official recognition from the University of Mississippi are referred to as Registered Student Organizations (RSOs).

This policy outlines the rights and privileges RSOs are afforded, provides an overview of how to create a RSO and details University expectations of RSOs.

All student organizations are subject to University policies and may face disciplinary action through the Office of Conflict Resolution & Student Conduct for violating such policies and other guidelines applicable to RSOs.

**Rights and Privileges of Registered Student Organizations**

All RSOs are afforded certain rights and privileges. Registered student organizations:

- May reserve available University facilities without charge or at discounted rates.
- May sponsor certain activities both on and off campus.
- Have the right to participate in numerous University-sponsored events including, but not limited to, Rebel Roundup at Orientation and the Get Involved Fair.
- May request funding support from the Associated Student Body (ASB) and/or request funding support from University offices and departments.
- May apply for resources (i.e., space or storage) in the Ole Miss Student Union.
- May receive assistance with marketing events through the Office of Leadership & Advocacy, including a listing of the organization’s name, contact information, and social media.

**Application to Create a Registered Student Organization**

Enrolled students desiring to form a RSO may complete an Application to Create a Registered Student Organization at any time. This application can be accessed by clicking on the following link: https://orgsync.com/org_registration/new?umbrella_id=21120. This application can also be accessed by downloading the OrgSync app, clicking on the institution name (The University of Mississippi), and signing in with a University WebID and password. The application should include the following:

- Names and UM ID numbers of students (minimum of three) making the request;
- Name of a full-time University faculty and/or staff member who has agreed to serve as the organization’s advisor;
- Statement of purpose;
- Constitution; and
- Risk management assessment.
The Office of Leadership & Advocacy will respond to the students listed on the application within three business days of receipt of the application. All new RSOs will be required to attend Registered Student Organization Orientation.

**Annual Renewal for Registered Student Organizations**

All University of Mississippi RSOs are required to renew their organization annually. This process is completed using MSync. The Office of Leadership & Advocacy will communicate the dates for RSO renewal well in advance.

The following information must be updated during the Annual RSO Renewal:

- Names and UM ID numbers of students and advisor(s) authorized to conduct business on behalf of the RSO for the upcoming academic year;
- Notification of any changes, additions, or edits made to the RSO’s constitution since the last renewal;
- Changes to the RSO’s web address and/or any social media platforms;
- Information that outlines the RSO’s membership process;
- Updated roster information reflecting the membership of the RSO;
- Contact information for any umbrella and/or national organization with which the RSO is affiliated;
- Information and/or changes to the RSO’s banking account information;
- Risk management assessment.

RSOs that fail to complete RSO Renewal by the established deadline will be declared inactive and will forfeit the rights and privileges granted to RSOs until the renewal is completed.

**Registered Student Organization Orientation**

Registered Student Organization Orientation is coordinated by the Office of Leadership & Advocacy. RSO Orientation is a required training and takes place monthly. Orientation sessions provide members of RSOs an overview of RSO expectations, available resources, pertinent dates and events, and the opportunity to ask desired questions.

Registered student organizations are required to have at least two members of their organization who are listed on the registration or renewal form attend at least one RSO Orientation annually. At least one of these individuals must be a member of the RSO’s executive leadership (the equivalent of what would be considered the president, vice president, treasurer, or secretary). If the RSO cannot arrange appropriate attendance at the RSO Orientation due to extenuating circumstances, alternative arrangements can be made with the Office of Leadership & Advocacy. In cases where an RSO does not meet this requirement, that RSO may be declared inactive and will forfeit rights and privileges granted to RSOs.

**Registered Student Organization Digital Platform**
MSync is the official digital platform for RSO operations. MSync may be accessed by logging into the following link using a student WebID and password: https://orgsync.com/login/university-of-mississippi.

Student Organization Handbook
The University of Mississippi Policy Directory is the official governing document of the University, and RSOs are responsible for knowing and understanding the policies of the University of Mississippi. Any additional requirements for RSOs are outlined in the Student Organization Handbook. Organizations that fail to follow the policies and guidelines set forth in these documents may forfeit the rights and privileges granted to student organizations.

Risk Management Training for High Risk Registered Student Organizations
Registered student organizations considered to be high risk per the risk management assessment are required to attend additional risk management training on an annual basis. The Office of Leadership & Advocacy will provide opportunities for risk management training each semester. The Office of Leadership & Advocacy may also designate other University departments to provide applicable training. If this requirement is not met, organizations will be declared inactive and will forfeit those rights and privileges that are granted to RSOs.

On-Campus Housing
Registered student organizations will not be officially recognized by the University, may lose official University recognition as a RSO, or may face other penalties or sanctions if it occupies an on-campus facility that is not equipped with an approved automatic fire sprinkler system to be in compliance with the National Fire Code (NFPA) Standard 13 as published by the National Fire Protection Association.

Use of University Logos
Recognized student organizations may use the University’s marks, logos, insignia, and trade dress in connection with the organization or its events if they receive prior permission from the University of Mississippi Department of Licensing. Additional information regarding University guidelines for using licensed information and/or graphics of the University may also be located by going to the following website: (http://csm.olemiss.edu/licensing).