Class Schedules and Registration

**Advising and Student Responsibility** • The university provides an academic advising system that requires each student to consult with an academic adviser prior to each registration period. The adviser’s role is to assist the student in making course selections and to approve the student’s schedule. The student, however, bears the ultimate responsibility for making appropriate choices when scheduling classes, including schedule changes made during the drop-add period. Although colleges, schools, and departments may monitor the final class schedule of students in their respective programs, the student also bears the ultimate responsibility for meeting all degree requirements. Where there is doubt concerning requirements, authoritative information may be obtained from the office of the student’s academic dean.

**Prerequisites** • Some courses have prerequisites, which are listed in the Courses of Instruction chapter of this catalog. A student may not take a course unless these prerequisites have been met. Exceptions can only be made in special cases with the prior consent of the instructor, the department chair, and the dean.

In a continuous course sequence (such as ENGL 101, 102 or MATH 261, 262, 263, 264), the prior courses are prerequisite to the subsequent courses unless otherwise stated. Thus, a student who has failed one semester of a continuous course sequence may not take a subsequent course in that sequence until the failed course has been passed. In the case of modern language sequences (such as SPAN 101, 102, 201, 202), a student may begin at any level but then must take any subsequent courses in order.

**Registration Eligibility** • To be eligible to register for classes, a student must be: (1) a new student who applies for admission and receives a CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION, (2) a continuing student from the preceding regular semester or summer term, or (3) a former student, not enrolled in the preceding regular semester or summer term, who applies for re-admission and receives a CERTIFICATE OF RE-ADMISSION.

**New Student Registration** • Each new undergraduate student attends an orientation session prior to, or at the beginning of, the student’s first semester. During this session, new students are given special assistance in setting up their first class schedule and are able to register for their classes. (See beginning of Student Affairs chapter.)

**Responsibility for Fees** • Students accept the responsibility for maintaining acceptable grades and for the payment of fees at the time they preregister. Fee payments are handled by mail. If a student has not made arrangements to pay fees or withdraw from the university by the end of the regular registration period, the student will be assessed the late registration fee.

**Full-time Course Load and Maximum Course Load** • Full-time enrollment at the undergraduate level is defined as 12 credit hours for a fall or spring regular registration period. This definition does not depend on the mode of course delivery or the location of the course.
However, courses taken as Independent Study are not counted toward the course load of a given semester. The maximum course load is 21 hours for a regular semester. Students are advised not to take more than 18 hours without a compelling reason and a cumulative GPA four-tenths of a point above 2.0 for each extra hour desired. To register for more than 18 hours, a student must seek permission from his or her dean’s office.

Priority Registration • Continuing students may register for the next semester’s classes by using the university’s World Wide Web page on the Internet (www.olemiss.edu). Schedule booklets are distributed about six weeks before the end of a semester. An academic adviser must approve each student’s schedule. The time when a student may begin registration varies for different categories of students; priorities for various groups are listed in the schedule booklet. Students accept the responsibility for maintaining acceptable grades and for the payment of fees at the time they preregister. Fee payments are handled by mail. If a student has not made arrangements to pay fees or withdraw from the university by the end of the regular registration period, the student will be assessed the late registration fee.

Registration • Students also may register for a semester during the several days prior to the beginning of classes. After consultation with an academic adviser, the student selects a schedule using the Web page system, and fees are paid on campus.

Late Registration • Students who do not register before classes begin have until the last day to register, which is the 10th day of classes of a regular semester, to complete the process. During this period, a late registration fee will be assessed. No student will be permitted to register for classes after the last day to register without a serious and compelling reason approved by the dean of the student’s school or college. In no case may a student register after the last regular class day in any semester.

Late Payment of Fees • Completed enrollment includes the payment of tuition and fees. Students who anticipate late payment for good reason may appeal to the Late Registration Committee by submitting a petition letter to the bursar prior to the last day to register. Students whose petitions are approved are assessed, in addition to the late fee, a reinstatement fee plus a fee for each class day from the last day to register until payment is received. Students completing registration after the last day to register will not be permitted to use the deferred payment plan. Fee payment is not permitted after the last regular class day in any semester.

Drop-Add Procedures • Students may add courses, using the online Web page, through the fifth day in which classes meet during a regular semester. After the fifth day, students must have the approval of the instructor in the course. After the 10th day of classes (the last day to register), courses may be added only under extraordinary circumstances approved by the dean of the school or college in which the student is enrolled, and a small fee will be assessed per added course. In no case may a student add a class after the last regular class day in any semester. A student may drop any course, using the registrar’s Web page, until the course withdrawal deadline, which is 4:45 p.m. on the 30th day in which classes meet during a regular semester. However, after the 10th day of classes a small fee will be assessed per dropped course. No indication of enrollment in a course properly dropped will be shown on any university record.
Late Withdrawal from a Course • After the course withdrawal deadline, a student may drop a course only in cases of extreme and unavoidable emergency as determined by the student’s academic dean. Unacceptable reasons for late withdrawal include dissatisfaction over an expected grade or a change in a student’s degree program or major. In no case may a class be dropped after the last regular class day in any semester, session, or term.

Courses dropped after the course withdrawal deadline will still appear on the student’s official transcript. The W mark will be recorded if the student is passing the course at the time of withdrawal; the F grade will be recorded if the student is failing.

Withdrawal from the University • A student who wishes to withdraw from the university during the course of a semester or summer term can withdraw online at my.olemiss.edu, or they can provide written notification either via fax, mail, or in person to the Office of the Registrar. Appropriate university offices (Student Housing, Financial Aid, Bursar, ID Center, Library, and Academic Dean) will be notified of the withdrawal. Full refunds of tuition and fees (minus a processing fee) are given for withdrawals during the first 10 days of classes of a regular semester, and no refunds are given after the 10th day of classes. Students who withdraw must apply for readmission if not enrolling for the subsequent term.

A student required to withdraw from the university for involuntary military service may be given full credit for course work in progress provided at least four-fifths of the course requirements have been completed. The student’s academic dean will decide if the four-fifths requirement is met, and the student’s instructors will decide whether or not final examinations will be required.

In the case of an unofficial withdrawal, the university will determine the appropriate date of withdrawal to be that of the midpoint of the term, unless the student can document a different date. All students should be aware that withdrawing (either officially or unofficially) can adversely affect scholarships and grants (Academic Excellence, MTAG, etc.) for the next term of attendance. The Office of Financial Aid can provide guidance in those cases. Refund, repayment and withdrawal policies are subject to change, without notice, in order to comply with administrative and regulatory requirements.

Summer Term Deadlines • During a summer term, the last day for full refunds on complete withdrawals is the third day of classes, which is the last day to register or add courses, and the course withdrawal deadline is the 10th day of classes.