

# The Office of Global Education International Student's Guidebook



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For fire, ambulance or law enforcement, **dial 911 for emergencies**, or call these numbers:

**Campus Security** ..... 601.925.3204

### **Fire Department**

Clinton..... 911 or 601.924.1010

### **Medical Centers/Hospitals**

Healthplex (Campus) ..... 601.925.7900

Baptist Medical Center .....601.968.1000

### **City Police**

Clinton .....911 or 601.924.5252

### **Sheriff's Department**

Hinds County ..... 911 or 601.974.2900

### **Highway Patrol**

Hind's County ..... 911 or 601.987.1212

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# Welcome to Mississippi College (MC)!

On behalf of the staff at the Office of Global Education, I would like to welcome all of our international students to Mississippi College.

Mississippi College takes great pride in 190 years of academic excellence. We offer over 80 undergraduate programs, a first-class law school, a doctor of education leadership degree, and a doctor of professional counseling degree. At MC you will receive a solid education from our committed, excellent, and caring professors and staff.

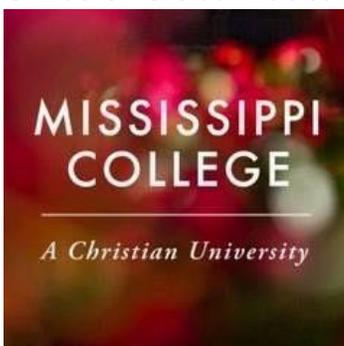
Consider the Office of Global Education (OGE) as your “home away from home.” Our office is here to serve you. We offer advice on a variety of important academic and life issues, including course selection, academic advancement, visa retention, and health insurance questions. Please stop by our office as frequently as you wish, and use our website [www.mc.edu/international](http://www.mc.edu/international) as a resource for securing up-to-date information concerning your study here and as an aide for answering questions about life as a student at MC.

During your academic pursuits at MC, we want you to both study hard and also get involved in extracurricular activities on campus. Mississippi is known as the hospitality state, so you will have plenty of opportunities to explore our culture and heritage and also get to know the locals. Enjoy your time here! Finally, it is our sincere hope that looking back one day you can call these years at MC some of the best years of your life.

Once again, welcome to MC!



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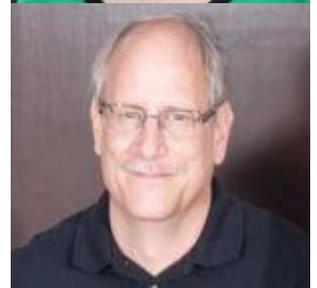
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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

There is a lot of useful information in this handbook—it covers everything from obtaining your visa to where to shop and dine in Clinton, Mississippi. But if you're like most people, you won't take the time to read it unless your most pressing questions are addressed first. Well, you're in luck!

**Q** How do I apply for a student (F-1) visa to come to the United States?

**A** Please visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study/student-visa.html> for visa application information. The procedure is slightly different from one U.S. consulate to another, so you will want to read the information for the particular consulate that you plan to visit.

**Q** When may I arrive?

**A** The consulate or embassy abroad can process your visa up to 120 days (F-1 Students) before the start date of your academic program. You may enter the country as early as 30 days prior to the program start date that is noted in item #5 on your I-20 or item #3 on DS-2019. You will not be expected to arrive on campus, however, until the arrival date on your I-20 or DS-2019.

**Q** What should I do when I arrive at Mississippi College?

**A** In accordance with immigration regulations, you must provide us with copies of your immigration documents upon arrival. These regulations apply to students from outside the United States, as well as to students transferring to Mississippi College from another U.S. school. Questions about class registration, student ID cards, medical records and getting settled on campus will be answered during orientation, which is mandatory for all new and transfer students.

**Q** When can I move in to MC housing? – (Only applies to Undergraduate Students)

**A** You will not be able to move in to MC housing until two days before the first day of orientation, which usually coincides with the start date on your I-20. Further details on moving in to campus housing can be found at [www.mc.edu/offices/residence-life](http://www.mc.edu/offices/residence-life).

**Q** I don't have anywhere to live when I arrive. Who can help me?

**A** If you plan to live on campus, you can visit [www.mc.edu/offices/residence-life](http://www.mc.edu/offices/residence-life). Should you choose to live off campus, the Office of Global Education maintains a list of websites that will assist you in finding an apartment. For a full list, visit the Appendix.

**Q** Is there public transportation available in Clinton?

**A** Mississippi College offers a shuttle van service to nearby apartment complexes and hotels.

**Q** Am I required to have health insurance?

**A** All international students must purchase health insurance through Mississippi College which provides medical, medical evacuation, and repatriation coverage. Any other health insurance (except through a government sponsored program, must be approved by the Office of Global Education before the insurance policy is purchased. In addition an insurance waiver form (available on-line) must be completed.

**Q** What do I do if I want a family member to visit me?

**A** The Office of Global Education will assist you in bringing your spouse and children to the United States. The process includes requesting completion of forms I-20 or DS-2019, along with financial documentation. The process is very similar to when you obtained your visa, since your family will be required to apply for the F-2 or J-2 visa from the U.S. embassy in your home country. If you would like to invite family members to visit for a short period of time on a visitor's visa, the Office of Global Education can assist you in that process as well.

**Q** Do I have to be enrolled to stay in the United States? What about during the summer?

**A** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) requires all international students in F-1 status to maintain full-time enrollment status throughout their program of study. Further details of this requirement can be found in the "Your immigration responsibilities" section of this handbook. Unless it is your first semester, you do not have to be enrolled in the summer. Summer is considered your official "vacation time" from school, so you may remain in the United States and not be enrolled.

**Q** Can I work while in the United States?

**A** As an F-1 or J-1 student, you are allowed to work 20 hours a week on campus during fall and spring semesters and full time during the summer. If you want to work off campus, you will have to apply for permission and F-1's may not work off campus during the first nine months of a program of study.

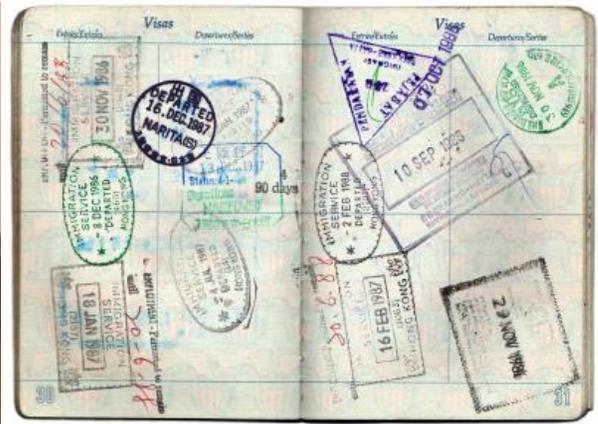
**Q** How do I obtain a social security number?

**A** A social security number will only be issued with verification of an offer of employment. Information on how to apply for a social security number will be covered during new student orientation or information is available at the Office of Global Education.

**Q** Do I need to pay taxes?

**A** Every year, international students must file documentation with the Internal Revenue Service, even if they have not worked in the United States. If you have worked during the calendar year, you must file both Federal and State taxes. The Office of Global Education will provide resources to help you fulfill these requirements.

# PREPARING TO LEAVE HOME



*You have received your acceptance letter to Mississippi College and your Certificate of Eligibility of Nonimmigrant Visa. Now what?*

## Confirm Information

First, make sure all the information on your certificate (either Form I-20 or Form DS-2019) is correct. If any of the information is inaccurate, it is urgent that you fax a copy of the passport identification page with an explanation of the error to the Office of Global Education. You will be sent a corrected certificate before your consular interview.

## Fulfill Medical Requirements

All international students are required to have medical immunizations records for Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) and Tuberculosis (TB) before any student can register for classes. These must have been administered within the last year.

**TB testing before leaving your home country:** You must have a tuberculosis (TB) test performed in your home country prior to your departure to the United States. You must test negative for TB and must submit a translated copy of this result to the MC Office of Global Education. Prospective students testing positive for tuberculosis will not be admitted and should not depart of the United States.

**TB testing after arriving in the United States:** To ensure compliance with Mississippi State Department of Health regulations, Mississippi College will also require you to submit proof of test screening for tuberculosis by chest x-ray and interferon gamma release assays (IGRA) performed in the United States after your arrival and prior to the start of classes. These test results must be submitted to the MC Office of Global Education before the start of classes. Costs for all TB testing will be paid by the student.

As an international student who will be living in the United States, it is also a good idea to plan for medical situations (including emergencies) that may arise during your stay in the United States. To prevent complications, it is in your best interest to obtain copies of your medical records and prescriptions, to pack an adequate supply of prescribed medications (in original packaging) and to translate important medical documents into English, if necessary.

## Obtain Visa

It is important to remember that you must obtain a visa that is appropriate to your purpose for entering the United States, usually an F-1 or J-1 student/scholar visa. In other words, if you are coming to the United States to attend Mississippi College, you should not enter the United States with a tourist visa (B1/B2) or via any other visa waiver program between your country and the United States.

The first step in obtaining a visa is to make an appointment with the U.S. embassy or consulate responsible for issuing nonimmigrant visas for your home country, which may and should be done as soon as you receive your I-20 or DS-2019. Visa applications may be issued up to 120 days (F-1 Students) before your program start date. Visit <http://usembassy.gov> for a list of consular post websites.

If for some reason you are unable to schedule an interview with a consular officer until after the start date for your program (notated in section 5 on the I-20 or section 3 on the DS-2019), you should contact the Office of Global Education. Depending on the circumstances, MC may have to issue you a new I-20 or DS-2019 or defer your attendance until the following semester.

After scheduling your appointment, you should:

- Complete a visa application and, when applicable, forms DS-156, DS-157 and DS-158, which can be found at <http://evisaforms.state.gov>
- Have photographs taken (requirements at <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/photos/photo-examples.html>)
- Obtain valid passport (must be valid at least six months from your date of entry into the United States)
- Compile evidence of ties to your home country that demonstrates your intent to return home (i.e., assured employment, ownership of property, etc.)
- Pay the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) fee and keep receipt. This fee must be paid at least three days before your appointment with the embassy. More information about the SEVIS fee can be found at <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html>.
- Obtain I-20 or DS-2019 for spouse or dependent(s) who will accompany you to the United States

During your appointment, you will be asked to provide evidence (receipts, photos, passport, documentation, etc.) that you have completed all of the above. In addition, you will need to provide:

- Applicable visa fees
- Your I-20 or DS-2019 form
- Proof of funding
- Evidence of spouse's and/or dependent's relationship to you and evidence of sufficient financial resources to support them

While each embassy or consular post has their own visa application procedures and processing times, the requirements above are standard. It is a good idea, however, to consult the office where you will apply for specific details regarding documentation and procedures.

When it comes time for your interview, make sure to arrive at the consular post prepared.

You should:

- Dress professionally
- Bring translated copies of your academic records with you
- Be ready to talk about your academic plans and aspirations in detail
- Be knowledgeable about Mississippi College, the academic department you are entering and the professors with whom you hope to study
- Be prepared to talk about your career goals and how your education can benefit your work in your home country.
- Have all required documents with you and have them organized

Be prepared to answer these four questions.

1. Who are you?
2. What do you want to do?
3. How are you going to pay for it?
4. What do you intend to do when you've completed this approved activity?

Once you have been issued your visa, check to be sure that you have been issued the correct visa (an F-1 or M-1 if you have an I-20; a J-1 if you have a DS-2019) and that your visa indicates your school of choice: Mississippi College. Also be sure to check that your correct name and date of birth are recorded as they appear on your I-20.

*Immigration laws limit your arrival into the United States to no more than 30 days prior to the report date listed on the Form I-20 or DS-2019.*

If you are a citizen of Canada, you do not need a visa to enter the United States. However, you still need to present your I-20 or DS-2019 form and a valid passport (must be valid at least six

months from your date of entry into the United States) at the U.S. Immigration border crossing or port of entry. You must also present proof of payment of the SEVIS fee.

### Pre-Departure Checklist

- Confirm admission to Mississippi College and \$250 deposit
- Complete all other enrollment requirements
- Decline admission offers from other universities and return any official forms
- Check the validity date of your passport
- Carefully read and understand your I-20 or DS-2019
- Pay SEVIS fee at least three days before your visa appointment
- Apply for your student visa at the U.S. embassy
- Buy traveler's checks or obtain enough cash (U.S. dollars) to cover your expenses for a few weeks (must declare with customs if \$10,000 or more)
- Obtain copies of medical records and obtain any prescription drugs you need
- Make travel arrangements (only after receiving your visa)



### Make Travel Arrangements

When making air travel plans, it is recommended that you schedule at least three hours at your initial port of entry into the United States, before your connecting flight into Jackson, Mississippi (closest to Clinton) to allow sufficient time to pass through immigration and customs inspection and to change currency if needed. New security procedures have slowed this process.

The airport that services Jackson is the Jackson – Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN). From the Jackson airport, it is a 30 minute drive to the Mississippi College campus. American Airlines, Delta Airlines and United Airlines are the major carriers that service Jackson-Evers International Airport.

Pay close attention to the “no later than” date in section 5 on the I-20 and section 3 on the DS-2019. You are required to attend Mississippi College by this date.

### What to Bring

Basic items of clothing are recommended, as well as a few family photos and personal hygiene belongings. If you wear glasses or contact lenses, you should bring a copy of your eye prescription with you. Dress is modest at Mississippi College. Classrooms and residence halls are air-conditioned. Many students might want to bring a sweater or sweatshirt when in class. In addition, we ask students to consider bringing national dress, instruments, crafts or other traditional materials with them for cultural events on campus. Shopping trips to local stores are available via the shuttle service to pick up items such as bedding, towels and other items you may want to use to decorate your living area.

## More Things to Bring or Buy

In addition to the basics, you may be interested to know what typical American college students either bring to college or purchase once they arrive. The checklist in the appendix may help you better determine what you need to bring from home as well as what you want to buy when you get here in order to feel comfortable and have fun.

# IMMIGRATION



## Immigration Responsibilities

All international students and scholars are responsible for knowing the rules and regulations pertaining to their status. Failure to comply with the rules can result in serious consequences, including loss of your immigration status in the United States. These are your basic responsibilities as an international student or scholar:

- Maintain a valid passport at all times, provide the Office of Global Education with a copy – Renew passport 6 months before expiration date.
- Attend the school whose I-20/DS-2019 you enter the United States on
- Know the expiration date of your visa and provide the Office of Global Education with visa renewals
- Know your program completion date on your I-20 or DS-2019, follow correct procedure for timely extensions
- Carry full course load—12 credits for undergraduates, 9 for graduates. Follow correct procedures for less than full time course load
- Make normal academic progress
- All F-1 and J-1 students, unless officially sponsored by their home government or agency that guarantees student’s health insurance coverage as part of their contract with Mississippi College, must enroll in the Mississippi College health insurance plan (and your dependents if necessary)
- Report to the Office of Global Education with changes in status— within 10 days of a move, extension, transfer or program change
- File nonresident tax forms each year by deadline
- Obtain official work permission and approval from the Office of Global Education and all forms of off-campus employment. Adhere to proper terms of employment. Apply for Curricular Practical Training, Optional Practical Training in a timely manner
- Obtain travel signatures for your I-20 from the Office of Global Education before leaving the United States
- Notify the Office of Global Education if you are leaving school for any reason
- Obey state and federal laws
- Depart from the United States in a timely manner

By law, Mississippi College is required to keep the following information on file: your name; date and place of birth; country of citizenship; current U.S. address; current academic status, including the start and end dates of your academic program; type of degree program and field of study; employment requests/approvals; termination date and reason; registration of number of credits per semester; and copies of immigration documents and passport. Designated School Officials (DSOs) are required to report any changes related to international students in SEVIS within 21 days.

## Immigration Terms to Know

The Office of Global Education understands that immigration regulations can often seem confusing, complicated and involve unfamiliar terms or concepts. To help you understand the essentials, we offer you this glossary of immigration terms to guide you through the process. Our office also offers information that covers important areas such as employment, taxes, etc.

### *Completion Date*

Refers to the date the student completes the requirements for his or her degree program; i.e., it is the date the student finishes the last class, turns in a required thesis or dissertation, or otherwise meets the requirements for the degree. It is not the date of graduation, which may follow the completion date by weeks if not months.

### *Department of Homeland Security (DHS)*

DHS is responsible for securing American borders and managing the immigration process. Under DHS, the newly created United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) focuses exclusively on providing services such as efficiently processing applications for U.S. citizenship, administering work authorizations and other permits and providing services for new residents and citizens.

### *School Official (DSO)*

An employee or agent of an educational institution who has been authorized by USCIS to verify information and certify documents for F-1 students.

### *DS-2019*

A certificate of eligibility issued by an authorized Exchange Visitor program. The certificate enables eligible individuals to obtain a J-1 visa to study, conduct research or teach in the United States. The J-1 exchange visitor, while traveling and re-entering the United States must also carry the DS-2019. The DS-2019 form functions as a record of J-1 status throughout the exchange visitor's stay in the United States. It is an important government document that should be kept at all times as a part of the exchange visitor's permanent records.

### *Duration of Status (D/S)*

"Duration of Status" or "D/S" is the length of time for which individuals in F and J status are admitted into the United States. D/S allows students to remain in the United States as long as they are pursuing full-time studies and are otherwise complying with all immigration regulations.

D/S is not, however, for an indefinite period of time. D/S is based on the completion date on your I-20 or DS-2019, plus a 60-day grace period for F-1 students and a 30-day grace period for J-1 students.

### *Employment Authorization Document*

Known as the “EAD Card,” it is a photo ID card issued by USCIS to nonimmigrants, which grants employment authorization for specific periods of time. F-1 students need to apply for an EAD card to have permission to do optional practical training and off-campus employment (based on economic hardship). J-2 dependents may also apply for an EAD card to have any type of employment.

#### *F-1 Student*

A nonimmigrant who is admitted into the United States to pursue a full course of study. F-1 student’s educational expenses are usually met by personal, family or MC funds.

#### *F-2 Dependent*

A spouse or child of an F-1 student.

F-2 spouses and children may not be employed while in the United States.

F-2 spouses may not study full time.

F-2 children may study full time only if it is in elementary or secondary school.

### *Grace Period*

F-1 students have 60 days to remain in the United States beyond completion of studies to either prepare for departure or begin any authorized practical training;

J-1 students have 30 days.

### *I-20 (SEVIS I-20)*

A certificate of eligibility issued by an authorized educational institution enabling eligible individuals to apply for F-1 or M-1 student status. The student, while traveling and re-entering the United States, must also carry the I-20. This document reflects the student’s biographical data, school and program information and financial resources. The student should keep the I-20 as a part of his or her permanent records.

**IMPORTANT:** A nonimmigrant may have more than one “visa” but will always have only one “status.”

### *I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record)*

The Form I-94 arrival/departure record provides nonimmigrants evidence that they have been lawfully admitted to the United States. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) gathers travelers’ arrival/ departure information automatically from their electronic travel records (CBP will still issue a paper form I-94 at land border ports of entry). To retrieve your I-94 admission record, visit the following CBP website: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home>.

### *J-1 Student*

A nonimmigrant who has been selected to participate in an exchange visitor program. J-1 students generally are financially sponsored by an educational institution in the United States or abroad, a U.S. or an international government, or a private agency in support of international educational exchange. For individuals holding J-1 status, there is usually a “two-year home country residency requirement” and “health insurance.” (Refer to J-1 Scholar section under each heading.)

### *J-1 Scholar*

A nonimmigrant who has been selected to participate in an exchange visitor program.

### *J-2 Dependent*

A spouse or child of a J-1 student or scholar. J-2 dependents are eligible to apply for employment through USCIS.

### *M-1 Student*

A nonimmigrant whose primary intent is to pursue vocational or technical training.

### *Nonimmigrant*

A person who is in the United States temporarily to pursue a specific activity or purpose (e.g., study, travel, business). Most nonimmigrants, including all F-1 and J-1 students and their dependents, must have an established residence abroad to which they intend to return.

### *Passport*

A formal permit to travel abroad from and return to the issuing country. With few exceptions, it is issued by one's country of citizenship. All individuals in F and J status are required to have a valid passport (must be valid at least six months from your date of entry into the United States) at all times. It is your responsibility to extend or replace your passport BEFORE it expires.

### *PDSO and DSO (Principal Designated School Official and Designated School Official)*

Located in the Office of Global Education; responsible for Mississippi College's compliance with the immigration regulations as well as any system alerts generated by SEVIS. Point of contacts for students/scholars.

### *Responsible Officer (RO) and Alternate Responsible Officer (ARO)*

Responsible Officers in charge of overseeing and hosting the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program and reporting to the U.S. Department of State; point of contact in the Office of Global Education for exchange visitors.

### *Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS)*

An Internet-based database for electronically tracking and reporting foreign students and exchange visitors in the United States. I-20s for F-1 students and DS-2019s for J-1 students/scholars are generated using SEVIS.

### *Special Registration*

A system that enables the U.S. government to keep track of nonimmigrants that come to the United States every year. Currently, there are three categories of nonimmigrants who will have to do special registration:

- 1) citizens or nationals of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria will be registered at the point of entry;
- 2) nonimmigrants who have been designated by the State Department; and
- 3) any other nonimmigrant identified by immigration officers at airports, seaports and land ports of entry will also need to register in accordance with 8 Code of Federal Regulations 264.1(f)(2).

### *State Department*

The U.S. Department of State oversees diplomatic affairs and foreign relations for the United States. It is also responsible for issuing visas to foreign nationals who wish to enter the United States and regulates the Exchange Visitor Program, which includes J-1 students.

### *Status*

Once nonimmigrants enter the United States, they are classified by USCIS according to the purpose of their visit. This classification is known as “status.” Students are in either F-1 or J-1 status and their dependents are in F-2 or J-2 status. USCIS regulates nonimmigrants according to the rules specific to that status. For example, one of the requirements of F-1 status is full-time study. A person’s status also determines how long he or she may remain in the United States.

### *Visa*

An official notation placed in the passport granting permission for an individual to enter a particular country. The visa indicates the purpose of someone’s visit. The visa is also valid for a specified number of entries to the United States: one, two or “M” (multiple) until its expiration date. The visa does not indicate how long a person may remain in the United States, but only whether a person may enter the United States to pursue a particular type of activity (visit friends, study, work). Only U.S. consulates and embassies outside of the United States issue visas.

# YOUR ARRIVAL



*You may be anxious about the reception you will receive when you reach the United States, but do not worry.*

While there may be some procedures or policies you were not expecting, you will be fine as long as you take your time, have your documentation ready and in order and ask for help when you need it.

## Immigration Documentation

Do not pack your passport, I-20/DS-2019, financial documents, acceptance letter or other important papers in your luggage. You should carry these items with you during your trip as they will be needed when you arrive at your port of entry.

Upon arrival, you will need to present your passport, valid visa and I-20 or DS-2019. Remember, your passport must be valid for at least six months after your entry date. Be prepared to submit proof of finances if asked.

If the officer at the port of entry cannot initially verify your information, you may be directed to an interview area for secondary inspection, where you will have your documents examined and be asked some questions. Do not be alarmed. This is routine for students/scholars. If for some reason, the immigration officer believes your immigration documents to be unsatisfactory, you may receive a form I-515A. If you do, bring it to the Office of Global

Education as soon as you arrive. Do not mail any immigration documents before consulting with a member of our staff.

If you are subject to special registration and have a federal identification number (FIN) listed in your passport near your visa, be sure that you receive information from the port of entry officer regarding port of departure procedures that will apply to you.

### [Getting to Mississippi College from the Airport](#)

To get from the Jackson International Airport, which is approximately 30 minutes away from campus, to Mississippi College, you can hire a taxi at the airport for approximately \$80.00.

The Office of Global Education understands how confusing and exhausting it can be to navigate a new country. We therefore offer a one-time courtesy pickup service to new international students arriving at the Jackson-Evers International Airport.

If you arrive early (before the required date of attendance listed on your I-20 or DS-2019), you may not be permitted to move in to your on-campus housing and will have to stay at a local hotel. This can be very expensive, so it is best to arrive on time. If you have made arrangements to live off campus, then arriving early should not be a problem as long as your landlord or apartment complex expects you.

### [Places to Stay](#)

See Appendix for places to stay near Mississippi College.

# GETTING SETTLED-IN

## Orientation and Check-in

The following items will be needed when you check-in with the Office of Global Education:

- I-20/DS-2019 (Signed)
- Passport
- Visa
- I94



The Office of Global Education has an orientation at the beginning of each semester with attendance mandatory for all new incoming students. So make sure we see you at orientation!

### 1. English Proficiency Exam

All Intensive English Program admitted international students must take the Institutional English Evaluation Test upon arrival to be evaluated level for the proper level.

*An international student's success in an American university is dependent upon the student's ability to understand classroom lectures, to speak and be understood in the classroom, to read and comprehend textbooks, to research and write required papers, and to improve and add to their vocabulary daily.*

### 2. International Student Payment

International students are required to pay their student accounts in full at the time of registration. Fees & tuition may be paid online by using the Flywire service or by other means in the business office (Nelson Hall).

### 3. ID Cards and Auto Decals

Mississippi College Identification Cards (ID's) should be made before or immediately following orientation. The location for making ID cards is Alumni Hall in the Office of Public Safety. You will also register your car during this time.

#### **4. International Insurance**

All international students are required to have health insurance through Mississippi College. The Office of Global Education will automatically sign up all international students with insurance unless a waiver request is granted before other insurance is purchased.

#### **5. Immunizations**

International students must have up-to-date immunizations for Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR) as well as Tuberculosis (TB). Students must visit the Mississippi Department of Health or for a (IGRA) TB Blood Test. Also, students may visit the Jackson Medical Mall or the Clinton Walgreens for a MMR Test.

#### **6. Change of Major**

If you would like to change your academic major, please contact the Admissions Specialist in the Office of Global Education.

#### **7. Registration Process**

Your registration process depends on your admission status to Mississippi College.

If you were admitted conditionally, you will be required to take the Institutional English Proficiency exam. If your exam score does not exceed the English proficiency threshold, then you will be registered automatically by the Office of Global Education.

If you were granted general admission or proved English proficiency on the English exam, you will be assigned an academic advisor in your field of study. You will arrange a meeting with this person to register for your academic classes. You may look at classes that are offered each semester in Banner Web online.

#### **8. Purchase of Books**

You may purchase your textbooks from the MC Bookstore. You will need to have a printed copy of your DETAILED SCHEDULE from BANNER WEB and a valid campus ID in order to purchase books on your student account for the courses you will be taking.

<https://www.bkstr.com/mississippistore/home>

Any used books purchased MUST NOT have answers written in them.

#### **9. Accelerated Degree Program (ADP)**

International students at Mississippi College are not allowed to enroll in Accelerated Degree Program classes without written permission from one of the Office of Global Education staff.

#### **10. Online and Distance Learning Courses**

As a general rule, international students avoid taking online and distance learning courses. SEVIS guidelines determine the number of online and distance learning courses allowable. If an international student takes online or distance learning courses without permission from the Office of Global Education, then the student could lose his or her status. Please check with the

Office of Global Education staff before registering for any online courses or distance learning courses.

### **11. Email/Banner Web**

As a student, you are expected to check your MC email address regularly. In addition, you should become familiar with using Banner Web to register for courses, look at your course schedule, and review your student accounts. The Office of Global Education as well as the university administration and faculty uses MC email to communicate with you.

### **12. Change of Personal Information**

Any time your personal information changes (phone numbers, address, personal email, etc.) please notify the Office of Global Education.

### **13. Emergency Contact Email**

Students may use the [mcoge@mc.edu](mailto:mcoge@mc.edu) to receive emergency email correspondence.

## Student Organizations and Activities

With more than 50 chartered student organizations, ranging from academic societies to campus ministries, MC offers ways for everyone to get involved. Please see the Appendix for a list of Student Organizations and Activities.

The Office of Student Activities keeps a description and a contact person for each club on file. They are located in the Student Life Center (Back Patio Offices, BCR). If you do not see a club that interests you, start one! Call the Student Life Office at 601-925-3359 for assistance in getting your organization up and running. More information about activities at Mississippi College is available at [www.mc.edu/student-life/](http://www.mc.edu/student-life/).

## Office of Global Education Events and Programs

### *Celebration of Culture*

Each year in the fall, the Office of Global Education hosts the Celebration of Culture: an event that promotes the wide array of cultures that are represented here at Mississippi College. Student leaders don traditional cultural attire and organize a table to represent their nation, with traditional food, folk art, celebratory videos and photos, games, and souvenirs. In under two hours, students are able to "travel the world" and learn about the cultural diversity represented in the student body at MC.

Each year, 300 plus attendees grow in their knowledge of different cultures from hearing descriptions and seeing artifacts, but they also are able to learn from tasting different foods.

Each table has samples of traditional food items. Everything from Chinese candy to a full Saudi Arabian meals are served to students who want to taste the authentic food prepared by their international peers.

### *Global Café*

The Office of Global Education works with Clinton's neighborhood coffee shop, Cups Espresso Cafe, to bring you monthly Global Cafes. Global Cafes are designed to be a relaxed time of fellowship for our domestic and international students. All are welcome to attend and enjoy free coffee and treats.

### *International Festival*

International students bring unique cultural backgrounds to Mississippi College, but their artistic talents and skills usually remain hidden. The International Festival gives students the chance to share this specific aspect of themselves and their culture with the Mississippi College community.

Although the Office of Global Education hosts various events throughout the year, honoring international holidays and promoting fellowship among students, the International Festival is its only performance-oriented event. It is also the largest international event on campus. Many members of MC, Jackson, and Clinton communities attend the festival, gaining appreciation for the abundance of multicultural talent and skill present at Mississippi College.

The International Festival is held on the university's campus each spring. Cultural performances will include instrumental, vocal, and dance exhibitions, as well as a runway show that showcases traditional cultural attire. Afterward, the audience will be invited to a reception involving international food and drink.

### *Moon Festival*

At every autumnal equinox joyous sounds of celebration echo across Asian nations around the world in honor of the Mid-Autumn Festival, or Moon Festival. The Moon Festival resembles the American celebration of Thanksgiving. It takes place on the 15th day of the 8th month in the lunar calendar, when the moon is its brightest and most beautiful in the night sky.

The full moon symbolizes *reunion*; as a result, families and friends come together on this traditional holiday to enjoy one another's company, gaze at the moon, dance, and of course, eat. Individuals enjoy a wide array of customary dishes, particularly, the moon cake. Typically made of flour and egg and filled with fruit, beans, nuts, or sweet paste, moon cakes are round, representing the full moon.

### *Adopt-a-Student*

Adopt-a-Student is a program where American families and singles befriend international students. These American families agree to do something once a month with their matched international student and attend at least one cultural event each semester on campus with their student. They also invite their international student to one American holiday with them. One international student said: "My host family are the most amazingly people. They treat me as their own son. They invited me for lunch. I felt warmth in their hearts for me, and the satisfaction that I got after being at their place was amazing. They understood my feelings of being in a new place, and they respected my views and gave me important suggestions about how to live in America."

### *Conversation Partners*

Conversation Partners is a program where international students are matched with other Mississippi College students whose first language is English. They agree to meet with each other once a week for an hour to practice speaking and listening. It is meant to be an informal time for them to get to know each other while conversing in English.

One student said, "My conversation partner and I are really enjoying meeting! She's great!" Another commented, "Thanks for setting me up with a really great partner. We have really enjoyed our time together. "

# HOUSING



## On-Campus Housing – (Only available for undergraduate students)

Recent research of college students across the nation shows that students who live on campus are more satisfied with their college experience, earn higher grade point averages and are more likely to graduate than their commuting peers. Residence hall programming also enhances a student’s educational experience by providing the opportunity to be involved in a variety of activities and programs. Students find that with this involvement they achieve more professional growth and are stronger candidates when pursuing their career goals.

To that end, Mississippi College instituted an educationally based policy requiring all non-commuter full-time undergraduate students under the age of 21 to reside in MC housing and participate in the meal plan. (For the complete policy, please see <https://www.mc.edu/offices/residence-life/>)

As a residence life staff, we are committed to creating community within our residence halls. When you are with us, you are not just temporarily residing in a residence hall, but you are living in a space we hope will become your home. We strive to create a place for our residents to flourish as they continue their educational journey. We live with you, serve you, and work with you as you grow into amazing Christian leaders.

We believe residence life creates a unique opportunity for people from all backgrounds to reside together and grow in their understanding of what it means to be a believer in faith and a citizen of the world. We work to create an inclusive environment that provides opportunities for all students to reach their full potential and develop into Christian leaders of tomorrow.

### The Residence Life Mission

To provide a safe, Christ-like environment that empowers our students to continually grow spiritually, personally, and academically. We strive to create a home for all our students where

they can connect with each other, the university, and the greater Christian community. We do this by supporting the core values of the residential experience:

### Community

With our staff and residents, we form an inclusive and welcoming community that allows people from all backgrounds and faith groups to live together and function as a whole.

### Engagement

We support our students joining the campus community and the greater faith community. We support the students in their leadership endeavors and strive to create opportunities for students to lead within the residence hall whenever possible.

### Relationship Building

Our staff builds relationships with our residents and creates opportunities for our residents to create lasting connections with each other and with other members of the institution.

### Development

As we build relationships, we work to intentionally support the development of our students. We see the residential experience as an opportunity to come alongside our residents and “do life” with them. With this privilege, we are able to aid in the development of our residents spiritually, personally, and academically.

Mississippi College offers several housing options for students including double and single occupancy rooms that have central restrooms and showers, as well as double and single residence halls with a suite-style living arrangement that share private restrooms. For apartment-style living options for upper class student, the campus provides College Plaza and The Loft.

Mississippi College is very proud of its student housing because it’s more than just a simple room or apartment. A variety of services and activities are provided that makes it more like a community. The campus continues to renovate and upgrade facilities to meet the ever-changing needs of our student body. For more information about on-campus housing, start here: [www.mc.edu/offices/residence-life](http://www.mc.edu/offices/residence-life).

### Off-Campus Housing

If you are not required to live on campus and you choose to live off campus, you are responsible for finding your own housing.

Please see the Appendix for a list of potentially available apartments.

Apartment rentals vary in price. Be prepared to pay \$650 to \$1,000 a month plus a deposit, first and last month's rents and various other fees. Some apartment rentals are all-inclusive, meaning your water, garbage removal, heat and possibly some other amenities are included in your monthly price; other rentals are not. Also, be prepared to pay deposits for electricity, telephone and other services.

Most off-campus housing requires a one-year lease. Read your lease agreement carefully before signing it and know the rules and regulations of the apartment. A lease is a binding contract and you may be liable for the remaining amount of your lease and/or loss of your deposit if you end your contract early.

Note: If you are a first-year student (or student with fewer than 56 credit hours), do not sign an off-campus lease unless you have received an exemption to the Two-Year Residency Requirement by the dean of student's office.

[Local Off-Campus Housing – See Appendix](#)

### Rental Terms You Should Know

**Landlord:** An owner of residential premises or his agent who is authorized to manage the residential premises and to receive rent from a tenant under a rental agreement.

**Lease:** A written agreement giving the tenant the right to use the landlord's property, with stipulations about rent, rent payment date, length of occupancy, number of person to occupy premises, rules and regulations regarding pets, storage, etc.

**Property Manager:** Authorized representative of landlord

**Rental Agreement:** Any written agreement or lease specifying rental terms and conditions

**Security Deposit:** A monetary deposit made to a landlord that holds a tenant to the terms of the rental agreement

**Sublease:** The tenant assigns less than the entire property or assigns all of the property for less than the full remaining period. However, the original tenant remains obligated for contracted responsibilities.

**Tenant (Lessee):** A person entitled in a rental agreement to use and occupy the residential premises

**Term:** The time period during which a landlord agrees to rent the property and a tenant agrees to pay rent for that property

**Termination:** Ending a lease or rental agreement, either because the lease or rental agreement has come to its end or because both parties agree to bring the lease or agreement to an end

## Local Services

### *Electricity*

To receive Entergy service, call 1.800.ENERGY any time or go to <http://www.entergy.com>.

### *Gas*

Atmos supplies natural gas to Clinton. To begin gas service, call 1.888.286.6700 or visit <http://www.atmosenergy.com>.

### *Cell Phone*

There are several cell phone companies to choose from and are located within walking distance of the campus.

### *Water, Sewer, Trash*

City of Clinton Public Works is located at 525 Springridge Road. Their phone number is 601.924.2239.

# DAY-TO-DAY LIFE



## Overview of the Clinton/Jackson Metro Area

Mississippi College in Clinton is approximately 20 minutes from Jackson, the Capitol, and 3 hours from New Orleans, Louisiana, 3 hours from Memphis Tennessee, and 3 hours from the Ocean. (Driving Time)

Seasonal temperature averages:

January-March: 62°F day, 39°F night

April-June: 83°F day, 61°F night

July-September: 90°F day, 69°F night

October-December: 67°F day, 45°F night

What to see around Clinton

Fun activities are on hand such as sporting events, pampering at the spa, and running, along with attractions such as:

- Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium
- Mississippi Coliseum
- Trustmark Park

Some top sights in the area include:

- Jackson Zoological Park
- Mississippi State Capitol
- Mississippi Governor's Mansion

## Transportation

### *Rail Travel*

Amtrak Passenger Station  
Union Station  
300 West Capitol Street  
601.355.6350  
General Information and Reservations  
800.872.7245  
Amtrak serves the city of Jackson with daily service to Chicago and New Orleans.  
[www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

### *Bus Travel*

Greyhound-Trailways Bus Lines  
300 West Capitol Street  
601.354.1913  
Provides 8 inbound and outbound buses daily.

### *Taxicab*

Citi-Cab Co .  
300 N. Mill St., Jackson  
601.355.8319

### *Deluxe Cab*

593 Terry Rd., Jackson  
601.948.4761

### *Jackson Taxi*

217 W. Griffith St., Jackson  
601.292.1100

### *Veterans Cab*

809 N. State St., Suite 101, Jackson  
601.355.2222

### *Yellow Cab*

5601 Hwy. 80 W, Jackson  
601.922.3782

## Driving in the United States

Students deciding to purchase an automobile and drive in the United States should be aware that laws of vehicle registration, licensing of drivers and traffic regulations are written and enforced by each individual state. Drunk driving laws are strictly enforced in the state of Mississippi. It is extremely important that you know the rules and regulations of driving.

In short, you must:

- Obtain a license
- Register your vehicle
- Secure auto insurance

All operators of a motor vehicle must have a valid driver's license. To obtain a driver's license, documents must be presented to a Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) office. For a full listing of eligible documentation, visit [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov).

You will be required to pass an eye exam and a written test. A car is not necessary to obtain a driver's license. The DMV office is extremely busy; it may be wise to make an appointment to

avoid long, long lines. When you are issued a driver's license, it will only be valid until the end date on your I-20 or DS-2019.

## Nearby DMV Offices

District 1

### Jackson Headquarters

Department of Public Service Headquarters  
1900 East Woodrow Wilson  
Jackson, MS 39216  
(601) 987.1281  
(601) 987.1282  
(601) 987.1283

Automated Renewal – **Kiosk** – located here  
Renewals and out of state transfers, **NO TESTING** at this location.  
Open Monday through Friday  
8:00-5:00

### Pearl

State Highway Safety Patrol Troop C Building  
3851 Highway 468  
Pearl, MS 39208  
(601) 420.6342

### CDL Station & Testing Site

Automated Renewal – **Kiosk** – located here  
Open Monday through Friday  
8:00-5:00

### Vicksburg

Juvenile Detention Center  
1100 Grove St, Suite D  
Vicksburg, MS 39183  
(601) 638.5441

### TESTING SITE

Open Monday through Friday  
8:00-5:00

In addition to obtaining a license, you must also register your vehicle within 10 days of establishing residency. In order to register your vehicle, you must provide proof of vehicle insurance and a completed Form 82042 (vehicle identification number and odometer reading). You will also need to provide personal documentation such as your passport, I-94, driver's license, I-20 or Form DS-2019.

If you are buying a new car from a car dealership, the dealership may take care of the car registration for you. If not, they will usually provide you with the forms that you need to take to the registration office. If you are buying a car from a private citizen, you will need to make sure that you receive a bill of sale and the title from the previous owner.

All drivers in the United States are required to have car insurance. Accidents can happen at any time. A relatively small automobile accident can be very expensive. In the event of an accident, automobile insurance will save you money, worry and it will protect you from potential lawsuits. Cost of coverage varies depending on insurance company, age of the car, age of driver(s), number of drivers and other factors.

# HEALTH AND SAFETY



The United States does not have a national health care system. Health care costs, even for minor illnesses or accidents, can amount to thousands of dollars. All Mississippi College students are required to have appropriate medical insurance. International students will be automatically covered through Mississippi College's student health insurance plan unless a waiver is approved.

All students seeking information regarding health insurance benefits and specific details of their coverage should visit <https://www.mc.edu/international/current-students> or contact MC's health insurance representative at 601.925.7719.

It is mandatory for all international students to be covered by MC's health plan. Exceptions may be granted only if the student has an insurance plan that meets very strict requirements in order for them to qualify for the waiver. Students may request a waiver of this MC insurance fee by completing the waiver form and providing proof of appropriate insurance to the Office of Global Education within the first two weeks of the beginning of class. If proof of insurance is not provided, students will be billed for Mississippi College's student health insurance. Mississippi College will not accept coverage by an insurance company outside the United States. Before enrolling for coverage in any insurance plan other than Mississippi College's student health plan, please check with the Office of Global Education to verify if it meets the waiver requirements.

All international students who are married or single parents who have one or more children living with them may purchase health insurance for these dependents by completing the appropriate form in the Office of Global Education and paying for the additional insurance at the business office. The student health insurance fee will be refunded and coverage will be canceled if the student pays for coverage and subsequently does not enroll or withdraws from MC within the first two weeks of classes.

## Student Health Center

MC offers its full-time students health services through the Baptist Medical Clinic, which is located on the first floor of the Healthplex. Routine health care services from the Nurse Practitioner during the scheduled hours are **FREE OF CHARGE** to currently registered full-time Mississippi College students who have paid their student fees. Additional treatments by a physician such as x-rays, laboratory tests, injections, etc., will result in additional charges that will be billed to the student and/or the student's insurance carrier. Bills are expected to be paid in a timely manner.

**All students should be prepared to show their MC ID card and proof of insurance when they report to the Baptist Medical Clinic.**

Baptist Medical Clinic  
106 Clinton Pkwy  
Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.9005

**Monday - Friday**  
8:00am - 12:00pm  
1:00pm - 4:30pm  
*Hours are subject to change during the summer.*

Health care advice is also available by calling the

**Baptist Health Line:**

**601.948.6262**

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### *In case of an emergency:*

Because of the existing relationship between Mississippi College and Baptist Health Systems, it is recommended that emergency care be handled through Mississippi Baptist Medical Center Emergency Room.

## Healthplex

The Mississippi Baptist Healthplex is located on campus, directly across from the New Men's Dorm. Membership is offered to MC students at a discounted rate of \$125 a semester. Membership can be charged to a student's account. Membership to the Healthplex provides students with full access to a two floor work out facility, private class rooms, spin classes, racket-ball rooms, basketball courts, swimming pools, saunas, and whirlpool spas. Any student can tour the Healthplex before membership.

Phone: 601-925-7900

Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 5:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday: 5:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

## Counseling Services

Alumni Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Clinton, MS 39058 601.925.7791

The Counseling and Testing Center serves students as they explore educational options, establish career directions and cope with personal adjustments. Because each individual is viewed as a whole person with personal, academic, and career concerns that are interrelated, the Center offers a variety of services.

Personal concerns of any type may be discussed privately with an experienced counselor. Students who need academic assistance may meet with a counselor to identify positive steps that might be taken to improve their academic performance. Individual counseling might focus on effective time management, reading for comprehension, effective note taking and studying for tests. Assistance can also be given in finding tutors in a variety of academic disciplines.

Mississippi College has a tradition of providing assistance to students with disabilities. In addition to moral responsibility and the university's commitment to access, there is a legal imperative which is embodied in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Visit [www.mc.edu/offices/counseling/](http://www.mc.edu/offices/counseling/) to see full policies regarding counselling services.

## Campus Security

Alumni Hall Lobby

601.925.3204 [security@mc.edu](mailto:security@mc.edu) [www.mc.edu/offices/safety/](http://www.mc.edu/offices/safety/)

In the event of an emergency, call 601.925.3911 or 911

The Office of Public Safety works towards securing partnerships with students, faculty, staff, administration and guests to create an atmosphere that is safe and conducive to learning. The Office of Public Safety oversees the following:

1. Making student ID cards
2. Distributing parking decals
3. Monitoring security on campus
4. Enforcing traffic laws on campus
5. Patrolling campus
6. Managing the campus shuttle bus
7. Ensuring campus is a safe and secure place for MC students, faculty, and staff

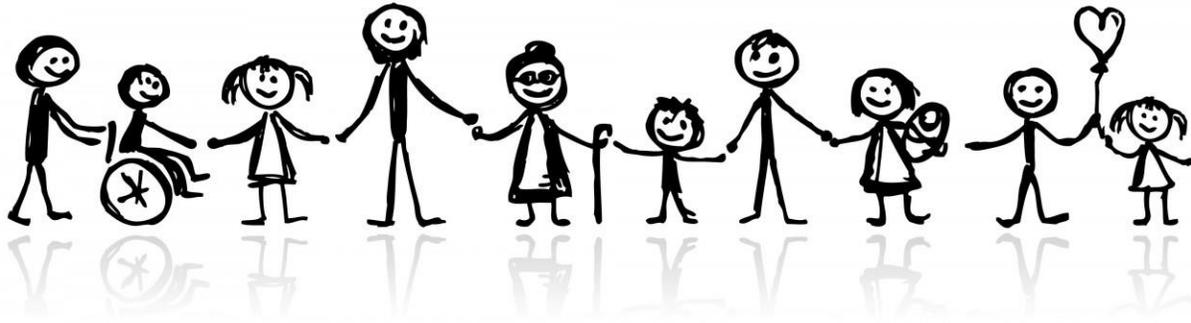
The Office of Public Safety has recently partnered with e2Campus.com security systems to provide instant communication to everyone in the MC family in the event of an emergency. Individuals will be able to log onto our security system, build a profile, and sign up for instant information from our safety personnel. By signing up through this service participants will instantly and simultaneously receive alerts to their mobile devices and email accounts.

Mississippi College has the following security measures in place:

- Emergency Code Blue phone units are strategically placed around the campus. In addition to calling 911 and MC's Office of Public Safety, these phones may be used to report emergencies.
- Buildings are secured on campus during non-operating hours by the Office of Public Safety. Once a building is secured, access may be gained only by authorized persons with Mississippi College issued identification cards.
- All campus buildings, facilities, and grounds belonging to the institution are regularly patrolled by both vehicle and foot patrol by security officers. Specific areas of campus are also monitored by cameras.
- All residence hall exterior doors remain locked at all times. Only same-gender students are allowed into the dorm with their Mississippi College issued identification cards.
- Upon request, security officers will provide escort services from vehicles to buildings or from buildings to buildings should individuals feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- With safety concerns in mind, the College maintains sufficient campus lighting in an effort to reduce the opportunity for criminal activity.
- Mississippi College provides informative programs to students and employees on the following topics: Campus Security Procedures and Practice, Crime Prevention and Awareness, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education, Sexual Assault, Smoking Cessation, and the Prevention of Sex Offenses.

**For additional questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Public Safety at [601.925.3204](tel:601.925.3204) or [www.mc.edu/offices/safety/](http://www.mc.edu/offices/safety/)**

# FAMILIES



## Bringing Your Family

Before you decide that your spouse and/ or children should accompany you to the United States, you should be aware that it may be expensive. Major costs include off-campus housing, childcare and insurance. Spouses may feel isolated and alone.

Childcare or after- school care centers are expensive and usually have a waiting list. It may not be possible to find a center to take care of your child immediately.

Family members who accompany you must be covered by medical insurance. You will need to demonstrate your ability to cover their living expenses while in the United States. The Office of Global Education estimates expenses as \$5,000 per year for a spouse and \$3,000 for each dependent child. U.S. consular officials may require proof of your ability to cover these expenses for the duration of your academic program. Dependent spouses of international students in F-1 status are not eligible to be employed in the United States under any circumstances. The Office of Global Education strongly recommends that spouses and/or children not accompany you to the United States until you have completed one academic year.

## Education in the United States

Public schools in the United States provide free education for children between the ages of five and eighteen. To enroll your children in public school, please contact Clinton Public Schools at 601.924.7533 or visit [www.clintonpublicschools.com](http://www.clintonpublicschools.com). The district's main offices are located at 201 Easthaven Drive Clinton, MS 39060. Information on private schools can be obtained through the Office of Global Education.

## Bringing Dependents to the United States

In order to bring dependents to the United States, you must be maintaining status as an F-1 or J-1 student and must show that you have sufficient finances to support your family here

without any of them being employed. Your spouse and unmarried minor children (under age 21) are eligible to apply for F-2 or J-2 visas. No other family members are eligible.

To begin, provide the Office of Global Education a copy of your passport, proof of marriage (spouse) and birth certificate for each child, Form I-94, your Form I-20 or DS-2019 and evidence of your financial support for your family (currently \$5,000 for spouse and \$3,000 for each additional dependent). After review, a dependent Form I-20 or DS-2019 will be issued for the purpose of bringing your family to the United States. You will then need to send them to your family with instructions for them to apply for F-2 or J-2 visas at the U.S. consular office. In addition to the Form I-20/DS-2019, they will have to present valid passports (must be valid at least six months from your date of entry into the United States), evidence of their financial support, evidence that they intend to return to their home country at the conclusion of your studies in the United States and any other information that the consular officer specifies.

If the consular officer is satisfied that your family members are bona fide student dependents who intend to return home and that they have sufficient funds for their support here, he or she will issue F-2/J-2 visas to them. Your dependents may then come to the United States and will be admitted to the country for duration of status. That means they may remain here with you until you complete your studies. Your family may remain in the United States in F-2 or J-2 status only while you are here in F-1 or J-1 status.

A note of caution: Do not allow your family to come to the United States in any other immigration status or before they have received the Form I-20 or DS-2019 and F-2 or J-2 visas. If they do, they run the risk of being denied admission to the United States at the port of entry and will be required to return home.

# MONEY MATTERS



## Overview

Your I-20 or DS-2019 was issued to you based on the funding information you provided. Please remember that funding varies from student to student year to year; some students require more money than others depending on course of study and interests. You should not assume that you can get by on less funding than is indicated on your I-20 or DS-2019.

Housing deposits, rent, household necessities, tuition, books and supplies will require major expenditures after your arrival. We recommend that you bring at least \$5,000 in U.S. dollars to cover your initial costs. The safest way to bring money with you is in the form of traveler's checks. You may also choose to bring a bank draft or a check to deposit into an account that you can open at a local bank. Please note that it may take a few days for a check to "clear" and the monies you deposit may not be immediately available for you to use.

Money management is one of the greatest challenges that international students and scholars face when they arrive in the United States. Most students and scholars live on a limited budget. You must get used to a new currency, adjust to the value of a dollar and estimate living expenses. The best practice is to start budgeting from the moment you arrive. If you intend to live off campus, you will need to keep in mind that you will have "start-up" costs when renting a place to live. Bills often take a month or two to arrive so be prepared and do not spend more than you can afford.

## Business/Bursars office

Account Balances

Nelson Hall 101 800.738.1287

Clinton, MS 39058 601.925.3307

[www.mc.edu/offices/business/](http://www.mc.edu/offices/business/)

Students are responsible for making all necessary payment arrangements with MC through the Bursar's (Business) Office. All students are expected to either pay their full semester's expenses or contract a payment installment plan. For further information, contact the Bursar's Office, 601-925-3307.

Whether you receive an assistantship from MC, a scholarship from an outside agency or family support from abroad, if for any reason you are not prepared to make payment at the required times you must consult the Bursar's Office to finalize your registration. Students receiving scholarships from their home government or other agency may arrange for direct sponsor billing tuition, fees, insurance, room and board.

Failure to make payment arrangements may result in deregistration and ultimately lead to problems with your immigration status. A student may not register for a subsequent semester until all financial obligations for the current semester have been met.

- Student account balances must be paid in full before the end of the first month of classes, otherwise a late fee will be charged.
- Student balances may be paid by cash, check, or credit card. Payment by credit card must be made online.
- International students making online payments abroad are recommended to use Peer Transfer. Please access Peer Transfer using the following website ([www.peertransfer.com](http://www.peertransfer.com)).
- Students may enroll in a monthly payment program. Please check with the business office for more information.
- Instructions for payment can be found on the Business Office's website listed above.

### Student Account Information

Books and Healthplex membership may be charged to student accounts paper statements are mailed once a semester. E-bills are sent periodically throughout the semester to the student's MC email address. An additional email address may be entered via Banner Web. Instructions can be found on the Bursar's web page listed above.

If you have any questions concerning payment of student accounts, you may contact the Bursar's Office also known as the Business Office.

OFFICE HOURS:  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

WINDOW HOURS:  
Monday – Friday  
8:15 am – 4:00 pm

### U.S. Currency

U.S. currency is based on the dollar (\$1), which is comprised of 100 cents. There are six denominations of coins and six denominations of bills representing different amounts.

## U.S. Coins

Penny: the only brown coin; worth 1 cent

Nickel: a silver coin; larger than a penny; worth 5 cents

Dime: the smallest U.S. coin; silver in color; worth 10 cents

Quarter: a silver coin; larger than a nickel; worth 25 cents

Half-dollar: the largest U.S. coin; not commonly used; worth 50 cents

Dollar coin: a silver coin slightly larger than a quarter; not commonly used

## U.S. Bills

There are \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills. They are all similar in size and color, although the U.S. Mint is in the process of changing the appearance of the bills. The easiest way to identify them is just by looking at the number printed on the bill.

## Opening a Bank Account

Once you arrive at Mississippi College, you will want to open a bank account. During orientation, it may be possible to find local bank representatives on campus to provide you with information outlining their bank's services. When you do open an account, you will need to take your student ID card, your I-20/DS-2019, your passport, address proof, and the funds that you wish to deposit. Open a checking account so that you can write checks to pay your bills each month and pay for items you wish to purchase.

Some students also wish to open a savings account. Some savings accounts pay interest each month on the amount that is in the account; others do not. You can withdraw money as needed from a savings account, but you cannot do so by writing a check. Many banks offer debit cards, also known as check cards, when you open a checking account. The card will come with a personal identification number (PIN). Do not let anyone else know your PIN and don't let anyone use your card. The debit card allows you to make purchases and have the purchase amount automatically deducted from your checking account balance. It can also be used to withdraw money from an automated teller machine (ATM). Remember, debit cards are not credit cards—you can only spend the amount of money you have available in your checking account.

## Everyday Expenses Estimator

Note, these are only estimates

In addition to tuition and fees, you will incur everyday expenses to pay for food and other necessities, as well as for luxuries and entertainment. Here are some typical costs students must consider:

**Books and Supplies:** from \$800 to \$1,500 a year

**Cable TV:** \$65 a month (if not on campus)

**Cellular Phone:** from \$50 to \$100 a month depending on service  
**Clothes:** at least \$10 per item depending on where you shop  
**Internet Access:** from \$25 to \$60 a month depending on service  
**Groceries:** about \$50 a week for one, up to \$150 a week for a family  
**Health Services:** about \$200 for a routine doctor's visit (if not covered by insurance)  
**Insurance through the school:** \$990 for a year  
**Meals (on campus):** from \$5 to \$10 a meal (if not using meal plan)  
**Meals (restaurant):** from \$10 to \$25 a meal  
**Movies:** \$5 with a student ID, and up to \$10.00  
**Personal Transportation:** anywhere from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for a decent used car, \$80 a month for gas, insurance from about \$1,000 to \$3,000 a year  
**Public Transportation:** about \$6 for a taxi ride to the mall, ten-ride bus pass for \$5  
**Rent (apartment):** from \$650 to \$1,200 a month depending on location  
**Taxes:** sales tax is 6%  
**Telephone (on campus):** local calls free, long distance anywhere from \$.09 (domestic) to \$2.12 a minute (intl. rates vary)  
**Telephone (off campus):** \$30 a month for unlimited local basic service, \$40 a month for unlimited long distance

## Credit Cards

Banks, websites, department stores and gasoline companies all issue credit cards that can be used to buy goods when you do not have money available at the time. You are billed each month and are required to pay at least a portion of your balance each month. If you do not pay the entire balance, interest (or finance charges) accrues on the unpaid balance. Interest rates are extremely high. Credit cards are convenient, but they can be costly if you are not careful.

## Transferring Funds to the United States

There are several options available to help you transfer funds from your home country to the United States to cover your expenses for the year. You should check with your bank to discuss the solution that best suits your needs.

Some of the most efficient and effective ways to transfer funds include:

- Traveler's checks
- Bank checks (also called cashier's checks) drawn on a U.S. bank in U.S. dollars
- Wire transfer from your bank at home to your U.S. bank

## Taxes

### *Sales Tax*

Nearly every item that you buy, except medicine and some basic grocery items, will have sales tax added to its price. In the Clinton area, sales tax is 7%. You should not rely on the price that

you see on an item's price tag because most of the time you will need to add sales tax to that price.

### *Federal Income Tax*

Collection of Federal Income Tax in the United States is the responsibility of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Foreign students in the United States are subject to federal income taxation on any wages earned in the United States. In addition, all students must pay taxes on teaching, graduate and research assistant- ships. More detailed information about taxes will be provided to you upon your arrival at Mississippi College. Deadline for filing Federal Income Tax is April 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

### *Social Security Number (SSN)*

Everyone who has earnings in the United States must obtain a Social Security number, the number used by the U.S. government to identify wage earners for tax purposes. It should be noted that recent legislation passed by the Social Security Administration does not allow foreign students to apply for a Social Security number, unless they can provide evidence of employment in the United States. Information on how to apply for a Social Security number will be covered during the Office of Global Education's orientation program.

# CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT

When people move to a different setting, they must make adjustments to their usual behavior and attitudes and adapt to new cultural norms.

The Office of Global Education recommends that you attempt to “step outside” yourself, to observe your own reactions to being in a new culture and then to compare these reactions with those of other people from different countries. Your observations can result in an increased self-understanding and may help you to gain insights into the various factors that have made you who you are. If you are able to keep the perspective of an outside observer while undergoing an unusual experience, you will be able to prevent yourself from becoming extremely anxious or depressed and can learn more from the intercultural experience.



Remember Mississippi College offers counseling services which are located in Alumni Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. Visit [www.mc.edu/offices/counseling/](http://www.mc.edu/offices/counseling/) to see full policies regarding counselling services.

## Culture Shock

Some new students experience culture shock when they first arrive. Culture shock is the feeling of disorientation and confusion that often occurs when a person leaves a familiar setting and moves to an unfamiliar place. The climate and terrain, the language, customs, food and the culture are different. It is harder to convey your feelings and personality in a different language than your native one. You may feel lonely and may have doubts about your decision to come to the United States. Signs of culture shock include interruptions in normal sleep patterns, anxiety, frustration and excessive anger over minor issues. It is common to become dependent on fellow international students who are experiencing the same feelings and have the same language and customs.

## Thinking About Going Home

After first arriving in America, it is natural to spend time thinking about the new country and your reactions to it. However, it is helpful to try to keep in mind that you will be going home after finishing your degree. It is advisable to remember that you will change while you are here. You will learn new ideas, adopt new attitudes and behave in new ways. At the same time, things will be changing in your home country. Family members, friends and professional colleagues will have experiences that you will not share and they also will develop new ideas,

attitudes and ways of behaving. Social, political and economic situations may change also. This means that when you return home, things will not be as you remembered before you left. You will need to adjust to a “new” culture again. This readjustment will be easier if you prepare yourself before you return home. Try to keep your expectations realistic. Try not to pass judgment on people and situations you will encounter after going home. You may experience culture shock all over again.

## Ways to Cope With Culture Shock

### *Maintain Perspective*

You should remember that thousands of individuals who have come to the U.S.A. and Mississippi College from other countries have felt the way you feel, and they survived!

### *Evaluate Expectations*

Ask yourself if your reactions to the culture are the product of the way things are, or the way you expected them to be. Usually it's a combination of both.

### *Keep an Open Mind*

People here may do or say things that people in your country would not do or say. It is important to realize that people here are acting according to their own set of values, not according to the values of your country.

### *Avoid Being Judgmental*

Try to avoid evaluating or judging others' behavior according to standards of your country. This may make it easier for you to adapt to your new environment.

### *Learn from the Experience*

Moving into a new culture can be a fascinating educational experience. It gives you the opportunity to explore a new way of living and compare it to your own. There is no better way to become aware of your own values and attitudes and to broaden your point of view.

### *Improve your American English*

The better you can express yourself, the easier everything will be. Realize that you, as an international student, will often be treated as a representative of the group to which you are perceived to belong (stereotype) and not as an individual. On many occasions, you may be referred to as a “foreign student” or “a student from country X.” This should not be taken personally, as it probably has nothing to do with you as a person. Rather, it stems from a lack of experience with people from other countries. As you learn to better express yourself and relate to American students, however, they will open up to you and the awkwardness will fade.

### *Seek Guidance from Others*

Contact students from your home country who have already been here for some time. They will be able to explain to you (in your own language) procedures that may seem unfamiliar. Please contact the Office of Global Education if you do not know anyone from your home country and they will help you find someone.

### *Understand Your Status*

Realize how the status of your role here compares to the status to which you are accustomed in your home country. Each society attaches different importance to individual roles or positions in the society. In many countries, the role of “MC student” or “professor” is given more respect or status than it is in America. If this is the case, it can be difficult to adjust to having a lower social status in this country than you are accustomed to having in your own country. It is helpful to recognize that you are not being downgraded as a person, but that you happen to be in a society where less value is attached to being a student than may be the case in your home country.

### *Ask Yourself*

People here may understand little about your culture and may therefore misunderstand you and your behavior. They may assume that limited English proficiency is a lack of intelligence, rather than understanding that English is not your native language. Here are a few questions that international students might want to think about: How do Americans make friends? How is respect shown? How do family members interact? What is the relationship between males and females in different situations? What are the dating patterns? How do people spend their leisure time? How do they deal with conflicts and disagreements? What do they talk about, when and with whom? How often do they “take turns” during a conversation?

[American Expressions, Idioms and Slang – See Appendix](#)

[Common Academic and Mississippi College Related Terms – See Appendix](#)

# ACADEMIC SCHOOLS



## School of Business

(<http://business.mc.edu/>)

Offering both undergraduate and graduate degrees in a variety of business disciplines, the School of Business has a track-record of producing graduates who rise to the top of their organizations and their communities and can boast of many alumni who start and lead successful businesses of their own.

## School of Christian Studies & the Arts

([www.mc.edu/academics/christian-arts](http://www.mc.edu/academics/christian-arts))

The School of Christian Studies and the Arts offers undergraduate and graduate programs designed to prepare students to use their skills in the pursuit of meaningful careers in the fine arts, communications, and in service to God.

### Departments

- Art
- Christian Studies & Philosophy
- Communication
- Music

## School of Education

([www.mc.edu/academics/education](http://www.mc.edu/academics/education))

Nationally accredited since the middle of the last century, the School of Education has long been recognized for the quality of the graduates and the contributions they have made in Mississippi, the South, and throughout the United States. It also offers the nation's only Doctor of Professional Counseling degree.

### Departments

- Kinesiology
- Psychology & Counseling

- Teacher Education & Leadership

## School of Humanities & Social Sciences

([www.mc.edu/academics/humanities](http://www.mc.edu/academics/humanities))

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences encourages students to appreciate the richness of human experience with the goal of fostering an understanding of human behavior, values, and achievements that will serve students throughout their lives.

### Departments

- English
- History & Political Science
- Modern Languages
- Sociology & Social Work

## School of Law

(<http://law.mc.edu>)

MC Law's rigorous academic program combines a strong foundation in the law with opportunities to explore areas of personal interest and engage in hands-on legal work.

## School of Nursing

([www.mc.edu/academics/nursing](http://www.mc.edu/academics/nursing))

The School of Nursing offers a program of study leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. This is the basic professional degree for nurses and is the foundation for graduate nursing education.

## School of Science & Mathematics

([www.mc.edu/academics/science-math](http://www.mc.edu/academics/science-math))

The School of Science and Mathematics offers students the opportunity to learn and apply the scientific approach to the acquisition of knowledge and to develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

### Departments

- Biology
- Chemistry & Biochemistry
- Engineering, Computer Science & Physics
- Mathematics
- Physician Assistant Studies

## Intensive English Program (IEP)

Because the Office of Global Education's primary goal is the success of our international students, students granted conditional admission will be tested on his or her English ability

through the Mississippi College Institutional English Evaluation Test prior to enrolling in courses for credit. This test will determine the student's current English proficiency and will enroll him or her into the general academic enrollment or into the Intensive English Program (IEP).

The mission of the Mississippi College Intensive English Program is to prepare international students for academic course work toward an undergraduate or graduate degree at MC. To achieve that goal, IEP has the following aims:

1. To enable international students with the English skills needed to successfully attend and complete any course at Mississippi College
2. To equip international students with information regarding American culture so they may transition smoothly into campus life
3. To provide international students with frequent opportunities to practice and cultivate their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills
4. To increase student awareness about the differences between native IEP class descriptions

The Intensive English Program has two classes (Speaking & Listening, Reading & Writing) that meet daily for two hours each. Through these classes, students receive instruction in all four areas of the English language: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. In addition to the four hours of class daily, students have an opportunity to meet one hour weekly with a conversation partner and one hour weekly with a writing tutor.

Students who have tested into the beginner and intermediate levels of IEP will be required to attend a supplemental English class for further conversational practice and lessons on American culture. Students who have tested into the Advanced I or II levels will complete an English for Academic Purposes course.

Each semester IEP students take various trips off campus to fully experience their local surroundings as well as major surrounding cities. All of these trips are provided to our international students through the Intensive English Program and The Office of Global Education. An IEP activity fee is charged each semester.

For more information about IEP, please visit <https://www.mc.edu/international/intensive-english-program>

# ACADEMIC SUCCESS



## *SUCCESS IN COLLEGE*

Many students are not successful in college because they do not have clearly defined goals or good time management skills. In order to succeed at MC, students must learn how to set goals for themselves and how to manage their time wisely. When students are not successful in college it is often because of poor goal setting, time management and responsibility.

## Academic Goals

Goals provide the framework for the direction your life will take. Long-term goals can take many years to achieve mid- term goals are objectives that you can accomplish in two to five years. These support your long-term goals and include decisions about completing a college education.

Goals should be specific, such as successfully completing the first semester of your freshman year or passing the mid- term exam. Making goals can give students something to work toward and give them a feeling of accomplishment.

## *TIME MANAGEMENT*

Time management is another important aspect of being a successful college student. All students have an equal amount of time, but the successful students have learned to manage their time well. Students who are successful have learned to be proactive, to plan thoroughly and to determine a realistic order for accomplishing tasks. Your freshman year is an excellent time to learn how to better spend your time.

## *RESPONSIBILITY*

College life brings freedom and responsibility. College professors expect you to attend class, complete daily assignments, read assigned materials and work independently on out-of-class projects. If you are to be a productive Mississippi College student, you must choose to be responsible in managing your time in and out of class.

## Academic Facts

### *Absentee Policy*

Mississippi College has a ZERO tolerance policy for missed classes. Students on scholarship may be dropped for unexcused absences of any kind. Class attendance is an important part of the collegiate experience; therefore, attendance is required and professors keep class attendance records.

### *Chapel Requirements and the Freshman Experience. (Undergraduates)*

**Freshmen:** As a part of the core curriculum requirements at Mississippi College, freshmen must take 4 semesters of chapel before they graduate. During the fall semester, freshmen students are required to participate in Blue and Gold 101. Mississippi College has adopted the Early Alert System as a practice of finding students early in the semester who may be exhibiting behaviors that could ultimately have a negative impact on their academic progress. Please direct any questions concerning Early Alert to [Terry Dent, 601.925.3976 or tdent@mc.edu](mailto:Terry Dent).

**Transfers:** As a part of the core curriculum requirements at Mississippi College, all transfers must take part in chapel. If you have transferred in as a junior you will need two semesters of chapel. If transferring in as a sophomore you will need three semesters of chapel. Additional information can be found online.

### *President's List and Deans' List Scholars*

Full-time undergraduate students whose grade point averages are 4.0 are recognized as being on the President's List. Those students with a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99 are recognized as being on the Deans' List. Those who are on the President's and Deans' Lists for the fall semester are recognized at Honors Day in April each year.

### *Confidentiality of Student Records*

Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students in postsecondary educational institutions have the right to inspect and review their school records, as defined by law. **Other than for "Directory Information," Mississippi College will release information only with the student's written consent and will use "Directory Information" in the best interest of the student.** Parents can file a copy of their income tax return with the Registrar to establish that their child/student is a dependent for the purpose of receiving grades OR the student may give written permission to the Registrar to release information regarding his/her grades to parents. For additional information, contact the Office of the Registrar at 601.925.3210.

### *Students with Disability*

Students with disability who want to request accommodations should contact Earline Kelly (601.925.7790) or ([kelly22@mc.edu](mailto:kelly22@mc.edu)).

### *DROP Date*

The official DROP date for each semester is stated in the Academic Calendar. ***Even though a student will not qualify for any tuition refund by that date, they may drop a course without receiving an F. After that date, the only way a student can drop a course is to pass the course, not to have accumulated excessive absences in the course, and have extenuating circumstances (something beyond the student's control).*** For additional information contact the Office of the Registrar at 601.925.3210 or visit [www.mc.edu/offices/registrar](http://www.mc.edu/offices/registrar). Get permission from the Office of Global Education before dropping a class.

### *Changing Class Schedules*

Registered students may edit their class schedule through the date listed on the Academic Calendar via Banner Web.

### *Tuition Refund Policy*

A student should drop a course as soon as he or she decides to drop to maximize the percent refund. The **Academic calendar** lists important dates drop dates for percentages of tuition refund. Please view the calendar by visiting [www.mc.edu/calendar](http://www.mc.edu/calendar). For up to date information, contact the Business Office at 601.925.3307 or visit [www.mc.edu/offices/business/](http://www.mc.edu/offices/business/).

### *Grades (Mid-Term)*

Mid-term grades are posted on BANNER WEB for ALL undergraduate students during the first semester of the freshman year. While these grades are not a part of a student's permanent record, they serve as a guide for how well a student is performing early on in the college experience.

## Academic Honesty

Mississippi College students are expected to be scrupulously honest. The university's emphatic commitment to honesty and fairness is given expression in the following policies about academic conduct:

### **1. Cheating on examinations or course assignments**

- **Cheating on examinations**, shall include, but not be limited to: (a) taking answers from another student's paper or allowing answers to be taken from one's own paper during an examination or quiz; (b) the use of notes or any other aid not specifically allowed or approved by the instructor; (c) unauthorized access to an un-administered examination or quiz and dissemination of the same; (d) collaboration on take-home examinations unless specifically approved by the instructor.
- **Cheating on course assignments**, shall include, but not be limited to: (a) receiving editorial assistance beyond that expressly allowed by the instructor; (b) collaborating with another person in the preparation of any assignment offered for credit when such collaboration is

prohibited by the instructor; (c) submitting the same work for credit in more than one course, regardless of whether or not such submission occurs within the same term. An exception may be granted if the student receives written permission in advance from his or her instructor(s).

## **2. Plagiarism**

No student shall submit as his or her own work any term paper, research paper, thesis or other academic assignment of original work that in any part is not in fact his or her own work.

Knowingly using the ideas of another person and offering them as your own original ideas is prohibited by this policy to the same extent as knowingly using the words of another writer and offering them as one's own original writing. Students working together on assignments without authorization from their professor or caught plagiarizing in any way will receive a **ZERO** for the assignment! **Cut and paste is not okay!** Just because others are copying one another doesn't make that okay. You will receive a **ZERO** for copying others words or work without permission. **Repeated offenses of this policy may result in expulsion! Please see section 4 on the opposite page.**

## **3. Other Academic Misconduct**

Other academic misconduct shall include, but not be limited to: (a) unauthorized access to and/or the alteration of school records; (b) submitting any assignment for credit which is based in part or in total on data which is either fabricated or manufactured; (c) misrepresenting one's self for the purpose of taking an examination for another student; (d) the forgery, alteration, and/or misuse of university documents, including ID cards with intent to defraud, deceive, or mislead; (e) providing false or misleading information to avoid penalties for unexcused or excessive absences in any class or to obtain permission to drop a course without penalty after the established drop date.

## **4. Penalties for Dishonesty**

Students who are found to have committed any of the acts described above or to have aided or abetted others in the commission of the same will receive a grade of **ZERO** if a grade is involved, and the matter reported to the department chair who transmits the report to the dean of the school, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Academic Honors Board. Additional penalties may be imposed. These penalties include, but are not limited to, forfeiture of reimbursement of any tuition refund if the course in which the offense occurred is dropped prior to the drop date; loss of eligibility to receive any academic recognition and institutional scholarship, and dismissal from the program.

We encourage all of our international students to participate in our Intercultural Dialogue Student Association. For more information, contact Dr. Eric Pratt: [epratt@mc.edu](mailto:epratt@mc.edu)

# SERVICES



## Library

The Leland Speed Library serves as an excellent resource to students. Inside the library, students also have access to the Learning Resources Center, Desktop Computer Labs, and Study Rooms.

Hours for current semesters and vacation periods are always posted on the library web page [www.library.mc.edu/](http://www.library.mc.edu/). Exceptions for vacation periods are also noted there. Please view the website homepage for changes in the daily library hours.

### **MACINTOSH LAB**

The Macintosh computer lab is located in Self Hall. Software for this lab is Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, and QuarkXPress. For information about lab usage contact Dr. Randy Miley, 601.925.3231.

**Library Home Page:** <http://library.mc.edu>

**Reference Desk:** 601-925-3916 or [speed\\_reference@mc.edu](mailto:speed_reference@mc.edu)

## Career services

### **Some of our services include:**

- Resume Help
- Interviewing
- Career Assessment
- Job Fairs
- Online Job Board - featuring internships, full time work, part time work
- Workshops
- Career Day
- Networking with Employers

Nelson Hall 314  
601.925.3901

career-services@mc.edu

*Find the career you want and the future you deserve!*

Find us on the Web: <http://www.mc.edu/career/>

## Food services

In conjunction with Campus Dining, MC brings students a flexible meal plan that accommodates the busiest of schedules along with retail options that can satisfy any craving. MC brings students a variety of meal plans, menu options, and dining locations. There's Tuscany Grill, 1826, Starbuck's coffee in the Library, and the Student Center Food Court, with a salad bar, deli, grill, pasta bar, showtime cooking, hot entrees, vegetables, and desserts. Visit MC Dining Service's website to learn more: [www.mc.edu/offices/food/](http://www.mc.edu/offices/food/)

Mississippi College requires all students who live in the residence halls to participate in the meal plan program. The meal plan option consists of 19 meals a week with \$150 in points to spend at any of the food service locations. The meal plan works as follows:

- Meal plan costs are included in the On- Campus Living Charge that covers room and board.
- The meal plan includes \$150 in points and more can be purchased from the food service provider.
- The meals are per week, with the week starting on Friday and ending on Thursday.
- One Scan per meal time. An extra scan per meal time will be charged to points or paid in cash.
- Points equal dollars to be spent in either retail or the food court operation.
- Unspent meals do not carry over from week to week.

## Computer Services

### **“Get Your Account Information”**

This is your first step in logging on to MCnet. Use your 700 number, name, and date of birth to retrieve login info. **Registering Your Computer...**

Every device connected to MCnet must have its hardware (MAC) address registered with computer services in order to operate correctly. Computers can be registered simply by connecting to MCnet, opening a web browser and following the instructions.

### **“Knowledge Base”**

Here you'll find every answer to every question. Follow the helpful links to frequently asked questions and problems, or search for tips on the topic of your choice.

### **“Contact Us”**

Receive contact info for Computer Services, MCnet Support, and Software Support/Training.

## Useful Links

Following are some links that students may find useful:

- MCNet Homepage: <https://www.mc.edu/computerservices/mcnet/>
- MCNet Software Help Desk: <http://www.mc.edu/computerservices/index.php>
- Banner Web Online Registration: <http://www.mc.edu/banner/index.html>

## Athletics

### Table Tennis

With the support of the leadership of Mississippi College, the table tennis team began in 2007. The table tennis team has participated and won numerous honors and prizes at tournaments in Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Georgia, the District of Columbia, North Carolina, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.

### Intramurals



**Ping Pong**

**Soccer**

**Softball**

**Tennis**

**Dodgeball**

**Frisbee Golf**

**Floor Hockey**

**Kickball**

Teams vary by size and can be either men only, women only, or co-ed. Student directors schedule the tournaments by sport, offering around 10-15 options in the fall and 10-15 options in the spring. Students can create teams among themselves, or sign up individually to be placed on a team. All intramural rules, guidelines, schedules, and team registration forms can be found online at <http://www.mc.edu/intramurals>

# APPENDICES

## Hospitals, Emergency Care and Pharmacies

### *Metro Area Hospitals*

Baptist Medical Center  
1225 North State Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39202  
1.800.948.6262

Merit Health Central  
1850 Chadwick Dr., Jackson, MS 39204  
601.376.1000

St. Dominic - Jackson Memorial Hospital  
969 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS 39216  
(601) 200.2000

University of Mississippi Medical Center  
2500 North State Street  
Jackson, MS 39216

### *Local Medical Clinics*

Baptist Clinic  
106 Clinton Parkway  
Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.9005

St. Dominic Clinic  
728 Clinton Parkway, Suite B  
Clinton, MS 39056  
(601) 200.4800

MEA Medical Clinic  
498 Hwy 80 East, Clinton, MS 39056  
Phone: (601) 924.4000

Clinton Medical Center/CarePlus Clinic  
901 Hwy 80 East  
Clinton, MS 39056  
Phone: 601.924.4653

### *Pharmacies*

Kroger Pharmacy  
107 Highway 80 E  
Clinton, MS 39056  
(601) 925.6343

Walgreens  
204 Highway 80 E  
Clinton, MS 39056  
(601) 926.1179

Fred's Pharmacy  
200 Clinton Blvd  
Clinton, MS 39056  
(601) 924.3232

Parkway Pharmacy  
134 E Northside Dr  
Clinton, MS 39056  
(601) 924.8935

CVS Pharmacy  
801 Highway 80 E  
Clinton, MS 39056  
(601) 924.2111

# HOUSING

## Apartment Complexes in Clinton, MS

### **Beauregard Village**

101 Mt. Salus; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.6673

### **Belvoir Apartments**

West Main Street; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.925.6036

### **Broadway Terrace Apartments**

151 Broadway Drive; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.7637

### **Broken Arrow Apartments**

100 W. Sproles Street; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.923.2794

### **Cedar Cove Townhomes**

107 Clinton Boulevard; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.9909

### **Choctaw Apartments**

West Main Street; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.0248

### **Clinton Plaza Apartments**

Oakwood Drive; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.925.6036

### **College Place**

101 Fairmont; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.925.6036

### **College Plaza Apartments**

401 West College Street; Clinton, MS 39058  
601.924.0137

### **Huntcliff Manor**

500 East Northside Drive; Clinton, MS  
39056  
601.924.5644

### **Hunter Oaks Apartments**

1401 Highway 80 West; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.4145

### **Landmark Apartments**

160 Broadway Drive; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.0122

### **Meadow Oaks Apartments**

100 Parker Drive; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.0248

### **Northridge Apartments**

100 Briars Drive; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.925.6036

### **Pine Trails Apartments**

560 Springridge Road; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.0464

### **Plantation Manor**

50 Lakeview Drive; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.925.1050

### **Shadowbrook Apartments**

1501 Highway 80 East; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.8283

### **The Reserve at Woodchase**

100 Reserve Drive; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.925.0009

### **Stonegate Apartments**

416 Woodstone Road; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.0721

### **Wedgewood Place**

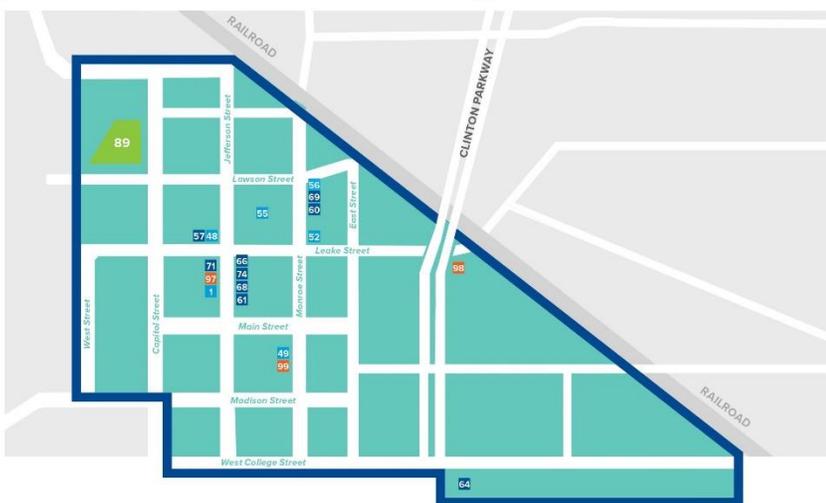
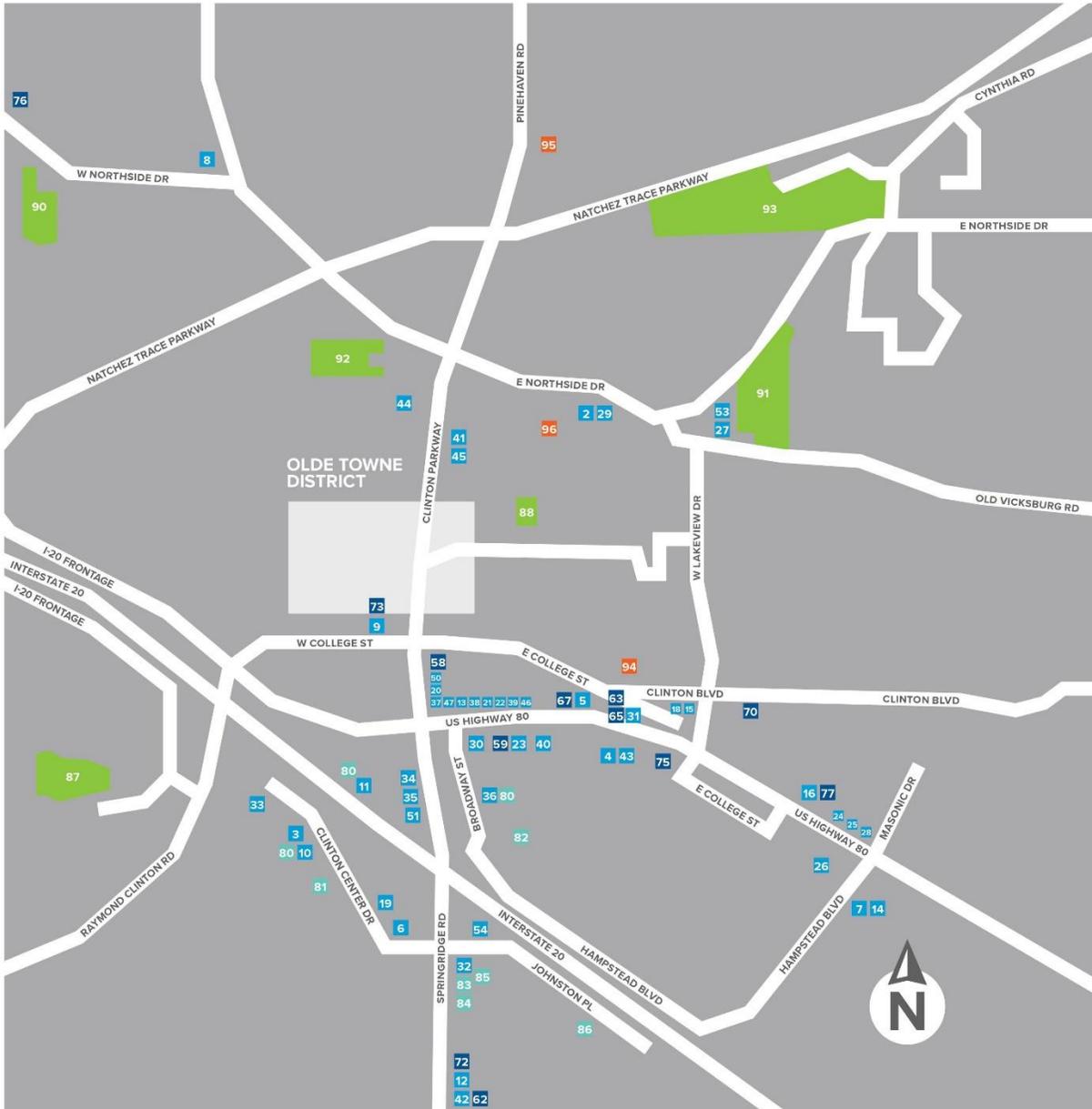
200 Pecan Hill Drive; Clinton MS 39056  
601.924.0137

### **Windsor Village**

345 Woodstone Road; Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.7161

**\*\*Mississippi College does not recommend patronage in any one apartment facility.**

# CLINTON MISSISSIPPI



## OLDE TOWNE DISTRICT

- RESTAURANTS
- SHOPPING
- ACCOMMODATIONS
- PARKS
- ATTRACTIONS



## RESTAURANTS

### American

- 1 **303 Jefferson**  
303 Jefferson St  
(601) 924-1303
- 2 **The Froghead Grill**  
121 Clinton Center Dr  
(601) 924-0725
- 3 **The Butler's Place**  
803 E Northside Dr  
(601) 488-4349
- 4 **Mcalister's Deli**  
620 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 924-9222
- 5 **Newk's Eatery**  
455 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 925-5200
- 6 **Shoney's Clinton**  
500 Springridge Rd  
(601) 925-5029
- 7 **Wingstop**  
1001 Hampstead Blvd  
(601) 924-2423
- 8 **Uptown Restaurant**  
499 Clinton-Tinnin Rd  
(601) 826-8202
- 9 **Pimentos Cafe**  
200 Jefferson St  
(601) 925-7899
- 10 **Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar**  
111 Clinton Center Dr  
(601) 924-8644
- 11 **Waffle House**  
485 Springridge Rd  
(601) 924-4923
- 12 **Country Kitchen**  
507 Springridge Rd, Suite D  
(601) 488-4735
- 13 **Zaxby's Chicken Fingers & Buffalo Wings**  
99 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 925-5838
- 14 **Playtime Entertainment**  
1009 Hampstead Blvd  
(601) 926-1511
- 15 **N'awlins Grill**  
228 Clinton Blvd  
(601) 924-7305
- 16 **T'beaux's Crawfish And Catering**  
941 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 926-4793
- 17 **Arrow Grill**  
957 Hwy 80 E  
arrowgrills.com

### Asian

- 18 **Great Wall Chinese Restaurant**  
218 Clinton Blvd  
(601) 925-4922
- 19 **Bonsai II**  
102 Clinton Center Dr  
(601) 924-4448
- 20 **TY Bowls**  
103 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 488-4194
- 21 **Hibachi Express**  
117 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 488-4068
- 22 **China Buffet**  
125 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 924-9596
- 23 **Hot Bowl**  
380 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 488-4545
- 24 **Takara**  
951 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 925-8777
- 25 **Taste Of India**  
957 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 272-3000

### Fast Food

- 26 **Chick-fil-A**  
952 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 924-8892
- 27 **Domino's Pizza**  
909-B Old Vicksburg Rd  
(601) 924-3030
- 28 **Sonic Drive-in**  
971 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 926-1515
- 29 **Sonic Drive-in**  
849 E Northside Dr  
(601) 924-7136
- 30 **Wendy's**  
310 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 924-6838
- 31 **Dairy Queen**  
625 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 924-6232
- 32 **Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen**  
485 Springridge Rd  
(601) 924-9977
- 33 **Pizza Hut**  
251 Clinton Center Dr  
(601) 926-1204
- 34 **Mcdonald's**  
474 Springridge Rd  
(601) 924-1644

- 35 **Taco Bell**  
490 Springridge Rd  
(601) 924-4500
- 36 **Burger King**  
165 Broadway St, Apt A  
(601) 925-0603
- 37 **Smoothie King**  
105 Hwy 80 E, Suite A  
(601) 924-2833
- 38 **Subway**  
109 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 924-7827
- 39 **Captain D's**  
131 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 925-4609
- 40 **KFC**  
442 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 924-7232

### Mexican

- 41 **Las Margaritas Mexican Restaurant**  
737 Clinton Pkwy  
(601) 924-0005
- 42 **Salsa's**  
509 Springridge Rd B  
(601) 924-3733
- 43 **El Sombrero**  
640 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 925-8262
- 44 **Fuzzy's Taco Shop**  
734 Clinton Pkwy  
(601) 488-4937

### Italian

- 45 **Fox's Pizza Den**  
713 Clinton Pkwy  
(601) 708-4135
- 46 **Mazzio's Italian Eatery**  
301 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 925-8009
- 47 **Pastabilities**  
105 Hwy 80 E, Suite B  
(601) 473-2255
- 48 **The Bank by Pizza Shack**  
200 W Leake St  
(601) 708-1708

### Coffee Shops

- 49 **Cups An Espresso Cafe**  
101 W Main St  
(601) 924-4952
- 50 **Shiplay Do-Nuts**  
103-C Hwy 80 E  
(601) 925-0020
- 51 **Starbucks**  
480 Springridge Rd  
(601) 924-1239

### Treats

- 52 **Brick Street Pops**  
400 Monroe St  
(601) 990-9511
- 53 **Clinton Sno Biz**  
901 E Northside Dr  
(601) 924-1869
- 54 **Baskin-Robbins**  
101 Johnston Pl  
(601) 925-0747
- 55 **Meme's Brick Street Bakery**  
104 W Leake St  
(601) 278-0635
- 56 **Filter Coffee House**  
420 Monroe Street, Suite A  
601-259-0261

## SHOPPING

### Women

- 57 **James & Leigh**  
202 W Leake St  
(601) 910-7008
- 58 **Fancy Formals**  
300 E College St C  
(601) 924-8345
- 59 **Puttin' On The Glitz**  
322 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 924-7252

### Men

- 60 **Sii Bello**  
420 Monroe St
- 61 **Winstead Clothing Store**  
304 Jefferson St  
(601) 928-5096

### Gifts

- 62 **Ckarats Jewelry**  
509 Springridge Rd A  
(601) 924-7755
- 63 **Clinton Paints Pottery**  
105 Clinton Blvd  
(601) 925-5577
- 64 **The Cupboard**  
300 E College St  
(601) 924-5245
- 65 **Dee's Flowers**  
106 Clinton Blvd  
(601) 925-5577
- 66 **Good Citizen**  
310 Jefferson St  
(601) 708-5067

- 67 **The Olive Branch**  
449 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 924-7684
- 68 **Ollie + Rae Gifts & Apparel**  
304 Jefferson St  
(601) 842-3054
- 69 **Posh Design Shoppe**  
420 Monroe St D  
(601) 708-4815

### Antiques

- 70 **Clinton Flea Market**  
316 Clinton Blvd  
(601) 925-1864
- 71 **Leake Street Collection**  
201 W Leake St B  
(601) 925-5776
- 72 **Re-imagined**  
507 Springridge Rd, Suite E  
(601) 488-4673

### Books

- 73 **Mississippi College Bookstore**  
110 W College St  
(601) 925-3241

### Outdoor

- 74 **Paxton Peak**  
306 Jefferson St  
(601) 473-2200
- 75 **Second Shot Outdoors**  
706 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 473-2332

### Thrifting & Secondhand

- 76 **4C's Thrift Store**  
2001 W Northside Dr  
(601) 924-9436
- 77 **Goodwill**  
941 Hwy 80 E  
(601) 708-1797

## ACCOMMODATIONS

- 78 **Americas Best Value Inn and Suites**  
102 Clinton Loop Dr  
(601) 926-4323
- 79 **Comfort Inn & Suites**  
5010 Hampstead Blvd  
(601) 925-8250
- 80 **Days Inn Clinton**  
482 Springridge Rd  
(601) 925-5065
- 81 **Econo Lodge**  
103 Clinton Center Dr  
(601) 924-9364
- 82 **Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott**  
105 Hampstead Blvd  
(601) 925-5750
- 83 **Hampton Inn & Suites**  
493 Springridge Rd  
(601) 633-4183
- 84 **Holiday Inn Express & Suites**  
495 Springridge Rd  
(601) 708-0400
- 85 **Quality Inn**  
103 Johnston Pl  
(601) 924-0064
- 86 **Super 8**  
1201 Johnston Pl  
(601) 925-4040

## PARKS

For more information on Clinton Parks, please visit [clintonms.org/departments/parks](http://clintonms.org/departments/parks)

- 87 **Brighton Park**  
S. 530 I-20 Frontage
- 88 **Clinton Community Nature Center**  
617 Dunton Rd  
(601) 926-1104
- 89 **Town Spring Park**  
305 Belmont St
- 90 **Northside Park**  
1659 W Northside Dr
- 91 **Kids Towne Park**  
915 Old Vicksburg Rd
- 92 **Robinson Park**  
205 W Northside Dr
- 93 **Traceway Park**  
200 Soccer Row

## ATTRACTIONS

- 94 **Wood Activity & Therapeutic Center**  
111 Clinton Blvd  
(601) 924-6387
- 95 **Clinton Visitor Center**  
1300 Pinehaven Dr  
(601) 924-2221
- 96 **Quisenberry Public Library**  
605 E Northside Dr  
(601) 924-5684
- 97 **Wyatt Waters Gallery**  
307 Jefferson St  
(601) 925-8115
- 98 **Olde Towne Depot**  
281 E Leake St  
(601) 924-5472
- 99 **Gore Art Galleries**  
199 Monroe St  
(601) 925-7770



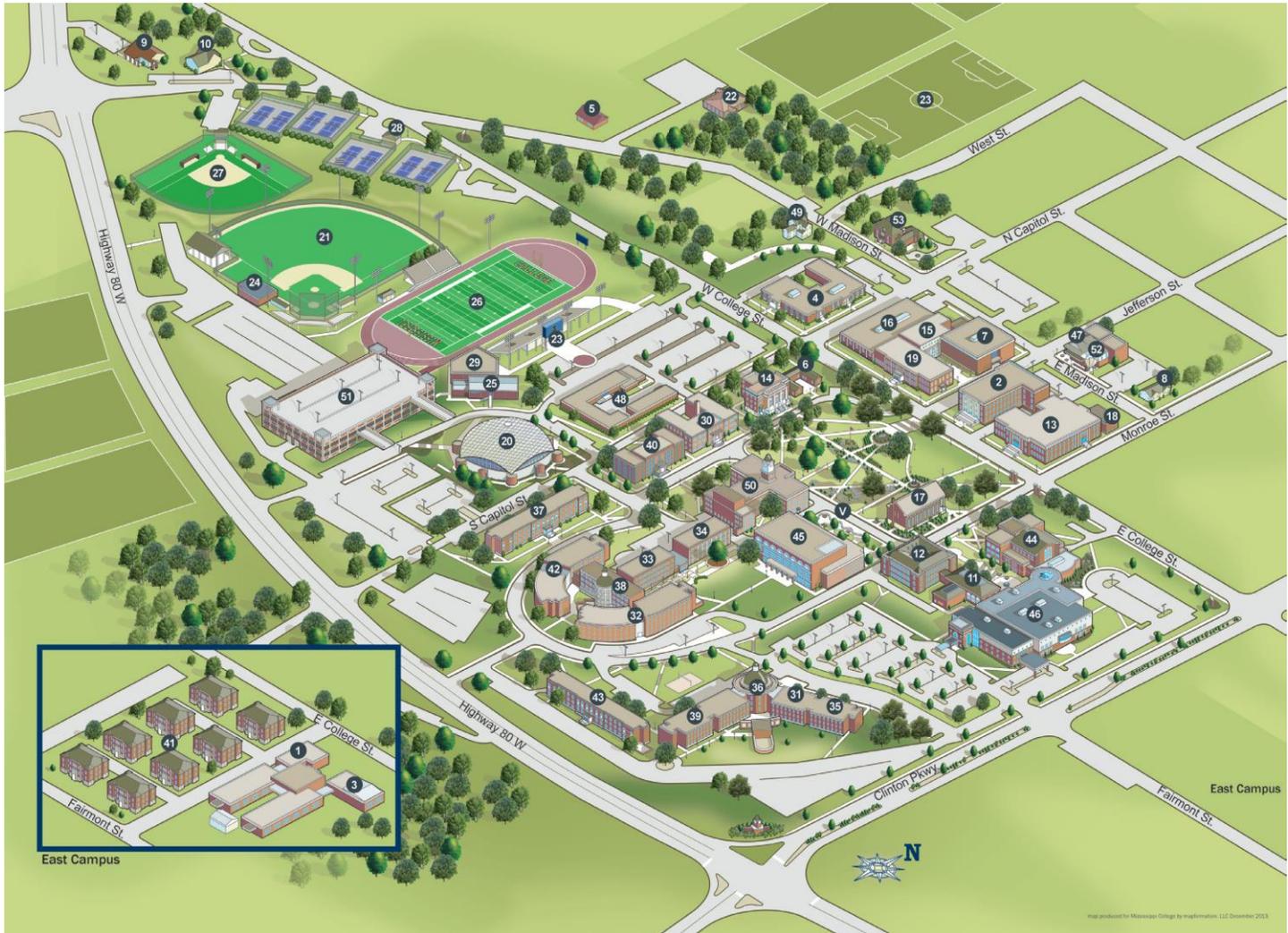
t: (601) 924-5474  
f: (601) 925-4605  
w: [clintonms.org](http://clintonms.org)

P.O. Box 156  
300 Jefferson Street  
Clinton, MS 39060



The Clinton Chamber  
of Commerce

100 E Leake Street  
601-924-5912



**ACADEMIC BUILDINGS**

- 1. Art Annex
- 2. Aven Fine Arts Building
- 3. Band Hall
- 4. Cockroft Hall
- 5. Dyslexia Center
- 6. Farr Hall
- 7. Hederman Science Building
- 8. International Center East
- 9. International Center West A
- 10. International Center West B
- 11. Jennings Annex
- 12. Jennings Hall
- 13. Leland Speed Library
- 14. Lowrey Hall
- 15. Math, Chemistry, Computer Science
- 16. Medical Sciences Building
- 17. Provine Chapel
- 18. Samuel Marshall Gore Art Galleries
- 19. Self Hall

**ATHLETIC FACILITIES**

- 1. A.E. Wood Coliseum
- 2. Frierson Field
- 3. Girling Fieldhouse
- 4. Longabaugh Field
- 5. Rice Field House
- 6. Moody Adams Field House

- 7. Robinson-Hale Stadium
- 8. Softball Complex
- 9. Tennis Clubhouse
- 10. Williams Strength Center

**RESIDENCE HALLS**

- 1. Chrestman Hall
- 2. Cockroft-Caldwell Hall
- 3. East Tower
- 4. Gunter Hall
- 5. Hederman Hall
- 6. Hitt-McCullough Hall
- 7. Holloway Rotunda
- 8. Latimer-Webb Hall
- 9. Mary Nelson Hall
- 10. Quick Hall
- 11. Ratliff Hall
- 12. University Place
- 13. West Tower
- 14. Whittington Hall

**OTHER BUILDINGS**

- 1. Alumni Hall
- 2. B.C. Rogers Student Center & Anderson Hall
- 3. Baptist Healthplex
- 4. Bookstore
- 5. Lanier Physical Plant

- 6. Latimer House
- 7. Nelson Hall/Swor Auditorium
- 8. Parking Garage
- 9. Pimento's Cafe
- 10. Phillips House

**MAIN SWITCHBOARD**

601.925.3000

<b>Undergraduate Admissions</b> .....	601.925.3800
<i>Nelson Hall, Basement</i>	
<b>Business Office</b> .....	601.925.3307
<i>Nelson Hall, 1st Floor</i>	
<b>Financial Aid</b> .....	601.925.3212
<i>Nelson Hall, Basement</i>	
<b>Public Safety</b> .....	601.925.3204
<i>Alumni Hall, 1st Floor, Room 102A</i>	

# MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE CAMPUS

## American Expressions, Idioms and Slang

**Awesome:** amazing, fantastic

**Barbecue (Bar-B-Que/BBQ):** an outdoor party that features meat with sauce cooked over an open fire

**Beat:** very tired

**Beat around the bush:** to be evasive; not to speak openly about something

**Big deal:** sarcastic term to play down or belittle what someone has done

**Biggie:** something that is very important

**Blow it:** to do badly, e.g., "I really blew that exam."

**Bogus:** inferior quality; phony

**Boonies:** the countryside, far from the city

**Bounce:** to leave a place

**Break the ice:** to get acquainted, to make an awkward social situation comfortable

**Broke:** to be without money

**Bummer:** bad or sad situation; also bummed, bummed out: feeling very bad

**Burbs:** diminutive of suburbs, residential area outside of the city

**Chill:** to spend relaxed time, to "hang out" ("Come chill at my apartment.")

**Chill out:** to slow down, to relax

**Cold feet, to have:** to be nervous; to be uncertain about doing something

**Come again?** "Please repeat what you just said."

**Come off it:** to stop what you are doing or saying

**Cool:** (adj.) term denoting approval for something or someone

**Cool it:** to slow down; to relax

**Cop out:** (v.) to quit; deny responsibility for; (n.) an excuse Couch potato: person who spends all leisure time watching television

**Cram:** to study frantically just before a test; also eat a lot, to stuff yourself

**Crash:** to sleep or stay temporarily at someone's place; also to go to a party uninvited

**Cut it out, knock it off:** a request or command to stop doing something

**Date:** (v.) to go out with another person; (n.) the person with whom you go

**Down to earth:** practical, straightforward; simple and honest

**Drag:** (n.) boring or unpleasant thing, (adj.) not much fun

**Drive a hard bargain:** to hold out for the best terms in a trade

**Drop in, drop by:** to visit unexpectedly

**Drop off:** to deliver to designated location

**Drop out:** (n.) someone who didn't graduate from school; (v.) to quit before completing a goal

**Dutch treat, go Dutch:** each person pays for his/her own food or entertainment

**Fat chance:** very little chance

**Fed up:** sick of; disgusted with or tired of something

**Fishy:** suspicious; "There's something fishy about his story."

**Flunk:** to fail an exam or a course

**Freak, freak out:** to show great emotion, positive or negative

**Funky:** a term denoting approval, often used to describe items of clothing or design

**Get it together, get one's act together:** to get organized

**Get on one's nerves:** to cause irritation

**Get with it:** to conform to the situation; make the necessary adjustment; also to “get with the program”

**Give me a call, call me:** “Telephone me”

**Go for it:** to take an active part in something, try to achieve some specific goal

**Greeks:** members of fraternities or sororities

**Gross:** term denoting something crude and extremely unpleasant or disgusting

**Hang out:** (v.) to spend time relaxing, not working or doing anything in particular; (n.) a place in which to spend leisure time

**Hang-ups:** inhibitions or worries about things

**Hassle:** (n.) trouble, difficulty; “Catching the 7 a.m. bus every morning is a hassle;” (v.) “Don’t hassle me”

**Have it in for someone:** to have a deliberate intention to cause trouble for another

**Have it made:** to be assured of success

**Put one’s foot in one’s mouth:** to say something for which you are embarrassed

**Hit it off:** become friends

**In a bad way:** the situation is getting very bad

**In a big way:** very much, a term to show emphasis as in, “he was hurting in a big way”

**In your dreams:** not possible; “It’ll never happen”

**Keep in touch:** to phone or write occasionally

**Keep your fingers crossed:** a good luck gesture or expression

**Know one’s stuff:** to be knowledgeable in a certain subject

**Lay off:** to stop bothering or nagging

**Had it:** to reach a limit of tolerance; “I’ve had it!”

**Hang around:** to wait, doing nothing in particular

**Hang in there:** “Don’t give up”; “Keep trying”

**Hang on:** in reference to the telephone, “Do not hang up the receiver. I’ll be back”; also “Keep trying”

**Make ends meet:** to budget within one’s income

**Mess around:** to play, relax

**No way:** a response to a suggestion of something that is wrong or that one does not wish to do

**Off the wall:** crazy

**On me:** “I’ll pay,” also, “I’ll pick up the tab [pay]”

**Out of it:** not adjusted to the rest of the group, not fitting in; dazed

**Out of sight:** exclamation of approval

**Peeved:** irritated; disgusted

**Piece of cake:** easy

**Pot luck:** dinner where each person brings something to eat

**Psyched:** mentally prepared

**Pull an all-nighter:** stay up all night studying

**Pull strings:** to use personal influence to achieve an objective

**Rain check:** a deferred acceptance of an invitation with a promise to accept at a later date; “I can’t make it this Sunday but I’ll take a rain check.”

**Ripped off:** to be cheated of money

**Uptight:** nervous

**What’s up? “What is new?” “What is happening?”** Often used as a greeting in very informal settings

## More Things to Bring or Buy

### **Bath and Bed**

- Bathrobe
- Bath Towels
- Bathroom Cup
- Brush and Comb
- Cologne/Perfume
- Cosmetics
- Dental Floss
- Deodorant
- Make-Up
- Pillows
- XL Twin Sheets

### **Clothing and Accessories**

- Bathing Suit
- Clothes Hangers
- Flip-Flops/Sandals
- Jeans
- Light Jacket
- Shorts
- Slippers
- Sneakers
- Sunglasses
- T-shirts

### **Décor and Furnishings**

- Bed Raisers
- Clock/Radio Alarm
- Desk Organizers
- Electric Fan
- Floor Lamp
- Photographs
- Posters
- Reading Lamp
- Storage Bins

### **Entertainment and Communication**

- Cell Phone
- CDs/DVDs
- Desktop Computer
- Electronics Adapters
- Notebook Computer
- Portable DVD Player
- Portable Music Player
- Printer
- Stereo
- Surge Protector
- Television
- USB Flash Drive
- Video Game System

### **School Supplies**

- Binders
- Book bag/Knapsack
- Graph Paper
- Notebooks
- Pens and Pencils
- Ruler
- Scientific Calculator
- Stapler
- Three-Hole Punch

### **Sports and Leisure**

- Bicycle
- Bike Lock
- Frisbee
- Golf Clubs
- Snorkel Mask
- Soccer Ball
- Sunscreen
- Swim Goggles
- Tennis Racquet
- Water Bottle

## Student Organizations and Activities

Accounting Society  
American Institute of Graphic Arts  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society of Interior Design  
Association for Computing Machinery  
Association of Student Social Workers  
Baptist Nursing Fellowship  
Chess Society  
Christians United for Israel  
College English Association  
College Republicans  
Criminal Justice Club (Phi Zeta Rho)  
Donald Fisher Student Society (PA)  
International Justice Mission  
Kinesiology Club  
Mathematical Association of America  
MC Choctaw Table Tennis Club  
MC History Club  
MC Investment Club  
MC Mock Trial  
MC Saudi Students Association  
MC Scouts (Student Recruiters)  
MCWiB  
MEDLIFE  
Messengers  
National Art Education Association  
National Association for Music Education  
Public Relations Association of Mississippi  
Scuba Association  
Student-Athletic Advisory Council  
Student Government Association  
Student Members of the American Chemical Society  
Student Nurses' Association  
Nenamoosha Social Tribe  
Swannanoa Social Tribe

### *Campus Ministry*

Baptist Student Union  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
Reformed University Fellowship  
Upper Room Campus Fellowship

Tri Beta  
Young Americans for Freedom

### *Honors Societies*

Alpha Chi  
Alpha Epsilon Delta  
Alpha Lambda Delta  
Alpha Mu Gamma (Iota Lambda)  
Delta Mu Delta  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Kappa Pi  
Lambda Pi Eta  
Mortar Board Honor Society  
Omicron Delta Kappa  
Phi Alpha  
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia  
Phi Theta Kappa  
Pi Mu Epsilon  
Pre-Dental Society  
Psi Chi  
Sigma Tau Delta

### *Club Sports*

Sporting Clays Program  
Bass Fishing Program

### *Clubs (Men) and Tribes (Women)*

Civitan Men's Club  
Kokoa Men's Service Club  
Rotaract Mens Club  
Shawreth Order of Mississippi College  
Chenoa Social Tribe  
Kissimee Social Tribe  
Laguna Social Tribe  
Habitat for Humanity

### *Cultural Organizations*

Black Student Association Plus  
Chinese Student Association  
Indian Student Association  
Saudi Arabia Student Association

## Common Academic and Mississippi College Related Terms

Here are some common academic and Mississippi College related terms you will hear in and around campus on a daily basis.

**Adjunct Faculty:** visiting or part-time instructors

**Alumni:** Security, Mailroom

**ASC:** Academic Support Center, offers free tutoring

**Audit:** to take a course without credit

**Bachelor's Degree:** a degree received after completing four years at a MC in a specific study

**BANNER:** A single sign-on system for easy access to MOODLE, email, and other important MC information

**BCR:** Student Center, Cafeteria, BSU, Student Life  
Residence Life

**Commencement:** graduation ceremonies held at the end of fall and spring semesters

**Course Numbers:** numbers that indicate the level of the course

**CRN:** Computer Registration Number – A code generated to identify each course electronically, it is very important to get this number correct on the registration form

**Dual Major:** When a student earns two different MC degrees at the same time

**IEP:** Intensive English Program

**IT:** information technology, also known as tech support

**Major:** a focus on a specific field of study, interest or career

**Minor:** a secondary focus on a different field of study, interest or career

**MOODLE:** online learning system; professors post lecture notes, course information, changes to schedules, discussion boards, professors can post your grades

**Nelson Hall:** Administration

**Orientation:** a week filled with events to help new students adjust to campus life

**RA:** resident assistant, an upper-classman who is responsible for students living on their floor in a residence hall

# PLACES

## Places of Worship



### **Apostolic Churches**

New Testament Church of the Apostolic  
Faith  
2127 Old Vicksburg Road  
Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.4774

Northside Baptist Church  
1475 E Northside Drive  
Clinton, MS 39056  
Parkway Baptist Church  
802 N Frontage Road  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Assembly of God Churches**

Celebrate Church  
2001 Old Vicksburg Road  
Clinton, MS 39056  
601.924.2808  
<http://www.celebratepeople.org>

Pinelake Baptist Church Clinton  
816 E Northside Drive  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Baptist Churches**

First Baptist Church of Clinton  
100 E. College Street  
Clinton, MS 39056

Traceway Baptist Church  
312 Camp Garaywa Road  
Clinton, MS 39056

Morrison Heights Baptist Church  
3000 Hampstead Blvd  
Clinton, MS 39056

Wildwood Baptist Church  
101 Auburn Drive  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Catholic Churches**

Holy Savior Catholic Church  
714 Lindale Street  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Church of Christ Churches**

Clinton Church of Christ  
155 Broadway Street  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Church of God Churches**

Christ Chapel Church of God in Christ  
110 Owens Road  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Church of the Nazarene Churches**

Dayspring Community Church  
1100 Business Park Drive  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Episcopal Churches**

Epsicopal Church of the Creator  
1445 Clinton-Raymond Road  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Lutheran Churches**

Our Redeemer Luthern Church  
1745 Clinton-Raymond Road  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Methodist Churches**

First United Methodist Church Clinton  
100 Mt. Salus Drive  
Clinton, MS 39056

Galloway United Methodist Church  
305 N Congress Street  
Clinton, MS

### **Missionary Baptist Churches**

Holy Ghost Missionary Baptist Church  
203 W Northside Drive  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Orthodox Churches**

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church  
414 E. College Street  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Other**

Lighthouse Assembly of Believers  
495 Springridge Road  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Pentecostal Churches**

New Birth Pentecostal Church  
1229 Springridge Road  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Presbyterian Churches**

Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
1702 Old Vicksburg Road  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Pinehaven Presbyterian Church**

2001 Pinehaven Road  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Providence Presbyterian Church**

1580 Clinton-Raymond Road  
Clinton, MS 39056

### **Mosque**

Masjid Muhammad  
6100 Floral Dr  
Jackson, MS 39206

### **Temple**

Sita Ram Hindu Temple  
1940 Highway 80 W  
Jackson, MS 39204

B S S Hindu Temple  
2390 Greenway Dr  
Jackson, MS 39204

201 Monroe Street  
Clinton, MS 39056  
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