

Parent *and* Family

CALENDAR AND HANDBOOK

2024-25



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Welcome to the Golden Eagle family!

Dear Parents and Family Members,

We are excited to welcome you as partners in your student's journey at The University of Southern Mississippi! We know that you play an important role in your student's success in college. It is our goal to provide you with information about the people, places and resources that are going to help you and your student transition to college at Southern Miss.

The best way to keep up to date with information pertinent to your student is to join the Golden Eagle Family Hub, check out our Instagram, and regularly refer to the official academic calendar from the Registrar's Office. If you have any questions throughout the year, please contact us directly at parentsandfamily@usm.edu.

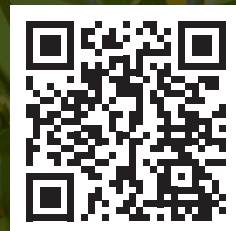
Best wishes for the upcoming year!

Southern Miss To The Top!

- Southern Miss Parent and Family Programs

Golden Eagle Family Hub

Although this guide will be an excellent resource for you as you begin your journey as a member of the Southern Miss family, we recommend you regularly check the Golden Eagle Family Hub to stay informed of campus events and news that's pertinent to you! Scan the QR code or visit southernmiss.campusesp.com to sign up.



PARENT AND FAMILY ASSOCIATION

PARENTSANDFAMILY@USM.EDU

601.266.4403

 SOUTHERN MISS PARENT & FAMILY

 @SOUTHERNMISS_FAMILY

We work to assist students and families with their transition into the university community and support students on their journey to graduation. Through the Parent and Family Association, a free resource for families, we offer programs and events allowing you to stay informed and involved as partners in your student's education. Members of the Parent and Family Association are provided monthly e-newsletters, invited to on-campus events, have access to a monthly web series, and so much more. Connect with us via social media!

PARENT AND FAMILY CHECKLIST

- Stay advised on current campus safety information by having your student sign you up for Eagle Alert on the University Police Department's website at usm.edu/police/eagle-alert.
- Review the USM Payment Policy, pay your student's bill, or establish a payment plan with Business Services at usm.edu/business-services.
- Discuss finances, academic expectations, class attendance, campus resources and behavioral expectations related to college freedom with your student. Open and honest conversations equip them to meet the challenges ahead.
- Encourage your student to have a conversation with his/her roommate to discuss roommate expectations and create a mutually beneficial living space.
- Prepare for Move-in Day. South Mississippi is hot in August, so please plan accordingly. Review the move-in tips and reminders provided by the Department of Housing and Residence Life.
- Plan to send a month's supply of your student's required medications (allergy, diabetes, etc.) as a precaution and bring a prescription transfer from your local pharmacy to the Moffitt Health Center Pharmacy (campus clinic located in Century Park South, Scott Hall).
- Encourage your student to check his/her Southern Miss email account daily to receive important information from the university.
- Discuss which activities your student might find interesting, and encourage them to attend the Student Involvement Fair. Research shows that students who get involved during their first six weeks of class do better academically than students who do not get involved.
- Encourage your student to be an active participant at Golden Eagle Welcome Week (August 15-20)!
- Make plans to attend Parent and Family Weekend, October 4-5, 2024.
- Tune in for the Seymour Scoop! This is an online webcast series designed to inform Southern Miss parents and families about resources related to student academic and social success.

TAKING CARE OF *Business*

ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS

USM.EDU/REGISTRAR

KENNARD-WASHINGTON HALL, 1ST FLOOR | 601.266.5006

Students can grant access to any authorized person to view their student information inside our online student record system, **SOAR**. This portal is view-only access and does not allow the authorized person to perform any activity for his or her student, except to make payments. However, important information such as grades, financial aid and class schedules can be accessed.

- Log on to SOAR and locate the Parent/Guardian Access tile.
- The student will create a family member account login and password. This password will not expire.
- Once activated, family members can log into SOAR using their newly created login and password to view their student's information.

For further assistance related to SOAR family member portal access, contact the Office of the Registrar at registrar@usm.edu or 601.266.5006.

UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

USM.EDU/POLICE

BOND HALL, FIRST FLOOR | 601.266.4986

The University Police Department is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of our university community. Accredited at both state and federal levels, UPD consists of various divisions, including Communications, Patrol, Detective and Community Relations. With jurisdiction over all university campuses and operations centers on the Gulf Coast and in Hattiesburg, UPD is accessible 24/7. Parents are encouraged to remind students to secure their belongings, sign up for **Eagle Alert**, and utilize UPD's services and emergency call stations for any concerns or assistance needed on campus.

DEAN OF STUDENTS

USM.EDU/DEAN-STUDENTS

R.C. COOK UNION 210 | 601.266.4025

The Office of the Dean of Students strives to be proactive in providing a safe, secure learning environment for all. The **Campus Action Referral and Evaluation System** (CARES) is a team of campus professionals who respond to reports of concern regarding the academic progress and well-being of students. Anyone is able to submit a concern about a student using CARES at usm.edu/student-affairs/cares.

*Encourage your student to review the **Student Code of Conduct**, which can be accessed at usm.edu/institutional-policies.*

TEXTBOOKS

USM.EDU/BOOKSTORE

BARNES & NOBLE | THAD COCHRAN CENTER | 601.266.4381

Barnes & Noble at Southern Miss serves as a vital resource for the campus community, offering a diverse range of affordable course materials, including new, used, digital and rental textbooks. In addition to supporting academic success, the bookstore provides an extensive selection of Golden Eagle apparel, ensuring students are equipped with everything they need for the school year. The University of Southern Mississippi, in collaboration with Barnes & Noble College, has introduced **Eagle Direct Textbooks**, a program aimed at lowering costs and increasing access to required course materials. With Eagle Direct Textbooks, students can secure all their required undergraduate course materials for a flat fee per credit hour, reducing traditional textbook costs by an average of 40 to 50%.

MEAL PLANS

EAGLEDINING.COM

THAD COCHRAN CENTER | GROUND FLOOR | 601.266.5376

Eagle Dining offers a range of meal plans for Southern Miss students, granting access to the Fresh Food Company and other popular eateries on campus like Chick-fil-A, Freshens, Subway, Moe's and Starbucks. Students can enhance their plans with additional Dining Dollars for extra spending power. Both on-campus and off-campus students can opt for meal plans, with residential students automatically assigned one. **Guaranteed Dining Dollars** is a new program providing full-time, undergraduate students under the age of 25 with \$300 in Dining Dollars each semester, conveniently deducted from their prepaid credit at any campus dining location. Unused fall Dining Dollars roll over to spring, resetting at the end of the spring semester.

ACCOMMODATIONS

USM.EDU/SAS

BOND HALL, 1ST FLOOR | 601.266.5024

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) is Southern Miss' designated office to verify students' eligibility for accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). SAS works with eligible registered students on an individual basis to provide classroom and housing accommodations that are specific to their disabilities. SAS works with faculty and staff on campus to ensure that students with disabilities have full access and the encouragement to participate in all university activities. SAS strives to create a positive campus environment where students with disabilities are supported in their pursuit of careers on the basis of their personal interest and ability.

PARKING PERMITS

USM.EDU/PARKING

MCLEMORE HALL, 1ST FLOOR | 601.266.4943

Parking and Transit Services is responsible for overseeing the multiple aspects of parking and transit for The University of Southern Mississippi campuses, including zone enforcement, event parking, and combined maintenance and improvements of all parking areas on our campuses. All vehicles parked on campus must be registered online and a parking permit purchased. The permit cost is not included in the cost of tuition and fees. Students are required to register their vehicles and purchase parking permits online at usm.edu/parking.

CAMPUS Recreation

USM.EDU/CAMPUS-RECREATION | 601.266.5405

f USMCAMPUSREC @SOUTHERNMISSCAMPUSREC

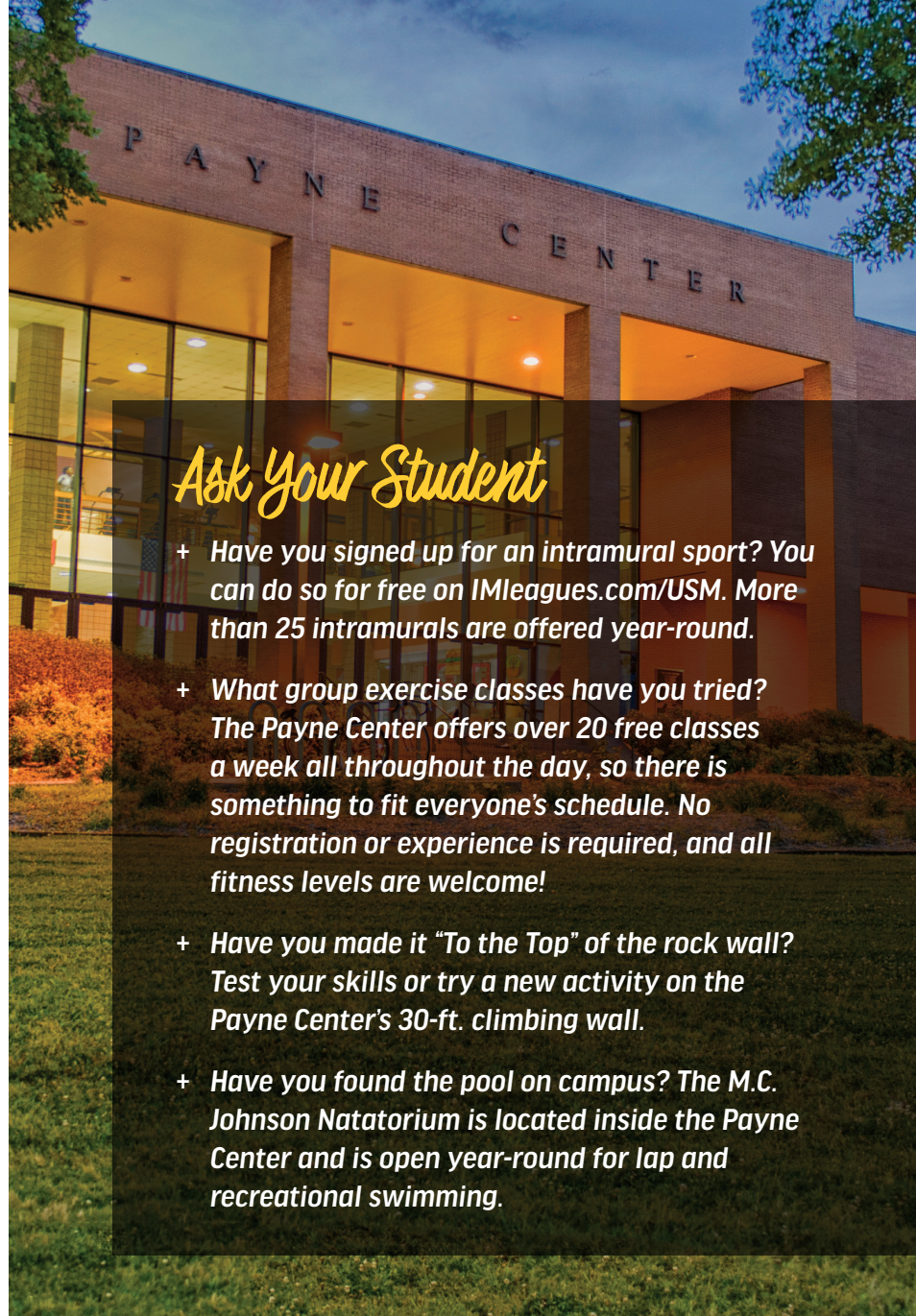
x @SOMISSCAMPUSREC

Southern Miss Campus Recreation is located in the Payne Center, USM's fitness and recreation center on the Hattiesburg campus. The Payne Center features a 7,900-square-foot Work Out Zone with cardio machines, selectorized strength equipment, and a free-weight room. It also includes four racquetball courts, four multi-purpose activity courts, and three group exercise studios, which host free fitness classes, including yoga, spin, pilates, bootcamp and dance classes. The center also includes a 25-yard, six-lane indoor heated pool with diving boards, an indoor rock-climbing wall, an escape room, and a F45 Training studio.

Campus Recreation also offers intramural sports, such as flag football, soccer, softball, basketball and pickleball for league and tournament play; outdoor adventure trips for nature enthusiasts; and personal training. Facility hours and a full list of available fitness classes, intramural sports and outdoor trips can be viewed online.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Membership to the Payne Center is included in student tuition. Bring your school ID or license with you for admission to the Payne Center.
- Equipment, including towels and locks for day use lockers, can be checked out for free at the Equipment Issue desk.
- Campus Recreation is one of the largest student employers for on-campus jobs! Apply on Handshake and search "Campus Recreation" to view available positions.



Ask Your Student

- + Have you signed up for an intramural sport? You can do so for free on IMleagues.com/USM. More than 25 intramurals are offered year-round.
- + What group exercise classes have you tried? The Payne Center offers over 20 free classes a week all throughout the day, so there is something to fit everyone's schedule. No registration or experience is required, and all fitness levels are welcome!
- + Have you made it "To the Top" of the rock wall? Test your skills or try a new activity on the Payne Center's 30-ft. climbing wall.
- + Have you found the pool on campus? The M.C. Johnson Natatorium is located inside the Payne Center and is open year-round for lap and recreational swimming.

AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY 28	JULY 29	JULY 30	JULY 31	1	2	3 Active G members move-in (Sorority Village and Fraternity Row)
4	5	6	7	8	9 College Panhellenic Council (CPC) potential new members prep day	10 College Panhellenic Council (CPC) Open House Round
11 College Panhellenic Council (CPC) Philanthropy Round	12 College Panhellenic Council (CPC) Sisterhood Round	13 College Panhellenic Council (CPC) Preference Night Freshman move-in	14 Interfraternity Council (IFC) early signing period College Panhellenic Council (CPC) Sorority Bid Day	15 Returning student move-in Golden Eagle Welcome Week (GEWW)	16 Interfraternity Council (IFC) recruitment orientation and Meet the Row	17 Interfraternity Council (IFC) house tours
18 Interfraternity Council (IFC) house tours Golden Eagle Welcome Week (GEWW)	19	20	21 Classes begin (full term and BW1)	22	23	24 Interfraternity Council (IFC) tailgate
25	26	27	28 Last day to add/drop without academic/financial penalty (full term)	29 Interfraternity Council (IFC) Signing Day	30 Interfraternity Council (IFC) Bid Day	31 Southern Miss vs. Kentucky (Away) All dates are subject to change. Stay up to date at usm.edu .

Ask Your Student

- + Which classes are you enjoying the most? Which classes are turning out to be more work than you thought?
- + What places have you found that you study best?



OFFICE OF Financial Aid

USM.EDU/FINANCIAL-AID | 601.266.4774
f SOUTHERN MISS FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid provides information regarding federal funding, like work study, federal PLUS loans for parents, and private student loans. Current and prospective students are encouraged to research all opportunities for funding, apply by the deadlines, and submit payment in full or set up a payment plan before the beginning of the academic year or semester in which you plan to attend.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- The FAFSA is usually available on October 1, but there may be delays due to the FAFSA Simplification Act. You'll receive notifications from both FAFSA and the university once the application is ready.
- Visit the Financial Aid webpage to learn more about cost of attendance and information about loans for parents and families.

SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <small>Labor Day Classes dismissed (Southern Miss offices closed)</small>	3	4	5	6	7 <small>Southern Miss vs. Southeastern (Home)</small>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 <small>Southern Miss vs. South Florida (Home)</small>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <small>Southern Miss vs. Jacksonville State (Away)</small>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	OCT 1	OCT 2	OCT 3	OCT 4	OCT 5 <small>All dates are subject to change. Stay up to date at usm.edu.</small>

OFFICE OF Undergraduate Scholarships

USM.EDU/SCHOLARSHIPS | 601.266.4540
f USM OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS
@ USMSCHOLARSHIPS

The Office of Undergraduate Scholarships serves as a hub for university scholarships and financial literacy by providing opportunities and resources to help students pursue their academic and financial goals. Students can get help with the general application process, learn how to make paying for college easier, and develop their personal finance skills.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- You can submit your general scholarship application in the GO System by visiting usm.academicworks.com.
- Continue to check your USM email for new scholarship offers and instructions on how to “accept” your offer.



Ask Your Student

- + Have you scheduled an appointment with your academic advisor?
- + Have you submitted your general scholarship application in the GO System?

OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPT 29	SEPT 30	1	2	3	4	5 Southern Miss vs. UL-Lafayette (Home) Parent and Family Weekend
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Southern Miss vs. UL-Monroe (Away) Fall Break - Classes dismissed (excluding Saturday classes) (Southern Miss offices open)
13 Fall Break Classes dismissed	14 Homecoming Week	15	16	17	18	19 HOMECOMING! Southern Miss vs. Arkansas State (Home)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Southern Miss vs. James Madison (Away)
27	28	29	30	31 Last day to add/drop course request or withdraw from the university and receive a grade of W (full term)	NOV 1	NOV 2 All dates are subject to change. Stay up to date at usm.edu .



Moffitt Health CENTER

USM.EDU/STUDENT-HEALTH-SERVICES | 601.266.5390
f MOFFITT HEALTH USM **x @USMHEALTH** **@ MOFFITT_HEALTH**

Student Health Services exists to enhance student success by providing high-quality, cost-effective healthcare while promoting a culture of wellness through outreach programs and patient education. Moffitt Health Center is a multi-service healthcare facility located on the Hattiesburg campus. It is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Inc. (AAAHC) and has served the university community for more than 40 years. Qualified staff include physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and registered nurses with a student-focused mission to provide quality, cost-effective, comprehensive healthcare and educational services to the university community.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- A \$20 student fee is charged for each visit to see a healthcare provider and can be charged to a student's ID.
- Moffitt Health Center has a full-service laboratory, an X-ray facility, and a pharmacy located within the clinic facility.
- Insurance is accepted and filed for students. It is recommended that students call their insurance providers to find out if the clinic is covered in their network.

Ask Your Student

- + Do you need to visit any of your professors during their office hours to ask for assistance?
- + What does the end of the semester look like for you? Will you have a lot of assignments due at once?

NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCT 27	OCT 28	OCT 29	OCT 30	OCT 31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Southern Miss vs. Marshall (Home)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Southern Miss vs. Texas State (Away)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Southern Miss vs. South Alabama (Home)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Southern Miss vs. Troy (Away)
				Thanksgiving - Classes dismissed		
				(Southern Miss offices open)		(Southern Miss offices closed)



Counseling CENTER

USM.EDU/STUDENT-COUNSELING-SERVICES

601.266.4829 (24/7 CRISIS HOTLINE AVAILABLE)

f USM STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES

x @SCS_USM @USMCOUNSELING

Student Counseling Services provides quality services to Southern Miss students by promoting sound mental health and the coping skills necessary for successful pursuit of educational and life goals. Mental health professionals work in a spirit of collaboration within the Division of Student Affairs to support individual responsibility, personal growth and wellness of all members of the student body. Services are free and confidential.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Student Counseling Services works in collaboration with students to determine which wellness services will best meet students' needs.
- Staff will assist students in accessing services, which may include referrals to campus or community partners or any current resources available to help with out-of-pocket expenses.
- We offer in-person, telehealth and crisis services and are free to all enrolled Southern Miss students.
- Students may call to make an appointment or come by the office.

Ask Your Student

- + What classes did you enjoy the most? Which classes are you looking forward to next semester?
- + What is the most important thing you learned about yourself this semester?

DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Thanksgiving - Classes dismissed	2	3	4 SMAC Late Night Meal Lighting the Way for the Holidays	5	6 🗨️	7
8	9 Final exams (full term)	10	11	12 Graduate School Commencement	13 Undergraduate Commencement	14
15	16	17	18 Grades available to view in SOAR for students who have completed their course evaluations	19	20	21 Winter Holiday (Southern Miss offices closed)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Winter Holiday (Southern Miss offices closed)						
29	30	31	JAN 1	JAN 2	JAN 3	JAN 4
Winter Holiday (Southern Miss offices closed)			All dates are subject to change. Stay up to date at usm.edu .			

Housing AND Residence Life

USM.EDU/HOUSING | 601.266.4783

f SOUTHERN MISS HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

x @RESLIFEUSM **@RESLIFEUSM**

Housing and Residence Life offers a convenient and safe place for students to live while making the most of their social and academic lives. The department's mission is to provide a high-quality physical, social and cultural environment that encourages and supports the holistic development of the residential student. The department is comprised of 250 staff who help oversee operations in 12 residence halls, one apartment complex, 10 sorority houses, and 10 fraternity houses. They employ their own maintenance team and housekeeping staff, and the student population living on campus numbers more than 3,500 students.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Students who live on campus show a higher scholastic performance and are more likely to graduate than those who live off campus.
- The Residence Hall Association (RHA) organizes many fun activities to help build relationships and memories that will last a lifetime! Living on campus means being at the center of classes, student activities and more!

Ask Your Student

- + What are some of your goals for this semester? What do you hope to have accomplished by May?
- + Have you looked at each class syllabus and put important dates in your calendar? Which parts of the semester will be the busiest for you?

JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DEC 29	DEC 30	DEC 31	1	2	3	4
Winter Holiday (Southern Miss offices closed)				Classes begin (intersession)		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					Last day of classes and final exams (intersession)	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Classes dismissed (Southern Miss offices closed)		Classes begin (full term and BW1)				
26	27	28	29	30	31	FEB 1
					Last day to add/drop without academic/financial penalty (full term)	
						All dates are subject to change. Stay up to date at usm.edu .

Leadership **AND** Student Involvement

USM.EDU/LSI | 601.266.4403

f SOUTHERN MISS OFFICE OF LEADERSHIP AND STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

x @USM_LSI **@USM_LSI**

The Office of Leadership and Student Involvement creates a premier student life experience at Southern Miss by providing valuable opportunities for students to foster engagement, growth and belonging. The office is home to close to 200 student organizations and is home of the Southern Miss Activities Council (SMAC) campus programming board. Additionally, the student life experience begins with key office programs, such as Golden Eagle Welcome Week (GEWW) and UNV 100, the first-year seminar course. Parent and family programming is also part of LSI. Located in the Student Activities Hub, the office space is a central hangout spot for all students. Stop by and find out some of the many ways your student can get involved on campus!

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Involvement is a predictor of success! Students who are involved outside of the classroom tend to perform better academically and feel more connected to campus. Highly engaged students are more invested, which means they are more likely to come back to school each semester than less engaged students and persist to graduation on time!
- Whether it's attending a free outdoor event put on by SMAC, becoming a student organization president, or helping new Golden Eagles soar as a GEWW Crew leader, involvement comes in many shapes and sizes!
- Throughout the year, the office hosts various workshops open to all students designed to help their overall skill and leadership development while in college, as well as involvement fairs at the beginning of each semester. Be sure to follow us on social media so you don't miss out!



Ask Your Student

- + How are you adjusting to your new schedule this semester?
- + What campus organizations are you getting more involved in this semester?

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JAN 26	JAN 27	JAN 28	JAN 29	JAN 30	JAN 31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	MAR 1

All dates are subject to change. Stay up to date at usm.edu.



Community AND Belonging

601.266.5724

The Office of Community and Belonging facilitates transformative experiences to nurture the growth and development of our student community. As advocates for change, we strive to create a supportive community that fosters professional and personal growth. Our efforts aim to cultivate globally aware citizens who contribute positively to society.


POINTS TO REMEMBER

- The office sponsors Black and African Heritage Month on campus and collaborates with student organizations and campus partners to develop a month of exciting programs.
- Southern Miss ALLIES is a network of people on campus willing to be visibly supportive and affirming of students who are members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Students, faculty and staff can participate in ALLIES training to learn how to assist in creating a more just society.
- We celebrate African American students by hosting annual award ceremonies like the Celebration of Scholastic Excellence Awards and the Kente Ceremony.

Ask Your Student

- + Have you made plans for spring break?
- + Do you know when to register for fall classes? Have you made an advising appointment?

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEB 23	FEB 24	FEB 25	FEB 26	FEB 27	FEB 28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Mardi Gras Break - Classes dismissed		Spring Break - Classes dismissed			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 	31					

All dates are subject to change. Stay up to date at usm.edu.

Ask Your Student

- + Have you found favorite local spots in Hattiesburg?
- + What are your plans for this summer? Are you interested in summer classes or finding an internship?



Fraternity AND Sorority Life

USM.EDU/FRATERNITY-SORORITY-LIFE

601.266.4823

f USM FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

x @USM_FSL **ig** @USM_FSL

Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) at Southern Miss is home to three student governing bodies: the College Panhellenic Council, the Interfraternity Council and the National Pan-Hellenic Council. FSL supports its members by promoting personal growth and intellectual development and providing members with connections that will last throughout college and beyond. The community values academic success and consistently has a higher cumulative GPA than their unaffiliated counterparts.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- The connections made by joining a fraternity or sorority can assist students long after their time in college ends - it's for a lifetime!
- The cost of joining a fraternity and sorority varies by chapter. It is important that your student ask questions regarding the financial commitment of each organization.

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAR 30	MAR 31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <small>Last day to add/drop course request or withdraw from the university and receive a grade of W (full term)</small>	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 <small>Easter Holiday - Classes dismissed</small>	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	MAY 1	MAY 2	MAY 3 <small>All dates are subject to change. Stay up to date at usm.edu.</small>

CENTER FOR Pathway Experiences

USM.EDU/PATHWAYS | 601.266.4976
f PATHWAYSUSM **@** @USMPATHWAYS **x** @USMPATHWAYS

The goal of the Center for Pathway Experiences is to assist undergraduate students in finding, funding and finishing pathway experiences, such as internships and research opportunities, that connect to the student's post-graduation goals. The Center is within Career Services and prioritizes career readiness in all initiatives and programs provided for students!

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Students can schedule an appointment with the Center for Pathway Experiences to discuss career goals and strategies to find a pathway opportunity that aligns best with what they are looking for.
- To help fund and offset the costs of pursuing an internship experience, the Center for Pathway Experiences awards competitive scholarships to undergraduate students who obtain an internship during the summer semester.
- After students finish their pathway experience, they can participate in the Pathway Reflection. This reflection offers a dedicated space for students to contemplate the skills they've developed during their pathway journey. Upon completion and approval of the reflection, students become eligible to receive a complimentary graduation cord as they prepare to graduate!



Ask Your Student

- + What are your plans for this summer? Are you interested in finding an internship?
- + Have you researched potential companies or organizations offering internships in your desired field?

MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL 27	APRIL 28	APRIL 29	APRIL 30	1	2 <small>Last day of Spring term (full term)</small>	3
4	5 <small>Final exams (full term)</small>	6	7	8 <small>Graduate School Commencement (Hattiesburg Campus)</small>	9 <small>Undergraduate Commencement (Hattiesburg Campus)</small>	10 <small>Coast Commencement (Biloxi)</small>
11	12	13	14 <small>Grades posted in SOAR</small>	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 	27	28	29	30	31 <small>All dates are subject to change. Stay up to date at usm.edu.</small>

Ask Your Student

- + Are you planning to visit one of your friends over the summer?
- + Are there any opportunities over the summer that can build on what you learned during your first year?

Career SERVICES

USM.EDU/CAREER-SERVICES | 601.266.4153
 f USM CAREER SERVICES x @USMCAREERSRVCS
 @ USMCAREERSERVICES

Career Services aims to prepare students for life after college by guiding them along their paths while they are here. Career counselors and staff help students choose a major, take interest assessments and explore career options. Staff members also coach on professional résumé strategies, writing cover letters, and they help students prepare for interviews. The office is also home to Handshake, the online career center database that allows students to search for full-time jobs, on-campus student employment, off-campus part-time jobs, and internships. To learn more, visit usm.joinhandshake.com.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Career Services hosts career and internship expos with opportunities for full-time careers, part-time jobs and internships to help place students in a work setting that aligns with their long-term career goals.
- The office has multiple online tools to help students plan and prepare for life after college.



JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	JULY 1	JULY 2	JULY 3	JULY 4	JULY 5

All dates are subject to change. Stay up to date at usm.edu.

Ask Your Student

- + What are you most excited about for this fall semester?
- + Have you mapped out your classes?

Alumni ASSOCIATION

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The Southern Miss Alumni Association serves as a driving force in the efforts to advance the university and provides alumni with a deep connection to their alma mater. The Association's student organization, the Student Alumni Association (SAA), emphasizes the value of USM traditions throughout the student experience – beginning with Painting of the Eagle Walk during their very first week on campus to Grads and Crawdads during their final semester before graduation.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Involved students become loyal alumni who remain connected to their alma mater for life.
- Membership in the Student Alumni Association is \$20 per academic year and may be paid via student accounts, credit/debit cards or cash.
- SAA members and children/grandchildren of Southern Miss alumni are eligible for Southern Miss Alumni Scholarships.

JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JUNE 29	JUNE 30	1	2	3	4 	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	AUG 1	AUG 2

All dates are subject to change. Stay up to date at usm.edu.



Academic Advisor | A faculty or staff member in your academic area who is assigned to help you with your academic planning is your advisor.

Academic Calendar | Found on the Registrar's website, this calendar highlights all the important academic deadlines and campus holidays.

Academic College | Academic colleges are clusters of courses of study available to students at Southern Miss.

Advisement | Advisement occurs when you meet with your academic advisor each semester to discuss how you are progressing toward your degree, to finalize your class schedule for the upcoming semester, and to talk about your plans after graduation.

Canvas | Canvas is a website that you will log into using your SOAR ID and password to access online classes and supplemental material for your courses.

Commencement | Also known as graduation, Commencement is the ceremony that honors the completion of your degree.

Credit Hour | A credit hour is equivalent to one hour of class time per week. Courses are usually measured in credit hours, with the average being three or four. Students may refer to how many credit hours or credits they are carrying for a particular semester. Graduation requirements are usually measured in credit hours, e.g. "120 credit hours required for graduation."

Dean | A dean is an administrator in charge of an academic college or other major area of student life.

Degree Progress Report | This is a report that shows the progress a student has made toward degree completion.

Disburse | When funds (like your financial aid and/or a scholarship) have been applied to your account in Business Services, this is referred to as a disbursement.

The Dome | The Aubrey K. Lucas Administration Building, referred to as "The Dome," is the focal point of campus and houses the offices of the university president and vice presidents.

FAFSA | The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required to be considered for federal student loans, grants and some scholarships.

FERPA | The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects the confidentiality of your educational records. You must waive your FERPA rights in order for your parents or guardians to have access to your Southern Miss records.

The Fresh | The Fresh is the nickname for the Fresh Food Company, the main cafeteria-style eatery on campus, located on the first floor of the Thad Cochran Center.

Full-Time Status | This status refers to enrollment in 12 or more credit hours for the fall/spring semester and nine or more credit hours for the summer semester. Mississippi residents receiving some forms of state aid and many scholarship students, however, must enroll in 15 credit hours.

General Education Curriculum | General Education Curriculum (GEC) refers to course requirements designed to help you have a general background in several areas outside of your major area of study.

GEWW | GEWW is an abbreviation for Golden Eagle Welcome Week, a week-long extended orientation program for all new students.

GPA | GPA is an abbreviation for grade point average.

Intersession | Intersession is a mini-term between the traditional, standard academic semesters.

Major | A subject or career field that serves as the focus of study in a degree plan is called a major.

Meal Plan | A prepaid meal plan is selected at the beginning of each semester through Eagle Dining.

Minor | A secondary concentration in a specific subject or career field is called a minor.

OTP | OTP is the abbreviation for the Office of Orientation and Transition Programs.

Prerequisite | Prerequisites are courses that students are required to take prior to registering for an upper-level course.

RA | A resident assistant (RA) is someone who lives on your floor in your residence hall and is available to help you.

Registrar | The Office of the Registrar is responsible for the official records of all university students.

The Rock | The Rock is the nickname for M.M. Roberts Stadium.

SGA | The Student Government Association (SGA) represents student concerns and serves as the voice for Southern Miss students.

SMTTT! | The University's official motto is "Southern Miss To The Top!" and is commonly abbreviated, SMTTT!

SOAR | SOAR, the University's online records system, is a website where you can add/drop classes, view degree progress, accept/decline financial aid and view grades.

Syllabus | Each instructor distributes an outline or overview of the course at the beginning of each semester. This syllabus usually includes course expectations, exam and project dates, and the instructor's office hours.

Transcript | Your official academic record, also known as a transcript, can be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.

Tuition | Tuition is the amount of money charged for classes. (This does not include residence hall or meal plan fees.)

Verification | Verification occurs when the Office of Financial Aid requires additional documentation from you in order to evaluate your eligibility for federal financial aid.

Withdrawal | The withdrawal process means to formally drop all of your courses so that you are no longer a student at the university.

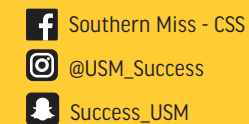
WHO CAN HELP

Leadership and Student Involvement	usm.edu/lsi	601.266.4403	The Hub
Fraternity and Sorority Life	usm.edu/fraternity-sorority-life	601.266.4823	R.C. Cook Union
Community and Belonging	usm.edu/belonging	601.266.5724	The Hub
Dean of Students	usm.edu/dean-students	601.266.4025	R.C. Cook Union
Career Services	usm.edu/career-services	601.266.4153	McLemore Hall
University Police Department	usm.edu/police	601.266.4986	Bond Hall
Financial Aid	usm.edu/financial-aid	601.266.4774	Kennard-Washington Hall
Housing and Residence Life	usm.edu/housing	601.266.4783	Hattiesburg Hall
iTech	usm.edu/itech	601.266.4357	Cook Library
Business Services	usm.edu/business-services	601.266.4137	Forrest County Hall
Admissions	usm.edu/admissions	601.266.5000	Kennard-Washington Hall
Registrar	usm.edu/registrar	601.266.5006	Kennard-Washington Hall
Moffitt Health Center	usm.edu/student-health-services	601.266.5390	Century Park South
Counseling Center	usm.edu/student-counseling-services	601.266.4829	Bond Hall
Eagle Dining	eagledining.com	601.266.5376	Thad Cochran Center
Parking and Transit Services	usm.edu/parking	601.266.4943	McLemore Hall
Student Support Services/TRIO	usm.edu/federal-trio-programs	601.266.6910	Cook Library
The Writing Center	usm.edu/writing-center	601.266.4821	Cook Library
The Speaking Center	usm.edu/speaking-center	601.266.4965	Cook Library
Office of Undergraduate Scholarships	usm.edu/scholarships	601.266.4540	Kennard-Washington Hall
Center for Military Veterans, Service Members and Families	usm.edu/military-veterans	601.266.8387	200 N. 35th Avenue Hattiesburg, Miss.
University Advisement Center	usm.edu/uac	601.266.4626	Cook Library

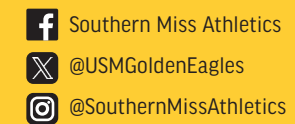
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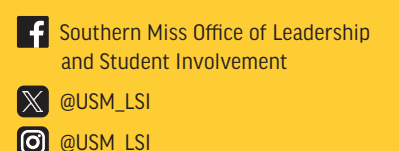
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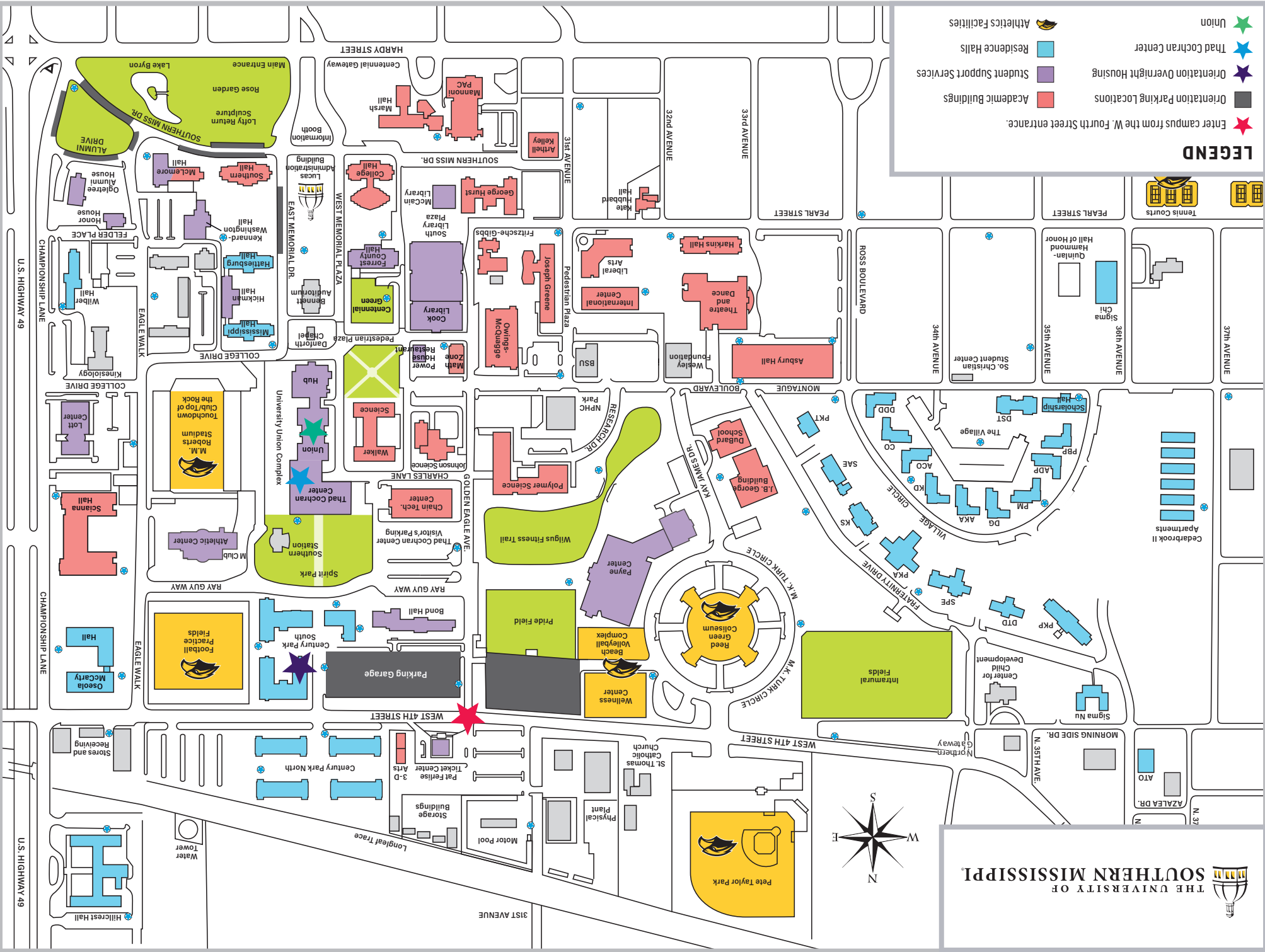


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OFFICE OF LEADERSHIP AND STUDENT INVOLVEMENT





LEGEND

- Enter campus from the W. Fourth Street entrance.
- Orientation Parking Locations
- Orientation Overnight Housing
- Student Support Services
- Residence Halls
- Athletics Facilities
- Union
- Thad Cochran Center


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