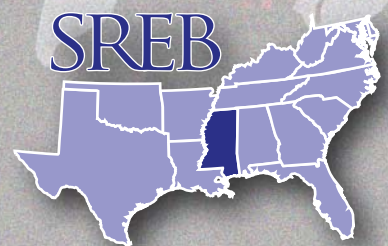
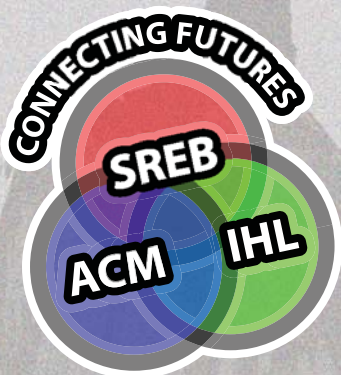




# ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET

*State Report*



# Pearl Strickland Pennington, Director of Student Affairs Mississippi Academic Common Market State Coordinator

The Academic Common Market (ACM) continues to provide opportunities for the State of Mississippi to promote access and academic excellence. Rich in structure and purpose, the ACM continues its remarkable heritage of providing access to unique degree programs for Mississippi students and students across the southeast. The elation experienced by parents and students alike makes this job one which I embrace each day, knowing that I am part of a much larger vision which is focused on students and the citizens not just across the state but across the region.

The ACM is constantly evolving to allow students broader access to degree programs not offered in their home states, and Mississippi is proud



to be a member of this cooperative agreement. As the State Coordinator I have the satisfaction of knowing that this program provides a service for the citizens of my great state and the knowledge of knowing that this program is one that continues to provide relief from financial burdens to

thousands of individuals. Young or old, undergraduate or graduate this program assists all in fulfilling the dream of obtaining the degree that they desire.

## What is the Academic Common Market?

The Academic Common Market is a tuition-savings program for college students in the 16 SREB member states who want to pursue degrees in fields that are not offered by their in-state institutions. These students enroll in out-of-state universities that offer the specialized degree programs, and they pay only the in-state tuition rates.

## Who qualifies?

To qualify for the Academic Common Market, a student must be a resident of an SREB member state and must be admitted unconditionally into an out-of-state degree program that is listed in the Academic Common Market inventory. More than 1,400 programs are available to eligible students at in-state tuition rates. For a complete list of programs available to students, visit [www.sreb.org](http://www.sreb.org).



# TOP 5 DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Nurse Anesthesia
- Radiologic Sciences
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Graduate Tax Program
- Fire Administration/  
Petroleum Engineering

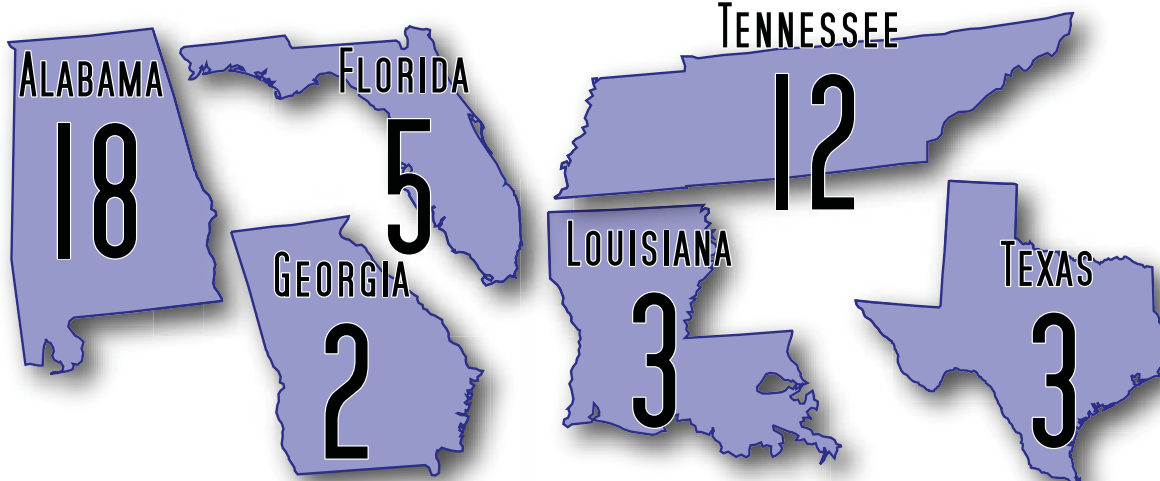


# TOP 5 STATES

- Alabama
- Tennessee
- Florida
- Georgia
- Louisiana/Texas



# WHERE OUR STUDENTS ARE GOING



# ACM Participants' Comments



## Mississippi University for Women

*A Tradition of Excellence for Women and Men*



“Without the Academic Common Market, it would not be possible to go to school here. Out-of-state tuition is too high. I would not be able to even buy books. So it takes the burden off of expenses.”

—**Ebony Knight**  
Junior Culinary Arts Major  
Tennessee



“The ACM gives me an opportunity to come here where otherwise I would not because I’m putting myself through college.”

—**Laura Farrell**  
Senior Culinary Arts Major  
Kentucky



“It’s the main reason I am here, because now it is affordable for me to go to school out-of-state.”

—**Anna Michey Mooney**  
Junior Culinary Arts Major  
Alabama

“I think it is great because it gives you an opportunity to venture out of your home state.”

—**Rachel DuFour**  
Senior Culinary Arts Major  
Kentucky

## ACM Participants' Comments



“As a junior Healthcare Administration major, I am pleased to say that the Academic Common Market has benefited me greatly. The ACM has made the cost of my attendance, here at Jackson State, less expensive. I feel that if it was not for the ACM introducing such majors as

Healthcare Administration, Meteorology, and many more, I wouldn't have been granted as many opportunities as I have.”

—LinCola Harris  
Health Administration Major  
Arkansas



“Since the fall of 2004, I have been funded by the Academic Common Market Grant. The grant has helped me a lot over the past four years with tuition and fees going up, especially the out-of-state fees. I thank and appreciate everything the grant has not only done for me, but other JSU students.”

—Christopher M. Lockett  
Senior Meteorology Major  
Tennessee



*The University of Mississippi*®



“The ACM has helped me at Ole Miss by studying a major most universities in the South do not offer and has allowed me to go to an out-of-state school.”

—Ross Berry  
Geological Engineering Major  
Georgia



“The Academic Common Market has been beneficial to my education because I can study the subject that I want to study but is not offered in my state.”

—Ryan Dale  
Geological Engineering Major  
Virginia



“The Academic Common Market has helped me afford the many costs associated with college. This scholarship has helped my family tremendously by taking away the costs of out-of-state tuition.”

—Grace Fields  
Forensic Chemistry Major  
Alabama

“The ACM has helped me pursue my degree when I wouldn't have been able to otherwise. Without the ACM, I would not have been able to attend Ole Miss and major in forensic chemistry.”

—Danielle Nodurft  
Forensic Chemistry Major  
Louisiana



# THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

“The University of Southern Mississippi appreciates and benefits greatly from the SREB Academic Common Market scholarships. These scholarships enable bright, talented students to attend the university who would not otherwise be able to attend. Having students from Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, and Texas enriches the diversity of our student body. Our sports management program attracts the largest number of ACM students.”

—**Dr. Susan Siltanen**  
ACM Institutional Coordination

“The Academic Common Market program has allowed students in Alabama and Louisiana to study in the academic area of Sport Management at the University of Southern Mississippi. This program has opened the door of opportunity for young men and women, some from Katrina-ravaged areas, to develop business skills that will enable them to pursue their dreams of a successful career in the sport industry.”

—**Dr. Dennis Phillips**  
Sport Management Program Coordinator

“The School of Human Performance and Recreation welcomes the opportunity to share multiple unique academic programs with out-of-state residents through the Academic Common Market. It's a great way to place quality Southern Miss graduates in the national and international work force.”

—**Dr. Susan Hubble Burchell**  
Interim Director, School of HP&R

## Spotlight: Sp



# ports Administration Program



## ACM Participants' Comments



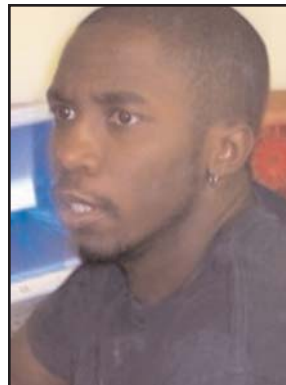
“Without the Academic Common Market, I would not have the opportunity today of being a few months away from a professional career in Broadcast Meteorology. When searching for a college, the ACM allowed me an opened door to chase my dream of being an on-air meteorologist. My financial plans were going to keep me in-state, but without paying out-of-state fees I was able to pursue my dreams at Mississippi State University.”

—Tanner Cade  
Geosciences Major  
Tennessee



“The Academic Common Market program is beneficial to students who want to pursue their dreams, passions, and interests, but may not have the resources to attend universities that offer them a chance to achieve their goals.”

—Zachary McCool  
Aerospace Engineering  
Arkansas



“The Academic Common Market program has helped me significantly in my experience as a student at Mississippi State University. “I am a senior aerospace student from Slidell, Louisiana, and have been involved in numerous programs and organizations since I started attending Mississippi State University. I would not have had the resources to become actively involved in any of these programs if it were not for the Academic Common Market.”

—Jarred Reneau  
Aerospace Engineering Major  
Louisiana



## ACM Participants' Comments

# Mississippi State UNIVERSITY



“Being a student at Mississippi State University has given me the chance to follow my dream to work for NASA on human space flight. The engineering classes I have taken have appealed to my abilities in problem solving, math and analytical thinking. The Academic Common Market program gave me the opportunity to pursue the major I really wanted-- Aerospace Engineering. Through MSU and the Academic Common Market, I am following my life’s plan.”

—**Christen (Chris) Cagle-Brown**  
Aerospace Engineering Major  
Kentucky

“Mississippi State and the Academic Common Market have been a great help to me in attending college. Each semester, including summer, my out-of-state fees have been waived, allowing more money for books, tuition, housing, and daily necessities. Mississippi State has a great aerospace department with hands-on labs that apply principles learned in the classroom and show the importance of empirical testing to validate analytical results. Thanks to the Academic Common Market, I have been given an opportunity that I may not have otherwise received.”

—**Christopher Sam**  
Aerospace Engineering Major  
Louisiana



## Comments & Letters Regarding ACM

Mississippi Valley State University



“The Recording Industry Program at MVSU provides me an opportunity to pursue my goal to become a recording musician. Now that I know about ACM, there is a positive feeling about helping recruit out-of-state students to our program at MVSU.”

—**Jimmie Lee Jr.**  
Recording Industry Major  
Indianola, MS



“I am attending Mississippi Valley State University from the state of Illinois and I dearly wish that my state had reciprocity with the ACM program. Students who benefit from ACM are very fortunate. MVSU offers me the hands-on experience that I need to grow as a Recording Industry major. I

could not have advanced in a timely fashion in a larger less caring environment. Financially, ACM would have made my educational journey as a freshman much more rewarding.”

—**Joshua Short**  
Recording Industry Major  
Illinois

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning for approving the Academic Common Market request for the Doctor of Nursing Practice –Public Health Nursing option at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Memphis, Tennessee. The reduced expense of not having to payout-of -state tuition has allowed me to attend the program without additional student loans.”

—**Janette S. McCrory, MSN, RN, BC, Kosciusko, MS**  
Doctor of Nurse Practitioner Program  
University of Tennessee Health Science Center

“The financial assistance provided by the Academic Common Market has allowed me to continue my education and career goal of becoming a tax attorney without having to interrupt my education. Thanks again for all that you do in helping with the Academic Common Market. Please share my experience at the annual ACM conference as just one example of a student who has greatly benefitted from this worthy program.”

—**David R. Lynch, Gulfport, MS**  
LLM Taxation Program, Florida

“With a lack of opportunity in the state of Mississippi to pursue my educational goal, I applied in neighboring states and was accepted at the Nurse Anesthesia program at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Part of the appeal of this program was due to the fact that the Academic Common Market was offered in order to offset a large portion of my costs. At the time, I had no idea how this program would tremendously ease the financial strain of attending an out-of-state master's program. This program has been my full-time job for the past 21 months and needless to say, the ACM played a huge part in helping me with my educational expenses. Thank you for the amazing education experience that the ACM has helped me to pursue. Everyday I am appreciative for being able to pursue the education which will enable me to do what I love!”

—**Meredith Broome, Lucedale, MS**  
Nurse Anesthesia Program  
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga



Under the leadership of the Board of Trustees, IHL governs the public universities in Mississippi, including Alcorn State University; Delta State University; Jackson State University; Mississippi State University including the Mississippi State University Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine; Mississippi University for Women; Mississippi Valley State University; the University of Mississippi including the University of Mississippi Medical Center; and the University of Southern Mississippi.



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