



ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET

State Report



Message from the Academic Common Market Coordinator Pearl Strickland Pennington, IHL Director of Student Affairs

The Academic Common Market (ACM) was launched to enable college students to pursue studies in selected programs in other participating southern regional states and pay in-state tuition. Through this sharing of uncommon programs, thousands of students have been able to pursue degrees that are not offered by colleges and universities in their home states. After more than 30 years, the ACM is still providing much needed access for students in the southeastern part of the country. In economically challenging times, the ACM provides a venue for the 16 participating states to save thousands of dollars in higher education costs through agreements among the states and colleges and universities. It is crucial that

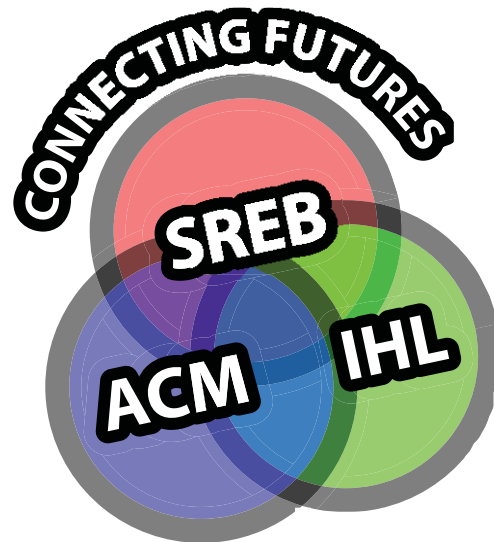


access to and success in post-secondary education does not suffer because of economic challenges. The ACM continues to serve as an affordable unwavering conduit of access to quality degree programs for Mississippians. After 19 years as the state coordinator for Mississippi, I am still stirred

by the confirmatory comments from parents and students about the value and necessity of the Academic Common Market program to Mississippi.

IHL Convenes Academic Common Market Institutional Coordinator Meeting

Continuing in its commitment to offer broad-based access to higher education, the IHL Office of Academic and Student Affairs convened the first-ever Academic Common Market (ACM) Institutional Coordinators' meeting on Tuesday, October 28. Seven of Mississippi's eight public universities were represented at the meeting to discuss the ACM program and to learn more about a new website designed by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to manage the program more efficiently. Meeting attendees discussed the current process of administering the ACM program, institutional participation, and the importance of the institution in the ACM process.



What is the ACM?

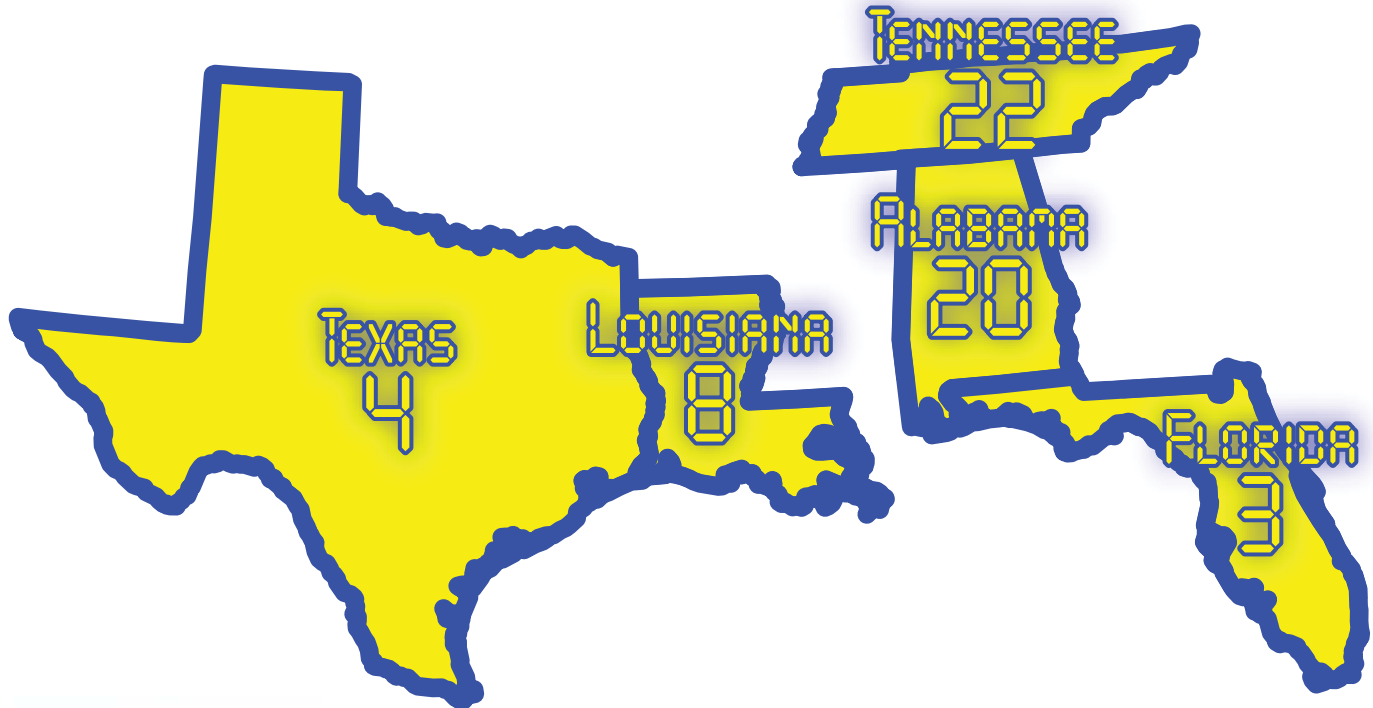
The Academic Common Market is a tuition-savings program especially for college students who live in the 16 states that are members of the SREB. If you live in an SREB state, you may be able to enroll in an eligible degree program offered in another SREB state — but pay in-state tuition rates. Joining the ACM can save you thousands of dollars over the course of your studies. More than 2,000 students participate in ACM programs. The next one could be you!

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 1,800 programs are available to eligible students at in-state tuition rates. For a complete list of programs available to students, visit www.sreb.org.

Where are our students going?

April 2008 through March 2009



TOP PROGRAMS

- Nurse Anesthesia**
- Radiologic Sciences**
- Petroleum Services**
- Doctor Nursing Practice**
- Accelerated Nursing Practice**
- Industrial Organizational Behavior**
- Graduate Tax Law**
- Naval Architecture Engineering**
- Public Health Administration**
- Survey-Mapping**



ACM Brings Students to Mississippi

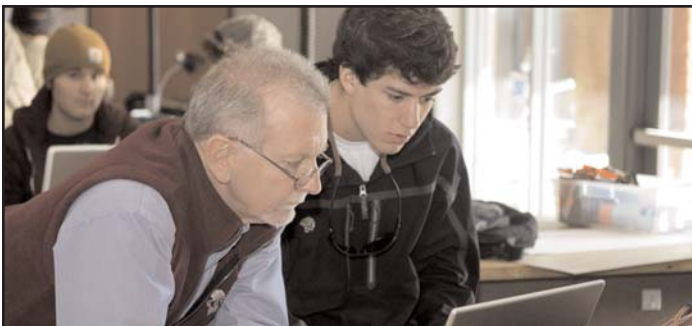
Mississippi State UNIVERSITY



“So far, my experience here at State has been great. I've made a ton of new friends and am always finding new things to do. The reason I chose Aerospace Engineering as my major was because of my strong interest in planes and piloting. If it was not for the Academic Common Market my chances of

deciding to go with that major and coming here to MSU was slim to none. I am very glad that this program has been set up because it has given me the opportunity to follow my dreams.”

—Ethan James Dugar
Aerospace Engineering



“A native of Nashville, TN, working toward dual degree programs in Landscape Architecture and Landscape Contracting, I could not be more pleased with the three semesters I have attended at Mississippi State. I feel that the Landscape Architecture and Landscape Contracting programs teach me valuable skills and present first-rate information which I will utilize in my career. While my courses are highly challenging, they are presented in a way in which learning can be enjoyable. In addition to supplying an outstanding education, I believe that Mississippi State provides an environment that is conducive to personal growth for all students.”

—Richard “Mark” Parten
Landscape Architecture and Landscape Contracting
Tennessee

“Thanks to the Academic Common Market program I am one step closer to realizing my dream of working in the aerospace engineering industry. This is possible only through the Academic Common Market allowing me to attend Mississippi State University by waiving the out-of-state tuition fees. My experiences here at MSU so far have been indescribable to say the least. My career choice has been sealed through my time attending MSU. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this program.”

—Corey Sturgis
Aerospace Engineering

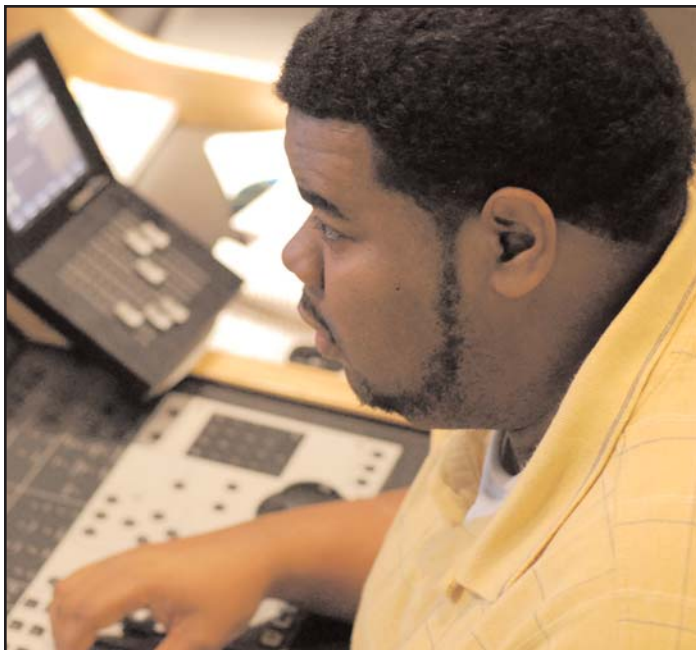


“Simply put, the Academic Common Market program is the sole reason I am able to pursue my desired course of study. The prohibitive cost of non-resident tuition would make an aerospace engineering degree an unrealized dream for me, as my home state of Louisiana does not host the major at any of its universities. By an odd coincidence, my wife's chosen field of broadcast meteorology is also unavailable in Louisiana. We were married before selecting our majors, and chose them believing we would be attending Louisiana State University. When faced with the reality of the degree offerings at LSU, we were both discouraged and hesitant to invest the time and effort in pursuing an 'alternate' degree. Thus, one can imagine our excitement upon learning of the Academic Common Market program, and thrilled to find both of our programs at one school. Whatever happy chance of fate brought us here, my wife and I could not be more pleased with our education and Mississippi State University in general. The experience has been very positive, and provides the opportunity for personally satisfying careers when we graduate.”

—Mark Dickey
Aerospace Engineering
Louisiana

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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



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 Coordinator

“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



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“The ACM program has helped me in ways I could not have imagined. It gave me a chance to have a real college experience. Without it I would have gone to a smaller school in GA and commuted from home everyday. Without the ACM I couldn't afford to come to school at Ole Miss. It has given me a chance to get a higher education in a major that will give me a better career than I could have achieved without it.”

—Will Virgo, Sr.
Geological Engineering
Georgia

“The Academic Common Market has helped me by waiving my out-of-state tuition cost to attend the University of Mississippi. Because of this, I have been able to pursue my major, forensic chemistry, without being burdened by the additional cost of out-of-state tuition.”

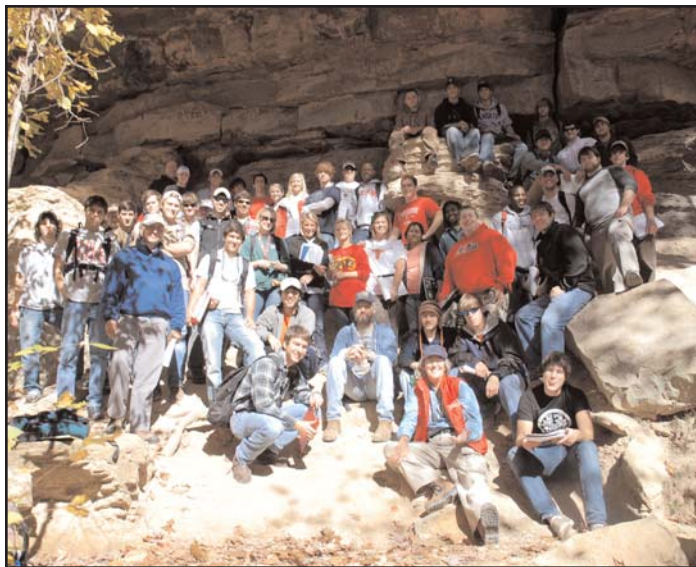
—Sarah Clark
Forensic Chemistry
Georgia

“The Academic Common Market means everything to me, literally. Especially after I discovered it during the middle of my freshman fall semester when my mother and I were wondering how I would be able to afford the University of Mississippi. I am so relieved to have this tuition waiver and honored. I feel this program is a blessing, because it has made a way when there wasn't one for me to get an education at the University of Mississippi.”

—Crystal Gomillia
Forensic Chemistry
Georgia

“The Academic Common Market program has benefited me in numerous ways. I had always wanted to attend a college out of state, and experience something different outside of my close network of friends. The problem was out-of-state tuition. After doing much investigating and research, my family and I discovered the Academic Common Market program at Ole Miss, the college I was amazed by and had my heart set on. The requirements

Spotlight: Geologic



of this program were that I declare Forensic Chemistry as my major, and in doing so I would have complete in-state tuition. Not only has this program enabled my family to save money for my future education, it also has allowed me to attend a college that I love, while still pursuing my dream of becoming a doctor.”

—Elaine Holtzman
Forensic Chemistry
Louisiana

“My name is Danielle Nodurft and I am currently a sophomore at the University of Mississippi. My major is forensic chemistry, and I receive the Academic Common Market tuition assistance waiver. I am thankful everyday for this program. It is the only way that I am able to afford the University of Mississippi. The ACM has opened my world to the fantastic possibilities of my field as well as the exciting life of an out of state college student. My home state has no colleges that offer a forensic chemistry program. By being able to afford and attend the University of Mississippi, I can continue to pursue my goals and dreams of becoming a forensic pathologist. I know that my curriculum at the University of Mississippi will prepare me for the rigorous courses that are in my future. I relish the challenge and look forward to continuing my education. Thank you to the Academic Common Market.”

—Danielle Nodurft
Forensic Chemistry
Louisiana

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“The Academic Common Market program has been such a blessing in my life. It has helped me to pursue my dreams by allowing me to be able to afford to study my major which has been a much needed relief in these tough economic times. I am so thankful for the opportunity it has given me.”

—**Sarah Rodriguez-Sawao**
Forensic Chemistry
Tennessee

“The Academic Common Market program is a blessing to those students wishing to seek an avenue of higher learning outside of their

respective states. I commend them for their efforts to relieve some of the financial pressure attending an out of state school can bring upon a college student. I attend the University of Mississippi and in May 2009, 4 years after first receiving the Academic Common Market assistance, I will graduate with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Forensic Chemistry, an opportunity I would otherwise not have had in my home state of Louisiana.”

—**Katherine Savoie**
Forensic Chemistry
Louisiana

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“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 few 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**
Meteorology Major
Tennessee



ACM Benefits Mississippi Students



“The ACM has given me opportunities for continued graduate education. It has allowed me to continue my quest for knowledge. I have entered a field of study which I am very successful in and truly enjoy. The ACM has allowed me to expand my experiences by living in another state.”

—**Robert Farr III, Jackson, MS**
Architecture Program, Georgia Institute of Technology

“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. 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.”

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

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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**
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**
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**
Culinary Arts Major
Alabama

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

—**Rachel DuFour**
Culinary Arts Major
Kentucky

ACM Benefits Mississippi Students



Pictured (left to right) Dr. Martha Catlette, IHL director of Nursing Education, and Janette McCrory

“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 ACM has afforded me the opportunity to work part-time and complete the Doctor of Nursing Practice – Public Health (DNP-PHN) option program at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC), in

Memphis, TN in two years. Without the availability of ACM, my ability to obtain this terminal degree in my area of expertise would not have been possible. The reduced expense of not having to pay out-of-state tuition has allowed me to attend the program without additional student loans.”

—Janette S. McCrory, MSN, RN, BC
Instructor in Nursing
Delta State University



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; 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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