

Mississippi Summer Developmental Program Grants (MSSDG)

Funds are now available for Mississippi residents attending the Mississippi Summer Developmental Program. Specific eligibility requirements must be met. The student must:

- be accepted and attend on a full-time basis the Mississippi Summer Developmental Program (full time is defined as no less than twelve (12) hours);
- complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from the current year (the results from the FAFSA must be received prior to the deadline date for enrollment in the Mississippi Summer Developmental Program); and
- demonstrate need after all other grant/gift aid has been applied and prior to the certification of any federal loan applications.

For additional information visit IHL's website at www.mississippi.edu or contact financial aid at 1-800-327-2980 or 601-432-6997.

Academic Common Market

The purpose of the Academic Common Market (ACM) is to share between states specified academic degree programs located at southern public colleges and universities. This is accomplished through an exchange of students across borders at in-state rates. Specific eligibility requirements must be met. The student must:

- live in a state that is a member of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB); and
- major in a degree program that is not available in their home state.

The Academic Common Market offers many possibilities to help students attain their educational goals. Through the **Academic Common Market**, students pursue and achieve their dreams! For additional information visit <http://www.sreb.org>



Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning 2012 Admission Requirements for Entering Freshmen

Questions & Answers

- Q. What has changed in the requirements for admission to a public university?
A: *The Carnegie units within the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) have increased from 15 1/2 units to 19 1/2 units. One additional unit each in mathematics, science, and social studies has been added; one unit in the arts has been added; and Mississippi Studies is now accepted as a pre-high school unit.*
- Q. What cohort of students will this change effect?
A: *Students currently in the 8th grade (Academic year 2007-08) will be admitted under the new CPC requirements.*
- Q. What is the anticipated transitional timeline?
A: *All students beginning in Kindergarten, should be prepared for the CPC changes. Students in the 8th grade should be advised to take the identified CPC courses in order to meet the 2012 admission requirements.*
- Q. Who is responsible for dissemination of the new CPC to parents and students?
A: *Mississippi's public universities, local school districts, the Mississippi Department of Education, and the Institutions of Higher Learning Executive Office*
- Q. Who do I contact if I have additional questions?
A: *Pearl S. Pennington, Director of Student Affairs
Office of Academic and Student Affairs
Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning
601-432-6501 or 6482; ppennington@mississippi.edu*

2012 Admission Requirements for Entering Freshmen

- Complete the College Prep Curriculum (CPC) with a minimum 3.2 high school grade point average (GPA) on the CPC; **OR**
- Complete the CPC with a minimum 2.5 high school GPA or a class rank in the top 50 percent and a score of 16 or higher on the ACT* (Composite); **OR**
- Complete the CPC with a minimum 2.0 high school GPA on the CPC and a score of 18 or higher on the ACT* (Composite); **OR**
- Satisfy the NCAA standards for student-athletes who are “full-qualifiers” under Division I guidelines.

**In lieu of the ACT scores, students may submit equivalent SAT scores.*

College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC)

English: (4 Carnegie Units) Compensatory Reading and Compensatory Writing may not be included.

Mathematics: (4 Carnegie Units) Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and any one other Carnegie Unit of comparable rigor and content (e.g., Advanced Algebra, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, Discrete Mathematics, Probability and Statistics, or AP Statistics)

Science: (4 Carnegie Units) Biology I, Chemistry I, and any two other Carnegie Units of comparable rigor and content (e.g., Physics, Physical Science, Biology II, Chemistry II, AP Chemistry, Physics II, AP Physics B, AP Physics C – Electricity and Magnetism, AP Physics C – Mechanics, Botany, Microbiology, or Human Anatomy and Physiology)

Social Studies: (4 Carnegie Units) Acceptable courses include World History, U.S. History, Introduction to World Geography, U.S. Government, Economics, and Mississippi Studies. (Credit earned for a state/local government course in any other state may stand in lieu of Mississippi Studies.)

Arts: (1 Carnegie Unit) Any visual and/or performing arts course that meets the requirements for high school graduation will be accepted.

Advanced Electives: (2 Carnegie Units) Foreign Language I and II; or Advanced World Geography and a Foreign Language (I); or any combination of English, mathematics, or lab-based science courses of comparable rigor and content to the mathematics and science courses identified as acceptable according to the new CPC requirements.

Computer Applications: (½ Carnegie Unit) An acceptable course should cover the use of application packages, such as word processing and spreadsheets, basic computer terminology, and hardware operation.

Pre-High School Units: Algebra I, Foreign Language I, or Mississippi Studies taken prior to high school will be accepted for admission, provided the course content is the same as the high school course.

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Students who do not meet the criteria are nonetheless eligible for admission. Such students must participate, however, in an on-campus placement process at the university of their choice. The process will determine whether the student may be enrolled in regular freshman-level courses or required to enroll in the summer semester with mandatory participation in the Summer Developmental Program. Successful completion of the Summer Developmental Program entitles the student to continued enrollment in the fall semester at the university of his or her choice.