

MAJORS

- English (English Education) BA
- English BA
- History (Social Studies Education) BA
- History BA
- Philosophy (Pre-Law) BA
- Philosophy BA*

* Available fully online


MINORS

- English Minor
- History Minor
- Philosophy Minor*
- Religion Minor

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Post-secondary students in the State of Mississippi often choose to attend a Mississippi community college (MS CC) and earn an associate degree before transferring to The University of Southern Mississippi to complete their bachelor's degree. To make this transition as smooth as possible and to ensure no credits are lost, we have created this transfer guide. In most, but not all, cases, students may complete a bachelor's degree in what we refer to as a '2+2' format:

2 years at a MS CC for an associate degree, which includes general education coursework
 +
 2 years at USM to complete the bachelor's degree

Please use the key below to determine which courses you must, should, or could take at a Mississippi community college before transferring to Southern Miss.

KEY



 MUST	Students who do not complete these requirements at a MS CC cannot complete their bachelor's degree in the 2+2 format.
 SHOULD	Students should complete these requirements at a MS CC in order to have the smoothest transition to Southern Miss. It may still be possible to complete a bachelor's degree in the 2+2 format without taking these courses, but it will be challenging.
 COULD	Students could complete these requirements at a MS CC if they desire. Not taking these courses prior to transferring will not affect a student's ability to complete their bachelor's degree in the 2+2 format.
 CALCULUS READINESS	Calculus is required on this degree plan. Students should arrive at Southern Miss ready to take Calculus I, which means they must have completed Trigonometry or have a Math ACT subscore ≥ 26 . Students may complete Calculus I prior to transferring if they desire.



NOTE: *This document is intended as a guide; it does not guarantee graduation in the 2+2 format. Degree requirements are subject to change. Please consult the school of your desired major for up-to-date requirements.*

Additional majors are available from the other Southern Miss colleges.

College of Education & Human Sciences

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College of Nursing & Health Professions

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College of Business & Economic Development

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ENGLISH

ENGLISH, ENGLISH EDUCATION



PROGRAM INFO

An English degree is great preparation for graduate or law school, as well as careers in education, publishing, and more. To study English is to engage literature, for the love of reading and analysis. Students may opt to take courses in creative writing and professional communication. Our program provides both critical and creative writing skills, while exploring a full range of themes, including environmental, gender, social, digital, and educational concerns.

CAREER OUTLOOK

Effective communication skills and the ability to analyze and interpret complex information are highly valued in every industry. Common career paths for English majors include writing and editing, journalism, publishing, nonprofit work, education, PR, advertising, and law. Within each of these fields, there are a variety of roles and opportunities available, ranging from entry-level positions to senior leadership roles.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

The study of literature is critical to the development of reading, writing, and analytical skills - all of which are necessary beyond disciplinary study and are highly sought by employers in all professions. There are opportunities to explore and develop skills in: creative and professional writing, critical reading, research, and discourse analysis.

RESEARCH AT USM

- Regular participation in Sigma Tau Delta Sponsored National Conference
- Annual participation and award-winning Undergraduate Research Symposium - Eagles Scholars Program for Undergraduate Research

OPPORTUNITIES



SCHOLARSHIPS

There are 8 program-specific scholarships available. Students should apply through the "Golden Opportunities" GO System.



STUDY ABROAD

British Studies Program, Summer in London
Château Program, Semester in France



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Join an active community of creative writers and literary scholars!
- Take Digital Humanities courses.
- English Education students spend time in Mississippi classrooms working with mentor teachers, English faculty, and principals. The final semester is spent student-teaching in an area school.

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ENGLISH BA 2+2

Complete all requirements for a MS community college associate degree, including general education coursework, and...



SHOULD

Complete the fourth semester of a world language.

Take 3 humanities courses: both World Civilizations courses and select 1 additional option from your community college's general education humanities category. One World Civ course will duplicate gen. ed. Select 1 social science course from the list below. May not duplicate general education coursework.



COULD

Students interested in creative writing should take Creative Writing I to prepare for upper-level creative writing coursework.









CHECKLIST

COURSES

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Courses at Community College

Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss

 <p>WORLD LANGUAGE through fourth semester</p>	<p>FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH Regularly offered at USM</p>
<p>HUMANITIES (Take all 3)</p>  <p>HIS 1113 or HIS 1163 World Civilizations I</p>  <p>HIS 1123 or HIS 1173 Western/World Civilizations II</p>  <p>OTHER (Select 1) General Education Humanities</p>	<p>HIS 101 World Civilizations: Beginnings to 1500 C.E.</p> <p>HIS 102 World Civilizations: 1500 to the present</p>
 <p>SOCIAL SCIENCE (Select 1) (May not duplicate gen. ed. courses)</p> <p>ANR or SOC 2213 Introduction to Anthropology</p> <p>GEO 1113 World Regional Geography</p> <p>SOC 2113 Introduction to Sociology</p>	<p>ANT 101 The Human Experience: A Global Perspective on Human Diversity</p> <p>GHY 101 World Geography: Dynamics of a Changing Earth</p> <p>SOC 101 Understanding Society: Principles of Sociology</p>
 <p>ENG 2133 Creative Writing I</p>	<p>ENG 223 Creative Writing I</p>



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ENGLISH EDUCATION **2+2**

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 **SHOULD**

Complete the fourth semester a world language.
Take 3 humanities courses: both World Civilizations courses and select 1 additional option from your community college's general education humanities category.
Take General Psychology. May duplicate general education courses.








 **COULD**

Take a psychology elective from the list below.
Students interested in creative writing should take Creative Writing I, which is an elective course for this degree, to prepare for upper-level creative writing coursework.

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	Courses at Community College	Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>HUMANITIES (Take all 3)</p> <p> HIS 1113 or HIS 1163 Western/World Civilizations I</p> <p> HIS 1123 or HIS 1173 Western/World Civilizations II</p> <p> OTHER (Select 1) General Education Humanities</p>	<p>HIS 101 World Civilizations: Beginnings to 1500 C.E.</p> <p>HIS 102 World Civilizations: 1500 to the present</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p> PSY 1513 General Psychology</p>	<p>PSY 110 General Psychology</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p> WORLD LANGUAGE through fourth semester</p>	<p>FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH Regularly offered at USM</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p> PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVE (Select 1)</p> <p>PSY 2513 Child Psychology</p> <p>PSY 2533 Human Growth & Development</p>	<p>PSY 270 Child Psychology</p> <p>PSY 275 Developmental Psychology</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p> ENG 2133 Creative Writing I</p>	<p>ENG 223 Creative Writing I</p>



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HISTORY

HISTORY, SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION



PROGRAM INFO

The study of history promotes a responsible and informed citizenship, a heightened understanding of the human experience, and an appreciation of the achievements and variety of humankind. Our program is as valuable for the skills it develops as for the information it imparts. History is an exacting discipline that fosters intellectual curiosity, critical thought, research skills, ability to collect and analyze large amounts of data, clarity of expression, and disciplined work habits — qualities that are central to careers in academic, professional, public, business, government, non-profit, and service areas.

CAREER OUTLOOK

History majors enjoy careers in a variety of professions. Many are teachers at high schools or universities. Many are lawyers. A great number are stockbrokers, bankers, military officers, public servants, directors of libraries, archivists, museum curators and even doctors. History majors enter all these professions because their academic discipline fosters the writing, thinking, research, and analytical skills that translate to almost any career.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Studying history builds an understanding of the past, of power dynamics, and it builds empathy. There are opportunities to explore and develop skills in analytical, research, writing and verbal skills; the history of human interactions; the study of war and society; public history & cultural heritage; and many others.

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RESEARCH AT USM

Our students author theses and present at national academic conferences. The social studies education program is designed to prepare students to teach in middle and high school, but it also develops the research, writing, and analytical skills necessary for law school, graduate school, and other non-teaching career paths.

OPPORTUNITIES



SCHOLARSHIPS

History offers 7 scholarships and awards based on merit and financial need. Students should apply through the "Golden Opportunities" GO System.



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Many students earn credits by studying abroad.
- Students may take courses in Digital Humanities and Public History.



INTERNSHIPS

Students may receive credit for internships in a variety of professional and public settings.

Social studies education students spend time in Mississippi classrooms, working with mentor teachers, history faculty, and principals. The final semester is spent student teaching in an area school.

HISTORY BA 2+2

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SHOULD

Take the 4 introductory history courses.



COULD

Select 1 social science course from the list below. May not duplicate general education coursework.

Complete the fourth semester of a world language.

Take a philosophy elective from the list on page two.

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Courses at Community College

Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss

 <p>HIS 1113 or HIS 1163 Western/World Civilizations I</p>	<p>HIS 101 World Civilizations: Beginnings to 1500 C.E.</p>
 <p>HIS 1123 or HIS 1173 Western/World Civilizations II</p>	<p>HIS 102 World Civilizations: 1500 to the present</p>
 <p>HIS 2213 American (U.S.) History I</p>	<p>HIS 201 Survey of United States History to 1877</p>
 <p>HIS 2223 American (U.S.) History II</p>	<p>HIS 202 Survey of United States History since 1877</p>
 <p>SOCIAL SCIENCE (Select 1) (May not duplicate gen. ed. courses)</p> <p>ANR or SOC 2213 Introduction to Anthropology</p> <p>GEO 1113 World Regional Geography</p> <p>SOC 2113 Introduction to Sociology</p>	<p>ANT 101 The Human Experience: A Global Perspective on Human Diversity</p> <p>GHY 101 World Geography: Dynamics of a Changing Earth</p> <p>SOC 101 Understanding Society: Principles of Sociology</p>
 <p>WORLD LANGUAGE through fourth semester</p>	<p>FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH Regularly offered at USM</p>



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SHOULD

Take the 4 introductory history courses.



COULD

Select 1 social science course from the list on page one. May not duplicate general education coursework.

Complete the fourth semester of a world language.

Take a philosophy elective from the list below.

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Courses at Community College

Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss



PHILOSOPHY ELECTIVE

(select 1)

PHI 2113

Introduction to Philosophy I

PHI 2123

Introduction to Philosophy II

PHI 2143

Introduction to Ethics

PHI 2613

Introduction to World Religions

PHI 151

Introduction to Philosophy

PHI 151

Introduction to Philosophy

PHI 171

Ethics and Good Living

REL 131

Comparative Religion



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- * **MUST** Take the 4 introductory history courses and American Government.
- 👍 **SHOULD** Take 3 total social science courses: General Psychology (may duplicate gen. ed.), a general education social science course, and 1 of the anthropology/sociology electives below.
Select an economics elective from page two.
Complete the fourth semester of a world language.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	* HIS 1113 or HIS 1163 Western/World Civilizations I	HIS 101 World Civilizations: Beginnings to 1500 C.E.
<input type="checkbox"/>	* HIS 1123 or HIS 1173 Western/World Civilizations II	HIS 102 World Civilizations: 1500 to the present
<input type="checkbox"/>	* HIS 2213 American (U.S.) History I	HIS 201 Survey of United States History to 1877
<input type="checkbox"/>	* HIS 2223 American (U.S.) History II	HIS 202 Survey of United States History since 1877
<input type="checkbox"/>	* PSC 1113 American National Government I	PS 101 American Government
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOCIAL SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/>	👍 PSY 1513 General Psychology (May duplicate general ed. requirement)	PSY 110 General Psychology
<input type="checkbox"/>	👍 OTHER (General Education Social Science)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	👍 ELECTIVE (Select 1) (May not duplicate general ed. requirement)	
	ANR or SOC 2213 Introduction to Anthropology	ANT 101 The Human Experience: A Global Perspective on Human Diversity
	SOC 2113 Introduction to Sociology	SOC 101 Understanding Society: Principles of Sociology



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-  **MUST** Take the 4 introductory history courses and American Government.
-  **SHOULD** Take 3 total social science courses: General Psychology (may duplicate gen. ed.), a general education social science course, and 1 of the anthropology/sociology electives on page one. Select an economics elective from the options below. Complete the fourth semester of a world language.

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	Courses at Community College	Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss
<input type="checkbox"/>	 ECONOMICS ELECTIVE (Select 1) ECO 1113 Introduction to Economics ECO 2113 Principles of Macroeconomics ECO 2123 Principles of Microeconomics	ECO 101 Basic Economics ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics
<input type="checkbox"/>	 WORLD LANGUAGE through fourth semester	FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH Regularly offered at USM



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PHILOSOPHY

PHILOSOPHY, PHILOSOPHY (PRE-LAW)



PROGRAM INFO

Philosophy is for people who are not satisfied with surface answers, who want to think deeply about our most fundamental beliefs, question what is real, what we can know, and how we should live. We study what the great thinkers of the past have said and what it means to think through the issues, come to conclusions of our own, and use logical arguments to support our conclusions. Students learn to recognize questionable assumptions, develop ideas clearly, provide reasoned support for their views, and understand things from multiple points of view.

The philosophy program engages historical and contemporary philosophy and the world's religious traditions. We seek to enrich the educational experience of students at USM by helping them understand the ideas and practices that have shaped our world. For both students and the wider community, we seek to create learning opportunities that illuminate the ethical dimensions of professional activity and encourage thoughtful and responsible citizenship.

CAREER OUTLOOK

Philosophy majors develop a range of skills that are valuable in a variety of fields, including law, education, journalism, politics, and business. They are also well-suited for careers in research and writing, government, and non-profit organizations.

Students interested in law school should consider our Philosophy (Pre-Law) program.

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KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Studying philosophy provides students with a range of valuable knowledge and skills, including:

- **Critical thinking:** analyze arguments, identify fallacies, and evaluate evidence. Students learn to question assumptions and evaluate ideas rigorously, developing their ability to think critically and independently.
- **Problem-solving:** identifying and defining complex problems, breaking them down into manageable components, and developing solutions. These skills are transferable to a wide range of fields, from law and politics to business and science.
- **Communication:** philosophy requires clear and concise writing and speaking skills to effectively convey complex ideas. These skills are useful in a variety of professions and personal settings.
- **Ethical reasoning:** develop an understanding of ethical principles and their applications. Students learn to analyze ethical issues, evaluate arguments, and make sound moral judgments.
- **Cultural awareness:** study the ideas and values of diverse cultures and historical periods. This broadens students' perspectives and understanding of the world.
- **Creativity and imagination:** explore new ideas and concepts, which lead to original and innovative thinking.



Our Philosophy BA is available in both face-to-face and fully online formats.



SCHOLARSHIPS

There are 3 program-specific scholarships available. Students should apply through the "Golden Opportunities" GO System.

PHILOSOPHY BA



Complete all requirements for a MS community college associate degree, including general education coursework, and...



COULD

Take introductory philosophy courses.
Complete the fourth semester of a world language.

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Courses at Community College

Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss

 PHI 2113 or PHI 2123 Introduction to Philosophy I or II	PHI 151 Introduction to Philosophy
 PHI 2713 Introduction to Logic	PHI 253 Logic
 PHI 2613 Introduction to World Religions	REL 131 Comparative Religion
 WORLD LANGUAGE through fourth semester	FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH Regularly offered at USM




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PHILOSOPHY BA (PRE-LAW EMPHASIS)



Complete all requirements for a MS community college associate degree, including general education coursework, and...

-  **COULD** Take introductory philosophy courses.
Take Basic Economics.
Complete the fourth semester of a world language.

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Courses at Community College

Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss

 PHI 2113 or PHI 2123 Introduction to Philosophy I or II	PHI 151 Introduction to Philosophy
 PHI 2713 Introduction to Logic	PHI 253 Logic
 PHI 2613 Introduction to World Religions	REL 131 Comparative Religion
 ECO 1113 Introduction to Economics	ECO 101 Basic Economics
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