

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

EARN A
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN
**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**



The **Economic Development certificate** is designed to provide knowledge and skills for those currently employed or pursuing careers in economic development. The program was developed with working professionals in mind. All courses are offered in a blended format with interactive, web-based, evening classes and intense, in-person, weekend meetings.

The main objectives of the program are to provide students with

- A theoretical and practical understanding of economic development, including business retention and expansion, business attraction and entrepreneurship; and
- The ability to practice data-driven, results-oriented economic development.



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COURSEWORK

To complete this certificate program, you must take the following courses:

- Business Attraction and Retention
- Economic Development Data Analytics and Theory
- Real Estate and Land Use Planning
- Relevant Elective

12 hours total

REQUIREMENTS

- Must have completed a bachelor's degree and meet minimum requirement of 2.75 GPA before enrolling
- Must receive grade of C or better in each course and 3.0 overall GPA for completion
- Completion of four, three-credit-hour courses required for certificate
- Must complete coursework within five years of initial enrollment date



FOUNDED IN 1910, **THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI**

is a comprehensive doctoral and research-driven university with a proud history and an eye on the future. A dual-campus university, Southern Miss serves students on campuses in Hattiesburg and Long Beach, in addition to five teaching and research sites in Mississippi and through Online at Southern Miss.

Here, we afford our students meaningful research opportunities, and as a proven leader in innovation, we conduct transformative research that translates into real-world solutions. Not only is Southern Miss a haven for the arts, but the university maintains a tradition of success in both academics and athletics. In the classroom or lab, on the playing field, or in the performance hall, we strive to have a positive impact not only on our students, but also the world around us.



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