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DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
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CREATING CURRICULAR & CO-CURRICULAR CONNECTIONS: A GUIDE TO FACULTY & STAFF COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES

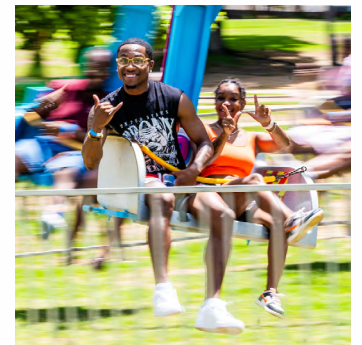
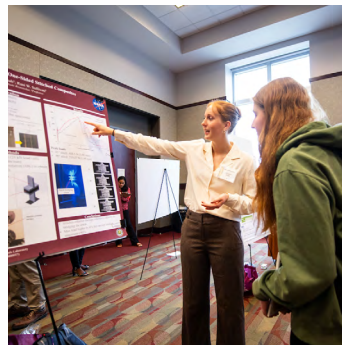
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CREATING CURRICULAR & CO-CURRICULAR CONNECTIONS

A GUIDE TO FACULTY & STAFF RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Developed by the Division of Student Affairs, the Division of Access, Opportunity and Success, and Academic Affairs at Mississippi State University, this guide is designed to inspire meaningful collaboration across campus. Creating Curricular & Co-Curricular Connections highlights opportunities for faculty and staff to engage in collaborative research and partnership through the diverse programs, services, and initiatives offered by each division.

By exploring this guide, readers will discover ways to build interdisciplinary relationships that enrich the student experience and support holistic student development—both inside and outside the classroom. This resource serves as a starting point for innovative partnerships that enhance learning, foster engagement, and create impactful opportunities for students across the university.



RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

CENTER FOR AMERICA'S VETERANS

- Understanding mental health challenges and suicide rates among veterans
- Measuring the effectiveness of veteran support groups
- Exploring factors influencing veteran student success

CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Identifying factors influencing event attendance preferences
- Exploring partnerships between student activities and the Theatre department

COMPUTER-BASED TESTING SERVICES

- Studying the impact of testing anxiety on standardized test performance

DEAN OF STUDENTS' OFFICE

- Evaluating the effectiveness of the Academic Integrity Program
- Examining parent and family communication preferences
- Assessing parent and family engagement

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

- Examining resilience among students with disabilities
- Exploring the intersection of AI and ADHD/autism
- Identifying employment barriers and hiring biases affecting applicants with disabilities
- Evaluating interventions for students with intellectual disabilities

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Assessing the differences in emergency preparedness knowledge and response confidence across different student groups
- Exploring the understanding of Maroon Alert messages and factors that influence whether students take protective action
- Evaluating students' perception of communication sources and preparedness behaviors before an emergency occurs

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

- Examining fraternity and sorority involvement's impact on student success and well-being
- Exploring how post-graduation decisions influence Mississippi's workforce

HOLMES CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

- Identifying strategies to improve retention, persistence, and graduation among first-generation and Pell-eligible students
- Examining employment outcomes of first-generation and Pell-eligible graduates in Mississippi and beyond
- Exploring how place and space influence student success
- Assessing the impact of financial literacy workshops and interventions on student engagement
- Identifying strategies to strengthen support for international students
- Evaluating the impact of campus support on students who have aged out of foster care, experienced homelessness, become emancipated, or lost a parent

HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

- Assessing the impact of Living-Learning Communities on students and faculty

OFFICE OF INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE

- Exploring the development and use of actionable student success metrics to inform institutional decision-making
- Assessing the impact and return on investment of Student Success initiatives
- Examining how AI supports students career readiness, employability, and workforce alignment

OFFICE OF PRE-COLLEGE AND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS

- Exploring how early campus visits influence college attendance
- Identifying signals of belonging among first-generation college students
- Examining the relationship between exposure and help-seeking behaviors
- Identifying early predictors of success in pre-college initiatives
- Determining which messages resonate most with K-12 students and families

OFFICE FOR STUDENT WELL-BEING

- Exploring the role of health literacy in harm reduction and recovery support
- Examining the relationship between campus involvement and academic performance
- Developing partnerships with the College of Art, Architecture, and Design to advance student well-being initiatives

STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES

- Exploring the ethical integration of AI and virtual reality in counseling settings
- Examining eating disorders among college students
- Investigating intergenerational trauma among students
- Assessing the effects of music on student mental health

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Examining student voting habits
- Exploring the relationship between leadership programs and student success and retention
- Assessing the impact of service-learning initiatives on students and communities
- Examining how peer mentorship influences student engagement and well-being

UNIVERSITY RECREATION

- Assessing the impact of long-term student employment on well-being and academic performance
- Examining the relationship between physical activity and academic performance
- Exploring patterns of Sanderson Center usage by major and student classification

VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

- Identifying associations between food pantry use and student success metrics
- Examining employment and social factors that may affect students who may benefit from food assistance
- Identifying relationships between food assistance utilization, involvement in student organizations, volunteerism, and overall student well-being
- Exploring how students discover—and what communication channels are most effective—in supporting awareness, utilization, and engagement

AIR FORCE ROTC



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

The mission of the Mississippi State Air Force ROTC program is to develop the leaders of tomorrow by preparing students to become officers in the U.S. Air Force or Space Force while earning a college degree.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Minor in Air Force Aerospace Studies
- Officer development training
- Undergraduate scholarships
- Summer training programs
- Foreign language training and immersion opportunities
- Air Force Research Lab internships
- Flying scholarships
- Post-graduate scholarships available for medical, dental and law school



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Cadets learn Air Force core values and current mission sets
- Officer candidates are developed into leaders for the U.S. Air and Space Forces
- Be physically fit for the nation's challenges



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Air Force ROTC accepts all degree programs that can complete the curriculum objectives, with high value placed on technical majors; Public Relations and Communication, History (Military History), Aerospace Studies (Air Force ROTC), Organizational Leadership (College of Professional and Continuing Studies)



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AIR FORCE ROTC

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE

ARMY ROTC



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

Army ROTC partners with Mississippi State University to recruit, educate, develop, inspire and retain cadets to commission officers of character for the Total Army (Active, Guard, Reserve).

Our vision is to have cohesive and competent leaders that support the brigade to recruit, educate, develop, inspire and retain cadets to commission officers of character for the Total Army; partners with local organizations to develop citizens of character for a lifetime of commitment and service to our nation.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Public relations internship
- Cadet summer training
- Military Science Club
- Cadet Troop Leader training internships
- Military History Staff Ride
- Physical Fitness Training (PE3111)
- Ranger Challenge Team
- Army Ten Miler
- Simultaneous Membership Program
- Cadet Advanced Individual Training
- Bulldog Battery
- Army Officer Career Day
- Egg Bowl Run



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Build and lead cohesive teams
- Physical fitness
- Leadership opportunities
- Cross-cultural communication fluency
- Historical and global perspective
- Conflict resolution within organizations
- Decision making



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Public Relations and Communication, History (Military History), Aerospace Studies (Air Force ROTC), Project GO (University of Pittsburgh), VICEROY (Cyber Command), Mississippi Army National Guard, Organizational Leadership (College of Professional and Continuing Studies)



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ARMY ROTC

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

MSU BOOKSTORE

BARNES & NOBLE



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

The mission of Barnes & Noble at MSU is to operate and maintain the campus bookstore and provide support services to Mississippi State students and the community that enhance the academic experience and contribute to student success.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- MBA Consultant program
- Visual Merchandising Lab program
- Internship opportunities



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Understanding visual merchandising principles
- Application of design elements
- Customer psychology awareness
- Store layout optimization
- Product placement strategies
- Hands-on merchandising techniques
- Team collaboration and communication
- Technology integration
- Market trend awareness
- Evaluation and feedback
- Compliance with brand standards



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Business, Marketing, Education, Fashion Merchandising, Interior Design, Graphic Design



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BARNES & NOBLE

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

CENTER FOR AMERICA'S VETERANS



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

In support of the Division of Student Affairs, the Center for America's Veterans engages military-connected students through educational benefits, transitional support and activities to promote learning, well-being and success.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Benefit advising
- Scholarship programming
- Student Veteran Association activities and advising
- Military-connected student outreach
- VA work study
- Graduate assistantship
- Green Zone Training
- Equine program
- Community outreach



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Effective communication
- Managing personal affairs
- Appreciating cultural and human differences
- Global perspective
- Social responsibility
- Effective leadership
- Professionalism
- Career and self-development
- Critical thinking
- Technology
- Teamwork



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

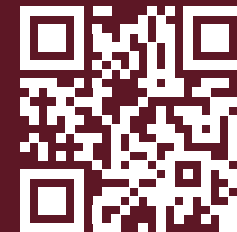
Political Science, Public Administration, Computer Science and Computer Engineering (Cyber Security), Applied Science, Aerospace Engineering



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CENTER FOR AMERICA'S VETERANS

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

The Center for Student Activities foster a vibrant college experience through meaningful student engagement. We believe in providing a welcoming environment for all students and being student centered in all that we do



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Concerts
- Student employment
- Graduate assistantships
- Performing Arts Series
- Student organizations
- Student government
- New Maroon Camp
- Union Art Gallery
- Pageants
- Organization fairs
- Programming
- Cowbell Connect



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Effective communication
- Time management
- Appreciating cultural and human differences
- Global perspective
- Social responsibility
- Collaboration
- Effective leadership
- Managing a budget, event planning, social media and marketing
- Student voting habits, pertaining to student elections
- Student involvement and post-college success



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Communication, Business Management, Public Relations, Public Policy, Political Science, Music, Art, Theater, Finance, Marketing

Diversity/global learning, service-learning, fundraising, event planning, budgeting, hospitality, customer service



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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

COMPUTER-BASED TESTING SERVICES



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

Computer-Based Testing Services is dedicated to providing high-stakes, nationally standardized computer and paper-based academic and certification examinations to assist students, staff, and community test-takers to realize their personal, educational and professional goals. Testing services are provided at the highest level of professionalism through high-quality customer service in an environment that is conducive to test-taker success. Computer-Based Testing Services adheres to the National College Testing Association's (NCTA) Professional Standards and Guidelines.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Graduate assistantships
- National standardized exams
- Business management



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Critical thinking
- Professional etiquette and ethics
- Communication
- Adaptability and resilience
- Leadership and collaboration
- Self-reflection and goal-setting



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Masters in Business Management/
Administration, Marketing,
Communication, Education, ISWD –
Workforce Development, Assessment



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COMPUTER-BASED TESTING SERVICES

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

DINING SERVICES



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

Mississippi State Dining Services aligns with the Division of Student Affairs in support of the mission of Mississippi State University, to engage all students through programs, services, facilities and activities designed to promote active citizenship, learning, well-being and success.

EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Marketing internships
- Dietetic internship
- Quantity Foods class
- Composting program
- Cooking demos

LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Enhance teamwork
- Communication skills
- Comprehensive training in food service
- Menu creation, ordering, production and serving
- Learn about the timeline and benefits of composting
- Learn basic cooking techniques

ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Any majors that have a focus on food, agriculture or dining, or want to learn more about any of these topics.

Currently partnered with Vet Med to conduct rabbit research by collecting and using our vegetable scraps weekly.



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DINING SERVICES

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

DEAN OF STUDENTS' OFFICE



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

Our office supports both the academic mission of Mississippi State University and the Division of Student Affairs by providing programs, services, resources and advocacy for the needs and interests of all students.

EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Student employment
- Graduate assistantships
- Practicum experience
- Off-Campus Student Services
- Honor Code and Conduct hearing boards
- Bulldog Buddies

LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Problem-solving through participation on hearing board
- Collaboration
- Professionalism
- Customer service through student employment
- Leadership

ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

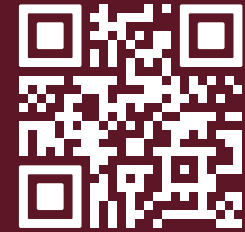
Sociology, Communications, Business, Psychology, Social Work, Higher Education Leadership, Data Science, Interdisciplinary Studies, Political Science



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™
DEAN OF STUDENTS

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

The Disability Resource Center's mission is to promote full access for students with disabilities. We envision a universally inclusive and welcoming community where accessibility is central in the design of the campus environment and academics.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Providing accommodation resources and assistive technology
- Study skills, note taking and test preparation workshops
- Graduate assistants focused on accommodated test support
- Graduate assistants focused on office reception responding to calls, visitors
- Undergraduate work study assisting with proctoring and administering tests



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Professionalism
- Teamwork



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Medical Technology and Biomedical Engineering, Special Education and Education, Computer Science, Art, Architecture, Interior Design, Communication



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DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

Through collaboration with inter/national organizations, alumni and Division of Student Affairs, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at Mississippi State University fosters a well-rounded college experience by providing membership development, academic support and engagement opportunities.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Educational programming
- Leadership development
- Recruitment
- Relationship building and networking
- Positive life habits
- Mental well-being habits and practices
- Career, resume and interview development
- Post-graduation preparedness



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Personal development
- Interpersonal competence
- Social responsibility
- Cognitive and practical skills
- Leadership and relationship-building
- Articulate how co-curricular involvement integrates with personal and professional goals



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Building Construction Science, Business, Communication, Counseling, Educational Psychology, Finance, Gender Studies, Health Promotion, Human Development & Family Science, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Management, Marketing, Political Science, Psychology, Public Policy, Secondary Education



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FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

In support of the mission of Mississippi State University and the Division of Student Affairs, the Department of Housing and Residence Life cultivates an on-campus environment that promotes student success, engages students through intentional interactions, and challenges them to learn and grow beyond the classroom.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Student employment
- Graduate resident directors (GRD)
- Resident advisors (RA) (undergraduate full-time MSU students)
- Community advisors (CA)
- Information assistants (IA)
- Student employment in Front Office
- Student leadership opportunities that have a paid component
- Residence Hall Association
- Graphic Design and Marketing, Communication, and Public Relations student internships



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Leadership
- Interpersonal relations
- Confrontation
- Critical thinking
- Communication
- Conflict mediation
- Public speaking
- Event planning
- Customer service
- Renter/homeownership
- Hotel management
- Financial management
- Supervision skills
- Helping skills
- College student development



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Marketing, Accounting, Financial Management, Business Administration, Event Planning and Management, Engineering – Industrial, Civil, Electrical, Architecture, Information Technology, Graphic Design, Property Management, Communication, Sociology, Hospitality Management, Human Resource Management, Gender Studies, Building Construction Science, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Public Relations



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™
HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

PARENT & FAMILY SERVICES



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

The Office of Parent and Family Services recognizes parents and family members as a valuable resource to each student. We want to serve as the liaison between your family, your student, and the university community. We hope to help you fully understand and navigate the many campus resources, provide you with timely communications, and promote meaningful parental involvement that will allow for optimum student development and success.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Bulldog Family Weekend
- Happy Packs
- Application and Interpretation (policy and procedure)



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Customer services skills
- Event planning
- Critical thinking
- Technological competence
- Demonstrating professionalism
- Managing personal affairs (time management, financial management)
- Interdependence
- Communicating effectively
- Networking
- Analyze and interpret customer needs



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Policy and Law, Floral Management, Design and Product Development, Graphic Design, Photography, Management, Communication, Public Relations, Counseling, Higher Education, Business Administration, Marketing



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™
OFFICE OF PARENT AND FAMILY SERVICES

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

OFFICE OF SURVIVOR SUPPORT



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

The Office of Survivor Support engages students through program awareness, prevention education, and advocacy services to promote knowledge of intimate partner violence and victims/survivors' rights to access resources.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Direct advocacy
- Individual therapy
- Campus outreach initiatives
- Training & workshop development
- Practicum opportunities for students
- Workshops related to sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, stalking, etc. upon request.



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Effective communication
- Critical skills to assess risk factors and make ethical decisions
- Leadership skills
- Collaboration with other professionals



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Department of Counseling, Higher Education Leadership, Educational Psychology, and Foundations
Department of Psychology
Sociology-Social Work



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™
OFFICE OF SURVIVOR SUPPORT

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS PLANNING & ASSESSMENT



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

Supports planning and assessment efforts in the Division of Student Affairs through coordination, leadership, and education as each department participates in evidence-based continuous improvement of programs and services aimed to promote student success.

EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Graduate assistantship
- Assessment support to improve student experiences
- Staff development programs
- New employee and orientation
- Divisional graduate assistant orientation
- Divisional awards and holiday programs
- Departmental program review guidance
- Partnering with stakeholders for data-informed decision making

LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Professional development
- Critical thinking
- Leadership
- Team building
- Culture of assessment
- Strategic planning

ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

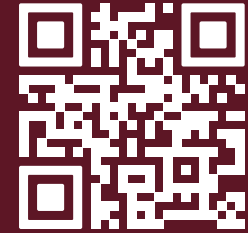
Public Policy, Psychology, Political Science, Student Affairs and Higher Education, Majors with assessment or program evaluation background



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PLANNING & ASSESSMENT

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

In support of the mission of Mississippi State University, the MSU Police Department seeks to provide the highest quality of law enforcement services to students, faculty, staff, and visitors emphasizing education, environment, and enforcement as instruments to positively influence student development, healthy lifestyles, and safety within our community.

EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Graduate assistantships
- Internships
- Coffee with a Cop
- National Night Out
- Applied research opportunities (computer forensics, impact of policing on a college campus, forensic laboratories)

LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Safety
- Awareness
- Professional opportunities

ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Sociology, Public Policy, Cyber Security, Chemistry, Criminology



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™
POLICE DEPARTMENT

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

STUDENT LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

Student Leadership and Community Engagement strives to transform student experiences through leadership education and community engagement.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Day One Leadership Program
- Montgomery Leadership Program
- Maroon Volunteer Center
- Alternative Break Trips
- MSU Big Event
- MLK Day of Service
- Service Dawgs Day
- AmeriCorps VISTA Project
- Student employment
- Graduate assistantships
- Workshops and training tailored to the needs of requesting departments or student organizations



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Critical thinking
- Student programming and services
- Volunteer coordination
- Leadership and management
- Service-learning
- Leadership development
- Autonomy



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Higher Education, Communication, Public Management (AS), Business Administration, Political Science, Counseling, Veterinary Medicine, Education (K-12)



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™
STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

Student Counseling Services supports the academic mission of Mississippi State University by facilitating the social, psychological, and academic functioning of students. We endorse the worth and dignity of all human beings and embrace diversity as a valued and important quality of human community. We view our mission as working to facilitate individual change as well as contributing to a supportive and growth-producing social environment through psychoeducation and connecting with community resources.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Individual, group and couples counseling services
- Graduate assistantships
- Practicum and internship experiences
- Collaborations with various departments



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Ways to cope with issues impacting student mental and emotional health
- Provide support to peers
- Enhance student sense of belonging and create connections amongst peers
- Therapeutic support to students experiencing mental health concerns
- Networking
- Professional skills
- Student outreach programming



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Communication, Computer Science/Engineering, Psychology, Education, College of Business, Counseling, Human Development and Family Science, Arts & Sciences, Middle Eastern Studies, Department of Music, College of Agriculture, Food Science Nutrition



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STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

LONGEST STUDENT HEALTH CENTER



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

As a part of MSU's health and well-being areas, the Longest Student Health Center strives to identify and address health and behavioral issues that impact our students' well-being. We believe that the sooner these issues are targeted, the greater the opportunity will be to have a positive impact on individual and community levels. We promote healthy living, encourage wise choices and value all those we serve.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Student employment
- Graduate assistantships
- Internships
- Shadowing opportunity for students



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Professionalism
- Effective communication
- Technological competence
- Practical competence
- Maintaining health and wellness
- Business management
- Appreciating cultural and human differences



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Master of Business Administration,
Master of Professional Accounting,
Communication, Pre-med, Physician
Assistant, Nursing, Nurse Practitioner



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LONGEST STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

UNIVERSITY RECREATION



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

University Recreation supports the Division of Student Affairs and Mississippi State University in the holistic development and well-being of students and the university community by providing recreation opportunities, wellness programs, services and facilities that support and encourage the development of a healthy lifestyle.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Competitive sports
- Internships
- Adventure trips and clinics
- Youth summer camps
- Swim lessons
- Fitness programs
- Student employment
- Graduate assistantships
- Red Cross certification courses
- Group exercise training and personal training certification courses



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Communication
- Professionalism
- Work ethic
- Teamwork
- Collaboration
- Time management
- Conflict management and resolution
- Emergency response
- Leadership
- Teaching and mentoring
- Sense of well-being
- Sense of community and belonging
- Knowledge and skills that support an active and healthy lifestyle



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Marketing, Communication, Photography, Graphic Design, Kinesiology, Food Science, Nutrition & Health Promotion, Teaching and Coaching, PGA Golf Management, Business Administration, Kinesiology, Teaching and Coaching, Accounting, Business Administration, MBA, Building Construction Science, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Landscape Contracting and Management, Golf and Sports Turf Management



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UNIVERSITY RECREATION

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

DIVISION OF ACCESS, OPPORTUNITY & SUCCESS



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

The Office of Access and Success creates pathways of services and supports that enhance academic success, promote career readiness and achieve degree completion for first-generation, limited-income, and vulnerable student



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- First-generation initiatives
- Pell-eligible initiatives
- Career readiness initiatives
- Student employment
- Student leadership development
- Academic success workshops
- Undergraduate research
- Internships
- Service learning
- Job shadowing
- Study abroad
- Program planning



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Academic and career exploration
- Help-seeking behaviors
- Self-advocacy
- Technology proficiency
- Research and presentation skills
- Cultural competence
- Financial literacy
- Critical thinking skills



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

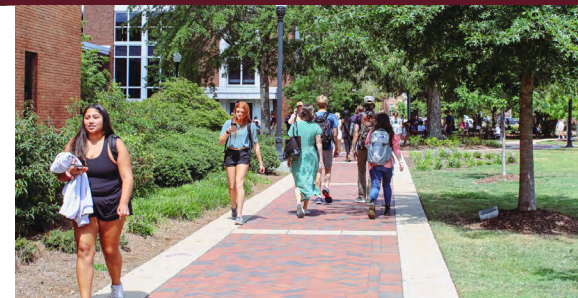
Counseling, Higher Education, Human Development and Family Science, Psychology, Social Work



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OFFICE OF INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

The Office of Innovation and Excellence (OIE) advances professional development, student success, and strategic growth by serving as the central hub for data-informed decision making and innovation within the Division of Access, Opportunity, and Success (AOS). OIE partners with AOS units to design, evaluate, and implement strategic programs that directly advance student success.

EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Effectiveness reports on student success and recruitment.
- Strategic planning and implementation support for high-impact initiatives.
- Support for students in using AI ethically and effectively, with an ultimate goal of career readiness.
- Professional development for continuous improvement and organizational effectiveness for departments within the Division of AOS.
- Cross-unit collaboration to maximize institutional impact.

LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Effectively apply AI tools to enhance students' career readiness and professional skills.
- Use student success data to inform targeted programs and interventions that improve persistence and achievement.
- Apply professional development strategies to strengthen skills and performance of professionals within the Division of AOS.
- Support AOS units in measuring the success outcomes of programs and initiatives.

ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

- Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Information Systems, PhD in Business Information Systems
- Student Affairs and Higher Education Leadership, all levels
- Bachelor and Master in Artificial Intelligence
- Master in Curriculum and Instruction, Ed.D in Educational Policy and organizational Design, PhD in Instructional Systems and Workforce Development
- Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness
- Office of Research and Economic Development
- Center for Cyber Education



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OFFICE OF INNOVATION
AND EXCELLENCE

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

HOLMES CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

Holmes Center for Student Success
The Holmes Center for Student Success strives to enhance the college experience for all Mississippi State University students. The center fosters a collaborative and comprehensive learning environment that creates pathways of services and support that enhance academic success, promote career readiness, and achieve WWVdegree completion.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Pilot and scale initiatives that improve student retention and graduation (i.e. undergraduate research, student development, STEM initiatives)
- Develop initiatives that strengthen student engagement inside and outside of the classroom
- Develop career readiness initiatives that build transferable skills for the workforce and graduate school (i.e. Maroon LEADS and BRIDGES Program)
- Design strategies to develop skills and knowledge for students to thrive financially during and after college.
- Create initiatives that contribute to the experiences and success of first-generation and Pell-eligible students.



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Demonstrate the ability to reflect critically and connect experiential learning experiences to academic coursework and workforce readiness.
- Strengthen student engagement inside and outside the classroom.
- Reduce non-academic barriers that undermine academic performance.
- Demonstrate financial decision-making skills during and after college.



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

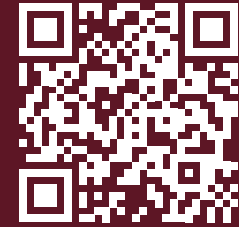
- College of Business
- Department of Finance and Economics
- Center for Entrepreneurship
- Human Development and Family Science
- College of Art, Architecture, and Design
- Psychology Department
- Office of Research and Economic Development
- Social Work Department



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HOLMES CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

COLVARD STUDENT UNION & EVENT SERVICES



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

The mission of the Colvard Student Union/ Event Service is to provide quality services, facilities, and amenities to complement/supplement academic experiences and to provide opportunities the development of interpersonal, social, and leadership skills. Through university support and generated income, the CSU and ES will achieve the financial viability necessary to support daily operations and long-term maintenance of facilities and equipment.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Graduate assistantships
- Work-study and student employment
- General wage students to assist with all aspects of building operations, event coordination and physical setups of event resources.



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Effective communication
- Time management
- Collaboration
- Event planning
- Marketing
- Hospitality
- Customer service
- Space utilization



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

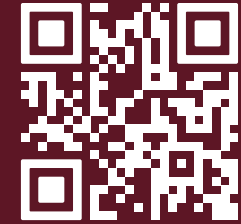
Communication, Business Management, Public Relations, Music, Art, Theater, Marketing, Graphic Design, Landscape Architecture and Interior Design



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COLVARD STUDENT UNION

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OFFICE OF PRE-COLLEGE AND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

Mississippi State's Office of Pre-College and Opportunity Programs (OPOP) offers a variety of preparatory programs and services designed to increase students' awareness of higher education and broaden their academic and career exposures. We collaborate closely with the Office of Admissions and Scholarships to assist and support students and their families throughout the enrollment process.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Introduce students to the academic, social, and financial benefits of earning a degree
- Connect prospective students with on-campus resources and tools.
- Explore funding opportunities for students through financial aid and scholarships.
- Support students and families from the admissions process through graduation.
- Create initiatives that aid pre-college students in leadership development and career exploration.



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Identify multiple academic majors and describe how they connect to career opportunities.
- Increase confidence in pursuing STEM-related academic pathways and careers.
- Identify common academic, financial, and social challenges associated with college transition, and describe strategies for addressing them.
- Develop communications that describe college-going as attainable and achievable.
- Improve processes that assist students with navigating college prior to their arrival as a freshman or transfer student.



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

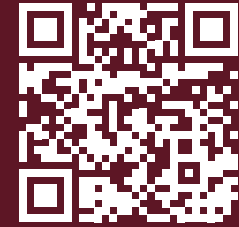
- STEM-related departments
- Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness
- Office of Research and Economic Development
- Center for Cyber Education
- Psychology Department
- College of Education
- Social Work Department
- Marketing & Communications



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OFFICE OF PRE-COLLEGE AND
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STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

The mission of the Office of Emergency Management is to ensure the safety and well-being of the university community, including students, employees, and visitors, by effectively planning for, mitigating the impact of, responding to, and recovering from emergencies and disasters.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

Student experience in the form of available emergency preparedness workshops.

- 3 Important Steps for Active Attacker Response
 - Severe Weather Prep
 - De-escalation training
 - Build a Go-Bag
- Student Employment



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Critical skills to help you be prepared to respond to an emergency.
- Learn how to take charge and help others.



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Criminal Justice, Business Management, Public Policy and Administration and Meteorology



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

STUDENT EXPERIENCES MATTER

OFFICE FOR STUDENT WELL-BEING



DEPARTMENT *Mission:*

To empower students to develop lifelong well-being through prevention, support, and connections to resources to thrive at MSU and beyond.



EXPERIENCES & *Programs:*

- Student employment
- Work study
- Internships
- Health education
- Student organization involvement
- Recovery support
- Nutritional counseling
- Substance use screenings
- Undergraduate and graduate research opportunities to advance health literacy, amplify harm reduction and recovery support, health communication, emerging public health issues, and health promotion capstone projects



LEARNING *Outcomes:*

- Program planning & implementation
- Professionalism
- Effective leadership
- Decision-making, evaluation
- Collaboration
- Co-curricular development
- Interdependence
- Social responsibility
- Personal development
- Maintaining health and well-being
- Financial Literacy



ACADEMIC *Partnerships:*

Food Science Nutrition & Health Promotion, Kinesiology, Communication, College of Education, Nursing & Health Sciences, Sociology, MSU Extension, School of Human Sciences



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