

State: Mississippi

Capital City: Jackson

Major Cities: Laurel, Hattiesburg, Biloxi, Tupelo, Gulfport, Oxford

Major Companies: Sanderson Farms, Greek Orthodox Church of Holy, Island View Casino Resort, Ameristar Casino Vicksburg, The Yates Companies, North Mississippi Medical Center, BancorpSouth

Major Sectors/Economy:

Mississippi's principal manufactures include upholstered furniture, automotive parts, lumber and wood-related products, and processed foods

The major industries that support the economy of Mississippi are agriculture, textile production, electronics production, transportation and manufacturing

Before Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, Mississippi was the second-largest gambling state in the Union, after Nevada and ahead of New Jersey

Climate:

Mississippi has a humid subtropical climate with long, hot and humid summers, and short, mild winters. Temperatures average about 27°C in July and about 9 °C in January

University Eligibility and Fee:

University	Bachelors Eligibility	Bachelors Fee Range/yr	Masters Eligibility	Masters Fee Range/yr
University of Mississippi	GPA – 3.7 SAT– 990-1200 ACT – 21-28	\$24,504	GRE – 305 GPA – 3.3/75%+ TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$24,990
Mississippi State University	GPA – 3.7 SAT– 960-1260 ACT – 20-27	\$23,140	GRE – 305+ GPA – 3.3/75%+ TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$22,358
University of Southern Mississippi	GPA – 3.7 SAT– 895-1120 ACT – 19-26	\$10,514	GRE – 295 GPA – 3.2/65%+ TOEFL – 79/IELTS – 6.0	\$10,896

University Key points:

Mississippi State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Founded in 1878• Students 21,884• The student-faculty ratio is 20:1• Ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, 171.• MSU's research expenditures totaled \$226 million in 2015, accounting for 55% of the total \$408 million in
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	<p>research and development expenditures reported by all Mississippi institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 62 percent of full-time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$6,058. • Median starting salary of alumni \$ 47,500
University of Southern Mississippi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in 1910 • Students 14,479 (Fall 2017) • Student-Faculty Ratio: 17:1 (Fall 2016) • Research Funding: \$73 million (2014-15) • Alumni: More than 120,000 • University of Southern Mississippi's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, Tier 2. • Median starting salary of alumni \$41,600 • 73 percent of full-time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$4,995
University of Mississippi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded: 1848 • Ranking: #162 in National Universities • Alumni: 45,823 young alumni (grads that graduated in the last 15 years) • Endowment: \$736.3 million (2019) • At University of Mississippi, 48 percent of full-time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$9,883. • The university is classified as an "R1: Doctoral University—Very High Research Activity" by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education and has an annual research and development budget of \$121.6 million • The University of Mississippi libraries, which include the main J.D. Williams Library and the Science Library, house nearly 4.43 million volumes of books and journals