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International Summer School University of Mississippi

30 June – 29 July 2011

Please note some details may change – always check with Macquarie Abroad

for the most up to date information. Last updated 1 February 2011.

See also

<http://www.outreach.olemiss.edu/international/summer/summerschool.html>

Overview

The University of Mississippi International Summer School offers students the chance to earn credit towards their Macquarie degree while learning about the unique culture and history that the South of the USA has to offer.

The program is held at the Oxford, Mississippi campus where students will take 2 courses from almost any department, taught by University of Mississippi academics.

Outside of class, students will participate in seminars related to the South as well as cultural short trips outside of Oxford and around the South. In addition to the scheduled events, summer in Oxford offers a variety of chances to explore the area and meet other international and domestic students.

Oxford, Mississippi is located in the cultural heart of the US South; 75 miles from Memphis, Tennessee and easily accessible to Atlanta, New Orleans and Nashville. It is known as a literary and arts destination and is home to a wide variety of musical genres.

Application and eligibility

The program is open to undergraduate students in a variety of disciplines. Postgraduate students also may be able to participate with special approval from their department.

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Students must have a minimum GPA of **2.5** and must satisfy other criteria specified in the Student Exchange Policy.

Students must apply online to Macquarie Abroad no later than **25th March 2011**. The application and instructions are available online at www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm

All students **MUST** provide 2 email referees. The first **MUST** be a Macquarie Academic, while the second reference **MUST** be a non-academic referee.

Successful students will then be guided through the rest of the application process for Mississippi.

Please note that as Mississippi has a very early application deadline students must be prepared to submit their online application to Mississippi ASAP upon confirmation of acceptance into the program by Macquarie

Important Program dates

The summer program is divided into 4 sessions, of which the **Second Summer Session** is available to Macquarie students. This session runs from **30th June 2010 to 29th July**.

Course details

In 2011 the full course list of the Mississippi International Summer School program is open to Macquarie students. The program is available to both Undergraduates and Postgraduates and covers most areas of study. Students must enrol in **two** courses.

For a list of departments and courses available during the July summer session, see

<https://my.olemiss.edu/irj/portal/anonymous?NavigationTarget=navurl://72e9b3e53457f1cd0757f22ab9af5f84>

More detailed course outlines will be available closer to the program start date. Though these courses are offered every summer, professor availability and minimum enrolment may mean that some courses will not be available during some of the summer sessions.

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To avoid disappointment, Mississippi advises incoming students to choose **at least 3-4** subjects in order to increase the chances of being able to enrol in their desired course(s) upon arrival.

Please note that entrance to the schools of Law, Pharmacy and Medicine are restricted to incoming exchange students.

Please also note that 600 level subjects are not available to Undergraduate students.

Credit Transfer

Students must have their subjects approved by the academic departments at Macquarie prior to leaving for Mississippi. More information about this process will be given to successful applicants after they have been accepted into the program by Macquarie.

Students will need to obtain a signature from the Exemptions Officer at the relevant department on a specific 'Study Plan' form. This will indicate the year level, subject area and credit point value of the unit being undertaken. Students should keep copies of all approval and enrolment forms.

Students wishing to know more about the approvals process can find information at <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/process/information.aspx?mi=621#results>

Program Assessment

All assignments and assessment will be conducted by Mississippi. Assessment varies across departments however every class is required to end with a final exam that is worth a large portion of students' final grade.

Exam days are scheduled on the last day of session. Generally these exams will be in-class, written exams however some classes may offer take-home exams or require final oral presentations.

Further assessment will take into consideration class attendance and participation as well as the completion of assignments throughout the session.

All assessment requirements will be explained in the syllabus on the first day of class.

Costs

To apply to participate in the program, students must submit an application to Macquarie International via the online application system.

There is an **application fee** of **\$110** to apply for any short-term program. This fee does **NOT** include the cost of enrolment at Macquarie.

This fee must be received by the application deadline, and must be paid either in person at the MI Shop in Building E3A (payable by EFTPOS or credit card only), or online at the MI Shop webpage: <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/mishop/products/Stock.asp?c=16>

Students **are** responsible for the following costs *to be paid upon arrival at Mississippi*:

- **Accommodation** on campus. The estimated cost of accommodation for the length of the July program is approximately US\$400. Students must also pay a housing application fee of approx. US\$75
- **Meal plan** (approx. US\$600)
- **Mandatory health insurance** (approx. US\$222)
- **Textbooks** (can be up to US\$200)
- **Administration fee** to Mississippi (approx. US\$100)

Students should also consider the following additional expenses:

- Students will be enrolled in corresponding exchange units at Macquarie for each subject they are enrolled in at Mississippi. **Fees must be paid to Macquarie** for these subjects or deferred to HECS as usual. Students do **not** pay tuition fees to Mississippi.
- Airfare (price subject to change depending on time of booking) Students must not purchase airfare or make travel arrangements until they have been formally accepted by Mississippi.
- Visa costs. All students will be required to obtain a visa for the USA.

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- Living expenses for the duration of the program, including any social activities students choose to participate in.

Accommodation

Students will be responsible for applying and paying for accommodation upon their arrival at Mississippi.

Mississippi recommends students stay on campus for the duration of the program. On campus accommodation is traditional dormitory style, with 2 students to a room and shared bathroom facilities in each wing. Single rooms are available on a limited basis however no private bathroom facilities are available. Approximately 40 students share bathroom facilities and each wing of the dormitory is single gender.

Cultural and social components

Along with the academic program, Mississippi offers social activities during orientation as well as closing activities upon completion of the program. Details about these and other activities offered throughout the program will be posted on the website soon.

Post-program and weekend activities are also offered, including day trips, overnight trips and weekend trips which offer students the opportunity to visit (among other destinations) Memphis, Tennessee and New Orleans, Louisiana. These events are not included in the Macquarie application fee and prices can be found on the Mississippi website. Further details on these post-program and weekend trips can be found at:

<http://www.outreach.olemiss.edu/international/summer/excursions.html>

Travel Grant

Eligible students participating in the summer program this year receive a Macquarie University Travel Grant of \$1500. These grants should be issued via EFT payment close to students departure dates.

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Travel Insurance

Students will **not** have to purchase Travel Insurance for the duration of the program as they will be covered under the Macquarie University Insurance Policy (provided by Chubb). Students will receive further information regarding this once they have been accepted into the program.

Students **are** required to purchase health insurance upon arrival at Mississippi.

Notes for International Students

International students be aware of their Australian visa conditions while overseas.

International students are permitted to travel home before and/or after their program, however students must be aware that they will not be covered for this travel under the Macquarie travel insurance.

Students should direct enquiries about the program to:

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