



STUDENT SUCCESS SCOOP

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Old Main 1070

The spring semester is in full swing, and so is the Center for Advising! As we welcome the season change, it's time to gear up for a successful semester ahead. In this edition, we've got plenty of tips and tricks to help you navigate your first year of college like a pro. From study hacks to campus resources, we've got you covered!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 14 - Off Campus Housing Fair
 - Feb 26 - First Progress Grades
 - March 5 - Last day to drop with a W
5pm deadline
- MINI TERM 1**
- Feb 16 - Last day to drop with a W
5pm deadline
 - Feb 27 - Last day to withdraw
- MINI TERM 2**
- March 6 - Classes begin



Create Good Habits

Unlocking the secrets to success in college begins with cultivating good habits. Whether it's conquering time management or crafting study rituals that stick, we've got your back! Say goodbye to stress and hello to success with our friendly tips and tricks designed to make your first year a breeze. Struggling? Schedule with your advisor or drop by Old Main 1070!

Resources & Academic Support

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a free academic resource designed to help students succeed in historically difficult courses. SI offers regularly scheduled study sessions where students work collaboratively to break down complex topics. Study sessions are led by SI Leaders, students who have already taken the class and succeeded. SI Leaders attend all class lectures, take notes, meet with their assigned faculty member, plan for study sessions, and lead study sessions. Visit si.msstate.edu for the schedule!



Enhance Your Email Etiquette

Clear Subject Lines

Ensure your subject lines are concise and relevant to the content of your email, helping recipients quickly understand your purpose.

Professional Tone

Maintain a respectful and professional tone in all email communications, addressing recipients appropriately and avoiding slang or informal language.

Timely Responses

Give your recipient ample time to respond. While 24-48 hours is typically considered reasonable, expecting a response within an hour and a half may not be. Keep in mind that professors may have different expectations regarding response times, so it's important to respect their schedules.

Include Your Net ID

Use a formal closing, and always sign your full name and NetID at the end of each email.

Example
Bully Bulldog
bb101



COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

College has a language of it's own .. **HERE'S A FEW COMMON TERMS!**

DEAN OF STUDENTS

This 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. The staff **assists students and parents in navigating the administrative process of the university.** Don't hesitate to stop by the First Floor of the YMCA for help. Visit students.msstate.edu for more information!

HOLMES CULTURAL DIVERSITY CENTER

The Holmes Cultural Diversity Center works to enhance the **cultural experiences** of students here at Mississippi State University. Their focus is to cultivate equitable pathways that empower students to learn, live, and lead in a global and ever-changing world. Visit them on the 2nd floor of the student union or hcdc.msstate.edu for more information!

CENTER FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The hub for all things student organizations and events. Mississippi State is proud to be home to more than 300 student organizations. Looking to **get involved**? They've got you covered! Visit them on the 3rd floor of the student union or at union.msstate.edu for more information!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

SLCE helps pave the way for students to transform the social, educational, and economic fabric of communities across our state and nation. They partner with entities both inside and outside of the university to provide the greatest opportunities for students to **contribute to their community.** Looking to volunteer? Visit slce.msstate.edu!

GET CONNECTED & PLAN AHEAD



HOUSING FAIR *For Off-Campus Living*

Wednesday, February 14, 2024
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
First Floor of the Student Union

A FUN AND INTERACTIVE OPPORTUNITY IN LOCATING YOUR **HOME** AWAY FROM HOME!



Thinking about living off campus next year? Don't miss out on the Off-Campus Housing Fair Feb.14th in the Student Union from 10am to 1pm! Chat with local partners, get property specifics, and more!

DIVE IN AND GET INVOLVED

Discover your path to campus involvement! **Swing by Old Main 1070 every Friday from 11-1 to chat with an Involvement Ambassador.** Learn more about Mississippi State's clubs, events, and volunteer opportunities—let's make your Bulldog journey unforgettable!

BUILD A BUDGET WITH MONEY MENTORS

Need help with your finances? **Come chat with a Money Mentor Wednesday from 2-4pm in Old Main 1070.** A Money Mentor is a Mississippi State student who works one-on-one with other students on their personal finance questions and goals. Money Mentors are here to help students feel empowered with their finances and are here to assist with building a budget, planning for loan repayment, understanding employer benefits, building credit, and more.

THE AMAZING RACE TO SUMMER BREAK

Get ready for a spring of success with the Amazing Race to Summer Break! Each "leg" will be dedicated to a different task to help you learn the ropes of college. Ask your Navigator about details!
Ready, Set, GO!