



STUDENT SUCCESS SCOOP

March 2024

Old Main 1070

IMPORTANT DATES

March 11-15 - Spring Break

March 28 - 2nd Progress Grades

March 29 - Good Friday
(university closed)

March 31 - HELP Grant deadline

April 1 - Holiday (no classes)

MINI TERM 1

March 6 - Final Grades due

MINI TERM 2

March 6 - 1st day of class

March 8 - Last day to add/drop



RINGING IN SPRING

We're halfway through the spring semester, and it's a perfect time to reflect on our progress and refocus our efforts for the remainder of the term. Here's the scoop on strategies and resources to help you conquer your midterms and finish the semester strong. We've compiled everything you need to navigate this crucial period with confidence. Dive into these tips to ensure your success during this pivotal point in the semester. Let's make post-midterms your moment to shine!



PREPARING FOR ADVISING

Be ready with a list of classes you desire to take! Use Degree Works to review your academic progress and review your program requirements. Ask your Navigator about the plan ahead feature in Banner!

While it's important to come prepared with specific questions and goals, also be open to your advisor's suggestions and recommendations. They may offer valuable insights or alternative perspectives that you hadn't considered before.

Taking Summer classes? Don't forget to mention it to your advisor!

MASTERING MINI TERM CLASSES

Mastering an 8-week fast-paced course requires strategic planning and efficient time management. With a condensed schedule, staying on top of deadlines is crucial. Use a planner or digital calendar to track assignment due dates, exam dates, and other important milestones. Schedule a study session in Old Main 1070 to help you stay ahead!



COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

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

MID-SEMESTER CLASS

Mississippi State students can choose between two mini terms and earn up to seven hours of course credits in only eight weeks. The **accelerated format** is part of MSU's Mini Terms designed to help students complete the same courses with the same quality of instruction at a faster pace. Visit msstate.edu/miniterms for more information!

REGISTRATION

Registration is the process of **choosing courses and creating a class schedule** for the next semester using Degree Works and Banner. Your registration time slot depends on classification and credit hours earned, with priority given to students who are farther along in their degree program and in unique populations. Advisors do not register current students for classes.

DEGREE WORKS

Degree Works is an online advising tool found in Banner to help you and your advisor **monitor your progress toward degree completion**. Degree Works matches your coursework (completed, currently enrolled, or pre-registered for a future semester) to your degree requirements in an easy-to-read worksheet that shows how the courses count toward degree requirements.

REGISTRATION RELEASE

Students can only be released by their advisor. **You must meet with your advisor in order to be released to register for classes.**

You may be released, but not able to register if you have a hold on your account. Ask your advisor for details.



MAKING A MAJOR CHANGE?

Making a major change in college can be a significant decision, but your advisor can provide valuable support! Before your appointment, take some time to reflect on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals to clarify your reasons for considering a change. During the meeting, be open and honest about your motivations and concerns, and actively engage with your advisor's feedback and suggestions.

Come by Old Main 1070 on Thursdays' from 2:30-4pm to chat with the Career Center about Major Exploration!

SPRING BREAK RESET

Spring break is the perfect time for college students to kick back and reset. Start by unplugging and treating yourself to some well-deserved relaxation! Get moving with some fun physical activities or take a moment to reflect on your goals and aspirations for the semester ahead, but don't forget to enjoy the present moment. And of course, spend quality time with loved ones, sharing laughs and creating memories that will last long after the break is over.

Staying on campus for spring break? Follow Dining for the Spring Break schedule @msstatedining

THE AMAZING RACE TO SUMMER BREAK

Connect with your Navigator to learn how you can prepare for the transition after your first year! The semester is winding down and we have tons of resources for you! Check @msstate_centerforadvising for video details!