

THE SOUTHERN MISS EXPERIENCE: PILLARS

Attention Southern Miss Students – When you engage with Southern Miss, your experience prepares you for a world beyond graduation, a world where you are confident, happy, and productively engaged with your personal and professional communities. These lofty aspirations involve a transformation that occurs throughout your college years, and with the right focus and use of available resources, this transformation is within your grasp. Discover your path to the top by seeking opportunities to:



Be Courageously Curious

Ask big questions, try a new intramural or student org activity, attend plays, and engage guest speakers and professors. College is about personal and academic growth, and your curiosity fuels this transformation. The more you learn about the world from your experiences in and out of the classroom, the more you will learn about yourself. Simply put, be courageously curious!



Pursue Personal Wellbeing

Your successes are directly related to the quality of your mental, physical, social, and financial wellbeing. Take time and use Southern Miss's many resources to ensure your wellbeing flourishes during and beyond your college experience! When you have good social support, a workable budget, quality sleep and exercise habits, and time set aside for the learning process, you will stand atop the firm foundation you need to be successful.



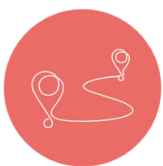
Create Inclusive Environments

Actively seek out and learn from new experiences and different perspectives. An inclusive community requires critical self-evaluation, reflection, and addressing systemic inequities. By valuing diverse identities and ideas, everyone benefits—people feel welcomed, honored, and validated. Together, we will build a more inclusive Southern Miss community.



Foster Meaningful Collaborations

Few things worthwhile are accomplished alone. Your Southern Miss experience provides countless opportunities to meet and learn about new people, communities, and cultures. Leverage these experiences to improve communication, teamwork, and leadership skills; regardless of your major, all professions value this same belief.



Engage in Purposeful Pursuits

At Southern Miss, you'll find a network of faculty and staff here to coach you along your journey toward a university degree and a transformation into your future adult life. Give yourself an edge by seeking out opportunities and engaging in purposeful pursuits that expand your communication and problem-solving skills. Embrace and perfect your learning process, and constantly look for ways to apply your new knowledge – your future employers will recognize and value these efforts!