At the Center for Student Success and First-Year Experience (CSSFYE), we are committed to helping you successfully navigate your freshman year. Therefore, our Center is able to help with any freshman issue (academic or non-academic) you may encounter during your transition to college.

The five primary units within the Center include: Academic Advising, First-Year Experience, Veteran and Military Services, Academic Support Programs, and Student Persistence.

The CSSFYE offers professional advising to first-year freshmen within the School of Accountancy, School of Applied Sciences, School of Business, School of Engineering, select departments within the College of Liberal Arts, and all Freshman Studies (Undeclared) students. All other freshmen are assigned an advisor within their school/department.

Students MUST see their advisor at least ONCE every semester. During that meeting, the student and the advisor will collaborate to develop a course plan for the following semester, as well as address any issues pertaining to being successful during the first year.

However, at the Center for Student Success and First-Year Experience, we encourage our freshmen to contact their advisor as often as needed during the semester. Do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance. Take care and Hotty Toddy!  

- Dr. Kyle Ellis, Director
Why Visit Your Advisor Early?

Advisors will start to contact their students at the beginning of the semester regarding scheduling an advising appointment. Students should schedule an advising appointment as early as possible – here are some reasons why:

1. Students become familiar with their degree requirements and begin to formulate a plan early in their college career.
2. Students will receive information about any holds on their account that prevent registration as well as information on how to get them removed.
3. Students will have a wider selection of course offerings to choose from when their registration window opens.

What is the Forgiveness Policy?

At Ole Miss, students may improve his or her overall GPA by invoking forgiveness or exclusion on a maximum of four courses (not to exceed 14 credit hours) while pursuing an undergraduate degree. Often referred to incorrectly as “freshman forgiveness,” students may use forgiveness grades at any time while they are enrolled at the university. To use a forgiveness grade students must:

Receive a C-, D or F grade in a course taken at Ole Miss.

Both the first attempt and the repeated course must have been taken at Ole Miss and occurred prior to receiving a baccalaureate degree.

Complete a Petition to Invoke Grade Forgiveness Form at the Registrar’s Office in Martindale 104 once a final grade is received for the second attempt in the course.

Once the Petition to Invoke Grade Forgiveness Form is completed and processed, only the new grade with count towards the student’s GPA. When forgiveness is invoked, the first attempt is shown on a student’s transcript with a notation of R (for repeated) beside the initial grade. This initial grade will not be counted toward a student’s cumulative GPA. The course will appear on a student’s transcript as:

- Fall 2018
  Writ 101: Composition I FR
- Spring 2019
  Writ 101: Composition I A
## Majors the CSSFYE Advises

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**School of Business Administration**

All Business Majors

**School of Accountancy**

Accountancy

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### Taking Courses at Home During the Summer?

Students who wish to take courses over the summer at a community college or other university need to complete a Permission to Transfer Credit Form to verify that the summer courses will transfer to Ole Miss. Each college/school has their own Permission to Transfer Credit Form (College of Liberal Arts, School of Accountancy, School of Applied Sciences, School of Business Administration, and the School of Engineering) as well as a form for Freshman Studies (Undeclared) students. Students must complete the form and return it to the dean’s office of the college/school their major falls under prior to taking courses in the summer. Permission to Transfer Credit Forms may be picked up at the each of the deans’ offices or at the Center for Student Success and First-Year Experience on the third floor of Martindale Hall.
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**Jan. 22**: Spring semester courses begin

**Jan. 28**: Final day to add courses on space available basis

**Feb. 4**: Final day to add courses with instructor approval

**Mar. 4**: Final day for course withdrawals

**Mar. 9-17**: Spring Break

**Apr 19**: Good Friday Holiday

**Apr 1—Apr. 15**: Registration Opens (Summer & Fall 2018)

**May 3**: Final day of classes for spring semester

**May 6-10**: Final Exams for spring semester