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 four primary units within the Center include: Academic Advising, First-Year Experience, Academic Support Programs, and Success Coaching.

The CSSFYE offers professional advising to first-year freshmen within the School of Accountancy, School of Applied Sciences, School of Business, School of Engineering, School of Journalism, 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

The Center for Student Success and First-Year Experience promotes student success through comprehensive, multifaceted, and dynamic initiatives to ensure a quality collegiate experience for our diverse student population.

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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 their overall GPA by invoking forgiveness—exclusion (maximum two courses) or replacement—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.

For exclusion, a student would not need to repeat the course. For replacement, both the first attempt and the repeated course must have been taken at Ole Miss and occurred prior to receiving a baccalaureate degree.

Students can complete a Forgiveness Policy Form at the Registrar’s Office in 104 Martindale-Cole.

Once the Forgiveness Policy 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 2023
Writ 101: Composition I FR

Spring 2024
Writ 101: Composition I A
### Majors the CSSFYE Advises

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**Students with majors not listed above or participating in the FASTrack program will meet with an advisor within their particular program**

### 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, School of Engineering, and the School of Journalism) 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-Cole Hall.
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Jan. 25 Spring semester courses begin
Jan. 31 Final day to add courses on space available basis
Feb. 7 Final day to add courses with instructor approval
Mar. 8 Final day for course withdrawals
Mar. 9- Mar. 17 Spring Break
Mar. 29 Good Friday Holiday
Apr. 1- Apr. 15 Registration Opens (Summer & Fall 2023)
May 3 Final day of classes for spring semester
May 6– May 10 Final Exams for spring semester