

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

at Mississippi State University®



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August Highlights

	<u>Fall 2019</u>	<u>Fall 2020</u>
Returning Students:	2,450	2,942
First Time Students:	589	924
Total:	3,039	3,866

*Numbers are as of August 24, 2020

Kudos

Our first time grad enrollment is up by 57%.

Opportunities

The Mitchell Memorial Library is offering virtual workshops for Graduate Students. For additional information contact, Dr. Deborah Lee, dlee@library.msstate.edu.

Dear Graduate Faculty and Graduate Students,

Welcome back to a new academic year. We hope that you had a rewarding summer season and are looking forward to starting a new semester, getting engaged with research or taking classes. This will be a semester like none other we have experienced before and the university has gone to great lengths to ensure that faculty, staff and students can return to campus and engage in their activities in the safest environment possible. As President Mark Keenum has encouraged in his recent campus video message, we are all called upon to "do our part" in keeping the campus a safe and healthy environment in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Follow the Cowbell Well guidelines, be considerate and compassionate of others needs and we will all see this semester through successfully and hopefully, with minimal disruption. Please know that the Graduate School is here to meet your needs in the best way possible, and when appropriate, direct you to those services that can best help address concerns or challenges that you may encounter through the course of the semester. Again, welcome back, and on behalf of all in the Graduate School we wish you a productive, inspiring and rewarding semester.

Best Regards,
Dr. Peter Ryan

GSA General Announcements

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is excited to announce that we will be hosting Graduate Student **Welcome Week September 21-25!** Students can look forward to free professional headshots, a scavenger hunt, virtual trivia night, professional development seminars, free food (prepackaged or boxed), and more.

GSA's next meeting will take place on September 16th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. These meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. For current meeting information, events and the GSA Officers, please visit the GSA CowbellConnect page or follow the GSA on social media (Facebook- "Graduate Student Association - Mississippi State University").

The GSA held their executive board elections in June. The election has concluded and they are happy to announce Jake Bohannon as their 2020-2021 Treasurer. Help us congratulate Jake!

Treasurer: Jake Bohannon



Bully's Best

We would like to congratulate Reagan Scott on receiving the Dean of Students' Award of Excellence for donating her kidney to a LSU student. Reagan is from Pensacola, Florida and graduated with her Bachelors in Accounting here at MSU. She is now pursuing a Masters degree in Accounting while working as a graduate assistant within the department.

Reagan Scott



Since 1878 MSU has proudly supported our military students. We are honored to recognize Kyle Hlebinsky, an Online MBA student for his service to our country. Kyle is currently serving in Iraq on his 5th combat deployment.

Kyle Hlebinsky



Help us spotlight deserving students, faculty, and staff by contacting Natalie Parrott, nparrott@grad.msstate.edu

Deadlines

Fall 2020 Degree Application Deadline Information

August 24 – October 23:	\$50 fee
October 24–November 16:	\$50 degree audit fee and \$100 late fee
November 16:	Last day to apply for Fall 2020 degree

Important Reminders

1. All MSU grades for degree candidates must be reported to the MSU Registrar no later than 10:00 a.m. on December 1. Transfer courses taken at another institution must be reported to MSU via official transcript by December 11. A student must request that his/her transcript be sent to MSU. It is NOT automatic.
2. Account balances must be paid in full prior to final degree clearance. The payment deadline is 3:00 p.m. on November 25. Please note that fees and fines may be incurred through the end of the semester, so it is advisable to check account balances following application submission.
3. If you did not graduate in the term that you intended, you will need to re-apply for the Fall 2020 term. Degree applications DO NOT roll over each semester.
4. Students are eligible for a refund for the degree application if the application is cancelled between August 24 and October 23. After this period has ended, you will NOT receive a refund.

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Together, we're beginning what will be the most challenging semester in college in our 142 year history as we continue to confront the COVID-19 pandemic. This semester won't be like anything we've ever experienced, and if we are to be successful, it will require that we all do our part. The world has clearly changed. The rules are different now and we've got to take them seriously. You must do your part.

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-Dr. Mark E. Keenum



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