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Welcome to Ole Miss

It looks like you chose the right place. Home away from home, a sentiment so many Ole Miss students and alumni agree upon. The journey you're about to embark upon will be one to remember forever. It'll start with many, many different people telling you about MyOleMiss, financial aid, housing and many other things. You'll hear a lot of important information during Orientation, but we must tell you that the real lessons will come from your experiences during your time at the university.

We don't know everything about Ole Miss because no one really knows everything about anything. You can use this guide to learn just a little information that our students are willing to share. If you walk through the Grove and ask random people about their time here, we can almost promise that they'll say that they met their best friends here. Or they'll tell you how appreciative they are for the wonderful

faculty, staff and administration that we have here. They'd probably go into detail about why they love this university so much because it's nearly impossible to not love this place. If you don't get anything else from this guide, remember that we were some of the first people to tell you that your time here will be worthwhile.

We encourage you to enjoy orientation. Make friends because those are the people who will eventually become your family. Meet our faculty and staff and know that they're always there to talk to and with you. Ask questions, hundreds of them if you need to. We're here to help, today and everyday during the four years you'll spend with us.

Get excited because you chose the Flagship. You chose a quality education. You chose a friendly environment. You chose Southern culture. You chose the Grove. You chose Ole Miss. Welcome Home!

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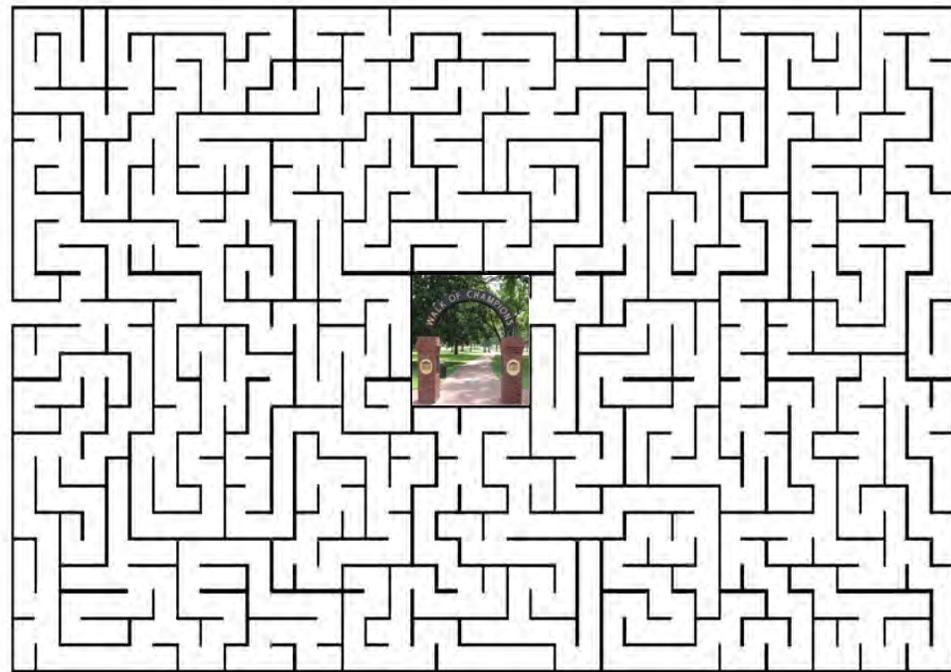


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Mental Health is Important, Too

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University Counseling Center (UCC): Has a “team of dedicated professionals who strive to offer the best care possible in an atmosphere of caring respect.” At UCC, individuals can complete individual, group or couples counseling.



William Magee Center for Wellness Education: “Offers a supportive and inclusive environment for students to meet with a wellness staff member.” The center works with four key areas of wellness: substance safety, sexual wellness, mental wellness and physical wellness. In terms of mental wellness, the center will work to provide students with coping skills needed to manage stress and anxiety.



Clinic for Outreach and Personal Enrichment (COPE): Offers free mental health counseling to members of the Oxford community and to faculty, staff and students at the university. Counselors at the clinic are second-year graduate students who are supervised by licensed counselors and faculty.

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DEAR FRESHMEN

ELIZA NOE



Dear freshmen,

I can't even begin to imagine how you're feeling right now. As a fellow student who just graduated, I know this transition — especially in these terribly difficult times — has been very overwhelming. However, I know that the next four years will be full of the same growth and personal development that students generations before you have experienced.

It can be scary to be in so much control of your own life. When I was a freshman, I felt like if I made one misstep, my entire career plan would be over. Many of you are probably stressing over what major to choose or if you should already change it. And that's okay. Embrace the unknown, because it's going to hit you either way.

One way to help alleviate this is making connections to campus resources. That sounds extremely obvious, but I think you would be surprised with how many of my classmates still wished they had visited departments like the writing center, the career center, or just simply visited a professor during office hours.

I'll admit, in my experience, the emotional rollercoaster you'll be on for the next four years can be a turbulent one. The highs are high — like winning the Egg Bowl or making lifelong friends — and the lows are low, like heartbreak and disappointment. That doesn't mean it isn't worth it. In fact, it's probably one of the most beautiful experiences you'll have in your life thus far.

Over and over again, you'll hear everyone at UM tell you to make the most of your time here. As a senior who feels like she didn't necessarily do that, I'll reiterate it to you again. Class of 2025, you'll do great things, but only if you allow yourself to do them.

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Sincerely,

*Eliza Noe
Graduating Senior and Former Editor-in-Chief
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Just a Piece of Advice

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College is a new, different world. It's an exciting time because you have so many things to look forward to, but remember that the end goal is to receive your degree and gain a deeper understanding of your prospective career field. Here are my top ten tips on how to be successful in college:

Get involved. There's nothing more important than getting involved on campus. Involvement makes college a worthwhile experience, so find at least one organization that you want to be a part of and stick to it.

Build your network: One of the most important things that'll you learn about in college is networking. Start early and work to maintain your network. Trust me, the people that you meet will come to your rescue in college and once you graduate.

Get to know your professors: Your professors have been in your shoes before. They are some of the best people to learn from in college. They're always here to help you, so reach out to them.



Stay positive: Everything in college won't always be easy or go as planned. Sometimes, you have to just go with the flow. That's okay. Remain positive, and know that you get another chance to start over tomorrow.

Take advantage of opportunities: There will always be opportunities to do something on campus. Take advantage of it. If the dean of your school sends you an email saying someone (i.e. a famous person) is coming to campus to speak with a few students, be one of the first students to sign up.

Eat vegetables too: Chick Fil A and Raising Cane's are great restaurants, but make sure you eat vegetables sometimes. Like my grandmother would say, you need a green vegetable with every meal.

Go to office hours: Don't wait until problems in classes are overwhelming you. If you don't understand something, go to office hours and get help from your professor. Take it from someone who spent nearly everyday in office hours for French (thanks Marta), it's worth it.

Read your email: I can't stress this enough - read your email. Any important information will be sent to your email.

Don't plagiarize anything: Plagiarism is asking to fail. Don't do it. If you use information from a source, be sure to quote your source.

Enjoy your time here: It goes faster than you think, so my last piece of advice would be to enjoy your time at the university. Have fun. Go to events in the Grove and on the Student Union Plaza. Spend time with your friends. College is about balance. You can have fun and focus on your academics simultaneously.

Must-have Apps for College



Instagram

Follow every Ole Miss page on Instagram to make sure you never miss anything. If there's something happening anywhere on campus or in the Oxford area, an Ole Miss page will tell you.



Blackboard

Use Blackboard to keep track of your grades. You can also see comments from your professors on your assignments. Professors also use this app for announcements.



GroupMe

Most classes have a GroupMe. Most organizations have a GroupMe. Download the app to keep in touch with your classmates and group members.



LinkedIn

Networking is one of the most important things to do in college, which is where LinkedIn comes in. Follow the University of Mississippi page on the app and connect with current students and alumni.



Venmo

"Hey, can I just Venmo you?" I can't tell you how many times I have heard this in college. Link your bank account to the app, and it will quickly allow you to transfer and receive funds to another individual. Trust me - you're going to be thankful for Venmo when you and friends grab a bite to eat and you forgot your wallet.



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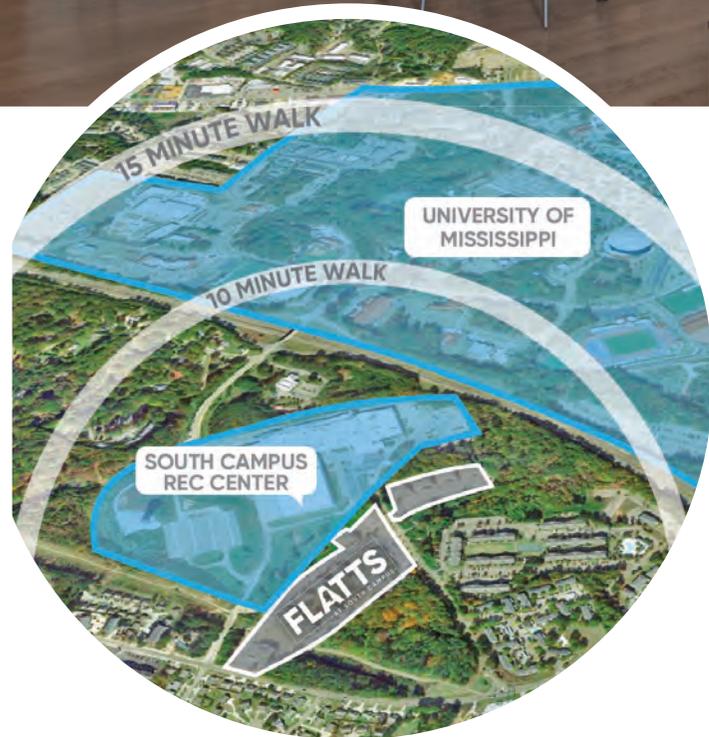
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Rebel Checklist

You won't remember everything you need for your dorm room. It's just not possible. Here are a few things that we consider essential:

- Mattress Topper:** This is number one on my list. A mattress topper just makes the entire room more comfortable. If you don't have anything else from this list, buy a mattress topper.
- Calendar:** College is a hectic time, to say the least. There will be many events going on, at many different times. We don't want you to miss out on the fun, but we also don't want you to forget what days and times your homework or tests are due. A calendar can definitely keep your memory refreshed.
- Family/Friends Photo:** You'll find a family and new friends here, but you will miss your family and friends back home. Bring a photo of those people, so they'll always be with you.

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- Hangers:** This may seem like a small thing, but trust me, all of your clothes can't fit into the storage drawers. You need hangers to hang some of those clothes in the closet. Also, it's very helpful in making sure your nice shirt or dress isn't wrinkled.
- T.V.:** If you love T.V. like I do, this is a given. Some days, you may not want to go hang with your friends in the Grove and maybe you need a day off from homework. A T.V. comes in handy for that time. Netflix and chill.
- Snacks:** Well, we all need snacks sometimes. Go ahead and buy what snacks you like for those days when you don't want to leave your dorm.
- Laundry Items:** Don't forget that it's your responsibility to wash, dry and fold your laundry now. Laundry detergent and fabric softener are essentials.

Tips to Consider Before Logging In

MONTANA PATTERSON

Irresponsible and illegal social media posts can have life-altering consequences and continue to be a problem for college students nationwide. Being aware of your social presence is a great place to start. “Google is your new resume,” says Wesley Dickens, University of Mississippi career planning specialist. “You’ll send your resume to an employer but I guarantee they’ll Google you.” Here are some tips to consider:

● Anonymity does not exist

Nicknames, fake names and anonymous accounts can be traced to your real identity through basic modern technology. Nicknames, fake names and anonymous accounts can be traced to your real identity through basic modern technology. If you are uncomfortable posting something in association with your real identity, don’t post it.

● WWGT?

“What would your grandma think?” Consider this in all your social media interactions as a guide for whether or not the content should exist. “If you wouldn’t want your family or employer to see it, don’t put it online,” says Ryan Whittington, University of Mississippi assistant director of public relations for social media strategy.

● Get a LinkedIn

LinkedIn is a means for maintaining business connections and constantly sharing your resume with interested parties. “All students need a LinkedIn with a good head shot,” Whittington says. “LinkedIn gives an air of professionalism and a legup before you need to start looking for jobs.”

● Content Lives Forever

One screenshot can revive life into a “deleted” post. Monitor your own social accounts and clean as you go. Social media accounts are not private forums, despite your privacy settings. Going viral may sound appealing, but being infamous for something controversial or trivial has the potential to negatively affect your opportunities.

● Social Media Is Not Your Modern-day Diary

Limit the amount of personal information you share in each post and the number of times you share a day. For instance, avoid tweeting 1,000 times in one day and avoid sharing your student ID number in a photo.

Oxford Dictionary: Your Guide to Southern Lingo

RABRIA MOORE

I’m from the South, so Southern Lingo isn’t new for me. I didn’t realize these next few phrases weren’t used worldwide until I came to Ole Miss and made friends who weren’t from the South. They’d be utterly dumbfounded when I would say some of these things, so we’ve compiled a short list of commonly used Southern sayings.



“Makes me want to slap my mama.”

This is one of the highest compliments you can receive from someone in the South. This saying is used to express that something is really, really good.

Used in a sentence: “The food was so good, it makes me want to slap my mama.”

“Fixin’ to.”

If someone says they’re “fixing to do something,” it means they are getting ready to do that action. There’s no time limit when someone says they’re “fixing to,” so you might as well get comfortable.

Used in a sentence: “I can’t go to the Grove right now. I’m fixing to go to class.”

“Y’all.”

This is a very common saying in the South. It’s a combination of “you” and “all.” It usually refers to a group of people.

Used in a sentence: “Do y’all want to go to the store with me?”

“Yes ma’am or Yes sir.”

This is a sign of respect. In the South, any and everyone can be referred to as ma’am or sir. Most times, these terms are used when talking to elderly people.

Used in a sentence: “Will you bring me a glass of water from the kitchen?” “Yes ma’am.”

“Bless your heart.”

When someone says, “Bless your heart,” he or she is not exactly expressing true sympathy or concern. While this phrase is utilized in many ways, most of the time, it’s used to soften the blow of an insult. For this one, listen to the tone of voice and use your best judgement.

Used in a sentence: “Bless your heart. You obviously don’t know how to navigate a roundabout!”



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“The Interfraternity Council proudly represents seventeen chapters comprised of over 2,300 men here at the University of Mississippi. While our organizations provide numerous opportunities for fellowship, service, and leadership, our primary goal is to mold individuals into becoming the greatest versions of themselves. As young men face new, difficult challenges, the bond of fraternity is here to provide encouragement and support throughout their college experience and beyond.”

- MICHAEL RAYMOND, PRESIDENT

“On the campus of the University of Mississippi, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, also known as the NPHC or “the Divine 9,” consists of 6 of the 9 chapters and holds over 100 greek women and men. The purpose of the NPHC is to create a united body so that the Black Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities could form a united body. This Council serves as a forum to allow these Greek organizations to consider and address problems of mutual interest affecting their organizations and their college experience. Most importantly, the NPHC emphasizes the importance of maintaining a strong level of academics, brother/sisterhood, and service to the community.”

- CHRISTOPHER L. LEE, PRESIDENT



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“The University of Mississippi Panhellenic community consists of ten chapters and over 4,000 women. Our Panhellenic system offers opportunities to join an organization that prioritizes your values and encourages you to aim for excellence in all of your endeavors. Our community prioritizes scholarship and service, and we strive for our members to become stewards of their resources and to invest in things they are passionate about.”

- GRACE MCKISSICK, PRESIDENT

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What I Wish I Knew as a Freshman

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“I wish I knew that it takes time to find your home on campus.”
- **KAYLYNN STEEN, SOPHOMORE**

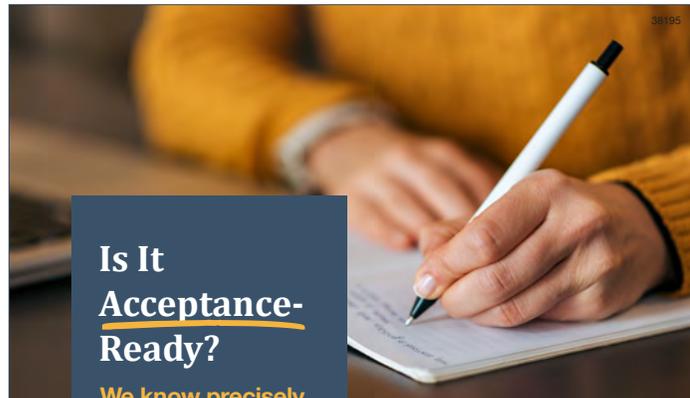
“I wish I knew how the lifestyle of a college student would be during a pandemic. Last semester, everything was so spaced out and the majority of my social interaction was mainly through a screen.”
- **ISAAC RANDLE, FRESHMAN**

“I wish I knew that your time here on campus will fly by. Knowing that allows you to understand to not take any of the moments here for granted.”
- **A.J. NORWOOD, JUNIOR**

“Life goes on. College classes are hard, but it won’t be the end of the world if you do terribly on a test. The memories that stay forever are the ones where you are happiest with your friends!”
- **SARAH DUFOR, SOPHOMORE**

“Coming from Western New York, I was really worried about making friends and adjusting to life in the South. I met so many friends that became family and professors that became mentors that I barely realized I was living someplace new. Take time to soak in this beautiful place, get connected, grow personally and in your faith, and most of all remember who you are and stay true to that.”
- **PATRICK MAYO, JUNIOR**

“You’re not going to be the same person you are now in 4 years or even in 1 semester, and that’s ok. This is the time for our drastic change, and you have to allow yourself the freedom to grow.”
- **LEAH HUGHES, SOPHOMORE**



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Campus Map

As you get acquainted with your new home for the next year, you'll find that some of the buildings on campus will become crucial spots for your time here at Ole Miss. Below are six of the most prominent locations that'll make your life a little easier.

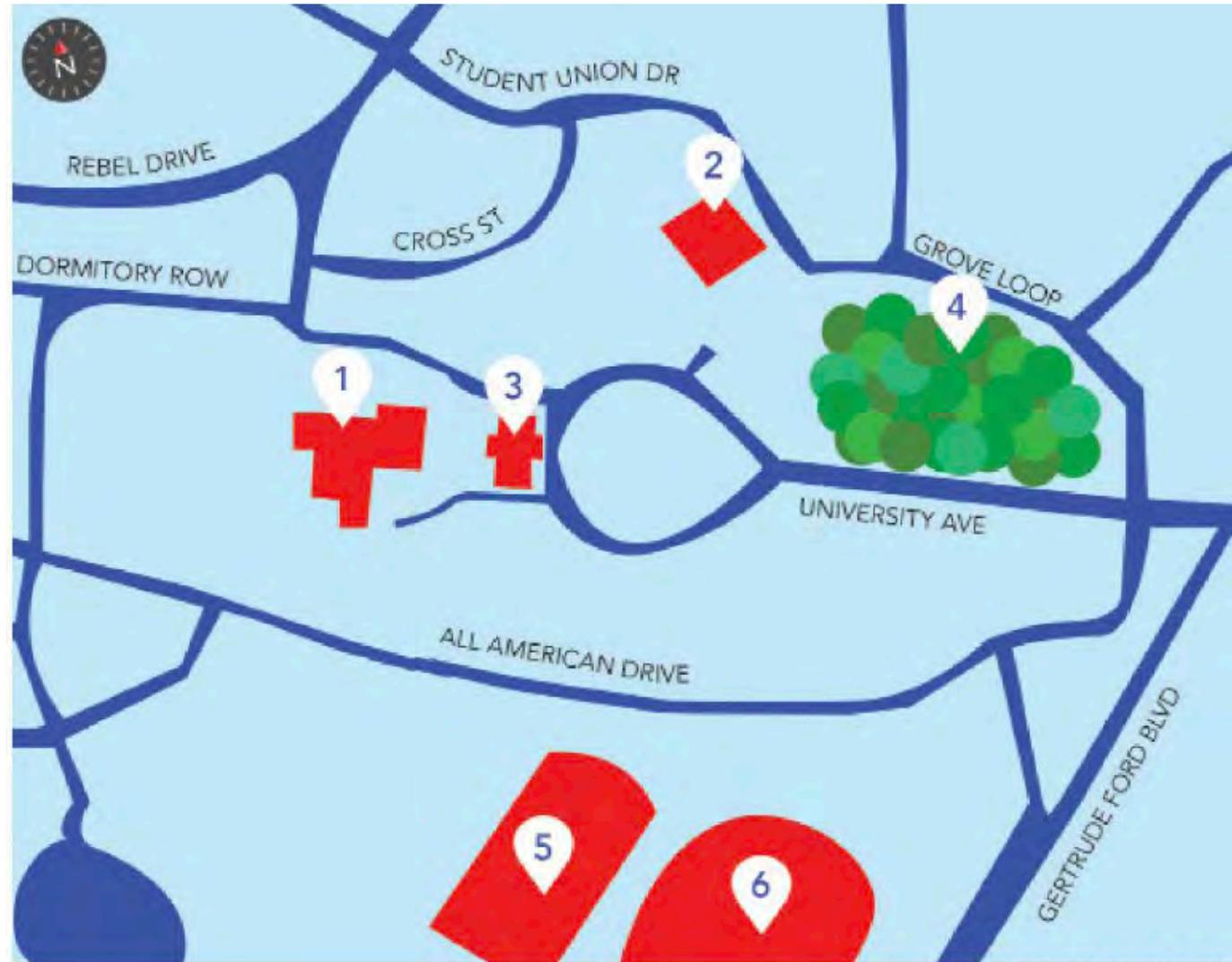


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Ole Miss has one of the greatest tailgating experiences in the world. That's not debatable. If you need proof, Sports Illustrated named Ole Miss the No. 1 tailgating school in the nation. People who couldn't care less about sports pile into the Grove alongside die-hard SEC football fans for a true bucket list experience. It's hard to beat an autumn Saturday afternoon in Oxford. There's so much going on in the Grove and in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium that it's easy to forget some of the traditions and unwritten rules of an SEC tailgate. Here's the top-5 gameday traditions at Ole Miss.

1. WALK OF CHAMPIONS

In 1985, head coach Billy Brewer, wanted a way for his players to experience the atmosphere of the Grove, so he started leading them through the 10-acre yard before games. Since then, the Walk of Champions has been the climax for every tailgate in the Grove. The football team starts at the north end of the Grove two hours before kickoff and walks to the stadium while being cheered on by the Rebel faithful on either side of the sidewalk.

2. TENT HOPPING

When you walk past the Grove on your way to class, it's hard to imagine tens of thousands of people can pack into it. When you walk up to the sea of red and blue on Saturdays, it's a reminder that you're at the best tailgating school in the nation. You may know everyone you walk past or you might not know anyone. Either way, there's always a tent open welcoming you to enjoy the Southern hospitality in the form of a pig in a blanket or a chicken tender. Just remember to say please and thank you!

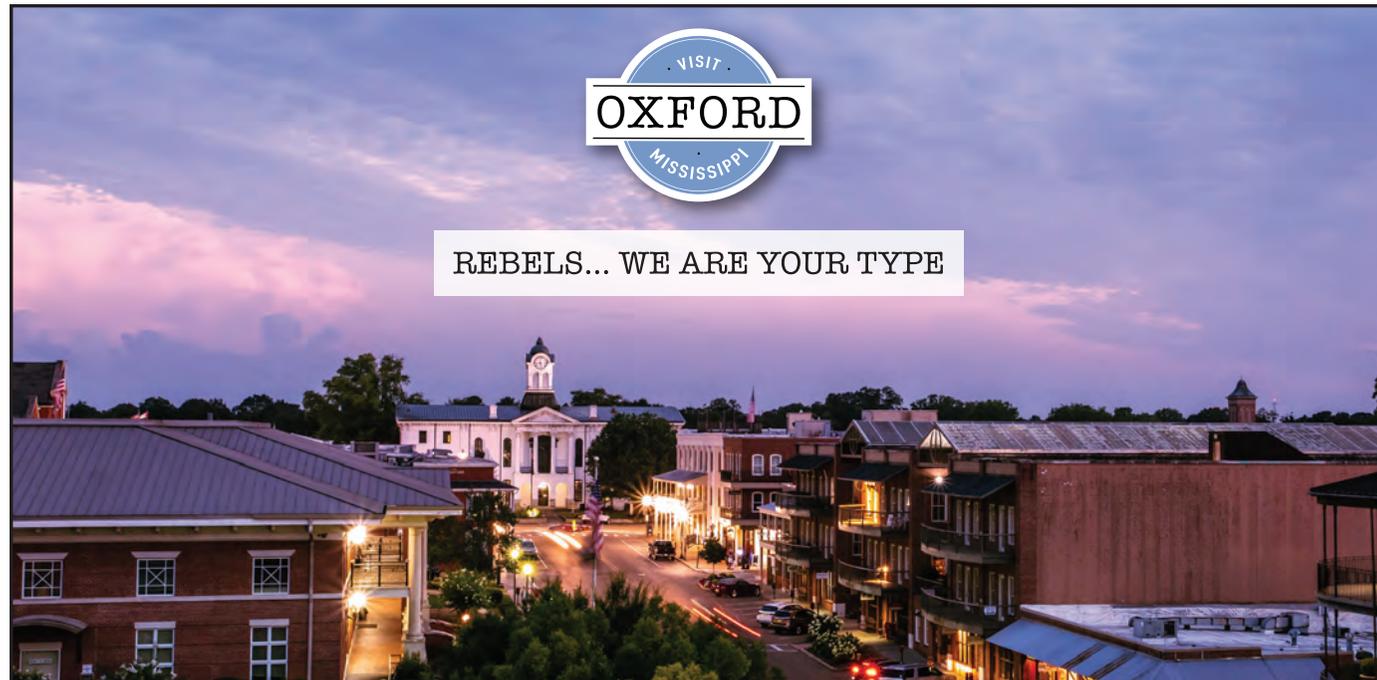
3. LOCK THE VAUGHT/HOTTYTODDY

The fun doesn't stop in the Grove. After you've found your seat in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, prepare to lock arms with your neighbor, and rock back and forth to welcome the Rebels to the gridiron. After that, when you hear "Are you ready?", if you don't know how to respond, you'll learn quickly.

4. ARRIVE IN STYLE

The Grove can be a fashion show for most people. Make sure you check what color to wear and pick your best outfit. Check out our "5 Most Instagramable Spot on Campus" for more where to capture that perfect gameday pic! (Page 26)

There's so much going on in the Grove and in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium that it's easy to forget some of the traditions and unwritten rules of an SEC tailgate. See how many of these traditions you can do in one game.



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The Lucky 7 List of Do's and Don'ts for Freshman Year

There are many things you are going to want to do or avoid throughout your tenure at Ole Miss, and several of those decisions will be made during your freshman year. To save you some trouble, and, in some cases, embarrassment, here's a list of things you should DO or NOT DO this year.

Now, here's what you should do:

1. Go to everything you're invited to.

Whether it's a study group, a party, dinner out or lunch in the Student Union, never say no, at least not for your first semester. Why? Well, you're not going to meet people if you hide in your dorm all the time, and you're not going to have new experiences without those new people.

2. KEEP IT CLEAN.

Your dorm, that is. Your mom isn't going to be around to pick up your shoes or do your laundry, and that dorm floor can disappear rather quickly. Even when you think you're in a rush and it seems easier just to throw your T-shirt on your desk chair, take the extra 10 second to put it away. Otherwise, you're going to be living in clutter very soon, stressing you out and making your roommate less than happy.

3. Take basic classes.

If you've already declared your major, it's pretty tempting to jump right into your core classes. Take a step back. You can't forget your general education classes, and you don't want to be in a 101 course your senior year. And if you still aren't sure what you want to major in, dip your toes into several departments to try them all out.

4. Go to office hours.

Get to know your professors. It's essential, really, especially within your school or department. Not only will you better understand the course content and make better grades, but you will also gain a mentor, friend and reference for the future. Professors are people too, and their stories are pretty awesome. Promise.

5. Try networking.

Creating a relationship on the professional level with professors, guest speakers and other students is critical, and it can be a challenge. Connect with your professors. Don't be afraid to be that student who builds a professional relationship with your professor or faculty adviser. No matter what your major is and subject field, your professors have advice that could be beneficial for your future career.

6. Skip a few classes.

Not ALL of your classes, though. Excused absences are worked into each class for a reason. You are going to get sick, you are going to get depressed or homesick, you are going to need a mental health day. Keep track of how many absences are allowed in each of your classes, and email your professor to get your notes or make up work. Don't skip tests, but don't go to class with a 102 fever, either.

7. Keep an open mind.

You are going to meet so many new people in the next four years. They are all going to have different beliefs, religious affiliations,

opinions and style. Some of them may even intimidate you a bit or make you feel uncomfortable. That's OK. Keep an open mind and listen – this will help shape the person you're going to become and better understand your own beliefs and values.

And make sure you avoid these:

1. Don't worry if you hate your roommate.

It's going to happen – whether you just need to have a weekend to yourself or you end up moving out at the end of the semester. Learn to deal with it. You are going to encounter and have to work with people you don't like for the rest of your life. Worst comes to worst, stick it out for the semester and switch rooms at the break.

2. Don't party every night.

But that's what college is about, right? Wrong. Don't make the mistake of forgetting your classes – if you fail out of college, you won't be partying anymore. Find your balance; there's nothing wrong with having fun, but be sure to get some studying done, too.

3. Don't freak out if your first semester is rough.

It's tough for everyone, and it won't be the last time you think you're in over your head. College isn't like high school – the work is harder and the professors expect more from you. But take a breath, grab a cup of coffee and keep going.

4. Don't forget your parents.

You're going to miss them, and they're going to miss you. Keep them updated on your life, but don't be that kid who goes home every weekend, either. And don't call only when you need money. That's just rude.

5. Don't use all your flex on Chick-fil-a.

The Freshman 15 is real. It's really real. Yes, everyone loves that juicy chicken, and now that they have the milkshakes, life has just become that much better. That \$200 is going to come in handy throughout the year, but it's good for a lot more than just fatty foods. Take care of yourself and be conscious of your intake.

6. Don't take all 8 a.m. classes.

"But I did it all through grade school – I'm used to it. Plus, I'll have the rest of the day to do whatever I want." No. College is different from grade school. No one is going to shake you for 10 minutes so you're not late to class, and no one is going to make you go to bed at night so you get enough sleep. Do yourself a favor and take advantage of making your own schedule.

7. Don't become that kid that never goes to class

It's OK to skip a class when you're sick or overwhelmed. Skip "A" class, as in ONE. Don't be that guy that is only seen on test days and then complains about making bad grades. Go to class. Listen to the lecture, participate in the discussions and take a few notes.



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The Most Insta-worthy Spots: Campus Edition

ANNIE SHARP

Ole Miss has been noted as one of the most beautiful college campuses in more than one magazine over the past decade, but finding the right spot to showcase it's beauty can be tricky sometimes. Annie Sharp found the best spots around campus that are sure to make a statement on anyone's timeline.



Phi Mu Fountain

For a sunny day on Snapchat: Walk out of the library doors towards Paris Yates and right there is the perfect scenery to take a landscape shot of the greenery with the fountain in the center and Paris Yates Chapel hiding in the trees peeping through in the back. It is no secret that graduation pictures have the possibility to start feeling basic, with the fake laugh as you hold your cap with the stereotypical caption "Can't believe I made it!" If you want to add some personality to your pictures and look like you are having fun—this is the perfect spot to do it.



The Lyceum

This spot is obvious, it is the first thing you hear about at orientation and if you have ever been to Rebel Rags you probably own a shirt with the Lyceum clip art on the frocket. Just because it is historically significant doesn't mean you have to take a picture in front of it, you have to take a picture in front of it because it is one of the reasons Ole Miss is known for looking more like a resort than a college campus. The building has definite fresh and clean southern vibes that will complement anyone who stands in front of it.



Walk of Champions

Whether you are an incoming freshman, graduating senior or a dedicated 5th year this spot never gets old. My biggest advice specifically to the freshman would be to get pictures here on Game Day with all your friends. When you are frantically trying to find them in the Grove chaos and you use The Walk as a meeting place, snap a pic while you are there. It is the perfect spot to feature the traditions of a game day at Ole Miss and you will love getting to look back on it in years to come. Possible Captions: 5th year: "Walking with the Champions for one last victory lap!" Incoming Freshman: "Someone told me this is where I could find the football players?"



The Grove

One thing about the Grove is that it has no "good side" because every angle is its "good side." It is more photogenic than any of the Barbie- adjacent girls walking around this campus daily. Whether you want to bust out some homework at a picnic table and take a quick snap to show off our flawless campus on your Instagram story— or if you want to boost your following with a few effortless pictures, the Grove is the place to do that.



Ventress Hall

It is no surprise that the first place Eli Manning wanted to go after winning the Super Bowl was Ventress Hall. It is like Ole Miss's little historical castle. Not only does it keep the old southern feeling alive, it also provides devoted students with an Instagram craving a backdrop to add a little aesthetically pleasing history to their flow.



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1. Someone says, "Are you ready?" You immediately respond...

- a. For what?
- b. Umm sure?
- c. I was born ready.
- d. Hell yeah! Damn right!

2. What SEC school do you despise the most?

- a. Alabama
- b. MSU
- c. LSU
- d. Tennessee

3. Which solo cup hasn't won a home baseball game race?

- a. Yellow
- b. Solo cups?
- c. Blue
- d. Red

4. The number 18 is...

- a. The posted speed limit on the Ole Miss Campus
- b. Jersey number of Ole Miss Football Legend Archie Manning
- c. Both A and B

5. Who does the "Lane Train" refer to?

- a. Lane Johnson
- b. Lane Kiffin
- c. Lane Hancock
- d. Lane Garrison

6. You're a real Ole Miss Rebel if you know that Tony is really a

- a. Tiger
- b. Landshark
- c. Soprano
- d. Broadway Award

Answers: 1. D; 2. C; 3. A; 4. C; 5. B; 6. B



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Is a Car Really Necessary for College?

RABRIA MOORE

A large percentage of students at Ole Miss will tell you that they have a car here on campus, but is a car really necessary? In my personal opinion, I don't think a car is 100% needed. Ole Miss is a pretty walkable campus, so you will not need a car to get from one class to another. If you're worried about off-campus transportation, you should know about the Oxford-University Transit system that we have here. Buses here can take you almost anywhere you need to go off-campus. Again, I say that a car is not absolutely necessary, but if you must bring one, I have a few tips:

Don't forget to purchase a parking pass. If you don't want a parking ticket during your first week on campus, purchase a parking pass.

Know where your parking passes allow you to park. Different parking passes are used for different parking

spaces. If you have an East Residential parking permit, for example, know where the East Residential lots are.

Never park in a handicap space if you're not handicapped. This is considered common courtesy, so just don't do it. Other people may actually need to park in those spaces, so always think of those people.

Another place to never park: the fire lane. There will be clear signs telling you to not park in the fire lanes, so don't park in the fire lanes. If a fire happens while your car is in the fire lane, it'll be a disaster.

If you park in a lot that has a fee, pay the fee. There are a few lots on campus where you can park and pay a fee. Take it from me, just pay the fee. It's a lot easier to pay a \$1.25 fee than it is to pay a \$50 ticket for illegal parking.

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Recreation for the Rebs

Oxford is filled with places to walk, run, bike or swim – whatever floats your boat, or kayak! We've rounded up some of the best places in town and on campus for outdoor activity.

AVENT PARK

Avent Park is home to an impressive community-built playground. The park offers lighted tennis courts, a walking trail, baseball field, frisbee golf course, and a pavilion furnished with picnic tables.

BAILEY BRANCH PARK AT FNC

Located at the corner of Hwy 7 South and Office Park Dr., this park includes a pavilion, playgrounds, and a walking path.

BAILEY WOODS TRAIL

3/5 mile

The Bailey Woods Trail connects the University Museum to Rowan Oak and is a great place for visitors to walk, run, or geocache (bikes are not permitted). It is open from dawn to dusk and takes about 20 minutes to walk one-way.

BLACKBURN-MCMURRAY OUTDOOR SPORTS COMPLEX

The intramural fields are for students who want to play traditional or nontraditional sports without being on a professional team. Anyone can get to the fields from campus by using the sidewalk or bike lane once they cross Chucky Mullins Drive.

CLEAR CREEK CAMPGROUND

The campground site is only a short drive to Sardis Lake, allowing its visitors to enjoy water sport activities. Clear Creek has 52 sites with electric hookups, some even have water hookups. It is also located near the scenic Clear Creek Trail. More information can be found at recreation.gov.

CLEAR CREEK TRAILS

8 miles

This trail is located near Clear Creek Landing beside Sardis Lake, a 30 minute drive from Oxford. The trail is a thrill for bike enthusiasts, with plenty of downhill fast sections. Find out more at trails.mtbr.com



FNC PARK

A 75-acre park with 4 softball, 5 soccer, and 10 baseball fields; 8 with synthetic turf infields. It also has a walking track as well as the Oxford Ortho Indoor Practice Facility with 6 retractable batting cages. This massive park is located at 328 Old Sardis Rd. For more information, visit fncpark.com

FNC TENNIS CENTER

This center, located at 400 Price St., has 20 lighted hard tennis courts, and is the largest hard court tennis facility in the state. The courts are open year round to the public. Visit oxfordtennis.net for more information.

GARDEN TERRACE PARK

0.5 mile

Located on the west side of town on Thacker Rd, this park is a 0.5 mile, 10-foot wide walking trail. It's also an interactive park which allows parents to download an app and track where their children play and how many times they visit.

JOHN W. KYLE STATE PARK

This park is located in Upper Sardis Lake at 4235 State Park Rd. in Sardis, MS. The facility on site includes tons of services and utilities such as boating, cabins, fishing, golf, volleyball, water skiing and so much more. Visit reserveamerica.com for more details.

PAT LAMAR PARK

1.5 miles

Outfitted with new art sculptures on the Yokna Sculpture Trail and complimented by blooming greenery, the park welcomes all Oxonians (and their pets, of course) with open arms. Located at the corner of College Hill and Country Club Rd.

OXFORD CITY POOL

Located at 200 Washington Ave. and is open Monday - Saturday from 1:00 - 6:00 pm, and on Sundays from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. A \$3 admission fee applies to patrons under the age of 54. Visit oxfordparkcommission.com for more information.

OXFORD DEPOT TRAIL

1 mile

This trail stretches from Molly Barr to the Oxford Depot; it's 10-foot wide, paved, and has bathrooms and water fountains available. A pedestrian and bike bridge that goes over Jackson Avenue brings you to the Depot.

OXFORD SKATE PARK

Not only is Oxford's state of the art skate park 10,000 square feet, it also has a playground and a pavilion. The skate park stays open from 5:00 am until dusk, and is located on Bramlett Blvd.

PRICE HILL PARK

This park includes a pavilion, baseball/ softball field, basketball court, and a playground. It is the only park in Oxford with a spray pool and now features a community garden. You can find it at 101 Price Hill Cove.

RIVERS HILL PARK

Located on Pegues Rd. in Oxford, this park features two outdoor basketball courts, a playground, and an open air pavilion.

SOUTH CAMPUS RAIL TRAIL

2.8 miles

The South Campus Rail Trail is part of a network of trails linking the community of Oxford. The entrance is located on Chucky Mullins Dr., and there are many dirt trails that branch off of the main portion. More details can be found at campusrec.olemiss.edu.

STONE PARK

Right across the street from the city pool, Stone Park has a playground, a recreation center, a baseball field, and a park pavilion.

WOODLAWN PARK

The Woodlawn Davis Nature Center is located at the corner of Anderson Rd. and West Oxford Loop. It is an educational park that focuses on conservation and sustainability.



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