Although the application form contains instructions for applying to the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory spring mini-session, these pages contain further information. Your application cannot be processed—this means you cannot be admitted or registered - until all required application materials have been received by our office. Please help us help you by complying with the following instructions.

1. Every student including students who have attended GCRL in recent years must complete and submit an Application form. Please be certain to furnish all information requested, if applicable to you.

2. If not currently enrolled at a college or university, you may enroll as a Non Degree Seeking Student. Course credits in this case will reside with The University of Southern Mississippi unless otherwise instructed by the student. You may at a later date request that your credits be transferred to another institution.

3. If you are going to require dormitory housing, please indicate by checking the appropriate box. If you wish to room with a friend, please enter his/her name on the line provided. We will accommodate your request if possible. We cannot provide married housing. We do not offer co-ed dormitories.

4. On the top of page two (2) of the application form, enter your First and Alternate course choices. Students are enrolled in his/her first choice if the class is open and the student has the necessary prerequisites. If the student’s first choice of class is closed, the student will be placed, if possible, in his/her alternate choice. If there is a problem with placing the student in the courses he/she requested, the student will be contacted by telephone to discuss other options. Do to the intense nature of our courses students are allowed to take only ONE course per term.

5. List any science courses in which you are presently enrolled which do not appear on the transcript that you had sent to us.

6. If you are 21 years of age or older, you may sign the liability waiver. If you are not yet 21, you must have a parent or legal guardian sign. We are required by the State of Mississippi to obtain this waiver of liability. During the 65+ years GCRL has been providing marine educational opportunities to college students, there has never been a fatality or serious mishap involving a student participating in the field studies activities. We work very hard to keep this record.

7. To be admitted to the GCRL academic program, a student MUST obtain the signature of his/her adviser, department chair, or on-campus GCRL affiliate representative.

8. A student applying for admission to GCRL’s spring mini-session must have an official copy of his/her transcript sent to the Office of Student Services at GCRL. Decisions on possible admission to the GCRL’s spring mini-session begin in October; students should request the Registrar’s Office at their institution to send official transcripts after the summer semester courses/grades have been posted. Students on academic probation or academic suspension will not be admitted to the program. Courses taught at the GCRL are academically rigorous and are taught at an accelerated pace. This means an entire semester of lecture and associated laboratory sessions are compressed into a two-week term. For that reason, students are limited to only one class per session. Students should have good study skills and should expect to devote several hours to study each evening. Students enrolled at The University of Southern Mississippi are not required to submit a transcript.
9. A completed immunization form must accompany the application form. The immunization form must be completed by your physician, clinic, or state health department. If you have a “shot record,” a legible photo copy stapled to the immunization form is acceptable. Former GCRL students and students currently enrolled in The University of Southern Mississippi or GCRL are not required to submit an immunization record.

10. Students seeking graduate credit for courses, please contact our Student Services at 228.818.8852 for additional information. Students will need approval from The University of Southern Mississippi Graduate School. Enrollment will be as a “Non-Degree Seeking” graduate student.

11. Students are required to submit a non-refundable application fee of $35.00 for undergraduate students or $50.00 for graduate students along with their completed application form. This fee does not apply to students currently enrolled at The University of Southern Mississippi or GCRL.

12. Non-degree seeking students requesting a transcript to be sent to their home institution must complete the transcript request form. This form and all appropriate fees should be submitted along with the students completed application. Please note, for transcripts payment is to be in the form of check, money order or credit/debit card. These fees are not to be included in with the attached application fee. All transcripts will be released from The University of Southern Mississippi’s Registrar’s Office. If you are currently enrolled at The University of Southern Mississippi it is not necessary to request a transcript.

13. If you are a current University of Southern Mississippi student and receiving financial assistance to attend GCRL, please contact the office of Student Services at 228-818-8852.

14. If you wish to discuss matters regarding classes, instructors, prerequisites, admission, registration, housing, meals, telephone us at the Office of Student Services, 228-818-8852.
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
Academic Program
The University of Southern Mississippi
DEPARTMENT OF COASTAL SCIENCES, Spring Mini-Session
GULF COAST RESEARCH LABORATORY
703 East Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564

Please print all information very clearly. Thank you
(Read instructions before completing)

Legal Name ____________________________________________ Soc. Sec. No. ________________________
   (Last)   (First)    (Middle / Maiden)

Current Mailing Address _________________________________________________________________
   (Street)   (City)    (County) (State) (Zip)

Permanent Mailing Address ______________________________________________________________
   (Street)   (City)    (County) (State) (Zip)

Phones: ____________________________________________ E-mail Address _________________________
   (Current, Area Code & Number) (Home, Area Code & Number)

Male □ Female □ Birth Date____________

Ethnic Group: Black / Non-Hispanic □ American Indian / Alaskan Native □ Asian / Pacific Islander □
   Hispanic □ White / Non-Hispanic □ Race / Ethnicity Unknown □

U.S. Citizen: Yes □ No □ Immigrant: Yes □ No □ Country____________________

Mississippi Resident: Yes □ No □ Date Residency Began* ________________________________

*If under 21 years of age, must claim residence of parent(s) or legal guardian(s). If 21 years of age or older, must meet State of Mississippi residency law as stated in current Southern Miss Bulletin.

Have you previously applied to Southern Miss or GCRL? Yes □ No □

Are you a returning Summer Field Program student? Yes □ No □

Are you currently enrolled at Southern Miss or GCRL? Yes □ No □

If you registered through your home institution, what are the course # ___________ & your student id #________

Academic institution where presently enrolled and to which credits will be transferred:
   Institution ____________________________________________
   City___________________________________________ State ________ Zip______________
   Major Department__________________________ Subject Area____________________

Academic standing next semester: Sophomore □ Junior □ Senior □ Graduate □

Are you registering for Graduate Credit? Yes □ No □
(Students within 9 credits of completing undergraduate degree can take courses for graduate credit)

HIGHEST ACADEMIC DEGREE COMPLETED
   Degree, date __________________ Major____________________ Institution____________________

WILL YOU BE A DORMITORY RESIDENT? Yes □ No □ Roommate________________________

I hereby affirm that to the best of my knowledge all information furnished on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that withholding information requested and giving false information may make me ineligible for admission and enrollment. I agree that any records of my academic performance may be furnished to any high schools or institutions of higher learning that I have attended, unless I file a notice that they not be sent. I am eligible to return to the last college that I attended.

Date________________________ Applicant’s Signature________________________________________
LIST THE NAMES OF THE COURSES AND ALTERNATE COURSES YOU WISH TO TAKE

(See our website for course offerings, www.usm.edu/gcrl)

Spring Mini-Session

First Choice

List of courses

Alternate Course

LIST SCIENCE COURSES WHICH YOU WILL COMPLETE PRIOR TO THE SPRING MINI-SESSION, BUT WHICH ARE NOT PRESENTLY LISTED ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT

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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION: Parent, Legal Guardian or Spouse

Name ____________________________          Relationship ____________________________

Address ____________________________          E-mail address ____________________________

Telephone ____________________________          Home (__) ____________________________

City ____________________________          Work (__) ____________________________

State ______  Zip ______________

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY FOR DEATH OR BODILY INJURY OCCURRING WHILE PURSUING ACADEMIC STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST RESEARCH LABORATORY

In consideration of being offered the opportunity to pursue academic study at The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, I, the undersigned, do hereby waive for myself and for my estate any rights to claims for damages, incident to death or any bodily injuries whatsoever that may result during the period of study, including activities on board any boat belonging to said laboratory or during any off-campus field trip which is a part of required study. This waiver of damages for death or bodily injury shall apply likewise to any minor child (under 21 years of age) for whom I have legal responsibility.

This instrument releases the State of Mississippi, Southern Miss Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, and any employee of the State or of the Laboratory from liability for death or bodily injury to the undersigned or to minors for whom I am legally responsible, occurring under the circumstances as described above.

I have read the above instrument and fully understand its intent.

Date___________________________ Signed ____________________________

(Parent / Legal Guardian, if Student is under 21 years of age)

Witnessed ____________________________

INSTITUTIONAL APPROVAL (Please read Instructions to Adviser and Department Head on page 3.)

Adviser ____________________________

(Signature) (Name, please print) (Date)

Comments ____________________________

Adviser ____________________________

(Signature) (Name, please print) (Date)

Comments ____________________________
APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN. HOWEVER, APPLICANTS FROM AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS ARE GIVEN PRIORITY.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Every effort will be made to place the student in the first choice course, if space is not available, student will be placed, if possible, in the alternate course.
2. Credits earned at Southern Miss GCRL will automatically be transferred to the student's home institution at the end of the spring session.
3. Southern Miss GCRL reserves the right to withdraw course offerings from its program when the minimum enrollment is not met.

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. Fill out this form completely; type or print.
2. Have an official transcript from the institution you are now attending sent to Southern Miss GCRL Office of Student Services. (USM students are not required to submit copies of Southern Miss transcripts.) Because of the delay in entering the previous semester courses and grades on student records, and because GCRL needs an official transcript at least one month before the classes begin, we request that a copy of your transcript as of the end of the previous semester be sent. On this form, list all science courses which you are now taking or will complete before the start of the semester at the GCRL.
3. All undergraduate and graduate applicants must submit a non-refundable application fee of $35.00 with her/his application. This fee does not apply to students currently enrolled at the University of Southern Mississippi.
4. All students who are currently working toward a degree from any institution must have this form signed by their Adviser or Department Head. If you are from an affiliated institution, the signature of the institution's Affiliate Coordinator will be sufficient.
5. Persons holding an undergraduate degree and not currently enrolled at any institution will be allowed to enroll without institutional approval, if all other requirements are met.
6. Students will be notified of acceptance or rejection upon receipt of completed application form, immunization record, transcript and application fee.
7. Application deadline for the spring mini-session is Dec. 6, 2013. Because applications are accepted for the spring mini-session beginning in October, many classes are filled before the deadline.
8. THE RELEASE FROM LIABILITY STATEMENT MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE APPLICATION CAN BE PROCESSED. IF APPLICANT IS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE, HER/HIS PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN THE STATEMENT.
9. The enclosed immunization form must be completed and returned prior to registration. See back of form for those instructions. Students who are currently enrolled at Mississippi public institutions of higher learning are not required to submit proof of immunization. Students who attended the GCRL Summer Field Program in a previous year and provided this information as required need not submit another immunization form.
10. Make check/money order for $35.00 for undergraduate students or $50.00 for graduate students (non-refundable application fee) payable to "Gulf Coast Research Laboratory."
11. Send check with completed application form and have official transcripts sent to:

   Office of Student Services
   Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
   Attn: Margaret Firth
   703 East Beach Drive
   Ocean Springs, MS 39564

INSTRUCTIONS TO ADVISER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD

Courses at Southern Miss GCRL are accelerated; students should be considered above average, have good study skills and to have completed proper prerequisites. You must sign this form for your student to be accepted for courses at Southern Miss GCRL.

Your signature indicates that:

1. This student is in good standing at your institution. Southern Miss GCRL will not accept students who are on academic probation.
2. You approve the student’s taking the course(s) and alternate(s) listed on this application form.
3. Your institution will accept credit transfer for courses listed on this application form.
4. You are recommending that the student be accepted into the summer program at Southern Miss GCRL. If you feel that this student should be given special consideration for admission or that the student should be allowed to take a course for which the student has not completed the prerequisites, please advise in the space for comments.
Certificate of Compliance
With Immunization Requirements for Adults

Legal Name ___________________________________________ Birth date ______________________
  (Last) _________ (First) ___________ (Middle Initial) ______________________

Permanent Mailing Address ________________________________________________
  (Street) __________________ (City) __________________ (State) __________ (Zip) ______

Telephone Number ___________________ Social Security Number ______________________
  (Area Code & Num) _____________________________

The individual named above has provided proof of immunity to Measles and Rubella as evidenced by the following:

Rubella*  Date of Immunization
  /  /  or Date of Serological Confirmation of Immunity
  Month Day Year

Measles* (Not required for persons born before January 1, 1957)

Date of Immunization** or Physician Diagnosis or Date of Serological Confirmation of Immunity
  /  /  __________________ (Measles Only)
  Month Day Year  Physician
  /  /  Telephone Number
  Month Day Year  City/State

Physician/Health Provider (Add Initials of Issuing Individual) Date

Address ____________________________
  (Street) __________________ (City) __________________ (State) __________ (Zip) ______
  (Telephone: Area Code & Num) _____________________________

*Not required for females who may be pregnant. If pregnancy is suspected, a valid Certificate of Medical Exemption From Immunization Requirements for Adults (Form Number 132) is required until the pregnancy is resolved.

**Certain immunizations should be repeated. See reverse side.

RETURN TO: Office of Student Services
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
Attn: Margaret Firth
703 East Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

-Special Instructions Follow-
IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

If you are planning to enroll in courses at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory or seeking admission to the University of Southern Mississippi for the first time (regardless of class level), you will be required under Mississippi State law and at the direction of the Board of Trustees, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, to either provide documented proof of immunization against two forms of measles or to meet specific conditions which allow this requirement to be waived. Student applicants must provide proof of immunization against both measles (Rubeola) and German Measles (Rubella). This requirement is waived for students over a certain age and for students who meet certain conditions.

1. If you were born before Jan 1, 1957, no proof of immunization against measles and German measles is required.
2. If you were born on or after Jan 1, 1957, you will be required to have documented proof of immunization for measles and German measles. Proof consists of one or more of the following:
   a. documented history of two doses of measles vaccine, usually given as MMR.
   b. laboratory evidence of immunity to measles (a blood test).
   c. documentation of a history of physician-diagnosed measles.

   The following conditions also apply:
   d. The vaccine must have been given after your first birthday or it is invalid and must be repeated.
   e. The measles (Rubeola) vaccine must have been given after Jan 1, 1968, to be valid as earlier vaccines did not provide lifetime immunity. If given before this date, the student will have to be re-immunized before attending class.
   f. The German (Rubella) measles vaccine must have been given after Jan 1, 1969, to be valid as earlier vaccines did not provide lifetime immunity. If given before this date, the student will have to be re-immunized before attending class.

3. Immunization exemptions, because of allergies, pregnancy or certain medical problems, will be processed on an individual basis. A letter from the student's physician will be required for an exemption to be granted. The letter must state the potential health problem that an existing condition would cause for the student if the student receives the immunization shots.