

ACM Process (2022-2023) in Southern Studies (SST)

The application process is somewhat involved and subject to change depending on the volume of applicants, students retained in the SST undergraduate major, and ACM awards finalized each year.

We encourage ACM applicants to begin the process **at least three months** before beginning SST coursework. As per updated guidelines for 2022-2023, if you're an incoming student for the Fall 2022 term, applications can be submitted at any time after **conditional acceptance to the university AND declaration of SST** as your major. *Contact admissions to change your major to SST if you haven't already.* If you're a transfer student, you may apply in any term prior to the term of attendance. If you're already enrolled and attending UM, you may apply at any point, although ACM benefits will not be applied until the following term.

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Note: The below checklist proceeds sequentially from top to bottom. **Bold steps are typically handled by the student.** Non-bold steps are typically handled by a state ACM office, the university, or SST undergraduate advisor(s).

_____ **Apply for ACM in home state w/ conditional admissions letter and certificate** (typically included in your admissions letter, detailing you as a declared SST major; contact admissions to change majors ASAP and re-issue letter if you're not declared as SST major). Google up ACM office's contact info in home state.

_____ Send "endorsement letter" from UM (if requested by state ACM) from SST advisor. Note: This is not always required or requested. This is not the same as the admissions letter and certificate. In Georgia, endorsement letters are not accepted as proof of admission or identification as a SST major.

_____ Home state's ACM office reviews application.

_____ Home state issues ACM certification to you (and sends copy to Provost's office at UM)

_____ **Double-check to make sure you're a declared SST major** (NOT a double major or only a SST minor)

_____ **Enroll in SST coursework (any SST100-level course is recommended) during orientation advising**

_____ Coursework audit and application for ACM discount sent to Financial Aid and Bursar

_____ Receipt of ACM discount application received by student

_____ **Stay in SST-related coursework each term and keep overall GPA above 2.0***

_____ ACM discount applied to account by Financial Aid and Bursar

_____ ACM rolled over term after term (if above conditions marked above with * remain met)

Questions or Concerns?

If you have any questions regarding ACM, please direct them to one of SST's undergraduate advisors: either [Dr. Darren E. Grem](#), Associate Professor of History and Southern Studies or [Dr. Simone Delorme](#), Associate Professor of Anthropology and Southern Studies.