

ACM Process (2025-2026) in Southern Studies (SST)

The ACM Process 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, and/or SST.

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_____ Determine if you are from a [SREB ACM-approved state for undergraduate programs at UM](#)

_____ **Complete the “Special Programs” admissions application to SST in my.olemiss.edu.** You can access the application once you declare your intention to attend UM and major in SST. The “Special Programs” application includes a series of questions from the SST admissions committee regarding your interest in SST. The “Special Programs” application’s final deadline for **incoming students for Fall 2025 is January 10**. All incoming applicants will be informed about admission to SST on or before **March 1**.***

_____ **If eligible for ACM and accepted to SST via the “Special Programs” application, you may now begin your separate ACM application in full. Most states require proof of admission to the university and proof of admission to SST.** That typically includes your admissions letter, detailing you as a declared SST major. Admissions can re-issue this letter stating SST as your major if necessary.

_____ Home state’s ACM office reviews application and issues ACM certification to you and UM’s Provost.

_____ Provost’s office at UM reviews application and sends ACM approval letter from UM to you (and a copy to SST). Congrats! Your application is halfway to full approval. Take a breather until summer orientation registration for Fall 2025, which will occur from late May to early July, 2025.

_____ **During summer orientation registration, enroll in SST coursework and double-check to make sure you’re a declared SST major (NOT a double major or only a SST minor)**

_____ Wait until late July or early August for a coursework audit to be conducted by SST and application for ACM discount sent to Financial Aid and Bursar by SST advisors

_____ Receipt for ACM discount application sent to student email and **approved by student (if necessary)**

_____ ACM discount applied by Financial Aid and Bursar (before start of courses; at latest by midterm)

_____ **Stay enrolled “full time” (12+ credit hours) and in SST-related coursework while keeping overall GPA above 2.5**, all of which are required for ACM to roll-over in regular terms, meaning Fall to Spring term and subsequently from Spring to Fall term. Note: All “non-regular” terms—intercessions and/or Summer terms—have different definitions of “full time” and coursework allowances. Before registering for any non-regular terms, contact your assigned SST advisor about applying ACM to intercession and/or summer.

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**** If you’re a transfer student, you may apply for admission to SST and ACM in any term prior to the term of attendance. If you’re **an enrolled and attending student**, you may apply for admission to SST and ACM at any point, although ACM benefits will not be applied until the following term. Transfer and current students should contact the ACM Coordinator for deadlines and information.*

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Questions? Concerns? We recognize this is an involved process. Hence, if you have any questions regarding the application for admission to SST and/or ACM, please direct them to **Dr. Xavier Sivels, Undergraduate Coordinator and ACM Advisor for Southern Studies** at: xesivels@olemiss.edu.