The University of Mississippi Chinese Language Flagship Program

Creating “Global Professionals” through exclusive course offerings and scholarship funding for intensive instruction (domestic & abroad)

Notable Graduate Placement:

- U. of Cambridge: M.Sc. - Development
- Princeton University: PhD - Chemical Eng.
- London Schol of Econ: M.A. – Economics
- Yale University: PhD – Env. Econ.
- Georgetown: M.A. – Strategic Stud
- Georgetown: MBA

Latest Statistics (2016 Cohort):

- Average Entering Freshman GPA: 3.6
- Average Entering Freshman ACT Score: 29.5 (SAT Equiv. ≈ 1300)
- Number of New Freshmen Accepted Each Year: 15-20
- Out-of-State Student Representation (latest cohort): 55%

* These averages are in no way minimum scores necessary for consideration. Selections are made based on the entirety of a candidate's application.

Exit Oral Proficiency Statistics - Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Scores:

- Freshmen: Intermediate Mid – Intermediate High
- Sophomores: Intermediate High – Advanced Mid
- Juniors: Advanced Low – Advanced High
- Seniors: Advanced Mid – Superior

Specialized Language Study (in addition to Chinese coursework during the semester):

1) Domestic pre-freshman intensive summer (equivalent of 2 full semesters)
2) Intensive 9-week Flagship summer program in China after freshman year with Chinese roommate
3) Individual tutoring sessions every semester on campus
4) Domain-specific mentorship from a Chinese graduate student in one's field
5) Semester of direct enrollment at Nanjing University (intensive language & university courses in one's field)
6) 4-month internship in a Chinese company related to one's field of study

Complementary Programs Open to Chinese Flagship Students:

- The Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College (honors.olemiss.edu) - $8k*
- The Center for Intelligence & Security Studies (ciss.olemiss.edu)
- The Center for Manufacturing Excellence (cme.ms) - $10k*
- Mississippi Excellence in Teaching Program (metp.olemiss.edu) – Full cost of attendance*
- UM ROTC (Air Force or Army): olemiss.edu/orgs/afrotc/ or olemiss.edu/orgs/arotc/
  Full tuition / housing & fully covered summers abroad (rotcprojectgo.org)
- The Croft Institute for International Studies (croft.olemiss.edu) - $8k*
Annual scholarships granted by the program to selected incoming freshmen. These stack with many other UM Scholarships, including Academic Excellence.

**Croft Institute Notable Graduate Placement**

**LAW SCHOOLS:**
- American University, Washington College of Law
- George Washington University, Law School
- Harvard University, Law School
- University of Denver, Sturm College of Law
- University of Michigan, Law School
- University of Virginia, School of Law
- Vanderbilt University, Law School

**BUSINESS SCHOOLS:**
- George Washington University, School of Business
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Kenan-Flagler Business School
- Georgia Tech University, College of Management
- Loyola University New Orleans, College of Business
- St. Mary’s University, Bill Greehey School of Business
- Texas Tech University, Rawls College of Business

**POLITICS/INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:**
- American University, School of International Service, SIS
- George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs
- Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service
- Johns Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced Intl. Studies
- University of Denver, Josef Korbel, School of International Studies
- University of Edinburgh, School of Social and Political Science
- University of Geneva, Graduate Institute of Intl. and Development Studies
- University of Glasgow, Department of Politics

**OTHER:**
- Duke University, Economics
- Harvard University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- Johns Hopkins University, School of Education
- Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism
- University of Missouri, School of Journalism

Who Should Apply:
High school seniors who have strong credentials indicative of academic dedication and potential and a keen interest in using Chinese professionally. Students who have already begun studying Chinese will be placed into the appropriate level, but the program is equipped to take students from the novice to superior level in 4-5 years.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE : JANUARY 5**
(App available in late August) **

**How to Apply:**
Stage 1: apply to the university online (olemiss.edu/applynow/)
Stage 2: Once you’ve applied, go to olemiss.edu/applynow/supplemental.html and log in.
Remember, you can apply and be accepted to multiple programs, and you are encouraged to do so, if interested. Everyone is encouraged to apply for scholarships, and remember that you are automatically granted the Academic Excellence scholarship based on your ACT/SAT scores.
Tuition and University Scholarships:

STACKING SCHOLARSHIPS (automatic eligibility)
Add ALL applicable scholarships below to the base amounts given in the following tables:
Valedictorian/Salutatorian : $1,500 / year
Mississippi All-Star Awardee : $1,000 / year
Student Body President : $1,500 / year
Eagle Scout / Gold Award : $1,500 / year
Boys/Girls State Governor or Nation Delegate : $1,000 / year
MS Boys/Girls State Participant : $500 for single year
Technology-Related Majors with a 33+ ACT & 3.0+ GPA : $1,000 for single year (Nat'l Merit/Achievement awardees are not eligible)

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*Awards begin with 24 ACT (1090 SAT)

These and other scholarships are described in detail, in their most up-to-date versions, on the UM Financial Aid Site (http://finaid.olemiss.edu/scholarships/#8), the authoritative source for all UM scholarship listings.
How to Prepare:

a. Maintain a high GPA in all subjects
b. Take the ACT and/or SAT several times, submitting updated scores even after submitting the application (higher scores increase a student’s chances of being selected, as well as the student’s Academic Excellence Scholarship award. New scores are recognized through June).
c. Take foreign language courses for 3-4 years, if available, and gain exposure to Chinese language and culture.
   • One option would be a summer program, like our all-expenses-paid Chinese STARTALK program, which grants 6 college credits (www.outreach.olemiss.edu/youth/startalk/). StarTalk is part the UM Summer College (outreach.olemiss.edu/schs), where high school students can take college courses for credit in June and July, and often on scholarship. Those interested in intelligence should also consider the CISS summer program called, “Days of Intrigue” (ciss.olemiss.edu/the-program/summer-program/)
   • Also consider 1 yr. abroad in the National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) (exchanges.state.gov/us/program/national-security-language-initiative-youth-nsli-y).
d. Prove long-term commitment by keeping the same employment and/or participating in the same sport, music group, etc., for several consecutive years.
e. Establish early contact with us via chinese.olemiss.edu/request-information/ (9th grade is not too early!) and arrange for a campus visit, if feasible. We are happy to accommodate visitors at any time of year, even after the application deadline. Sitting in classes and seeing how quickly Flagship students reach an advanced level is an exciting and motivating experience, as is hearing about their experiences on campus and overseas. Getting your questions answered by these same students and teachers is also extremely helpful. Most first-time visitors are very pleased by the appearance and “vibe” of the campus, and leave convinced it would be a great place to live and study.

Helpful info for visitors:

Closest airport: Memphis International Airport (MEM) - approx. 1:15 drive from campus. Note: public transport is limited.
Closest hotel: The Inn at Ole Miss (on campus) http://theinnatolemiss.com/
Best visit days: Semester weekdays – contact us to avoid exam days throughout semester
Best visit time: 8-9:45am (Freshman class is 8-8:50am, followed by meetings with faculty, staff, and students before a UM campus tour at 10am)
Location: classrooms and offices are located in the Croft Institute for International Studies.
The 8am Flagship freshman class takes place in Croft 202, and faculty offices are across the hall. Directions available at the following link: http://www.croft.olemiss.edu/Pages/?section=5&page=117
Scheduling a UM campus tour: http://www.olemiss.edu/admissions/visit.html

Be sure to also contact us and any other special programs you hope to apply to, such as Croft, Honors, CME, CISS, METP, etc. We strongly encourage students to sit in classes, and each program will help arrange that. Let admissions know of your plans, as we often work with them to schedule around a campus tour.

For more information, or to schedule a visit, contact:

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