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This handbook will provide you with the structure of the Admission Volunteers program and be your guide for responsibilities of members and activities where you can help. In addition, we will provide you with an overview of the goals and objectives for the Millsaps College Office of Admission and a plan that allows you to use your volunteer time effectively.

The goal of the Admission Volunteers program is to establish and enhance relationships between Millsaps faculty, alumni, parents, and current students and prospective students and families. As the college admission process becomes more competitive, the need for a well-organized network of volunteers who assist in recruitment activities becomes increasingly critical. Millsaps relies on Admission Volunteers to aid in the personalization of the admission process for both students and parents.

As an Admission Volunteer, we hope you’ll engage with students and families through various recruitment activities: reaching out via email, phone, and in-person meetings, attending large and small group events, and perhaps attending college night programs at high schools in your hometown or region. We recognize that there are situations when you will not know the answer to students’ questions. When you do not know the answer, please direct the students to the admission office for a satisfactory response if the answer cannot be found in the Admission Volunteer Handbook.

As admission volunteers, we want to arm you with information pertaining to enrollment goals of the College, curriculum and program development, application, admission and financial aid, admission staff travel territories, and fast facts about the College. The information provided by the coordinators in this document should give you with the necessary resources to successfully represent Millsaps College as an Admission Volunteer.

Thanks for your continuous support and dedication to Millsaps College, and please contact us with your ideas for improvement and questions for clarification!

*Ad Excellentiam,*

Dr. Rob Alexander, *Vice President for Enrollment and Communications*
Admission Volunteers
Code of Ethics and Conditions of Membership

The Office of Admission has established the following guidelines in conjunction with Millsaps’ enrollment goals. The role of the division of enrollment and communication is to tell the Millsaps story. Success depends on individuals working as a team toward a common purpose.

Enrollment Office Mission Statement: Counsel, recruit, and enroll diverse and qualified students who fulfill divisional goals and contribute to the long-term success of the student and the institution. We will achieve this mission with integrity, transparency, and an understanding of our responsibility to educate families on the entire college enrollment process.

Enrollment Office Customer Service Standards
We are responsible to our customers, including the Millsaps student body, our faculty and staff colleagues, business partners, secondary and college counselors, prospective students and their families, alumni, and community members. We are responsible for acting in the best interests of prospective students, Millsaps College and the admissions office at all times.

Admission Volunteers must adhere to the following guidelines:

• Personal contact with prospective students and their families is exclusively for the purpose of discussing Millsaps College.

• Admission Volunteers must not make any guarantees or promises regarding admission, scholarship, or financial aid decisions. We recognize that there are situations when you will not know the answer to students’ questions. When you do not know the answer or cannot find the answer in the Admission Volunteer Handbook, please direct the students to the admission office for a satisfactory response.

• As agents of Millsaps College, Admission Volunteers are expected to refrain from discussing, or in any way disparaging, the quality of services offered by other colleges and universities with prospective students and families.

• Millsaps College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity institution. Our policy of nondiscrimination extends to student and employee recruitment, retention, and promotion of the most qualified students, faculty, and staff regardless of race, sex, color, religion, national/ethnic origin, age, citizenship, marital status, sexual orientation, handicap, or veteran status. Millsaps does not discriminate against individuals in its provision of services and benefits.

• Admission Volunteers may not profit from their activities by accepting gifts or payment from prospective students or their families.

• Confidential student and family information provided to Admission Volunteers cannot be used in any way for solicitation. Any requests for use of student information must be submitted to the Office of Admission for approval.
Admission Volunteer Activities

The three activities listed below are critical to the admission process. We hope that you will participate in at least one, if not all, of the following activities:

1. Attending admission receptions in the fall and spring
2. Representing Millsaps at college fairs not covered by College staff
3. Telephone, email, or personal contact with prospective students and parents

A more detailed explanation of the above listed activities follows.

Admission Receptions

Each year, Millsaps admission representatives travel across the Gulf South Region each fall and invite prospective Millsaps students (juniors and seniors in high school) and their families to events to learn more about Millsaps College. Millsaps Nights typically include lots of mingling and sometimes a presentation by the admission representative, a question and answer session, and an introduction of present alumni. Admission Volunteers contribute invaluably by sharing their Millsaps experiences with attendees briefly prior to the conclusion of the program. Admission representation at admission receptions allows prospective students to see the success of our graduates, and the sense of community that is available after graduation. Admission Volunteers have also proven to be a big help by assisting the admission representative with registration of visitors before the program begins.

Some Admission Volunteers may host events for students and their families in their homes. If you would be interested in hosting an event in your home, place of business, or local event space, please let us know. In the past, some alumni have hosted Summer Send-Off parties students who have decided to attend Millsaps College, and provide networking opportunities for students, parents, and alumni in a particular region to get to know one another.

College Fairs

Other activities that require fall, spring, and occasionally summer participation are college fair programs. Individual schools, school districts, and independent academic organizations host college fairs as a way for high school students to gather a wealth of information about different colleges and universities and to meet college representatives all in one location. The fairs typically provide each college with a table to display and hand out brochures, as students travel from table to table visiting those colleges in which they have an interest. These programs range from 1 to 4 hours (the majority around 2 hours) and may be held at a school, a library, a convention center, a mall, or a number of other venues.

Millsaps annually receives hundreds of invitations to attend these programs. Admission representatives attend as many as possible; however, the limitations of our recruitment staff leave some fairs without an available Millsaps staff member assigned. The Admission Volunteer website, www.millsaps.edu/aav, maintains a listing of all college fairs that we invite alumni to serve as the Millsaps representative. If you would like to represent Millsaps at a listed fair, you may use the Admission Volunteer Form at www.millsaps.edu/aav, and the Admission Volunteer
coordinators will RSVP you and Millsaps for the event and arrange for a box of Millsaps materials (typically admission and financial aid literature, information request cards, pens, a Millsaps banner, a catalog, admission viewbook, and a plastic table cloth), including a copy of the fair invitation, to be mailed to you prior to the fair date.

When attending a college fair, students typically ask college representatives about different programs of study, curriculum requirements, diversity of the student body, admission and financial aid facts, and the campus size and location. **We recognize that there are situations when you will not know the answer to students’ questions. When you do not know the answer, please direct the students to the admission office for a satisfactory response if the answer cannot be found in the Admission Volunteer Handbook.** However, one of the more important aspects of representing Millsaps at the college fairs is encouraging students to complete the student information cards included in the box of Millsaps fair materials. Students may complete these cards at the Millsaps table and leave them with the Millsaps Admission Volunteer member, who mails the completed cards along with the fair evaluation form to the Admission Office. We will then input the student’s information into our student system and include the student in subsequent Millsaps mailings.

Below is a list of tips when attending college fairs:

1. Bring a copy of the fair invitation that will have the date, time, location, and directions, as well as a contact name for the program.
2. Arrive early. You may need to check in with the fair coordinator, who will direct you to the Millsaps table to set up the materials.
3. Stay behind your table to allow foot traffic to flow freely through the fair.
4. Please do not leave a college fair early.
5. You may send feedback regarding the event to admissions@millsaps.edu

**Awards Presentations**
Some high schools host events where graduating seniors are presented with awards or scholarships from the colleges to which they applied. Often, Millsaps admission staff cannot attend all of these events, and call upon admission volunteers to represent the college at a school in their local community. These events are great ways to highlight the caliber of students that Millsaps attracts and showcase our outstanding alumni in their home town/region.

**Telephone, Email, or Personal Contact with Students**
Millsaps College does not require interviews to complete the admission process. Nevertheless, many students contact the Admission Office to request informal meetings with local alumni representatives to learn more about Millsaps College. In these cases, the Admission Volunteer coordinators will contact you first for consent, and then provide the student with your contact information. Following your contact with a student, please provide a summary of the meeting by email to admissions@millsaps.edu (attn: Admission Volunteer). Also, please encourage students to visit our campus.

Note: If you have any changes to your address, telephone number, or other information, please let us know at admissions@millsaps.edu.
The Admission Cycle
Students pass through many phases during the admission process. Admission travel, publication distribution, admission receptions, and on-campus programs are coordinated around these phases. Increasing Millsaps’ enrollment means managing the transition points effectively at each stage to deepen the student/family’s relationship with Millsaps.

Of all the PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS in the country, Millsaps selectively targets those in our region with high academic qualifications, purchases their names and contact information, and deploys electronic and paper mailings in a process called student search. An INQUIRY is defined as a student who has requested information from Millsaps or responded to a student search communication we sent but has not yet decided to apply. The student is in the process of determining to which schools he or she will apply. High on their list of issues is the academic reputation, location, size, the cost or value of a Millsaps College education, and availability of scholarships.

A student is considered an APPLICANT if he/she submits a completed application to Millsaps College. Applications may be submitted at any time during the student’s senior year before February 1. Application files are considered complete when we receive the student’s portion, the high school transcript (and any associated transcripts from college, summer, or dual enrollment coursework), the student’s official ACT or SAT scores, and a recommendation from the school counselor.

Application files will be reviewed as soon as they are complete (see above), and a decision communicated immediately via email and paper mail. An ADMITTED student is one who has been offered admission to Millsaps College. Typically, students and parents will visit campus after receiving the notification of admission. Students have until the May 1 confirmation deadline to inform Millsaps whether they choose to enroll or to attend another institution.

An ENROLLED student has submitted their commitment deposit, intent to enroll form (online), housing contract (online), and acceptance of financial aid (if applicable) by May 1.

Admission and Scholarship Deadlines

Early Action
Early Action is a non-binding admission option that allows first-year students to receive early notification of the Millsaps admission decision, while not having to let the college know of their decision until May 1. Students accepted under the Early Action option are free to apply to other schools. Under Early Action, students must apply and submit all supporting documents by November 15. Admitted students will be notified no later than January 15. Admitted students may submit their enrollment deposit at any time until the Candidate's Reply Date of May 1.
**Regular Decision**
First-year students who select this option should apply and submit all supporting documents by February 1 for the fall semester. Admission and scholarship notification will be mailed no later than April 1. Students will have until May 1 to pay their enrollment deposit indicating their commitment to attend Millsaps.

**Admission Deadlines and Notification**

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**The Application Process**
As an Admission Volunteer, you will receive a number of publications each year updating you on Millsaps College, admission criteria, admission deadlines, and scholarship and financial aid opportunities.

Applicants to Millsaps College can apply online at our website, www.millsaps.edu using either our own institutional application or the Common Application (http://www.commonapp.org) which allows them to apply to multiple institutions simultaneously. Students are reviewed in the same manner whether they submit the Common Application or the Millsaps application. You may hear from some students that they received a special invitation to apply using the Major Opportunity Application, which is a marketing effort to demonstrate our enthusiastic interest in the students on our inquiry list, and motivate them to apply with no application fee, the promise of a fast admission decision process, and automatic scholarship consideration (all of these benefits hold true for any applicant, no matter which application method they use, but the Major Opportunity Application is marketed and celebrated in communications with those students on our inquiry list).
The Evaluation Process

• **High School Record:** For admission decision purposes, Millsaps allows applicants to submit a self-reported GPA via our online application and the self-reported form. Therefore, official high school transcript or GED is only required after students pay an enrollment deposit. Students who have decided to enroll at Millsaps should then ask their high school counselor to send an official transcript.

A number of students and parents ask, "How do you know if my son or daughter’s classes are weighted and the strength of their high school program?" Millsaps College representatives visit hundreds of high schools each year, and have established relationships with counselors ensuring familiarity with the quality of each school. Additionally, many counselors submit high school profile forms with each student’s application detailing the curriculum and resources available and the academic profile of its students. Millsaps may request these kinds of documents for individual students to aid our application review.

• **Standardized Test Scores:** Millsaps requires either ACT or SAT test scores. Students are not penalized for taking the ACT or SAT more than once. Millsaps will accept the highest combined scores from different test dates (called a superscore). SAT II tests are not required. For admission decision purposes, we now accept self-reported test scores via our online application and the self-reported form. Therefore, official standardized test scores are only required for students who paid an enrollment deposit. Scores should either be sent from ACT or SAT or appear on the official high school transcript. Millsaps' ACT code is 2212 and our SAT code is 1471. Students for whom English is a second language should submit results of the IELTS or TOEFL. Millsaps' code is 1471.

• **Recommendations:** The application asks for a recommendation from the high school guidance counselor. However, students may not always have a familiar relationship with their counselor. Therefore, many applicants submit optional, additional recommendations from teachers, coaches, pastors, or other persons with a familiar relationship to the applicant. This online form should be used to submit a recommendation.

• **Extracurricular Activities, Honors, and Awards:** The application asks students to tell us about their involvement in extracurricular activities and their receipt of various honors and awards. Participation in student government, community service, part-time jobs, theatre, sports, etc., is relevant. The most efficient manner for a student to provide Millsaps and other colleges and universities with relevant activity information is by compiling a resume detailing all activities from 9th-12th grades. Students should include a brief description of their involvement with the activity as well as the average hours per week and weeks per year of participation.

• **Personal Statement:** Each applicant is required to submit a personal statement, or
essay; we do not assign a particular topic, and students can write about whatever they wish. Students can use the personal statement as an opportunity to share more information that is not already contained in the application, which provides the admission representative with a more complete picture of the student. The personal statement is also reviewed for grammar and substantive content.

Applicants will be admitted based on academic record, self-reported GPA, self-reported test scores, coursework taken, performance in coursework taken, performance on standardized tests, and high school attended. The applicant's biographical information, extracurricular activities, and essay along with a counselor and teacher recommendation will also be considered in the decision-making process. Self-reported data will be verified before enrollment and falsification could result in an adjustment to merit scholarship and/or void in admission decision. All admitted students will be considered for merit-based scholarships; students who wish to be considered for need-based financial aid must submit the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Millsaps' FAFSA code is 002414.

Admission Staff Geographic Recruitment Areas, 2018-19
Typically, the admission representative who travels to your area will initially evaluate the applications from that area as well. Here is a link to Admission staff names, titles, emails, and geographic recruitment areas.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers
The information provided in the Admission Volunteer Handbook should be used as a quick reference guide. If you have a chance, please review the handbook prior to attending a college night program.

As an Admission Volunteer, you will receive the Admission Viewbook, one of the best reference guides available on Millsaps College, as well as other literature containing the latest information about Millsaps. Although our publications include detailed information about the College, we have highlighted appropriate responses on the next few pages to questions that parents and students will often ask throughout the admission process. If you have questions that are not addressed in the handbook or literature, or if you are uncertain of a response, please contact us at admissions@Millsaps.edu.

Where is Millsaps College?
When students and parents ask this question, they may want to also know about Millsaps’ location relative to the region, the city of Jackson, and more about the College community.

- Millsaps College maintains a gorgeous and lush residential campus located in the heart of Jackson, the capital city of Mississippi.
• Millsaps fosters academic opportunities that take advantage of our location 1 mile north of the state Capitol with surrounding law and governmental offices, businesses, and museums, and just across the street from an extensive medical complex that includes the University of Mississippi Medical Center (medical, dental, and nursing schools) and extensive research and internship opportunities in health and natural sciences.

• The Belhaven neighborhood community bordering the east side of campus along North State Street boasts many of the most magnificent homes in the state, with a rich literary and artistic heritage including the Eudora Welty Home and Museum.

• The Midtown neighborhood on the west side of campus is an underserved but up-and-coming area where Millsaps students participate in community-engaged learning projects including with local businesses, non-profits, community gardens and elementary schools.

• Millsaps students spend most of their time in the Fondren neighborhood just north of campus, full of locally owned shops, restaurants, coffee shops, and bars (for those of legal drinking age). Within a 15-minute drive, students can shop at national brand stores including Whole Foods Market, Anthropologie, Apple Store, Barnes and Noble, P.F. Chang’s, and the Outlets of Mississippi.

What is Millsaps’ endowment?
About $100,000,000.00

What is the current total enrollment?
Millsaps College enrolls just under 1,000 students. 80% of students live on campus.

Where do students come from?
More than two-thirds of Millsaps students come from out-of-state, with nearly 30 U.S. states and 30 foreign countries represented among the student body.

What is the student/faculty ratio and average class size?
The student/faculty ratio is 9/1; average class size is 14 students.

Who are the faculty?
95% of Millsaps professors have the highest degree in their field, and choose to teach at Millsaps because they can engage and mentor undergraduate students, including engaging undergraduate students in their scholarly research and publications.

Is Millsaps a religious institution?
Millsaps College is a United Methodist-affiliated institution, which means that we are committed to the holistic growth of students in both mind and spirit. In order to provide the finest intellectual preparation, academic subjects are not limited by religious or confessional requirements. It also means that we seek ways to help students grow in their faith, but there is not a particular faith expression that is imposed on all students or a set of beliefs to which they must ascribe in order to attend our institution.
At Millsaps College, student religious life reflects the diversity of our student body and community beyond our gates. Christian students might find a home in one of several campus groups including: Catholic Student Association, Canterbury Club (Episcopal), Wesley Connexion (United Methodist), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, or Millsaps Christian Fellowship (Presbyterian Church in America). Students of other faiths are supported by the Jewish Cultural Organization, Muslim Student Association, or Millsaps Masala. There is also a group for students who are secular in their worldview. The Chaplain’s Office also maintains relationships with faith communities beyond campus to ensure that students are able to be nurtured in their faith through worship and study, receive pastoral care and support, and mark significant religious holidays. Students may also work with Millsaps Better Together, an organization connected to Interfaith Youth Core, dedicated to educating about faith differences, facilitating conversations among people of faith, and creating opportunities for people of faith to take positive action together in their community.

This diverse student religious community enables students to explore and grow in their own faith, to learn from the wisdom of other faiths, and to engage the social issues confronting the world from the perspective of faith. These experiences enrich our community, enhance the academic program of the College, and prepare our students for work and life in an increasingly diverse social, political, and economic world.

The Chaplain, Rev. Joey Shelton, is glad to meet with prospective students when they are on campus or to call on the phone to answer questions.

**What was the most recent acceptance rate?**
58%

**What are the minimum requirements for admission?**
Millsaps does not have minimum admission requirements. However, the average ACT score for entering freshman is a 26. The ACT range for the middle 50 percent of entering freshman is 24-28. The median grade point average for entering freshman at Millsaps is generally 3.7 but depends on the quality of the high school and the strength of the curriculum selected by the student.

**What information is evaluated in the application review process?**
Applicants are reviewed based on academic record, GPA, self-reported test scores, coursework taken, performance in coursework taken, performance on standardized tests, and high school attended. The applicant's biographical information, extracurricular activities, and essay along with a counselor and teacher recommendation will also be considered in the decision-making process. Self-reported data will be verified before enrollment and falsification could result in an adjustment to merit scholarship and/or void in admission decision.

**Are interviews required for admission?**
Interviews are not an evaluative factor in the admission process and are therefore not required. However, we offer students the opportunity to speak with an admission counselor during campus visits or through telephone conferences. Unofficial interviews offer students the opportunity to ask questions and express their sincere interest in the College. Please remind students that the
Admission Office offers campus tours and information sessions with an admission counselor Monday through Friday, and selected Saturdays (please contact the Office of Admission for more information). In addition, Millsaps invites families to special on-campus events that provide more in-depth information about the College.

**How important is the interview?**

Interviews are not required. However, we support correspondence, calls, or meetings with prospective students because alumni provide first-hand knowledge of the Millsaps College experience. Admission Volunteers may provide the Admission Volunteer Coordinators with documentation of all student meetings. Although we do not require interviews, the information you gain from your meeting can provide us with additional information for the review process.

**How much is tuition?**

Thanks to our generous scholarship and financial programs, the average entering first-year student at Millsaps pays $22,123 for tuition, fees, room, and meals. Millsaps can be less expensive than the total cost of educational and living expenses at state colleges, particularly when time-to-degree is considered, including lost wages when a student takes more than 4 years to get the classes they need, graduate, and enter the workforce.

**How many students receive scholarships?**

Nearly 90% of Millsaps students receive some form of financial aid or scholarships. For students demonstrating financial need, the average package exceeds $30,000 per year.

**What types of scholarships does Millsaps College offer?**

All admitted undergraduates will be considered for merit scholarships, based on the criteria below. Additionally, students wishing to apply for need-based financial aid should submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Academic scholarships are determined using a student's highest reported GPA and highest super-scored ACT (or SAT) score, plus additional criteria such as letters of recommendation, the rigor of a student's academic program and high school curriculum, leadership, extracurricular involvement, alumni/legacy relationships, institutional fit and demonstrated interest. High school grades/transcripts submitted at the time of the student’s application will be utilized for admission and scholarship review; subsequent increases in grades or GPA will only be used for students initially deferred or wait listed. Students may submit higher standardized test scores and request a re-review of their scholarship decision; the last testing dates considered for Millsaps’ scholarship review are the February ACT and/or March SAT.

Millsaps’ undergraduate scholarships for entering freshmen are renewable for all four years (provided that certain criteria are met) but will be reduced if students choose to live off-campus. Self-reported scores and/or grades will be verified before enrollment; discrepancies may result in an adjustment to merit scholarship and/or revocation of admission.

Students interested in consideration for need-based financial aid must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
Other Scholarships also available:

Students who accurately indicate on the application for admission that their brother, sister, parent, or grandparent, is an alumnus of the College will be awarded a $1,000 Legacy scholarship. Legacy information submitted after a student's admission decision will not be considered.

A limited number of competitive Arts scholarships are awarded to students interested in Art, Art History, Creative Writing, Music, and Theatre. These scholarships will be awarded based on an audition, portfolio review, or an interview, as part of our Arts Scholars Program.

Several competitive scholarships with varied amounts are available to students who are members of the United Methodist Church.

Millsaps partners with the E.H. Sumners Foundation to provide joint scholarship funds for select students from Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Montgomery, and Webster counties in Mississippi. Sumners awards replace all other Millsaps scholarships.

Scouting Scholarships
Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout Gold Award recipients admitted to Millsaps College as entering freshmen will receive a minimum total (inclusive of all the awards listed above) scholarship package of $60,000 ($15,000 per year, renewable all four year), in recognition of their leadership, academic and extracurricular achievements.

What degree programs are offered at Millsaps?
Millsaps most popular programs include Business, Psychology and Pre-Health Sciences. For more information on degree requirements, prospective students should review the Millsaps College Catalog. Millsaps doesn’t only excel in one or two academic programs but provides an integrative approach to education that prepares students broadly for success. All areas of study are interconnected and interwoven with opportunities to engage in real-world learning experiences such as internships and research opportunities, resulting in career preparation.

STEM and PreHealth:
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Geosciences
- Mathematics
- Neuroscience
- Pre-Engineering
- Psychology

-Greek and Roman Studies
-History
-Philosophy
-Religious and PreMinisterial Studies
-Sociology

Culture, Society, and PreLaw
- Area/Cultural Studies
- Anthropology
- Education
- Government and Politics

Business:
- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Economics
Graduate Degrees offered:  
- Master of Accountancy  
- Master of Business Administration  
- Executive Master of Business Administration  
- Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics

Communication and Language:  
- Modern Languages  
- Ancient Languages  
- Communication Studies  
- Creative Writing  
- English  
- Art History  
- Art Studio  
- Music  
- Theatre

Most Majors are also available as Minors, along with other disciplines offer as Minors only. Pre-professional programs are offered in Pre-engineering, Pre-health, Pre-law, and Pre-ministerial studies.

The **Self-Designed Major** (SDM) is a customized major designed by a student working closely with appropriate faculty. The curricular, instructional, and administrative framework for the pursuit of an SDM is not, by contrast with that of standard majors, already in place. It must be constructed by a special effort. Although members of the faculty and administration of the College stand ready to help the student at many points along the way, the initiative for this special effort lies with the student. Consequently, a higher degree of self-motivation may be demanded of a person desiring an SDM than those traveling established routes to graduation.

What is the undergraduate core curriculum?  
**Millsaps’ Compass Curriculum** is a four-year path to graduation, designed to clarify, pursue, measure, and articulate what our students know and can do as a result of their educational experience at Millsaps.

> “The Compass Curriculum guarantees that half of the courses in Millsaps students’ freshmen year will have 15 students max- there’s no other college of our caliber that can claim that level of personal interaction with professors in the first year!”  
  - Academic Dean Keith Dunn

What will you experience through Millsaps’ Compass Curriculum?

**Our Human Heritage**  
A year-long course taken during the first year, *Our Human Heritage* is a humanities-based, interdisciplinary exploration of human experience and world cultures throughout history that considers intellectual development, artistic expression, and social and cultural evolution, from pre-history until the present. The course will develop skills for seeking, understanding, and interpreting cultural phenomena across numerous human contexts.

**Ventures**  
Offered in the fall semester, *Ventures* courses explore a problem or tightly focused set of problems. You will investigate relevant issues from multiple perspectives and propose possibilities for resolution, engaging in project-based work, collaborative learning, creative risk-taking, and adaptive strategies for problem solving. Course topics will be diverse and from a variety of disciplines.
• This course offers an exciting opportunity for you to engage directly with faculty who will introduce you to a process of learning that leads to the development of problem-solving, collaborative, communication, and creativity skills necessary for the development of critical thinkers.
• You will grapple with issues that have ethical, aesthetic, scientific, economic, or political impact today. You are expected, and will be empowered, to take on a decisive role in the classroom while learning to work with and respect multiple points of evidence and perspectives.
Examples include:
• Does Religion belong in the Hospital?
• What does Heritage have to do with History?
• Can I still eat it? Does the 5-second rule work?
• Will Zombies Rule the Planet? Problem-solving in Biochemistry
• How Much is a Job Worth?

Connections
In the spring semester, you will focus on development of communications skills through the Connections courses. These courses are complementary to the distinctive goals of Our Human Heritage, which constructs a large-scale historical framework by examining multiple historical contexts and drawing on multiple humanities disciplines. The Connections courses address a specific topic situated within a single humanities discipline and in the topic’s historical context. You will create formal and informal communication products that demonstrate critical listening, reading, and, where appropriate, aural and visual comprehension of course material.
Examples include:
• Jesus, Kanye, and the Colonial Press: Selling Jesus in America Since the 17th Century
• Redemption of Reality? The Force of Cinema
• Mansfield Park and the Trouble of Faithful Adaptation
• The Pentecostal Explosion: A 20th Century Global Phenomenon
• Sartre’s No Exit and Camus’ The Misunderstanding: Divine Damnation or Self-Determined Destiny?

Explorations
Through the Compass Curriculum, you will explore several knowledge domains during your time at Millsaps. The Explorations components of the Compass Curriculum include:
• Business – You will gain fundamental business knowledge, skills to understand the logic of the marketplace, and the capacities of organizations and organizational leaders to affect human life across the street and around the globe.
• Fine Arts – You will explore the aesthetic dimension of human life through artistic expression, performance, and/or discernment.
• Mathematics – You will study and solve pure and applied mathematical problems from both visual and analytic perspectives.
• The Natural World – You will learn, use, and interpret scientific knowledge of the natural world through experimentation with, and observation of, its processes and relationships.
• **The Social World** – You will build an academic and intellectual foundation for understanding and/or engaging in diverse social settings, and for reflecting critically on social and cultural phenomena.

• **Non-native Languages** – You will engage language as a vital means to understanding other cultures, literatures, historical perspectives, and human experiences, and will become more aware of your own native language and culture to enhance communication, reasoning and thinking skills.

• **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math** – You will develop skills to evaluate new situations, new phenomena, and new data.

**The Major Experience**
The *Compass Curriculum* is designed to lead you to a specific and common destination, known as *The Major Experience*. You will complete a capstone learning experience directly connected with Millsaps’ vision of producing transformative leaders who will have positive impacts “across the street and around the globe” through an experience on, or beyond, the Millsaps campus. This experience will normally be fulfilled as an upper-class student and must comprise the equivalent of 4 credit hours in one or more experiences.

Examples include:
- Study abroad
- Field-based course
- Community-engaged coursework
- Undergraduate research
- Honors project
- Ford Fellowship
- Internship with reflective component

**What programs are offered through the Else School of Management?**
The Else School of Management offers undergraduate degree programs that lead to a B.B.A. degree with majors in accounting or in business administration, as well as to B.A. or B.S. degrees with a major in economics.

The Else School also offers two graduate degrees: Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) and Master of Accountancy (M.Acc.). The M.B.A. degree may be completed in one year beyond the bachelor's degree for students who have completed the B.B.A. program at Millsaps or at any other AACSB International accredited institution, as well as for non-business students who complete some additional requirements. The M.Acc. degree generally requires one additional year of study beyond the B.B.A. for students who have majored in accounting and wish to complete the educational requirements to take the CPA examination.

Additionally, the Else School offers Executive Education programs and an Executive MBA program for mid- to high-level managers or executives who are typically on track to advance into senior leadership.

The business programs offered by the Else School of Management at Millsaps College are accredited by the prestigious AACSB International and have been recognized for the past two years as a top tier business school and a global super-MBA program by CEO Magazine.
What pre-professional programs are available?
Pre-professional programs are not majors in and of themselves but can be combined with any Millsaps major.

**Pre-Health**
Millsaps' [Pre-Health programs](#) provide incredible options and preparation for careers in health science. Millsaps provides a Pre-Health Advisory Committee that guides the students through each year's responsibilities, sponsors seminars with key personnel from the health-related schools, provides mock interviews, and more. Mentorships, internships, and fellowships are available and encouraged.

Small class sizes provide close professor/student interactions. Millsaps faculty provide research opportunities ranging from drug separations and cancer research to polymers and nanotechnology.

**Pre-Med**
Millsaps med school admission rate for the graduating class of 2019 was 100%, and typically are double the national average.

Millsaps graduates have enrolled in large numbers at the following medical schools: UMMC (the University of Mississippi Medical Center, just across the street from Millsaps in Jackson), Tulane University, Emory University, University of Alabama, LSU, Vanderbilt University, University of Texas, Washington University in St. Louis.

- Millsaps graduates represent the largest group of medical students at UMMC, as a percentage of undergraduate population—4 times the per-capita representation of Ole Miss, Mississippi State, or Mississippi College.
- Millsaps’ pre-med advisors and advisory board (alumni physicians from across the nation) work to help our students prepare for success in med school admission and in their medical careers.
- Millsaps professors help place students in prestigious research and clinical internships with five partner hospitals located adjacent to our campus in Jackson, and around the country during summers.

**Pre-Pharmacy**
Millsaps has an articulation agreement with the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy.

**Pre-Nursing**
Millsaps has articulation agreements with two schools of nursing: University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) and University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB).

Students interested in applying to [nursing school](#) have several options for their college education in preparation for a career in nursing. Most nursing programs have similar prerequisites they expect all applicants to have completed before applying for a program of professional study in nursing, including some social science, mathematics, English composition, biology and chemistry. Most of these have equivalent courses at Millsaps. It
is a good idea to check the prerequisites specified by each school to which you intend to apply.

**Pre-Law**

On average, more than 10% of Millsaps graduates attend law school. The active Millsaps Pre-Law Program and its Mock Trial Team meet regularly under the advisement of Professor Harvey Fiser. These programs host an annual Law School Forum, one of the largest in the southeast, regularly attended by 15-20 law school recruiters from around the country.

Millsaps students who sat for the LSAT in 2013-14 scored three points above the LSAT national average, and approximately 94% of Millsaps applicants were accepted to at least one graduate law program. Each year, Millsaps sends numerous students to our regional public and private law schools. In addition, Millsaps students are admitted to some of the country's most prestigious law schools, including Yale, Harvard, University of Virginia, Georgetown, Duke, University of Pennsylvania, Washington and Lee, William and Mary, University of Texas, and University of Tennessee.

Approximately 90% of Millsaps applicants are accepted to at least one graduate law program, and Millsaps students who sat for the LSAT in 2011-12, on average, scored three points above the national average. More than 10% of Millsaps students are currently in the legal studies program and attend graduate studies in law. Pre-law is not a major in itself but is combined with any Millsaps major. Millsaps students enter law school after majoring in areas as diverse as accounting, biology, business administration, communications, English, philosophy, political science, and a wide variety of other interests and majors. Courses in business law, civil rights, constitutional law, and neuroscience and law are available for undergraduates to help them discover if they are interested in pursuing a legal career, and to help them prepare for law school.

Law schools prize the ability to think and analyze critically and to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing - skills developed by every major program that we offer. Students also benefit from the individualized guidance provided by our pre-law advisor, who helps interested students navigate the application process. Many law-related internships are available in Jackson, the seat of Mississippi state government, and give Millsaps students an additional edge in their professional preparation.

The Pre-Law Association meets regularly under the advisement of Professor Harvey Fiser and hosts an annual Law School Forum, one of the largest in the southeast, regularly attended by 15-20 law school recruiters from around the country. Each year, Millsaps sends numerous students to our regional public and private law schools in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama. In addition, Millsaps students have recently been admitted to prestigious law schools around the country, including Yale, Harvard, University of Virginia, Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania, Vanderbilt, American University, University of Texas, and University of Tennessee.

Many pre-law students are also engaged with the Millsaps Mock Trial Team, which has grown to one of the largest programs in the southeast. From its own historic Mock Trial Courtroom on
campus, the Mock Trial Team begins each season in August and competes through the spring semester. The team has won numerous awards over the past several years including best attorney awards, best witness awards, and top rankings in regional competitions earning a bid to the opening rounds of the American Mock Trial Association national competition.

For students who are planning to attend law school or who are considering if the legal field is for them, Millsaps has a comprehensive program that allows you to explore interest in the legal field and provides the critical thinking, writing, communications and legal skills to best prepare for a successful career in law.

Pre-Engineering: Millsaps’ program offers students opportunities to combine our excellent broad-based college education with specialized engineering studies at major universities. Millsaps has articulation agreements with two schools of Engineering: University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University. The Millsaps pre-engineering advisor helps students to craft courses of study that exactly fits their interests and specific program requirements.

Pre-Ministerial: Millsaps’ program supports Millsaps’ affiliation with the Methodist Church since its founding in 1890. In that time, Millsaps has educated generations of church leaders through its pre-ministerial program. In fact, it's produced more United Methodist bishops than any other college or university in the country. The College is distinguished by a core curriculum infused with a spirit of philosophical and religious inquiry and aims for students to emerge from Millsaps with renewed and re-affirmed spiritual beliefs. Guided by the faculty of religious studies and the College chaplain, students can customize any major with the proper courses in religion, philosophy, and the social and behavioral sciences that provide a firm foundation for professional study in a theological seminary.

What is Millsaps Retention Rate?
The average retention rate hovers around 80%

Does Millsaps offer opportunities to study abroad?
A valid passport and sturdy luggage are great things to have at Millsaps, where more than 40 percent of students spend time abroad. Our unique study abroad programs are designed by Millsaps faculty to meet the needs and interests of Millsaps students, while also fulfilling credit hours within a variety of disciplines.

From religious research in Israel to cultural studies in Vietnam to language classes in France, study abroad provides students with a powerful tool for understanding and appreciating our complex world. Millsaps also participates in semester and yearlong direct exchange programs, most recently in Japan, Liechtenstein, and Northern Ireland.

Millsaps operates 3 facilities in the heart of the Yucatán peninsula in Mexico, including a 4,000-acre tropical forest biocultural reserve with ancient Mayan ruins. Our distinctive Living in Yucatán program offers semester-long programs and shorter, summer courses in the study of
archaeology, business, ecology, education, geology, history, literature, and sociocultural anthropology.

Additionally, Millsaps faculty have taught summer classes throughout Europe annually for over 25 years. Currently, students who enroll in these faculty-lead classes travel in the cities of London, Florence, and Munich to study disciplines across anthropology, art history, business, economics, finance, marketing, philosophy, political science and psychology.

For a full list of Study Abroad opportunities and course descriptions (not to mention dozens of spectacular photos), review the Millsaps Study Abroad Webpage.

**What are the residence halls like at Millsaps?**
80% of students live in Millsaps’ residence halls—the center of campus life with easy access to their classes, the library, and extracurricular facilities. Residence halls are designed for traditional double style, apartment style, and suite style living. All rooms are designed for double occupancy, and each residence hall provides laundry facilities, snack machines, meeting space, and study areas for student use.

On move-in day for first year students, Millsaps upperclassmen, Foundations Leaders, and Resident Assistants are waiting in the lobbies to welcome you to the Millsaps Community and help students move into their new home. Resident Assistants are available on each hall to help students acclimate to college life through programming, community living tips, and simply to answer any number of questions a student might have.

**Does Millsaps have fraternities and sororities?**
Millsaps fraternity and sorority life is a thriving mix of social, academic, and service-oriented activities. There are four sorority and six fraternity chapters at Millsaps. The chapters are all members of well-established international Greek-letter organizations. Policies governing fraternity and sorority life are formulated through the Panhellenic and Interfraternity councils. Fraternity and sorority membership is available only to Millsaps College students.

**Does Millsaps offer intercollegiate athletics?**
Millsaps College believes in our scholar athletes who excel academically and athletically. Our athletes compete among 18 teams at the Division III level of the NCAA (in which no athletic scholarships are offered). For men, there’s football, soccer, track & field, lacrosse, cross country, tennis, basketball, baseball, golf, and swimming and diving; women can participate in volleyball, tennis, lacrosse, basketball, track & field, cross country, soccer, golf, softball, and swimming and diving. Our teams of scholar athletes are not just competitive; they win championships on the field, regularly winning division championships and competing in post-season play.

**How safe is Millsaps and Jackson?**
Millsaps College takes a proactive approach in educating students about safety on campus and in Jackson. During orientation, each student is required to attend the safety awareness program. This program provides students with recommendations about staying safe in the city.
Millsaps has a 24-hour security force that completes training with the Jackson Police Department. Millsaps College Officers patrol campus and the surrounding area on foot, in patrol cars, and on golf carts 24-hours a day. While rarely needed, the College provides a safety escort service for those students walking across campus late at night. There is also a blue-light phone system on campus for emergencies, and when activated an officer is dispatched immediately. All residence halls require students to use their Millsaps student ID to gain access and cannot be entered unless a student is a resident of the facility.

In accordance with federal law, Millsaps College and all higher education institutions publish a crime report annually, and this report is available online at [http://www.millsaps.edu/resources/campus-safety.php](http://www.millsaps.edu/resources/campus-safety.php). Millsaps College Public Safety provides students with up-to-date, accurate information to ensure students remain safe when navigating the campus and city.
Fast Facts for recent incoming first-year classes:

- ~250 freshmen plus ~20 transfers
- Avg. ACT score: 27 / Avg. GPA: 3.66
- 52% Female/48% Male
- ~30 U.S. states and 30 countries
- >40% students of color
- Average incoming student pays $22,123 for tuition, fees, room and board

Who are the students we want?

- Students who are ambitious but unpretentious.
- Students who want to understand themselves and the interconnected complexities of the world around them, engage with others, and impact their communities (as students and alumni).
- Students who want to sit in a circular seminar room and ask and answer questions, not coast in the back of a big classroom.

What Makes Millsaps Distinctive?

At Millsaps, students engage in a highly personalized experience, and graduate in 4 years (guaranteed) with the education, the resumé, and the people behind them to be career-ready and successful in life.

Three unique differentiating factors:
(a) personal mentoring in and outside the classroom
(b) interdisciplinary study in a rigorous academic environment
(c) unique real-world learning experiences locations across the street and around the globe
…all in a fun, engaging campus atmosphere for all students

Obviously, this list could be pages long, but selectively:

Academic strengths

- Curriculum
  - Breadth and depth through the Compass Curriculum
  - Gives students a clear, guaranteed 4-year path to graduation
  - All students take coursework in liberal arts and sciences, interdisciplinary humanities, and business
  - All students earn credits outside the traditional classroom

- Relationships: Engagement, rigor, and personal mentorship with top faculty
- Following in the Wesleyan tradition, Millsaps’ students develop their intellect and their faith, while learning from the beliefs of others

Outcomes

- Millsaps College has announced an initiative that guarantees graduation in four years, with some basic student responsibilities, or the College will waive tuition and fees on courses required to complete a bachelor’s degree.
• Millsaps is the only private liberal arts college to produce multiple Rhodes and Fulbright Scholars in the last five years.
• 95% of Millsaps graduates are employed or in graduate/professional school 6 months post-graduation
• Med School: Double the national average acceptance rate, with a 100% acceptance rate from our most recent graduating class
• Law School: 90% admitted to at least one law school in their initial year of application

Financial Value
• Millsaps boasts the highest graduation rate of any school in the MS and amongst the highest in the region and nation: Millsaps students earn their degree in 4 years, on average. For public colleges in MS, including Ole Miss, the average student takes 5 years. The same trends are evident in LA and TX.
• Forbes.com named Millsaps the Best College in the State, alongside neighbors including Duke, Rice, Vanderbilt, Tulane and Emory
• Millsaps boasts the highest four-year graduation rate of any school in MS (1.5 times the four-year rate of any others) and amongst the highest in the region. Millsaps students earn their degree in four years, on average. At public colleges in MS and surrounding states (including Ole Miss, Mississippi State, and LSU), average students take 5+ years.
• Public universities may cost less per year, but if it takes more than four years to get the classes needed to graduate, not only are students paying additional annual tuition, fees, room and board, but they are losing out on the salary they would have earned if they had entered the job market on time
•When you think of college costs as an investment, and consider time-to-graduation and starting salary, investing in a high-quality college education makes more financial sense than choosing the least expensive option

Location and Campus (and Off-Campus) Environment
• Learn and engage across the street in the capital city, gaining practical experience and references through internship, research, volunteer and work opportunities
• Prepare for a global world- go around the globe through top-ranked study abroad programs
• Intellectual—national surveys prove that our students are more engaged and fulfilled with their academic experience than nearly any other college
• Fun—between Greek life, sports and clubs on campus, and the restaurants, galleries, music, and nightlife in the city of Jackson, Millsaps students enjoy Jackson as a capital city and college town.
• Safe—our beautiful residential campus is a relaxed and safe stetting for our students to live and study. Millsaps’ safety statistics compare favorably to those of any campus located in cities across America.
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