



2018 Southern Miss Football

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2018 Southern Miss Golden Eagles Quick Facts

General

School:	The University of Southern Mississippi
Preferred:	Southern Miss
City:	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Founded:	1910
Enrollment:	14,554
Nickname:	Golden Eagles
Colors:	Black and Gold
Stadium (Capacity):	Carlisle-Faulkner Field at M.M. Roberts Stadium (36,000)
Surface:	Matrix
Affiliation:	NCAA Division I
Conference:	Conference USA
President:	Dr. Rodney Bennett
Alma Mater:	Middle Tennessee, 1990
Director of Athletics:	Jon Gilbert
Alma Mater:	Lenoir-Rhyne, 1991
Senior Woman Administrator:	Sonya Varnell
Alma Mater:	Ole Miss, 1989
Faculty Athletic Representative:	TBA
Alma Mater:	
Athletics Department Phone:	(601) 266-5017

History

First Season of Competition:	1912
All-Time Record:	588-420-27 (101 years)
All-Time Bowl Record:	11-14 (25 years)
Last Postseason Appearance:	2017
Bowl:	Walk-On's Independence Bowl
Result:	L, 42-13 vs. Florida State

Team Information

Overall Record:	8-5
Home:	3-3
Away:	5-1
Neutral:	0-1
Conference USA Record:	6-2
Home:	2-2
Away:	4-0
Conference USA Finish:	Tied 2nd (West)
Final Ranking (Poll):	N/A
Basic Offense:	Spread
Basic Defense:	4-3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost:	43 / 24
Offense:	19 / 10
Defense:	19 / 13
Specialty:	5 / 1
Starters Returning/Lost:	15 / 14
Offense:	5 / 6
Defense:	4 / 7
Specialty:	6 / 1

Coaching Staff

Head Coach:	Jay Hopson
Alma Mater:	Ole Miss, 1992
Record at School (yrs.):	15-11 (3rd)
Career record (yrs.):	47-28 (Six Seasons)
Football Office Phone:	(601) 266-4567
Best Time / Day to Reach:	Through SID
Assistant Head Coach / Def. Coordinator/Safeties:	Tim Billings
Alma Mater:	Southeastern Okla. State, 1980
Defensive Line:	Chris Boone
Alma Mater:	Southern Miss, 1997
Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks:	Shannon Dawson
Alma Mater:	Wingate, 2001
Tight Ends:	Brock Hays
Alma Mater:	Grambling State, 2009
Assistant Coach:	Paul Gonnella
Alma Mater:	Salem State, 1999
Cornerbacks:	Eddie Hicks
Alma Mater:	Southern Miss, 2010
Running Backs:	Les Koenning
Alma Mater:	Texas, 1981
Offensive Line:	Erik Losey
Alma Mater:	WKU, 2006
Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers:	Derek Nicholson
Alma Mater:	Florida State, 2008
Wide Receivers:	Scotty Walden
Alma Mater:	Sul Ross State, 2012
Director of Player Personnel/Football Operations:	Wes Turner
Alma Mater:	Georgia Southern, 2006

Support Staff

Director Strength & Conditioning:	SaJason Finley
Alma Mater:	Tuskegee, 2007
Assistant AD for Athletic Training:	Todd McCall
Alma Mater:	Alabama, 1996
Assistant AD for Equipment Operations:	Patrick Stewart
Alma Mater:	Cincinnati, 1996
Assistant Equipment Manager:	Harley Warren
Alma Mater:	Southern Miss, 2013
Assistant Video Director / FB Video Coordinator:	Chase Bitowf
Alma Mater:	West Alabama, 2011

Media Relations

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Instagram:	Southern Miss Athletics
Pintrest:	USM Golden Eagles
YouTube:	Southern Miss Sports
Twitter (General Athletics):	@USMGoldenEagles
Twitter (Football):	@SouthernMissFB

2018 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location
Sept. 1	Jackson State	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Sept. 8	ULM	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Sept. 15	at Appalachian State	Boone, N.C.
Sept. 22	Rice •	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Sept. 29	at Auburn	Auburn, Ala.
Oct. 13	at North Texas •	Denton, Texas
Oct. 20	UTSA • (HC)	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Oct. 27	at Charlotte •	Charlotte, N.C.
Nov. 3	Marshall •	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Nov. 10	at UAB •	Birmingham, Ala.
Nov. 17	Louisiana Tech •	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Nov. 24	at UTEP •	El Paso, Texas

Home games listed in **BOLD** and played at Carlisle-Faulkner Field at M.M. Roberts Stadium (36,000)
• – Denotes Conference USA game