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## Gaming Commission official to visit Southern Miss students

*From staff reports*

Students at The University of Southern Mississippi will get an overview of the gaming industry in Mississippi along with a view into possible career opportunities April 21 when Allen Godfrey, deputy director of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, visits the Hattiesburg campus.

Godfrey will visit several classes to discuss the MGC's role as well as functions in the industry's international sector. Students will also hear about start-up operations in Macau (Wynn) and Manila, and what it takes to work and succeed in the international casino industry.

"It is a rare privilege to have a senior staff member of the Mississippi Gaming Commission to visit our students," said Evelyn Green, tourism management instructor. "As a primary provider of casino management education in Mississippi, Southern Miss plays an integral role in preparing the workforce for this industry."

Allen Godfrey has been with the Mississippi Gaming Commission since 2003 and oversees the areas of investigations, corporate securities, compliance as well as the gaming lab. Godfrey also has served as a tax auditor and office director of the commission. A Certified Public Accountant, Allen holds bachelors' degrees from Mississippi State University and Mississippi College. He also is a graduate of the Certified Public Manager program.

For more information about the Southern Miss Casino Management program, call Green at 266-6659 or [evelyn.green@usm.edu](mailto:evelyn.green@usm.edu).

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