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The lobby of the Graduate Hotel in Oxford, Miss. Joe Worthem

### A GRADUATE HOTEL FOR OXFORD, MISS.

[Graduate Hotels](#), the chain of affordable and stylish hotels located in towns with large universities, is opening its fifth property today, the Graduate Oxford in Oxford, Miss., home to the University of Mississippi. The 136-room hotel is on the main square in the heart of the historic downtown. It has a Southern-style design influenced by the city's literary and art history: The lobby has pink oak floors, oversized windows with seersucker drapes, bookshelves filled with works by local authors and pieces commissioned from local artists like the large multimedia installation by Charlie Buckley, who is based in Mississippi.

Dining options include a cafe serving Southern comfort food like fried chicken and a rooftop restaurant and bar where Southern food with a modern twist is featured. Room rates from \$250 a night.