

THE BOB CHESNEY FILE

UCLA Football Head Coach



CHESNEY'S COACHING EXPERIENCE

Season(s)	Position	University (Level)
2000-01	Graduate Assistant	Norwich University (NCAA DIII)
2002	Defensive Coordinator	Delaware Valley University (NCAA DIII)
2003-04	Special Teams Coordinator	King's College (NCAA DIII)
2005-06	Special Teams Coordinator/Defensive Backs Coach	John Hopkins University (NCAA DIII)
2007-08	Def. Coordinator/Special Teams Coordinator/Defensive Backs Coach	John Hopkins University (NCAA DIII)
2009	Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs Coach	John Hopkins (NCAA DIII)
2010-12	Head Coach	Salve Regina (NCAA DIII)
2013-17	Head Coach	Assumption (NCAA DII)
2018-23	Head Coach	Holy Cross (FCS)
2024-25	Head Coach	James Madison (FBS)
2026	Head Coach	UCLA (FBS)

CHESNEY'S YEAR-BY-YEAR HEAD COACHING RECORD

Season(s)	University	Overall	Conf.	Conf. Finish	Postseason
2010	Salve Regina	6-4	5-3	3rd, NEFC Boyd Div.	--
2011	Salve Regina	8-3	6-2	3rd, NEFC Boyd Div.	ECAC North-West Bowl Champions
2012	Salve Regina	9-2	7-1 [†]	1st, NEFC Boyd Div.	--
2013	Assumption	6-5	6-3	4th, Northeast-10	--
2014	Assumption	7-4	6-3	T-3rd, Northeast-10	--
2015	Assumption	11-2	8-1 [*]	1st, Northeast-10	NCAA Division II Second Round
2016	Assumption	9-3	8-1 [†]	2nd, Northeast-10	NCAA Division II First Round
2017	Assumption	11-2	8-1	1st, Northeast-10	NCAA Division II Quarterfinals
2018	Holy Cross	5-6	4-2	T-2nd, Patriot League	--
2019	Holy Cross	7-6	5-1 [%]	1st, Patriot League	NCAA FCS First Round
2020	Holy Cross	3-1	2-0 [%]	1st, Patriot League	NCAA FCS First Round
2021	Holy Cross	10-3	6-0 [%]	1st, Patriot League	NCAA FCS First Round
2022	Holy Cross	12-1	6-0 [%]	1st, Patriot League	NCAA FCS Quarterfinals
2023	Holy Cross	7-4	5-1 [%]	T-1st, Patriot League	--
2024	James Madison	9-4	4-4	T-3rd, Sun Belt East Div.	Boca Raton Bowl Champions
2025	James Madison	12-1	8-0 [*]	1st, Sun Belt East Div.	TBD
Totals	16 Seasons	132-51	94-23		

* indicates conference championship game win

[†] indicates conference championship game runner-up

[%] indicates regular season conference championship (no championship game)

CHESNEY FILE

Hometown: Kulpmont, Pa.
Alma Mater: Dickinson College ('99)
High School: Our Lady of Lourdes Regional HS
Family: Wife, Andrea
..... Daughter, Lyla
..... Daughter, Hudson
..... Son, Bo

PROGRAM BUILDER

Bob Chesney has taken over a losing program at three of his four head coaching stops (exception: James Madison). Chesney won or took each of those three programs to a conference championship within three years of being named head coach at the respective school.

School	5-Yr. Record Before Chesney	Record with Chesney
Salve Regina	15-40	23-9
Assumption	24-38	44-16
Holy Cross	23-45	44-21
Totals	62-123 (.335)	111-46 (.707)

PLAYER HONORS

- 2 FBS All-Americans
2 in 2024
- 11 FCS All-Americans
6 in 2023, 4 in 2022, 1 in 2021
- 2025 Sun Belt Player of the Year
QB Alonza Barnett III
- 2025 Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year
LB Trent Hendrick
- 2025 Sun Belt Freshman of the Year
DL Sahir West
- 29 All-Sun Belt Conference Selections
16 in 2025, 13 in 2024
- 2025 Paul Hornung Award Finalist
RB Wayne Knight
- 2 CSC Academic All-Americans
- 3 FCS Walter Payton Award Finalists
Recognizes top offensive player in FCS
- 4 FCS Buck Buchanan Award Finalists
Recognizes top defensive player in FCS

CHESNEY'S HONORS

- 2025 Sun Belt Coach of the Year
- 3-time Patriot League Coach of the Year
2022, 2021, 2019
- 2-time Northeast-10 Coach of the Year
2017, 2015
- 2024 VaSID University Div. Coach of the Year
- 2022 AFCA FCS Region 1 Coach of the Year
- 2021 New England Writers Coach of the Year
- 2015 N.E. Writers DII/DIII Coach of the Year
- 2015 HERO Sports DII Coach of the Year

CHESNEY'S PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Defensive Back, Dickinson College
1996-99

- 1998 Second Team All-Centennial Conference
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- 1997 Vincent Correal Team MVP