



## MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

### ACADEMIC OPERATING POLICY AND PROCEDURE

MEMORANDUM TO: All Holders of Mississippi State University Academic Operating Policy and Procedure Manual

DATE: March 18, 1997  
Revised: April 2, 2008

SUBJECT: AOP 12.17 - Academic Fresh-Start

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this Academic Operating Policy and Procedure (AOP) is to assist students in making timely progress toward graduation by invoking a fresh start.

#### REVIEW

This AOP will be reviewed every five years or whenever circumstances require an earlier review by the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs (APAA) with recommendations for revision presented to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

#### POLICY/PROCEDURE

Students who have not been enrolled in any post-secondary institution at any time for at least twenty-four consecutive months may petition for admission or readmission through their academic dean's office under the academic fresh-start policy. All college credits earned prior to being granted academic fresh-start will be eliminated from the computation of the student's grade point average and may never be used toward graduation at Mississippi State University.

The student's transcript will reflect the complete academic record but will contain the notation at the appropriate point that all academic work prior to the consecutive twenty-four months absence would be declared void for the purposes of academic standing and graduation. The notation will be made upon the successful completion of at least 12 credit hours at Mississippi State University.

Students admitted under this policy must complete current curriculum requirements in residency to earn a degree. This policy may not be honored in other institutions of higher learning.

RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Position</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Year</u>
Associate Provost for Academic Affairs	Review	2012

RECOMMENDED BY:

<u>/s/ Jerome Gilbert</u> Associate Provost for Academic Affairs	<u>01-16-08</u> Date
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<u>/s/ Peter Rabideau</u> Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs	<u>01-17-08</u> Date
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<u>/s/ Robert Wolverton</u> President, Robert Holland Faculty Senate	<u>03-11-08</u> Date
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REVIEWED BY:

<u>/s/ Don Zant</u> Office of Internal Audit	<u>03-13-08</u> Date
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<u>/s/ Charles Guest</u> University Counsel	<u>03-25-08</u> Date
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APPROVED:

<u>/s/ Vance H. Watson</u> President	<u>04-02-08</u> Date
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