



**Office of Provost and Vice President
For Academic Affairs**

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC OPERATING POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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

DATE: April 17, 1989

SUBJECT: AOP 21.01 - Graduate Admission Criteria

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Academic Operating Policy and Procedure (AOP) is to specify the graduate admission criteria at Mississippi State University.

REVIEW

This AOP will be reviewed every four years, or whenever circumstances require an earlier review, by the Graduate Dean with recommendations for revision presented to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

The approved, recommended admission criteria and statements are:

1. Applicants for regular or degree-seeking status must have a 2.75 QPA on the last two full years of undergraduate academic work and a 3.0 QPA on all graduate work already completed. Individual departments or programs may require a higher QPA for admission.
2. The Graduate School will not require scores from standardized examinations such as the GRE or GMAT. Each department or program may require standardized tests with minimum scores which applicants should have in order to gain admission.
3. Applicants not satisfying the QPA may be admitted (if recommended by the department) to a degree program as a provisional student. Provisional students must receive a 3.0 QPA on the first nine (9) hours of regular graduate-level courses on their program of study taken at Mississippi State University (transfer hours will not apply) in order to achieve regular status. If a 3.0 is not attained in the first nine (9) hours, the provisional student will be dropped from the Graduate School.

4. Applicants seeking non-degree or unclassified status must provide verification of receipt of the baccalaureate degree. Applicants in the unclassified category will be admitted by the Graduate School. Only nine (9) hours of graduate work received as an unclassified student may be transferred to a degree program. Individual departments or programs may place restrictions on unclassified students taking courses in their areas.

This policy will take effect for students admitted for the Fall Semester of 1990.

The policy on admissions will be reviewed no later than four (4) years from the adoption of the above.

RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Position</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Year</u>
Graduate Dean	Review	2010

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APPROVED:

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