



## OP 31.01: DEFINITION OF A STUDENT

### Purpose

To provide uniform guidelines defining a *student* at Mississippi State University.

### Policy

Certain members of the campus academic community at Mississippi State University shall be designated ‘students’ by the University, affording them certain rights and responsibilities different and distinct from those of the other members of the community (ie., faculty and staff).

### Procedure

1. The term *student* is defined as any person who has been admitted or re-admitted to the University.
2. For purposes of this policy, persons shall be considered *students* during any period which follows the end of either the Fall or Spring semester of their current enrollment until the last day of registration for the succeeding semester (Fall or Spring).
3. A person who was a *student* as defined in this policy above, but who did not enroll for the succeeding Fall or Spring semester, is **not** considered a *student* and must reapply for admission to the University. Under this provision, however, behavior in violation of the University’s Student Code of Conduct of which the University becomes aware, and that occurs prior to a person’s readmission, may prevent the person from being re-enrolled or may still subject the person to the University’s disciplinary process once re-enrolled.
4. The term *student* does **not** include any regular employee of Mississippi State University eligible for staff benefits at the university.

### Review

The Provost and Executive Vice President and the Vice President for Student Affairs are responsible for the review of this operating policy every four years or as needed.

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