MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

Policy and Procedure

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

DATE: April 17, 1989
Revised: August 2006
Revised: February 2012

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 Executive Vice President.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

The approved, recommended admission criteria and statements are:

1. Applicants seeking degree status must have a 2.75 GPA on the last two full years of undergraduate academic work or a 3.0 GPA on all graduate work already completed. Individual departments or programs may require a higher GPA for admission.

2. While the Graduate School does not require scores from standardized examinations such as the GRE or GMAT, each department or program may require the submission of standardized tests scores by applicants for consideration of admission.

3. Applicants not satisfying the GPA may be admitted (if recommended by the department) to a degree program as a provisional student. Provisional students must earn a 3.0 GPA 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 admission status. If a 3.0 is not attained in the first nine (9) hours, the provisional student will be dismissed 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 took effect for students admitted for the Fall Semester of 1990.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Position	Section	Year
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