



AOP 12.21 - VETERANS' ACADEMIC STATUS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Academic Operating Policy and Procedure (AOP) is to ensure understanding and present a standardized approach to matters relating to veterans' academic status.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1. Students receiving educational benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs must meet the academic standards as specified in Mississippi State University's (MSU) Academic Operating Policy - *AOP 12.16 Academic Suspension and Dismissal*. The provisions of AOP 12.16 determine the student's academic eligibility to enroll in future semesters or the requirement to be placed on academic suspension or dismissal. This policy also specifies when a student is eligible to re-enroll after a period of suspension or dismissal and applies to all undergraduate students including those who receive VA benefits.
2. A student's continued entitlement to the Department of Veterans Affairs educational benefits is determined as follows: If a student's cumulative average falls below the acceptable level as specified in AOP 12.16, he or she will be placed on "first probation to receive VA benefits." If during the first probation semester, a student does not improve his or her cumulative GPA, VA benefits will be suspended at the end of the semester. If a student's cumulative GPA improves but an acceptable level is still not achieved, a "second probation to receive VA benefits" semester will be allowed. If the standards of progress are not achieved at the end of the second probation semester, VA benefits will be suspended. Students may not receive further benefits until approved by the VA.
3. Based on VA rules and regulations, students receiving VA educational benefits will receive benefits only for courses that apply toward a degree program. NOTE: Any change in student status, such as drops/adds, change of major or withdrawals from the University, must be reported to the Veterans Administration Supervisor.

REVIEW

This Academic Operating Policy and Procedure (AOP) will be reviewed every four 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 Executive Vice President.

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