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Policy and Procedure

ACADEMIC OPERATING POLICY AND PROCEDURE

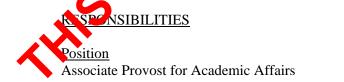|	
MEMORANDUM TO:	All Holders of Mississippi State University Academic Operating Policy and Procedure Manual
DATE:	January 5, 1990
SUBJECT:	AOP 12.30 – Developmental Studies

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Academic Operating Policy and Procedure (AOP) is to ensure that developmental studies courses serve their intended purpose, to prepare students for college-level academic pursuits.

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

POLICY/PROCEDURE

All individuals who apply to Mississippi State University but do not meet regular admission requirements may take the Accuplacer exam for a university admission review. The Accuplacer exam is an Educational Testing Service (ETS) product that consists of mathematics, sentence skills, and reading sections. The Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL) sets threshold scores for each section of the Accuplacer exam. If threshold scores are met, the student is fully admitted to the university. If a student decides not to take the Accuplacer exam or does not meet IHL threshold scores on the exam, the student has the opportunity to enroll in the Summer Developmental Program (SDP). A system-wide IHL program, SDP is an intensive summer program with English, mathematics, and reading courses, supported by an academic laboratory. These courses, offered only in summer, are to prepare students for the college curriculum. To successfully exit the SDP and be admitted to MSU, students must achieve a grade of D or above in all summer classes and the laboratory. No developmental course will satisfy any credit course requirement for any degree at the University.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Position	Section	Year
Associate Provost for Academic Affairs	Review	2016

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Peter L. Ryan   03/19/2012
Associate Provost for Academic Affairs   Date

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Provost and Executive Vice President   Date

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/s/ Lesia Bryant   04/10/2012
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General Counsel   Date

APPROVED:

/s/ Mark Keenum   04/23/2012
President   Date

THIS POLICY HAS BEEN SUPERSEDED