



## **AOP 11.05: REQUIREMENTS FOR SHORTENED FORMAT COURSES**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Academic Operating Policy and Procedure (AOP) is to establish the requirements for shortened-format courses offered in intersession terms at Mississippi State University.

### **POLICY/PROCEDURE**

This AOP will apply to courses offered during intersession terms, which are understood to be any terms other than the fall or spring semesters or the standard five-week and ten-week summer school terms. It is expected that such intersession terms will usually occur between the end of the spring semester and the beginning of the first standard summer term. Intersession terms may occur at other times during the year as well.

A shortened-format course offered in an intersession term will consist of no fewer than fifteen days of lecture and one day for final exams. A reading day will be in place between the final day of class and the final exam day. The total contact minutes will be no fewer than the minutes required for courses with the same credit offered during regular fall or spring semester terms.

A student will be allowed to take only one shortened-format course during a particular intersession term. Any course that has been offered in either five-week term of summer school, exclusive of laboratory-based courses, will be eligible to be offered as a shortened-format course in an intersession term. Any department desiring to place additional shortened-format courses in the intersession term must submit a course modification proposal through departmental and college/school course and curricula committees and the University Committee on Courses and Curricula (UCCC) for approval. The UCCC will be responsible for the guidelines for approval of shortened-format courses.

Faculty salary for teaching a shortened-format course in an intersession term will be determined in accordance with the prevailing method for determining summer school salary.

Study-abroad or other off-campus courses of duration shorter than three weeks may be offered during the winter holiday and other appropriate times.

**REVIEW**

This 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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**This policy has been superseded**