

PETITION FOR ACADEMIC AMNESTY (Academic Operating Policy 12.19)

Name: _____ Date: _____

ID#: _____ Major: _____ Email: _____

Local Mailing Address: _____ Local Phone: _____

Academic Amnesty is designed to provide former undergraduate students (Mississippi State University students or from elsewhere) an opportunity to reenter higher education at Mississippi State University without the burden of past academic difficulties (i.e., grades of "D" and/or "F"). If approved for this program, a student may have specific previously completed courses eliminated from the computation of his or her grade point average; these courses may not be applied toward graduation.

To be eligible for the program, an individual may not have attended any post-secondary institution of higher education for a period of at least five years. Academic amnesty may be requested through the student's academic dean's office at any time after admission or re-admission to Mississippi State University until the end of the semester preceding that in which the student graduates. Academic amnesty will not be noted on a student's record until he or she has successfully completed at least 12 credit hours at Mississippi State University with a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Academic amnesty will be applied to the student's record only once within their academic career. The student's transcript will reflect the complete academic record but will contain the notation at the appropriate point that the selected credits and grades have been declared void for the purposes of academic standing and graduation and the new grade point average will be recalculated at the end of the semester during which the request was approved.

Students admitted under this policy must complete current curriculum requirements in residency to earn a degree. This policy pertains only to Mississippi State University and students should be advised that other institutions are not bound to honor the provisions of this policy should the student transfer from Mississippi State University to another institution.

All items listed below will constitute the petition:

- ? Student-written petition signed by the student to include:
 - ? Statement explaining how circumstances have changed making academic improvement a realistic goal;
 - ? Current major and major at the time of student's previous enrollment;
 - ? Dates of absence from enrollment in any institution of higher learning (must be at least five years);
 - ? List by semester, course symbol, number and grades of all courses to be considered under the Amnesty Policy;
- ? Copies of supporting documentation from employer, counselor, etc. (if appropriate).
- ? Copy of transcript(s).
- ? Obtain *preliminary* recalculation of MSU and cumulative GPA following application of amnesty (for petition consideration purposes only).
- ? Evidence from advisor that student must complete an appreciable number of approved hours before being awarded a degree.
- ? I understand Academic Amnesty can be applied to my academic record only once. The notation will be made upon successful completion of at least 12 credit hours at Mississippi State University.

_____ Date _____

Student Date Advisor Date

_____ Date _____

Department Head Date Dean Date