

**PETITION FOR ACADEMIC AMNESTY FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**  
(Academic Operating Policy 12.18)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Amnesty is designed to provide those graduate students previously enrolled at Mississippi State University the opportunity to have up to 9 hours of previously completed graduate courses eliminated from the computation of his or her grade point average upon successful readmission.

To be eligible for the program, an individual may not be enrolled as a graduate student at Mississippi State University for at least five years. Academic Amnesty may be requested of the Dean of the Graduate School through the student's academic dean's office after either provisional admission to a graduate program or provisional readmission to their former program has been granted by the department. Upon successful completion of at least 12 credit hours with a 3.0 or higher GPA provisional admission is removed and the student can then request Academic Amnesty until the end of the semester preceding that in which the student graduates.

With notification from the Dean of The Graduate School, the registrar's office will segment the student's academic record showing all courses and grades to be included in academic amnesty and recalculate the graduate GPA accordingly. Academic Amnesty will be applied to the student's record only once and the new grade point average will be noted on the transcript at the end of the semester during which the request was approved.

The student is permitted to retake courses that were included as part of the 9 hours of coursework eliminated under the Academic Amnesty. All courses and grades will remain a part of the student's academic record. A notation will appear on the transcript indicating the student was approved for Academic Amnesty. Those courses approved for Academic Amnesty and then granted, cannot be revalidated or applied toward the completion of another graduate degree.

The Academic Amnesty policy is applicable only upon in residency completion of current curriculum requirements to earn a degree. Students must be advised that the Academic Amnesty provision pertains only to Mississippi State University and may not be honored by other institutions of higher learning.

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 at Mississippi State University (must be at least five years);
  - List by semester, course symbol, number and grades of all courses to be considered under the Academic Amnesty Policy;
- Copies of supporting documentation from employer, counselor, etc. (if appropriate).
- Copy of transcript(s).
- Obtain *preliminary* recalculation of MSU 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 with a 3.0 or higher GPA and provisional admission is removed.

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Student

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Date

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Advisor

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Date

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Department Head

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Date

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Dean of the Graduate School

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Date

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Student's Academic Dean

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Date