



## **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 (VA) must meet the academic standards as specified in Mississippi State University's (MSU) AOP 12.15 Academic Suspension and Dismissal for Undergraduate Students or the Graduate Catalog from the year in which they were admitted to the degree program. The provisions of AOP 12.15 or the Graduate Catalog determine the student's academic eligibility to enroll in future semesters or the requirement to be placed on academic suspension or dismissal. These policies also specify when a student is eligible to re-enroll after a period of suspension or dismissal and applies to all students including those who receive VA benefits.
2. An eligible student's continued entitlement to the Department of Veterans Affairs educational benefits will only be affected by a dismissal or suspension. In the case of a dismissal or suspension from the university, VA educational benefits will be terminated. Students may not receive further VA educational 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. Classes that are successfully completed may not be certified again for VA educational benefits purposes if they are repeated unless the grade obtained did not meet the requirements of the program. Additionally, a VA educational benefit recipient will be allowed to apply benefits towards a retaken class in the case of a failure or withdrawal. NOTE: Students must report any change in student status, such as drops/adds, change of major or withdrawals from the University to the MSU Center for America's Veterans.

### **REVIEW**

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

**REVIEWED:**

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