

# Admission of Transfer Students

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1. Submit application for admission.
2. Submit a \$40 non-refundable application fee.
3. Submit a separate official final transcript from each college or university attended; faxed transcripts will not be accepted. An applicant may not ignore previous college attendance and must list all colleges attended on the application for admission. An applicant who misrepresents information or fails to provide information about prior college attendance will be subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal from the University.
4. Submit an official high school transcript and ACT or SAT scores if they seek admission under Option 1.
5. Be in good standing at the last college or university attended.

## Admission Option 1:

1. Submit a high school transcript and ACT or SAT scores showing that the applicant qualified initially as a freshman enrollee (see Freshman Entrance Requirements), **and**
2. Earn an overall 2.0 GPA on all courses attempted (as computed by MSU) at a regionally accredited institution of higher learning.

## Admission Option 2:

Any applicant who does not meet freshman requirements may attend a regionally accredited institution of higher learning and complete the core courses listed below **and** earn an overall 2.0 GPA on all hours attempted (as computed by MSU). **Official transcripts from each institution attended must be submitted; faxed transcripts will not be accepted.**

The applicant must attain a 'C' average (2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale) on the following 30 semester hours of college work at a regionally accredited college:

- 6 semester hours English Composition
- 3 semester hours College Algebra, Quantitative Reasoning, or higher level mathematics
- 6 semester hours Natural Science
- 9 semester hours Humanities and Fine Arts
- 6 semester hours Social or Behavioral Sciences

## Admission Option 3:

Any applicant who does not meet freshman requirements may attend a regionally accredited institution of higher learning and earn an A.A., B.S. or equivalent degree from the regionally accredited institution with a 2.0 GPA (as computed by Mississippi State University). Official transcripts from each institution attended must be submitted; faxed transcripts will not be accepted.

Although the transfer applicant may meet general admissions requirements to the University, he/she may not meet the requirements for a specific department. Applicants should contact the academic department for additional requirements.

Transfer work earned from a non-regionally-accredited institution is not acceptable at Mississippi State University and applicants from these institutions must meet the admission requirements as an entering freshman.

**Transfer Credits.** Credits transferred from regionally accredited institutions are reproduced on the permanent records of Mississippi State University. Credits earned at another institution while on disciplinary suspension or dismissal may never be transferred or posted to the Mississippi State University record. In the case of students receiving VA benefits, enrollment certificates submitted to the Veterans Administration will reflect proper credit for previous education and training. This is done as a convenience for the student in providing him or her with an accurate consolidated record of his or her entire college career. This action is evidence that the credits are considered valid. Validity, however, is not to be confused with acceptability or applicability.

The Office of Admissions and Scholarships will accept academic transfer hours from other regionally accredited institutions. Depending on the course of study, technical credit may or may not be accepted. Remedial and Vocational credit will not be accepted. To meet graduation requirements, a transfer student must have an overall C (2.00) average, calculated by the method currently in use at Mississippi State University, on all hours scheduled and rescheduled at all institutions attended, including Mississippi State University. Excess quality points earned at other institutions cannot be used to offset any deficiencies at Mississippi State. Acceptance of junior or community college work is limited to one-half the total requirements for graduation in a given curriculum. The last half of the total hours applied toward graduation must be earned in a senior college.

**Applicability** of transfer work depends upon the equivalence of transfer credits with the requirements of a particular curriculum. Applicability varies from curriculum to curriculum, not only for transfer students from other institutions but for students transferring from one school or curriculum to another within Mississippi State University. In either case, the upper limit of the number of applicable credits is the number of accepted credits. Applicability is determined by the dean of the college or school to which one is admitted.

Non-traditional credits awarded by another college or university will be evaluated in terms of current policy at Mississippi State University. Unless the basis for awarding the credit is readily identifiable, no credit will be allowed until such time as the student, through the awarding institution, can establish the credibility of the work. Credits for ACT, SAT, CLEP General, or other comparable tests will not be accepted as transfer credit. Prior job/work experience cannot count for academic credit at Mississippi State University.