

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Mississippi State University Graduate International

On this sheet, write a detailed and carefully edited statement indicating your purpose and objective in pursuing graduate study at MSU and relevant employment and academic experiences to your chosen field of study. If you are presently in a graduate program at MSU or another university, explain why you plan to change.

Applicant: In order for your application to be processed, you must provide the information requested below. If your statement will be submitted on a separate sheet, please attach this form.

(Please type or print)

Name: Mr. () Ms. () _____
Last-Family First-Given Middle or Maiden

Social Security No. _____ Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Degree you wish to seek: _____ Major you wish to study: _____

Semester you wish to enter: Fall () Spring () Summer () Year _____

I certify that I completed the above/attached essay and that this information is current.

Signature _____ Date _____

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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Waiver of Access: I agree that this recommendation will remain confidential. I will not be able to see or obtain copies of this evaluation.

Signature of Applicant (Optional) _____

1. How well do you know the applicant? How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Give your opinion of the applicant's qualifications to do graduate work in his/her field.

Please complete the following.

| | Exceptional | Above Average | Average | Below Average | No Basis for Judgement |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------|---------------|------------------------|
| Intellectual Ability | | | | | |
| Writing Ability | | | | | |
| Speaking Ability | | | | | |
| Knowledge of Proposed Area of Study | | | | | |
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| Emotional Stability | | | | | |
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| Teaching Ability | | | | | |

| | Doctoral Program | Master's Program | Other (Please Specify) |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
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DOCUMENT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Mississippi State University Graduate International Students

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|--|-----------------|
| Tuition and fees | \$16,680.00 |
| Room for 12 months, on campus, double occupancy | 4,370.00 |
| Board @ \$12.75 day (308 days, breaks/holidays not included) | 3,927.00 |
| Books and supplies | 1,000.00 |
| Required medical insurance and one-time tuberculosis chest x-ray fee | 1,060.00 |
| International fees (fall, spring, summer) | 300.00 |
| Personal expenses @\$150/month | <u>1,800.00</u> |
| TOTAL for 12 months | \$29,137.00 |

Print or type:

Name of Student _____

Name of Sponsor _____

Address of Sponsor _____

Relationship to Student _____

(This document is for use only by students who are sponsored by self, family members, or personal friends. Those who have official government or agency sponsors should submit instead the standard sponsorship documents.)

This budget does not include travel to and from the home country or vacation travel in the U.S. The student may make choices about living accommodations or other expenses, which would cost more than the amounts listed above. Each student must arrive on campus with at least \$800 in cash to cover settling-in expenses. In addition, tuition and fees are payable in full in U.S. currency upon registration. This is an estimate of minimal expenses only. In addition, tuition is due **in full** in U.S. currency **upon registration**. Fees are subject to change without notice.

DECLARATION OF SPONSOR: I have read the estimated budget for graduate international students. I agree to support the student named above for the duration of enrollment in the amount of \$29,137 per year in U.S. dollars. I understand that tuition and fees are subject to change without notice.

Signature of Sponsor _____

Date _____

This declaration of financial support must be supplemented either by a bank letter showing savings deposits equal to the total amount committed for support, or by a letter from the employer of the sponsor stating the position which the sponsor holds, the annual salary in U.S. dollars, and the belief of the employer that the sponsor is capable of supporting the student in the annual amount stated above on this page.

DATE AND SIGNATURE REQUIRED:

I certify that the information submitted in this application is complete and accurate, and I understand that submission of inaccurate information can be considered sufficient cause for terminating my application or enrollment at Mississippi State University.

The following listed information that Mississippi State University is required to provide by federal law can now be found at the Web address below:

- **University Policies Relating to Students and Student Records**
All MSU students are responsible for knowing and abiding by these policies.

- **Mississippi State University Annual Security Report**

This report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings or property owned and controlled by MSU; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus. This report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other matters.

www.msstate.edu/web/security.html

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE TO ENSURE COMPLETION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Graduate International Application Processing

Please submit all necessary documents, (listed below), in one envelope to the appropriate address below, or you may apply on-line at http://www.uis.msstate.edu/prod/wwsblog.P_DidpLoginNon. Applicants should request official transcripts from all institutions where undergraduate or graduate course work has been completed. The student should ask that **the official transcript be in a sealed envelope bearing the institution's return address with the Registrar's signature or stamp across the envelope flap.**

Applicants should submit the required materials listed below in one envelope.

| International Application Checklist |
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| ➤ \$30 non-refundable Application Fee (for each application submitted for processing) |
| ➤ Statement of Purpose |
| ➤ Three Letters of Recommendation |
| ➤ GRE or GMAT scores (if applicable) |
| ➤ Official Academic Records (in native language along with translated copies if appropriate) |
| ➤ Document of Support Application must be completed, including all required signatures |
| ➤ Bank Letter or other Document of Financial Support |
| ➤ TOEFL Scores |

To be considered for admission, all supporting materials should be in the Office of Graduate Studies according to the following schedule.

Applying For

Initial Deadline

Fall Semester
Spring Semester
Summer Terms

May 1
October 1
March 1

To allow for anticipated delays in visa processing, applicants are encouraged to submit application packets by January 1, for consideration for the fall semester. Completed applications received on or prior to the initial deadline dates above will receive priority consideration for the desired academic term. Completed applications received after the final deadline dates above may not receive admission consideration for the desired academic terms. It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure that all supporting materials are received. Some programs may have earlier deadlines for application that override those above. These may be found in the description of the specific programs.

Return all required materials listed above in one envelope to:

Mississippi State University, Office of Graduate Studies – Graduate International, P.O. Box G, Mississippi State, MS 39762-5507

For applicants applying to either Engineering or Geosciences -Distance Learning, use one of the following addresses:

Mississippi State University, College of Engineering, P.O. Box 9544, Mississippi State, MS 39762-9544

Mississippi State University, Department of Geosciences -Distance Learning, P.O. Box 5448, Mississippi State, MS 39762-5448

Mississippi State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status.

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

THE SETTING

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY AND STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI: Mississippi State University forms a cohesive city-university community with the growing agricultural-commercial-industrial city of Starkville. Located in the eastern part of north-central Mississippi, it is 125 miles northeast of Jackson and 23 miles west of Columbus. The grounds of the University comprise about 4,200 acres, including farms, pastures, and woodlands of the Experiment Station.

TRANSPORTATION: All major forms of transportation are available in the area: rail (freight only), Gulf and Mississippi; air, Golden Triangle Regional Airport; bus, Continental Trailways Lines; highways, Interstate 55, U.S. Highways 82 and 45, Mississippi Highways 12, 25, and 389; and eight trucking lines.

THE CITY: Starkville, Mississippi (Oktibbeha County)

POPULATION: 21,869 (2000 Census)

AREA: 25.1 square miles (City), 459 square miles (Oktibbeha County)

CLIMATE: The annual average temperature for Starkville is 17 degrees C; January average 6 degrees C; July average 27 degrees C; average rainfall, 136cm inches annually; average snowfall, 1-2 inches per year.

THE UNIVERSITY

In its second century of service as a land-grant institution, Mississippi State University has a proud history of education, research, and service. Originally charged to improve the "physical welfare of man through science and technology," the institution now expands that purpose to address man's social, cultural, economic, and aesthetic needs. Mississippi State is a comprehensive research university, with students from throughout the United States and 83 foreign countries. Mississippi State is included among the 103 institutions in the United States classified as research universities by the Carnegie Classification of Higher Education. The Carnegie classification groups the nation's 3,400 colleges and universities according to the level of degrees awarded, levels of federal research support and other measures. Mississippi State is the only Mississippi institution classified as a research university. Total research and development funding received by Mississippi State from all sources, including the federal government, was about \$130 million in the most recent year for which complete figures are available. The University awards about 100 doctoral and professional degrees each year. The University ranks 58th among public institutions in the level of its research and development activities, according to the National Science Foundation statistics. Special research programs include the Bureau of Education Research and Evaluation, the Social Science Research Center, the University/Industry Chemical Research Center, the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center for Blindness and Low Vision, the Cobb Institute of Archaeology, the John C. Stennis Institute of Government, the Computational Fluid Dynamics Program, the Electron Microscope Center, the Center for Small Town Research and Design, the Center for International Security and Strategic Studies, the Biological and Physical Sciences Research Institute, the Division of Business Research, the Engineering and Industrial Research Station, the Institute for the Humanities, the Water Resources Research Center, and the Research Center for Advanced Computing. Special laboratories include the United States Entomological Laboratory, the Raspet Flight Research Laboratory, the Microelectronics Research Laboratory, the Diagnostic Instrumentation and Analysis Laboratory, the Mississippi State University/National Space Technology Laboratories, the Forest Products Utilization Laboratory, the High Voltage Laboratory, the South-Central Poultry Disease Laboratory, and the State Chemical Laboratory.

THE OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

<http://www.msstate.edu/dept/grad>

The Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) coordinates all post-baccalaureate programs of the institution, except the professional Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program. The OGS fosters a scholarly atmosphere in which close cooperation between faculty and students can develop highly individualized programs of study and research to meet the needs and objectives of individual scholars. The OGS prepares students through rigorous education in systematic investigation and the advancement of knowledge through scholarly research and creative endeavors. The OGS offers programs of study that lead to the master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees in the fields of study and investigation for which Mississippi State University is prepared to offer graduate courses. Doctoral work is offered in agriculture, business, education, engineering, forestry, and history, and in the animal, plant, biological, physical, and social sciences. Graduate Studies enrollment is approximately 3,000. Of this number, 60 percent are in master's degree programs, 5 percent in the educational specialist degree programs, and 25 percent in doctoral degree programs. The remainder are studying for professional upgrading, renewal of teacher certification, personal interests, and self-improvement and are not seeking advanced degrees. Men compose approximately 51 percent and women 49 percent of the Graduate Studies enrollment. African Americans account for approximately 14 percent of the total graduate enrollment. MSU has approximately 600 international students enrolled in its graduate programs.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

A person admitted into the University for the purpose of any graduate work, must hold a bachelor's degree; normally the undergraduate degree must be awarded by an institution having regional accreditation. To be considered for admission, international students must:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree equivalent to the bachelor's degree of Mississippi State University, have an outstanding scholastic record with an accredited school, and have suitable preparation for his or her scholastic major.
2. Submit completed application accompanied by a non-refundable \$25.00 application fee.
3. Provide authenticated copies of all academic records. These records should describe the courses of instruction in terms of years spent in school, types of subject matter covered, and grades earned in each subject. These records must be in the language and form used by the institution, government, or other examining and/or certifying body. A certified English translation of these records is required. A Photostat or true copy certified by the U.S. Embassy/Consulate, a university registrar, or similar official, is temporarily acceptable if the original can only be presented upon arrival on campus.
4. Present a minimum score of 475 (CBSS - Computer-Based Score Scale) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), if the student has not earned at least a BS degree from an accredited college/university in the United States and if the student's native language is not English.
5. Possess sufficient funds to cover expenses. MSU has no fixed number of assistantships available to international students.

The academic year comprises two regular semesters, beginning in August and January, and a summer session beginning in June. International students who wish to enter in August should have their admission process completed by May 1; those who wish to enter in January must have the process completed by October 1; summer applicants should have the process completed by March 1.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES

Master's Degree: A minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate study is required for the master's degree. In the thesis option, the candidate must complete 24 semester hours of formal course work and a thesis that gives evidence of original investigation in the student's major subject. Non-thesis programs in some graduate study areas require additional course work in lieu of a thesis.

Educational Specialist Degree: Offered in the College of Education, the Educational Specialist Degree is comprised of a planned program of a minimum of 30 semester hours above the master's degree under the direction of a major advisor. It is designed to provide advanced course work in education and in other fields and disciplines supplementary to the basic core in the major field. Course prerequisites are to be determined by the department involved.

Doctoral Degree: In order to earn the doctoral degree, a candidate should demonstrate mastery of a particular field of knowledge, of the techniques of research, of the correlation of her/his specialty with the larger areas of knowledge, especially those directly related to her/his own field of interest. At least three academic years beyond the bachelor's degree must be spent in course work and in research. The number of course hours will vary according to the specific requirements of the department concerned and the student's needs.

DEGREES OFFERED AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

The areas of study with the related types of degrees and the specific standardized test when required for admission are listed below. If the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required for an admission consideration, the first letter of the section of the GRE required is presented. If three stars rather than letters are listed, a GRE score is not required for admission. When a Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) score is required for an admission consideration, a "yes" will be indicated. Scores on standardized tests are never used alone in an admission decision but represent one of several quantitative and qualitative factors taken into consideration in the decision. More specific criteria for each degree program may be found in the Graduate Studies Bulletin under the subject area name.

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Degrees:

Master of Agribusiness Management (M.A.B.M.)
 Master of Arts (M.A.)
 Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)
 Master of Arts in Teaching-Secondary (M.A.T.S.)
 Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
 Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.)
 Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.)
 Master of Professional Accountancy (M.P.A.)
 Master of Public Policy and Administration (M.P.P.A.)
 Master of Science in Business Administration (M.S.B.A.)
 Master of Science (M.S.)
 Master of Taxation (M.TX.)
 Educational Specialist (Ed.S.)
 Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)
 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Abbreviations:

GRE = Graduate Record Examination
 V = Verbal
 Q = Quantitative
 A = Analytical Writing

 GMAT=Graduate Management Admission Test
 TOEFL= Test of English as a Foreign Language
 GPA = Grade Point Average

| Majors: | Degrees | GRE | GMAT | GPA | TOEFL | Majors: | Degrees | GRE | GMAT | GPA | TOEFL |
|--|---------|------|--------|--------|-------|-------------------------------------|---------|-----|------|---------|-------|
| Accounting | MPA | *** | 500 | 3.00 | 575 | Electronic Visualization | MFA | *** | | 3.00 | 600 |
| Aerospace Engr. | MS | VQA | | 3.00 | 550 | Elementary Education | MS | VQA | | 2.75 | 600 |
| Agribusiness Mgt. | MABM | *** | 500 | 3.00 | 575 | | PhD | VQA | | 3.40 | 600 |
| Agricultural Economics | PhD | | | | | Elem., Mid. & Sec Ed. | | | | | |
| Agricultural Life Sciences | | | | | | Administration | PhD | VQA | | 3.40 | 600 |
| Concentrations: | | | | | | Engineering | PhD | | | | |
| Animal Physiology | MS | *** | | 3.00 | 575 | Concentrations: | | | | | |
| Biochemistry | MS | V&Q | | 2.75 | 550 | Aerospace Engr. | VQA | | | 3.00 | 550 |
| Entomology | MS/PhD | V&Q | | 3.00 | 500 | Biological Engr. | V&Q | | | 2.75 | 550 |
| Genetics | MS | VQA | | 3.00 | 500 | Chemical Engr. | Q&A | | | 3.00 | 550 |
| Agriculture | | | | | | Civil Engineering | Q&A | | | 3.00 | 550 |
| Concentrations: | | | | | | Engineering Physics | | | | 2.75 | 550 |
| Agricultural and Extension Ed. | MS | *** | | 2.75 | 550 | Industrial Engr. | VQA | | | 3.30 | 550 |
| Agricultural Economics | MS | VQA | | 2.75 | 575 | Mechanical Engr. | V&Q | | | 2.75 | 550 |
| Agricultural Pest Management | MS | V&Q | | 3.00 | 550 | English | MA | *** | | 3.00 | 625 |
| Agronomy | MS | *** | | 2.75 | 500 | Entomology and Plant Pathology | PhD | V&Q | | 3.00 | 500 |
| Animal Nutrition | MS | *** | | 3.00 | 550 | Environmental | | | | | |
| Horticulture | MS | *** | | 2.75 | 500 | Toxicology | PhD | *** | | 3.00UG | 550 |
| | PhD | *** | | 3.00 | 500 | Finance | MSBA | 500 | | 3.00 | 575 |
| Plant Pathology | MS | V&Q | | 3.00 | 500 | Food Sci & Technology | PhD | V&Q | | 2.75 | 500 |
| Poultry Science | MS | *** | | 2.75 | 550 | Fd Sci, Ntr, & Hlth Prm | MS | V&Q | | 2.75 | 550 |
| Weed Science | MS | *** | | 3.00 | 500 | Concentrations: | | | | | |
| Agronomy | PhD | *** | | 3.00 | 500 | Food Science | MS | V&Q | | 2.75 | 550 |
| Animal Physiology | PhD | V&Q | | 3.00 | 575 | Nutrition | MS | V&Q | | 2.75 | 550 |
| Applied Anthropology | MA | VQA | | 3.00 | 550 | Health Promotion | MS | V&Q | | 2.75 | 550 |
| Applied Economics | PhD | VQA | 2.75ug | 3.00G | 575 | Foreign Languages | MA | *** | | 2.75 | 525 |
| Architecture | MS | VQA | | 3.00 | 600 | Forest Products | MS | *** | | 3.00 | 550 |
| Biological Engineering | MS | VQA | | 2.75 | 550 | Forest Resources | PhD | | | | |
| Biological Sciences | MS/PhD | V&Q | | 2.75 | 500 | Concentrations: | | | | | |
| Biomedical Engr. | MS/PhD | VQA | | 3.00 | 600 | Forest Products | | *** | | 3.00 | 550 |
| Business | | | | | | Forestry | | *** | | 3.10 | 550 |
| Administration | MBA | *** | 500 | 3.00 | 575 | Wildlife/Fisheries | | VQA | | 3.20 | 550 |
| Concentrations: | PhD | *** | 550 | 3.00ug | 3.25G | Forestry | MS | *** | | 3.00 | 550 |
| Accounting | | *** | 550 | 3.00ug | 3.25G | Geosciences | MS | *** | | 2.75 | 550 |
| Bus. Info. Sys. | | *** | 550 | 3.00ug | 3.25G | History | MA | *** | | 3.00 | 550 |
| Finance | | *** | 550 | 3.00ug | 3.25G | | PhD | V&Q | | 3.00 | 550 |
| Management | | *** | 550 | 3.00ug | 3.25G | Horticulture | PhD | *** | | 3.00 | 500 |
| Marketing | | *** | 550 | 3.00ug | 3.25G | Industrial Engineering | MS | VQA | | 3.00 | 550 |
| Chemical Engineering | MSVQA | 3.00 | 550 | | 575 | Information Systems | MS | VQA | 500 | 3.00 | 575 |
| Chemistry | MS/PhD | *** | | 2.75 | 525 | Instructional Tech. | MS | VQA | | 2.75 | 550 |
| Civil Engineering | MS | VQA | | 3.00 | 550 | Landscape Architecture | MLA | *** | | 2.80 | 600 |
| Cognitive Science | PhD | Q&V | | 3.00 | 550 | Mathematical Sciences | PhD | VQA | | 2.75 | 475 |
| College/Postsecondary | | | | | | Mathematics | MS | *** | | 2.75 | 475 |
| Stdt Counseling & Personnel Svcs | PhD | VQA | | 3.20 | 550 | Mechanical Engr. | MS | VQA | | 2.75 | 550 |
| Comm. College Ed. | MAT | VQA | | 3.00 | 550 | Molecular Biology | PhD | V&Q | | 2.75 | 550 |
| Comm. Col. Ldership | PhD | VQA | | 3.40 | 550 | Nutrition | PhD | *** | | 2.75 | 550 |
| Computational Engr. | MS/PhD | VQA | | 2.75 | 550 | Physical Education | MS | VQA | | 3.75 | 550 |
| Computer Engineering | MS | VQA | | 3.00 | 550 | Physics | MS | *** | | 2.75 | 525 |
| | PhD | VQA | | 3.50 | 550 | Political Science | MA | *** | | 3.00 | 600 |
| Computer Science | MS/PhD | VQA | | 2.75 | 550 | Project Management | MBA | *** | 500 | 3.00 | 575 |
| Counselor Education | MS | VQA | | 3.00 | 550 | Psychology | MS | V&Q | | 2.75 | 550 |
| Counselor Education/ Stdt Counseling & Guidance Svcs | PhD | VQA | | 3.40 | 550 | Public Policy and Administration | MPPA | *** | | 3.00 | 600 |
| Curriculum & Instruction | PhD | VQA | | 3.40 | 600 | | PhD | VQA | | 3.35(G) | 550 |
| Economics | MA | VQA | | 2.75 | 575 | School Administration | MS | VQA | | 2.75 | 550 |
| Education | | | | | | School Psychology | EdS | VQA | | 3.00 | |
| Concentrations: | | | | | | Secondary Education | MS | VQA | | 2.75 | 600 |
| Ag & Ext Ed | EdS | *** | | 2.75 | 550 | | PhD | VQA | | 3.40 | 600 |
| | EdD/PhD | | | | | Secondary Education-Alternate Route | MATS | VQA | | 3.75 | 600 |
| Counselor Ed | EdS/EdD | VQA | | 3.30 | 550 | Sociology | MS/PhD | VQA | | 3.00 | 600 |
| Elementary | EdS | VQA | | 3.20 | 600 | Special Education | MS | VQA | | 2.75 | 600 |
| | EdD | VQA | | 3.40 | 600 | Statistics | MS | *** | | 2.75 | 475 |
| Secondary | EdS | VQA | | 3.20 | 600 | Taxation | MTX | *** | 500 | 3.00 | 575 |
| | EdD | VQA | | 3.40 | 600 | Technology | MS | VQA | | 2.75 | 550 |
| School Admn | EdS | VQA | | 2.75 | 550 | Veterinary Medical Science | MS/PhD | *** | | 3.00UG | 550 |
| | EdD | VQA | | 3.25 | 550 | Weed Science | PhD | *** | | 3.25 | 500 |
| Sch Psychology | EdS | VQA | | 3.00 | 550 | Wildlife and Fisheries Science | MS | V&Q | | 3.00 | 475 |
| Special Ed | EdS | VQA | | 3.20 | 600 | Workforce Education Leadership | MS | VQA | | 2.75 | 550 |
| Technology | EdS | VQA | | 3.20 | 550 | | | | | | |
| | EdD/PhD | VQA | | 3.40 | 550 | | | | | | |
| Ed. Psychology | MS | VQA | | 3.00 | 550 | | | | | | |
| | PhD | VQA | | 3.50 | 550 | | | | | | |
| Electrical Engineering | MS | VQA | | 3.00 | 550 | | | | | | |
| | PhD | VQA | | 3.50 | 550 | | | | | | |

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

All international students, except as noted below, must have a TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 475 or higher to be considered for admission to Mississippi State University. The College of Veterinary Medicine has a minimum score requirement of 550; the College of Education has a minimum score requirement of 550 (except the Department of Curriculum and Instruction requires a minimum scores of 600 for admission to master's level programs); and the College of Business and Industry has a minimum score requirement of 575. Several departments in other colleges also have a minimum TOEFL requirement higher than 475.

1. International students who have completed one or more degrees (baccalaureate or higher) from a college or university in the U.S. will not be required to submit English language test scores for admission. Similarly, international students who are natives of a country where English is the first language and who hold one or more degrees (baccalaureate or higher) from a college or university where English is used as the first language are not required to submit English language test scores. However, it should be noted that such students, after admission and registration at Mississippi State University, and upon the recommendation of their department, may be required to schedule ESL (English as a Second Language) courses.
2. International students who do not hold a U.S. degree (baccalaureate or higher), who desire to transfer to Mississippi State University from another U.S. college or university and do not have a current (within the last two years) TOEFL score, must retake the TOEFL and score 475 or higher.

English as a Second Language Procedures for International Students

Effective January 1992, the following procedures related to satisfying the English language proficiency for International graduate students were implemented:

1. Students who attain a national TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 550 (CBSS-213) will be considered proficient in English and be given full admission to graduate study. In those few programs with a TOEFL requirement higher than 550, students will have to attain this higher score or be admitted conditionally pending satisfaction of this departmental requirement or its equivalent as defined by that program.

Students admitted to the University with a national TOEFL of less than 550 (CBSS-213) will be required to enroll in the appropriate ESL requirements beginning with their initial enrollment period.

2. Students with a score between 525-549 (CBSS 193-210) will be required to enroll in the first Freshman English course, EN 1103. At the beginning of this class, these students will be given a diagnostic examination in composition to determine their writing proficiency and thus their likelihood of success in this class. If they are believed to have difficulty, they will be placed in EN 1003 and will not be able to enroll in EN 1103 until they have passed this course. If the diagnostic examination in composition indicates that the writing proficiency is beyond the EN 1103 level of instruction, then the student will be placed in EN 1113. In either case, there will be special sections of these courses for International students.

Those students required to take one of the above three English courses will be permitted to enroll in appropriate graduate courses at the same time.

Students with a grade of D or higher in EN 1003 will be required to continue their study of English by enrolling in a special section of EN 1103. Students who receive a grade of "F" in EN 1003 will be required to repeat the course until a grade of D is obtained.

Students who attain a grade of C or higher in EN 1103 will be considered to have developed the necessary English proficiency and therefore be exempted from additional developmental English courses. Students who receive a grade of D in EN 1103 will be required to continue their study of English by enrolling in EN 1113. Again, a special section of this course will be available for these International students. Students who receive a grade of F in EN 1103 will be required to repeat the course.

Students who receive a grade of D or better in EN 1113 will be considered to have developed the necessary proficiency in English; therefore, they will be exempted from additional English course requirements.

Students who do not attain a TOEFL score of 525 (CBSS-193) or higher are not eligible for a graduate assistantship until the language proficiency requirement is satisfied.

3. Students with a TOEFL score between 500 and 524 (CBSS 173-190) will be required to enroll on a credit basis in ESL 5120, an intensive English course especially designed for international students by the Division of Continuing Education. This course will be graded on a pass/fail basis. These students will not be allowed to register for other courses because they will be enrolled full time in English language courses, unless given special permission by the Director of Graduate Studies to take other courses.

Students who are enrolled in ESL 5120 will have completed the course when they have passed the FOCAL SKILLS listening, reading, and writing tests and are in the

immersion class for at least one semester and have attended class regularly and done satisfactory work. Such students are then ready for EN 1003, EN 1103 or EN 1113 in the English Department and their TOEFL score will not be a factor at this point.

4. Students with a TOEFL score between 475 and 499 (CBSS153-170) will be required to enroll on a credit basis in ESL 5110, an intensive English language course especially designed for international students by the Division of Continuing Education. This course will be graded on a pass/fail basis. These students will not be allowed to register for other courses because they will be enrolled full time in English courses, unless given special permission by the Director of Graduate Studies to take other courses. Students who are enrolled in ESL 5110 will have completed the course when they have passed the Focal Skills listening, reading, and writing tests and are in the immersion class for at least one semester and have attended class regularly and done satisfactory work. Such students are then ready for ESL 5120 and their TOEFL score will not be a factor at this point.

5. Students enrolled in ESL 5110 who complete the ESL program requirements on an accelerated basis will be awarded a Certificate of Completion by the Division of Continuing Education. Such students will be allowed to enroll in EN 1103 the subsequent semester. In other words, these students will be exempted from the requirement to enroll in ESL 5120 in the ESL program.

6. Students with a TOEFL score below 475 (CBSS-153) will be enrolled directly in the ESL Center on a non-credit basis. In order for such students to subsequently be considered for admission to Graduate Study, they must submit a minimum national TOEFL score of 475 (CBSS-153).

Students who submit a minimum national TOEFL score of 475 (CBSS-153) along with a Certificate of Completion from the ESL Center may be admitted on a conditional basis. Such students will be required to register for EN 1003, EN 1103, or EN 1113 (as determined by their diagnostic examination described in category 2 above). In addition to this latter English course, students may also register for graduate courses related to their degree program. Graduate students whom successfully complete this course will be considered to have attained the necessary English proficiency for continued graduate study and therefore are exempted from further developmental English courses or TOEFL testing.

7. The Director of Graduate Studies will monitor the program and certify graduate students as they fulfill their English proficiency.

8. In sum, the course requirements for international students admitted with a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of less than 550 are as follows:

| <u>Score Range</u> | <u>Requirement</u> |
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| 550 [213 CBSS]..... | Regular Admission |
| 525-549 [210-193 CBS]..... | *EN 1103, or EN 1003, or EN 1113 (Special sections of freshmen English) |
| 500-524 [190-173 CBSS]..... | ESL 5120 |
| 475-499 [170-153 CBSS]..... | ESL 5110 |
| Below 475 [153 CBSS]..... | non-credit ESL classes (International applicants in this category will not be admitted to graduate study, but may subsequently be considered for admission as described in category 6.) *Placement is determined by results of a diagnostic test administered by the English Department. |

ESL Center

The ESL Center in the Division of Continuing Education is responsible for the administration of the intensive English language courses for those individuals not admitted to Graduate Study. (All tuition and fees for full time students in the ESL Center are paid directly to the Center.)

The courses offered by the ESL Center are developed in conjunction with the Department of English so as to be coordinated with the content of EN 1003 and EN 1113. The courses are taught by professionally qualified instructors and by graduate students from the Department of English, if they are available, who are being trained for a career in teaching English as a second language. The Division of Continuing Education will provide the funding to support these professional instructor positions and Teaching Assistantships. The Department of English and the Division of Continuing Education jointly certify the instructors.

Admission

Applicants who do not attain the TOEFL score required for admission into the desired academic program, but who attain a score of 475 (CBSS-153), may be given a conditional admission into the program. When the required ESL course work is completed, the conditional status will be removed.

Students who do not attain a TOEFL of 475 (CBSS-153) will be admitted into the ESL Center where there will be full time students studying English. Upon successful completion of the intensive English language program and attainment of the minimum national TOEFL score required for admission consideration, 475 (CBSS-153), they will complete the application process for admission.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:
 Longest Student Health Center
 P. O. Box 6338
 Mississippi State, MS 39762-6338
 Phone: 662-325-2431
 Fax: 662-325-8888

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

IMMUNIZATION

FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Social Security Number _____
Last First M.I.

Address _____
Street or P.O. Box City State ZIP

Phone Number (. .) _____ Date of Birth _____

E-mail _____

All students, including transfer and graduate students, born after 1956 are required to provide proof of immunity to RUBEOLA (red measles) and RUBELLA (German measles). Immunity may be demonstrated by one of the following:

- Documentation (month, day, year) of two MMRs or two measles (Rubeola) and two Rubella vaccinations.
- Documented history (month, year) of positive measles (Rubeola) and Rubella serologic titer. (Copies of lab results must accompany this form.)
- Physician documented history (month, day, and year) of having had measles (Rubeola) and Rubella (attach office records).

PLEASE COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT BEFORE YOU COME TO CAMPUS. YOU CANNOT COMPLETE REGISTRATION UNTIL THIS REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN MET. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.

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| 1ST MMR VACCINATION* | 2ND MMR VACCINATION* |
| _____ MONTH DAY YEAR | _____ MONTH DAY YEAR |

RUBEOLA AND RUBELLA VACCINATIONS MAY BE GIVEN INSTEAD OF MMR IMMUNIZATIONS.

| VACCINE | 1ST VACCINATION | 2ND VACCINATION |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| RUBEOLA**/** (RED MEASLES) | _____ MONTH DAY YEAR | _____ MONTH DAY YEAR |
| RUBELLA**/** (GERMAN MEASLES) | _____ MONTH DAY YEAR | _____ MONTH DAY YEAR |

- In lieu of vaccinations, please provide proof of immunity by checking the appropriate box(es):
- Serologic confirmation of immunity to Rubeola (red measles). Copies of lab results must accompany form.
 - Serologic confirmation of immunity to Rubella (German measles). Copies of lab results must accompany form.
 - Had Rubeola (red measles). Attach office records.
 - Had Rubella (German measles). Attach office records.
 - Medically contraindicated because of pregnancy, allergy to vaccine, immune compromise (HIV), etc. List reasons, EDC, etc.

ALL DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN OR AUTHORIZED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICE STAMP WITH ADDRESS.

Name of Clinic _____

Address of Clinic _____

OR

Signature of Health Care Provider _____

*** Not required for females who may be pregnant.**

**** Reimmunization is necessary when:**

- Rubeola was administered before 12 months of age and/or before January 1, 1968.
- Rubella was administered before 12 months of age and/or before January 1, 1969.
- MMR vaccine was administered before 12 months of age.

If you have questions, please call the Immunization Coordinator at 662-325-0706 or e-mail health@saffairs.msstate.edu