

# MISSOURI SOUTHERN

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## STATE UNIVERSITY

### **Graduate Academic Bankruptcy Policy**

A student may petition the Graduate Academic Bankruptcy Committee to eliminate one semester of graduate work from MSSU in computing the academic record one time. Graduate Academic Bankruptcy allows one semester of recorded work to be eliminated in computing the student's grade point average.

To be eligible to petition for Graduate Academic Bankruptcy the student must document the conditions that justify the petition. Students may not apply for Graduate Academic Bankruptcy once a degree has been earned.

Graduate Academic Bankruptcy may not be used as a means of obtaining academic honors or athletic eligibility.

Students may not apply for Graduate Academic Bankruptcy to avoid academic probation or suspension.

Graduate Academic Bankruptcy cannot be applied to transfer courses. The student should contact the institution where courses were taken and ask about their policy. If grades are subsequently bankrupted at that institution a new transcript should be sent to MSSU indicating the change.

It is typically not recommended to bankrupt courses required for your program since these courses must be completed to qualify for graduation. In some cases, repeating a course may be a better option. Please review the Graduate Repetition of Courses policy to see if it better fits your needs.

#### *Graduate Academic Bankruptcy Procedure*

The Academic Bankruptcy Committee will be made up of a representative from the registrar's office, the Graduate Director, and a representative from the Graduate Council. The Graduate Council representative will be determined at the first meeting of the academic year and will serve a one-year term. When a Bankruptcy Form is submitted, the Registrar's Office will reach out to the Graduate Director to set up a meeting to review the submission. The committee's decision will be sent to the Registrar's Office, who will notify the student of the outcome.