

## Lion Language

**ACADEMIC BANKRUPTCY:** A student may petition the Academic Policies Committee that one semester of his/her academic work be disregarded in computing the academic record. To be eligible, a student must be currently enrolled, in good standing and document conditions justifying the petition. The petition is initiated at the Registrar's Office.

**ACADEMIC PETITION:** A procedure to request exemption from certain college policies and regulations. An example would be the converting of Continuing Education credit into regular college credit, such as waiving the Kinesiology 101 because of appropriate military service. Petitions must be signed by appropriate college personnel.

**ACADEMIC PROBATION:** Students falling below the minimum standards of progress will be placed on probation.

**Advising, Counseling & Testing Services (ACTS):** Located in Suites 114 and 115 Hearn Hall, and includes advising, career and personal counseling, plus testing and academic skill development.

**ADVISOR:** Faculty or Staff Professional assigned to help students plan their class schedules and career or academic goals.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:** An organization of graduates or former students of MSSU who support the school through contributions and continuing involvement.

**AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST (ACT):** An achievement test measuring English, math, reading and science reasoning, that is used by MSSU for admission and placement purposes.

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE:** Completion of a minimum of 64 approved hours with a minimum grade point average 2.0. The final 15 hours must be earned at MSSU.

**BACCALAUREATE DEGREE:** Completion of 124 approved credit hours with a minimum grade point average of 2.0. Thirty of the final 36 hours must be earned at MSSU. The Bachelor of Science in Education requires a 2.75 GPA overall and in the major.

**BILLINGSLY STUDENT CENTER:** Serves the total campus with a snack bar, bookstore, lounge areas, Student Senate Office, six conference rooms, a deluxe dining area, Student Services Offices, Career Services, the Campus Activities Board Office and two large ballrooms.

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**BLACKBOARD:** An on-line learning site for web based education or classroom enhancement.

**CAREER SERVICES:** Includes services relating to career information, area job opportunities, maintaining and mailing of credentials, on-campus interviews and finding employment.

**CATALOG:** The MSSU Catalog is the official document describing the courses offered, listing the requirements for graduation in all curricula and presenting all important policies and regulations agreed upon by the college community. Addendums may be added to it before its expiration date.

**CHART:** The campus newspaper published by MSSU students once weekly during the fall and spring semesters.

**CLEP:** College Level Examination Program is an advanced standing examination available for students possessing proficiency in a certain area. Successful completion results in academic credit recorded on the transcript. See the Testing Coordinator in 114 Hearnese for more information.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION HOUR:** Similar in time to the regular credit hour. Some Continuing Education credit hours may be transferred to regular credit hours through academic petition with approval of the advisor and appropriate dean.

**CREDIT HOUR:** A one hour credit course is one that meets for one hour (50 minutes) per week for one semester. A three credit hour course meets for three hours per week, etc.

**CROSSROADS:** The college's magazine, published by the MSSU alumni office.

**CUM LAUDE:** Honor awarded those students graduating with a baccalaureate degree and a 3.7 to 3.79 grade point average.

**DEAN'S HONOR ROLL:** To be placed in the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must be an undergraduate in regular standing and earn a minimum of 3.75 out of a possible 4.0 grade points on twelve or more semester hours during the fall and/or spring semester.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:** Office located in the Security Building in front of the maintenance barn (Physical Plant). It is concerned with the safety of the campus environment and has responsibility for parking and traffic safety. Identification cards are also made at this location.

**First Year Experience (FYE):** MSSU's First-Year Experience Program was established to help first-year students at MSSU, make a smooth and successful transition into the academic and personal challenges of the university experience.

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**FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA):** All students applying for financial aid must file this packet. (PLEASE NOTE: a student may qualify for financial aid based on NEED, but may not qualify to actually RECEIVE THE MONEY unless he is accepted by the college as a REGULAR STUDENT.) Applicants may apply for financial assistance while in the process of completion of admission requirements, including approved ACT scores. For current information, consult the Financial Aid Office, Hearnese Hall.

**FOREIGN STUDENT ADVISOR:** Counsels with and advises the international student population—located in Webster Hall 337D, Stephanie Goad.

**FULL TIME STUDENT:** Enrolled in 12 or more credit hours during the fall and spring semesters and 6 hours or more during the summer term.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:** A program of courses geared toward development of the whole person as an individual and as a member of society.

**GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA):** Measure of academic progress.

**GRANT:** A form of financial assistance based on the eligibility report of the FAFSA or Free Application for Federal Student Aid. A grant is not repaid.

**INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA CENTER:** Houses the audio-visual aids and kits available for faculty and student use. It is located on the top floor of Spiva Library.

**LOAN:** Financial assistance to be repaid upon completion of academic work. See Financial Aid Office, 114 Hearnese Hall.

**LIONET:** Student's personal portal where you can access and check all personal information presented to the school, print unofficial transcripts, access to their email system, Blackboard, fee statement, grades, be able to web enroll, view class schedule, financial aid information, create and personalize a planner, be able to introduce their own links with their favorite web sites, etc. They can access Lionet from the Missouri Southern homepage.

**LIONET ID & Pin #:** This is an ID given to the student by the Information Services department for use as their ID rather than their Social Security Number. They will use this ID which starts with an "S" followed by eight numbers to access their Lionet portal, computer access in the computer labs, and anywhere you are asked for their MSSU ID.

**LION'S DEN:** Food Court located on the second floor of Billingsly Student Center.

**MAGNA CUM LAUDE:** Honor awarded those students graduating with a baccalaureate degree and a 3.8 to 3.9 grade point average.

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**MASCOTS:** The lion and the lioness.

**MAXIMUM CREDIT HOUR LOAD:** To enroll in more than 18 credit hours in the fall/spring, or more than 9 hours in the summer, a student must obtain prior written permission from the dean of his school. Music majors may take 20 hours without permission.

**MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY Email System:** Their MSSU email address is the address given them by the Information Service department. It is typically Lastname-firstinitial+three numbers generated by the IT department @mymail.mssu.edu. Eg. Holly Binds email address may be binds-h200@mymail.mssu.edu

**MISSOURI SOUTHERN FOUNDATION:** A board of directors created in 1967 to administer gifts to the college.

**MISSOURI INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION:** State athletic conference to which MSSU holds membership.

**MISSOURI COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NCAA Division II):** National Collegiate Athletic Association to which MSSU has belonged since 1988.

**PART-TIME STUDENT:** Students enrolled in less than 12 credit hours for the fall or spring semester.

**PELL GRANT:** This grant is the foundation for all financial aid packages. See the Financial Aid Office.

**PREREQUISITES:** These courses are required before taking more advanced courses. The catalog description of a course lists prerequisites, if any.

**REGISTRAR:** College or university official responsible for registering students, maintaining their records, etc. (Located in Hearnest Hall room 100).

**REGISTRATION:** Enrolling in classes after fulfillment of admissions requirements.

**REPETITION OF COURSES:** A course in which a student has made a grade of less than "A" may be repeated, as long as it is the SAME course and not one similar to it. The grade and the grade points of the first class will be canceled and those of the second will be used in computing the GPA.

**SAFE SPRING BREAK:** A week of activities scheduled in mid-spring, the week before Spring Break that is open to all students and staff.

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**SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS:** Maintaining a 2.0 grade point average. If a student falls below this average, in order to make satisfactory progress, he must progress according to the timetable in the catalog for making up this deficiency. This is currently listed on page 47.

**SCHEDULE BOOK:** Book that lists all the classes and the times being offered for a given semester.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** A specific gift of money or other aid, donated by patrons and supporters to help a student continue his or her studies.

**SCHOOL COLORS:** Green and Gold.

**SPRING BREAK:** A week vacation in the middle of the spring semester.

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT:** Exists in three categories: A) student help based on campus operational needs, B) work-study based on financial need and C) off-campus, all students. See Student Employment office, Hearnese Hall 117.

**STUDENT HEALTH CENTER:** Health center located in Kuhn Hall. A full-time nurse practitioner is on duty and medical doctors from the community provide services at stated hours.

**STUDENT INSURANCE:** A voluntary accident and insurance plan for MSSU students. Information is available in Student Services, BSC 211.

**STUDENT NUMBER:** A computer generated number specially created for each student used for identification.

**STUDENT SERVICES:** Programs designed to compliment and to extend the learning experiences offered in the classroom. This includes offices for health services, student activities, housing, food services, Campus Recreation and Wellness.

**SUMMA CUM LAUDE:** An honor awarded to students graduating with a baccalaureate degree and a minimum grade point average of 3.90.

**SUSPENSION AND REINSTATEMENT:** A student failing to meet the minimum standard of progress (as indicated in Satisfactory Academic Progress) during the probationary semester will be suspended from MSSU for one semester. Students who have completed their semester of suspension must reapply for admission through the office of the Registrar.

**TRANSCRIPT:** Official record of student academic work bearing the Registrar's signature and the college seal. Each student is entitled to unlimited free transcripts.

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**UPPER DIVISION HOURS:** Junior/senior level courses with numbers 300-499.

**WINGED LION:** Bi-yearly literary publication inviting campus-wide student contributions.

**WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL CLASSES OR COLLEGE:** Procedure initiated in the Financial Aid office, 114 Hearnese Hall.

**WITHDRAWAL FROM A CLASS OR DROPPING A CLASS:** Procedure initiated in the Registrar's Office, 100 Hearnese Hall, as long as the student continues to be enrolled in at least one other class.