

## MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY POLICY

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Name of Policy:	Alternative Credits Policy				
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### 1.0 PURPOSE

Provide general guidelines for awarding alternative credits.

### 2.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all University students, and all such parties are expected to abide by the procedural guidelines outlined herein.

### 3.0 POLICY

MSSU accepts different types of Alternative credits. Students may earn a total of 48 credit hours through alternative credit options (Dual Credit, Retro Credit, and Pathways to Healthcare credits excluded).

Externally earned alternative credits will be articulated or applied to a student's transcript only if they are to be applied towards earned credentials at MSSU just prior to the beginning of the start of the effective admitted term, or if courses are to satisfy prerequisites for classes.

Credits may be awarded as transfer credits on a transcript or applied to a degree audit directly to meet specific degree requirements.

Refer to the link in **Related Documents** for Alternative Credit types for additional specific processes and course equivalencies.

### 4.0 HISTORY

This policy may be revised, edited, changed or removed at any time with or without notice to applicable individuals.

First published in 1985-1987 catalog under the heading Placement, Exam, Credits.

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## **5.0 RELATED DOCUMENTS**

<https://www.mssu.edu/student-affairs/registrar/alternative-credits.php>

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