

Missouri Southern State University

Petition for Academic Bankruptcy

Include a copy of your LioNet transcript with this form.

Name _____ S ID. No. _____

University E-Mail Address (notification of outcome will be sent to your e-mail) _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Major _____ Advisor _____

Which semester are you petitioning for bankruptcy? _____

Reason: (Be explicit, attach documentation if possible)

What changes have occurred assuring your improved academic progress?

Student Signature _____ Date _____

ACADEMIC BANKRUPTCY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- () Approved
- () Not Approved

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Academic Bankruptcy Policy

A student may petition the Academic Bankruptcy Committee to eliminate one semester of academic work from MSSU in computing the academic record. Academic Bankruptcy will not remove grades from the student's permanent record. It simply allows one semester of recorded work to be eliminated in computing the student's grade point average.

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

Academic Bankruptcy can never be used as a means of obtaining academic honors or athletic eligibility.

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

Academic Bankruptcy can not 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 general education courses or courses required for your major since these courses must be completed to qualify for graduation. In some cases, repeating a course may be a better option. Please review the Repetition of Courses policy to see if it better fits your needs.

Academic Bankruptcy is not permitted for IEP.

Repetition of Courses

Students may repeat courses in which grades 'F, D, C, or B' have been earned (prior to an awarded degree). When a course is repeated, the first grade will not be removed from the record, but the latest grade will be used when computing grade point averages.

Petitions for Academic Bankruptcy are initiated at the Registrar's Office and may be submitted at any time. The committee will meet to consider petitions periodically throughout the year.