

Academic Regulations

Academic Advising

Each student is assigned to the academic department or school which corresponds to his or her major area of study. A student with an undeclared major must seek advising in the Academic Support Center. The head of the department or school will in turn assign a faculty advisor to the student. The faculty advisor will assist the student in determining and carrying out an academic program which will meet the student's educational aims and goals. Professional academic advisors are available in each college to assist students. Students required to enroll in a course or courses in Academic Enrichment will also be assigned an advisor in the Academic Support Center.

Faculty advisors post a schedule of office hours, and each student should feel free to call on his or her advisor or any faculty member or professional advisor at any time assistance or discussion is appropriate.

Some programs require an academic advisor's permission for selection of classes. Any student with an undeclared major is required to obtain advising from the Academic Support Center before course selection is permitted. Each student is strongly encouraged to meet with his/her advisor prior to course selection to review progress toward graduation. All new freshmen and new transfer students are required to complete advising before initial registration will be permitted.

Academic Disciplinary Procedures

The administration of academic discipline is a function of the head of the department concerned and the assistant dean for Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services and is conducted by means of a due process procedure. Cases of alleged cheating and unethical conduct should be reported to the department head and the assistant dean for Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services. Each case of alleged misconduct will be investigated by means of due process. If further action is desired, those concerned will be given an opportunity to refute the charges. After giving the student notice of the allegations and an opportunity to explain his or her actions, the instructor may assign an "F" for the exercise, examination, or course.

Academic Fresh Start

Any person who has not been enrolled in a college or university for a period of four years and who, upon reenrolling, satisfactorily completes 40 hours of classwork, may petition to have grades on **all** prior coursework disregarded in calculating his/her cumulative grade point average. A written request and transcript should be sent to the dean of the college in which the student is pursuing a major. If the request is granted, the earlier courses will not count toward requirements for graduation or professional licensure but will appear on the student's transcript with appropriate notation.

Academic Year

The regular academic year is divided into two terms, Fall and Spring. There is also the Summer term which is divided into parts of term: 1–Full Term, beginning in May, is approximately 13 weeks; S1–May, beginning in May, is approximately three weeks; S2–June and S3–July, beginning in June and July respectively, are approximately five weeks in length; S4–June/July, beginning in June, is approximately ten weeks; R–RODP for the Regents Online Degree Program, beginning in June, is approximately ten weeks. Additional parts of term may be scheduled to accommodate the special needs of certain courses. An applicant may be admitted to any of these divisions.

Accounts

No student will be issued a diploma, certificate of credit, or transcript of his/her record until all debts or obligations owed to the University have been satisfied.

Cancellation of Scheduled Classes

No scheduled class may be discontinued without the approval of the dean of the college concerned. The right is reserved to cancel any class when the number of students enrolled is deemed insufficient. A minimum of 15 for lower-division and of 10 for upper-division and 5000-level graduate classes is required. The minimums for 6000- and 7000-level classes are eight and four, respectively. Regents Online Degree Program (RODP) classes are cancelled at the discretion of the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR).

Change of Major

A student who desires to change his or her major should access the Change of Major/Program form online at www.mtsu.edu/records. The new major code will be entered into the student's computer record for the current term of any enrolled student. It is recommended that students discuss any changes with an academic advisor first to ensure the change meets their needs and career goals. Any student receiving veterans benefits who changes his or her major must notify the Veterans Affairs coordinator located in the Records Office.

Class Attendance

Students are expected to attend each class for which they are registered except in cases of unavoidable circumstances and should not attend classes for which they are not officially registered.

Class attendance will be monitored during the term even though some faculty may not check attendance in a conventional manner. Attendance in classroom courses or participation in distance learning courses is expected, and absence or

nonparticipation is recorded and will have an effect on receipt or repayment of financial aid and/or scholarships. Students who are reported for nonattendance will be assigned a grade of F to appear on their transcripts, and nonattendance will be reported to appropriate agencies.

Exceptions are made for University-sanctioned activities. Students shall not be penalized for such absences. Students anticipating participation in University functions which will take them out of classes should discuss these absences with their instructors at the earliest convenient time.

The fact that a student may be absent from a class does not in any way relieve that student of the responsibility for the work covered or assigned during the absence. It is the responsibility of faculty members to excuse or refuse to excuse absences of students who miss their classes. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain excuses for absences and to arrange with the faculty member in question to make up the work missed. Absences begin with the first date the student is enrolled in class.

If emergency circumstances prevent contacting the professor or department, the student may contact the coordinator of University Withdrawals in the Withdrawal Office, CAB 205, who will notify the instructor(s). The phone number for that office is (615) 898-2080. Only the instructor of the class concerned can excuse an absence.

MTSU does not usually close because of inclement weather, but students will be allowed to use their own discretion when snow and icy conditions exist; they will be given the opportunity to make up the missed classes should they decide not to attend. To determine if classes are cancelled, students should listen to area radio and television stations, access the News and Public Affairs home page at www.mtsu.edu/~proffice, or call the news line at (615) 904-8215.

Any student who is absent from a state college or university during any school term or portion thereof in excess of thirty (30) days due to active military service shall be entitled to withdraw and receive a tuition credit in the form of credit hours for each credit hour paid by, or on behalf of, such student, or a refund for any payments made. Credit shall be given only if the reserve or National Guard student did not receive a final grade in the course for which tuition credit is sought.

Classification of Students

No student may be classified as a sophomore until after earning at least 30 semester hours.

No student may be classified as a junior until after earning at least 60 hours.

No student may be classified as a senior until after earning at least 90 hours.

Correspondence Credit

Correspondence courses taken at MTSU carry regular degree credit. Students can obtain a current listing of MTSU corre-

spondence courses by accessing the Look Up Courses link via PipelineMT or by calling the Correspondence Office at MTSU at (615) 898-5332.

Correspondence courses taken at other schools are accepted under the regulations governing acceptance of transfer credit (see page 27) and are subject to the following regulation: ENGL 1010 and 1020 and courses with a laboratory component must not be taken by correspondence except by the permission of the chair of the department and the dean of the college in which the course is offered.

Course Numbers

Courses numbered 0700–0799 are basic; 0800–0999 are developmental; 1000–1999 are on the first year or freshman level; 2000–2999 on the second year or sophomore level; 3000–3999 on the third year or junior level; 4000–4999 on the fourth year or senior level; 5000 and above on the graduate level. Course numbers defined as basic or developmental are not acceptable as degree credit work.

Course Substitution

Course substitutions are needed when a course does not fulfill a degree requirement; however, it is determined in consultation with an advisor that the course would be an appropriate replacement. The course substitution form requires approval by the advisor, chair, and dean of the student's major or minor program depending on what requirement is being substituted. Corrections for transfer courses that are not appropriately equated may also be marked on the course substitution form.

Dean's List

Dean's List designations are made each semester and are based on full-time undergraduate degree credit enrollment. Developmental courses do not count in determining GPA or full-time status for Dean's List purposes. Students whose GPAs for the current semester are 3.50 or greater are placed on the Dean's List. Courses graded on a pass/fail basis will count as GPA hours in calculating full-time status for determination of Dean's List designation. The grade of P will not count as GPA hours for determination of grade point average.

Double (or Second) Major

A student may elect to obtain a double or second major for graduation by meeting the following requirements:

1. Satisfy general requirements as prescribed by the University and the specific requirements set forth by each major and for the degree sought.
2. Two properly approved upper-division forms must be filed, one for each major.

NOTE: One upper-division form is acceptable provided both majors are clearly identified on the form.

3. In the case of a major requiring two minors, the second major may count toward fulfillment of one minor provided

it meets the requirements of the particular degree. In the case of a B.A. degree which requires only one minor, the second major may count as the required minor.

4. The degree sought must be compatible with both majors; that is, a student with a major appropriate for the B.S. degree may not choose a second major that is not offered under the B.S. degree. As an example, a student pursuing a B.S. degree with a major in Mathematics may not opt for a second major in History which is not offered under the B.S. degree.

Dropping or Adding Courses

Tennessee Board of Regents policy prohibits students from dropping courses in the Academic Enrichment Program. Under extenuating circumstances a course may be dropped with the approval of the director of Academic Enrichment.

NOTE: Student-athletes must obtain permission from the Student-Athlete Enhancement Center and international students must obtain permission from the International Admissions Office before processing drop/add forms in the Scheduling Center.

The procedures and deadlines to drop and add a class are listed online. A student who stops attending a class but does not officially drop the class will be assigned a grade of F which will be recorded on the student's permanent record.

Students wishing to drop all courses, i.e., withdraw from the University, should consult the coordinator of University Withdrawals and see the section "Withdrawals from the University" on page 58.

Dual Degree

A student may elect to obtain a dual degree for graduation by meeting the following requirements:

1. Satisfy general requirements as prescribed by the University and the specific requirements set forth by each major and for the degree sought.
2. Two (2) properly approved upper-division forms must be filed, one for each major.
3. In the case of a major requiring two minors, the second major may count toward fulfillment of one minor provided it meets the requirements of the particular degree. In the case of a B.A. degree which requires only one minor, the second major may count as the required minor.
4. The degrees sought must be different degree types (for example, B.A. and B.S.).

Enrollment Verification

The following schedule of hours attempted will be used to determine the enrollment status requested by undergraduate students: Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters: full-time - 12 semester hours and one-half time - 6 hours. In Fall and Spring terms, enrollment certifications are official beginning the fifth day of the term. MTSU has authorized the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) to provide enrollment and degree verifications. NSC may be contacted at

National Student Clearinghouse
13454 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 300
Herndon, VA 20171-3280
Web: www.studentclearinghouse.org or degreeverify.com
E-mail: service@studentclearinghouse.org
Phone: (703) 742-4200
Fax: (703) 742-4239

Students may print their own enrollment verification by accessing RaiderNet via PipelineMT. Preliminary verification can also be accessed prior to the fifth day of class.

Evening Classes

Many classes are scheduled on the campus in the evenings and on Saturdays. The Evening School Office functions as a part of the College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning to assist students who wish to take classes at such times.

Grade Point Average

The following quality point system is used in determining the grade point average (GPA):

For each credit hour of A:	4 quality points
For each credit hour of B+:	3.33 quality points
For each credit hour of B:	3 quality points
For each credit hour of B-:	2.67 quality points
For each credit hour of C+:	2.33 quality points
For each credit hour of C:	2 quality points
For each credit hour of C-:	1.67 quality points
For each credit hour of D+:	1.33 quality points
For each credit hour of D:	1 quality point
For each credit hour of D-:	0.67 quality points
For each credit hour of F:	0 quality points

The scholastic standing of a student is expressed in terms of quality point ratio which is calculated by dividing the total number of quality points by the total number of GPA hours. Following is an example:

Course	Hours	Grade	Points
ENGL 1010	3	C (2.0)	6
BIOL 1030/1031	4	B (3.0)	12
ART 1030	3	B (3.0)	9
SOC 1010	3	B (3.0)	9
MUS 1030	3	F (0.0)	0
	16		36

To get the quality points listed in the last column, the credit hours (column 2) are multiplied by the point value of the grade earned (column 3); then the 36 is divided by 16 for a GPA of 2.25.

The GPA is rounded and truncated after the thousands position, and no further rounding up or down of the GPA is done in determining eligibility for retention, graduation, honors, dean's list designation, or taking an overload.

The section on Repeated Courses explains the computation of the GPA for students who repeat courses. The grade of F counts as GPA hours with zero quality points earned; P grades carry hours earned but no quality points or GPA hours.

Grades—Appeal of Course Grades

Appeals should be considered only in cases in which unethical or unprofessional actions and/or inequities are alleged.

Level One

1. Student appeals concerning a course grade should be resolved by conference between the student and the faculty member who assigned the grade. The appeal must occur within forty (40) days of the graduation date for each term.
2. In the event of an impasse between the student and the faculty member, a student with an appeal of a grade shall discuss it with the department chair within ten (10) days of the conference with the involved faculty member. The department chair shall investigate the circumstances, record his/her findings, and send a copy to the student and the faculty member within ten (10) days of the notification of impasse. Although the department chair does not have the power to change the grade, he/she will make a recommendation concerning the appeal. These findings will become a part of the appeals record.

Level Two

1. If the student is not satisfied, he/she may, within fifteen (15) days following receipt of the department chair's recommendation, refer the appeal plus all relevant data including stated reasons why he/she believes the appeal has thus far not been satisfied. The vice provost for Academic Affairs shall select a college committee to hear the appeal and transmit the appeal documents to the committee chair or to the office of the dean of the college which houses the selected appeals committee.
2. The committee hearing the appeal will receive documents and testimony regarding the circumstances, will record its findings, and shall render a decision. Notification of the committee's decision will be made to the student, faculty member, department chair, college dean, vice provost for Academic Affairs, and the director of Records.
3. The decision of the committee hearing the appeal will be final concerning the grade in question.

NOTE: In cases where the department chair is the person against whom the complaint is lodged, then the dean in whose college the department is located shall assume the duties of the chair in the investigation and decision making.

Miscellaneous

1. The number of days indicated at each level above shall be considered the maximum, but every effort should be made to expedite the process.
2. The failure of the student to proceed from one level of the appeal procedure to the next level within the prescribed time limits shall be deemed to be an acceptance of the recommendations and/or decision previously rendered. All further considerations and proceedings regarding that particular appeal shall cease at that point.
3. A grade appeal may be withdrawn at any level without prejudice.
4. All appeal proceedings shall be kept as confidential as may be appropriate at each level.
5. A grade appeals committee shall have reasonable access to all official records for information necessary to the determination of a recommendation.

Graduate Courses, Permission to Enroll in

Seniors at MTSU with 98 semester hours of credit may be allowed to take up to 12 semester hours of graduate coursework. Approval is required by the undergraduate advisor and by the dean of the College of Graduate Studies. **Graduate coursework may not be used to meet the requirements for an undergraduate degree.** Applicants for this status must complete the Application for MTSU Undergraduate Students to Take Graduate Work which is available at the College of Graduate Studies.

NOTE: The Jennings A. Jones College of Business does not have a Half-and-Half program.

Graduation

Graduation is conducted at the close of the Fall, Spring, and Summer terms. Murphy Center is the site of this important occasion. Students who plan to graduate should complete an Intent to Graduate form **during priority registration when two semesters are remaining for graduation.** This form is available in the Records Office, Cope Administration Building 102, and online at www.mtsu.edu/~records/intentform.pdf.

All students must complete the general requirements as prescribed by the University and the specific requirements set forth for the degree sought. A minimum of 120 hours is required for most programs, with at least two semesters in which a minimum of 30 semester hours is earned in residence during the junior and senior year. The final semester must be in residence unless permission is granted by the dean of the college in which the student is pursuing a major.

A student must have a 2.00 GPA overall and a 2.00 average in the major and in 42 hours of upper-division credit to graduate. Some departments require a 2.00 GPA in the minor. No more than 25 percent of the credits for nonbusiness degrees may be in courses commonly found in a school or college of business nor can more than one business minor be completed. No student will be issued a diploma, certificate of credit, or transcript of his/her record until all debts or obligations owed to the University have been satisfied. All requirements for a degree must be met by the time of graduation. This includes incomplete grades and transfer credit from other colleges.

Applicable Catalog—Students may elect to meet the requirements of any one catalog published while they are in attendance at any Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) school provided graduation is within seven years of the first academic term covered by the catalog elected.

Graduation with Honors—Undergraduates

Recognition of honors at the graduation ceremony will be made for those students obtaining the required grade point average by the beginning of their final semester.

Cum Laude: 3.500–3.749

Magna Cum Laude: 3.750–3.899

Summa Cum Laude: 3.900–4.000

Notation of graduation with honors is entered on the diploma and the transcript and is based on the cumulative grade point average on all degree credit courses. Grade point average is rounded and then truncated after the thousandth position.

Identification Card

Students are required to carry a permanent ID card with a magnetic strip on the back. A student ID card will be made for each new freshman and transfer student during his/her first registration process. The card is required to receive a variety of services on campus including cashing checks, admission to athletic and special events, entrance to computer labs and the Recreation Center, entrance to residence halls, services from Health Services, checking out library materials, obtaining meals, and using RAIDER FUND\$. If any student loses his/her ID card, a replacement fee of \$10 is charged for each card. The \$10 fee must be paid at the campus ID station.

Lottery (Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship) GPA

Calculation of the GPA for receipt of the scholarship does not include credits earned prior to high school graduation and is subject to the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship course repeat policy.

Lower and Upper Division

Courses numbered 1000 and 2000 are on the lower-division level. Courses numbered 3000 and 4000 are on the upper-division level.

Marking System—Grades

Following is a description of the criteria used in assigning letter grades:

- A—work of distinctly superior quality and quantity accompanied by unusual evidence of achievement
- B—work of good quality and quantity accompanied by evidence of achievement beyond the essentials of a course
- C—work demonstrating fulfillment of the essentials of a course
- D—passing work, but below the standards of graduation quality
- F—failure, necessitating repetition of the course to obtain credit
- N—no credit, nonpunitive (assigned only in certain courses)
- P—passing (assigned only in certain courses)
- I—incomplete (not used in calculating grade point average)
- W—assigned in courses which are dropped during a specified period of time within a term. Students should consult online for specific dates each term.
- NC—no credit (audit)

Plus/minus grading for undergraduate courses became effective Fall 2000. Grades which may be assigned are

- A
- B+, B, B-
- C+, C, C-
- D+, D, D-
- F

Plus/minus grades will be posted for students who transfer to MTSU Fall 2000 or after. Plus/minus grading for students enrolled at MTSU prior to Fall 2000 will not be retroactive to any term prior to Fall 2000. Reenrollment students will not be eligible to have courses reevaluated if courses taken at a previous transfer institution prior to Fall 2000 were graded on a plus/minus system.

The N grade is given only in those courses with prior approval to use N grading. The grade of N will be awarded only once per unique course to students who complete the first attempt of the course but fail to meet minimum (C level) standards. In subsequent attempts the student will be assigned a grade of F if minimum standards for the course are not met. Examples of courses which use the N grade are ENGL 1009, 1010, 1020; READ 1000; and DSPR/DSPW 0700.

The P grade is given only in those courses with prior approval to use pass/fail grading. Courses may be taught on a pass/fail basis only after the approval of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. Catalog course descriptions include information indicating which courses are approved for pass/fail grading.

No more than fifteen semester hours in pass/fail coursework may be attempted by any student during any one semester. No more than one-half of the degree requirements may be obtained through credit-by-examination, credit for military service-related experience, flight training, and courses in which nontraditional grading such as pass/fail is used. More information can be found under the general requirements for the baccalaureate degrees elsewhere in this catalog.

The grade I indicates that the student has not completed all course requirements because of illness or other uncontrollable circumstances, especially those which may occur toward the close of the term. Mere failure to make up work or turn in required work on time does not provide a basis for the grade of I unless the extenuating circumstances noted above are present for reasons acceptable to the instructor. When a student fails to appear for the final examination without known cause, the grade to be reported should be determined as follows: If the student has done satisfactory work to that point, the grade I may be reported on the assumption that the student is ill or will otherwise present sufficient reason for official excuse; if the student has attended irregularly and has not done satisfactory work to that point, the grade F should be reported.

The incomplete must be removed during the succeeding semester, excluding summer. Otherwise, the grade of F is entered. **A student should not make up the incomplete by registering and paying again for the same course.** The I grade carries no value until converted to a final grade.

Misrepresentation of Academic Credentials

It is a Class A misdemeanor to misrepresent academic credentials. A person commits the offense of misrepresentation of academic credentials who, knowing that the statement is false and with the intent to secure employment at or admission to an institution of higher education in Tennessee, represents, orally or in writing that such person

1. has successfully completed the required course work for and has been awarded one (1) or more degrees or diplomas from an accredited institution of higher education;
2. has successfully completed the required course work for and has been awarded one (1) or more degrees for diplomas from a particular institution of higher education; or
3. has successfully completed the required course work for and has been awarded one (1) or more degrees or diplomas in a particular field or specialty from an accredited institution of higher education.

Repeated Courses

Students may repeat courses for the purpose of raising their grade point averages subject to the following:

1. No course should be attempted more than twice (i.e., repeated more than once) except upon the advice of the faculty advisor. The first time a course is taken is the first attempt; it is not a repeat until taken again. If a student repeats a course more than once, the hours will be added to the total GPA hours and therefore will be included in figuring the cumulative grade point average. For example

first attempt of ENGL 1010:

F = 0 GPA hours, 0 hours earned;

first repeat of ENGL 1010:

F = 3 GPA hours, 0 hours earned;

second repeat of ENGL 1010:

C = 6 GPA hours, 3 hours earned.

An example of a successful repeat:

first attempt of ENGL 1010:

F = 0 GPA hours, 0 hours earned;

first repeat of ENGL 1010:

C = 3 GPA hours, 3 hours earned.

In other words, if a student **repeats** a course **once** and **improves** the grade, the effect on the cumulative hours taken is the same as if the course were successfully completed on the first attempt. However, if a student takes a course multiple times, each repeat increases the cumulative GPA hours; taking the same three-semester-hour course five times, for example, is one attempt and four repeats and therefore is 12 GPA hours;

2. The last grade earned will stand even if the last grade received is an F and the student has previously received a grade higher than an F. The previous passing grade will not calculate in hours earned. All repeated courses remain on the student's transcript with repeat notation.
3. Veterans receiving educational assistance benefits may not repeat courses previously passed and receive veterans financial assistance for such unless a minimum grade is required in the program.

4. Students may not repeat a course in which they have previously earned the grade of A or B or P without approval from the department which houses the course.
5. Students may not repeat a course in which they have previously received the grade of I (incomplete). Students must make arrangements with the instructor who assigned the incomplete to finish the course during the succeeding semester, excluding summer.
6. **Students may use either ENGL 2020 or ENGL 2030 or HUM 2610 interchangeably for purposes of repeating a course.**
7. This repeat policy took effect in Fall 1981. All courses attempted since then are subject to this policy. Courses attempted prior to Fall 1981 are subject to the previous repeat policy.
8. Students who receive the Lottery Scholarship are subject to course repeat policies of the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship regulation rules. Contact the Financial Aid Office for specific rules.

Retention Standards—Suspension of Students

The minimum cumulative quality point average required to achieve the baccalaureate degree is 2.00 on all degree credit courses.

A student not meeting one of the following standards during any term will be placed on academic probation for the subsequent term and will be sent an e-mail notification at his/her MTSU e-mail address:

1. attain a 2.00 GPA for current term, **OR**
2. meet one of the following retention standards:

00-29.99 GPA hours	1.50
30-49.99 GPA hours	1.80
50 or more GPA hours	2.00

A student on academic probation who does not meet **either** the current term GPA **or** cumulative GPA in the above standards during the next term in which enrolled will be suspended. This includes reenrollment and transfer students admitted on probation or who have been previously suspended from another school. (See reenrollment policy on page 28.) Students previously suspended are not eligible for probationary status.

Any student who lacks prescribed courses and attends another Tennessee Board of Regents school while on suspension from MTSU must enroll for those prescribed/developmental courses while attending the other school, if available.

International students attending MTSU on student or exchange visas may not be readmitted after their second suspension even though the normal suspension period is over. According to the terms of their eligibility forms (I-20 or DS-2019), international students are expected to do satisfactory academic work and maintain a full course of study at MTSU. Failure to do this invalidates their student status, and Immigration Service will be notified. International students who are suspended may appeal to the Academic Appeals Committee for reinstatement if they feel that their poor academic performance was due to circumstances beyond their control.

Appeal of Academic Suspension—Academic appeals for undergraduate students will be reviewed by an academic appeals committee and consideration will be given for readmission if the student presents adequate evidence of ability, maturity, and motivation. Conditions for readmission that this committee might impose could be limiting the student's hours to 8 or 14 for the semester and/or requiring that the student meet with the college advisor. **This committee's decision is final and only applies to the semester for which the student appealed.** Readmission by the academic appeals committee does not imply reinstatement of financial aid, if applicable, and should not be confused with the financial aid appeal as there are two different procedures.

Academic appeal forms for undergraduates are available in the Records Office, Cope Administration Building or via the Web at www.mtsu.edu/~records. There is a filing deadline for appeals prior to the beginning of classes each semester. Students should contact personnel in the Records Office for the deadline date applicable to each semester or access the Records Office home page.

It is the student's responsibility to be aware of grades and academic standing. An e-mail is sent to the student's MTSU e-mail address if placed on suspension; however, sometimes there is insufficient time between grading and the academic appeals deadline. Students should always check their academic standing on RaiderNet after all grades are posted and the GPA is calculated each semester.

Semester Hour Load of Student

Students should determine their semester course loads after careful consideration of time commitment outside the classroom. Students who work a significant number of hours per week should consider attempting fewer hours each semester. One's own time commitments, work and study habits, and other considerations should be reviewed with the academic advisor prior to the selection of courses.

Fifteen or sixteen semester hours of credit is the "normal" Fall or Spring load for students who wish to graduate in four years. Eighteen semester hours (excluding courses for audit) is the maximum load for a student during any semester while enrolled only at MTSU or concurrently at another institution.

1. Students with a 3.50 average on all college work attempted may be permitted to take up to 21 semester hours in a semester.
2. Students with a 3.00 average may be permitted to take a maximum of 19 hours in a semester provided one hour is Military Science, Physical Education activity, or CSCI 1000.
3. Graduating seniors may be permitted to take an overload with the limits above during the last semester in residence to graduate.

Following are the maximum number of semester hours in which an undergraduate student may enroll during parts of term within a Summer term:

1–Full Term–18 hours	S3–July–8 hours
S1–May–4 hours	S4–June/July–8 hours
S2–June–8 hours	R–RODP–18 hours
All Parts of Term–combined total of 18 hours	

Students who wish to enroll for credit hours in excess of these limitations must obtain permission at least two weeks

prior to registering for classes from the academic advisor and the dean of the college in which that student is pursuing a major. Students who have not declared a major must obtain permission of the advisor in the Academic Support Center and approval of the director of the Academic Support Center. Student athletes must obtain permission of the advisor in the Athletic Enhancement Center prior to obtaining approval of the academic advisor and dean of the college in which student is pursuing a major.

Schedule

The schedule of courses provided online each semester is for the convenience and guidance of students and faculty. The University reserves the right to change courses and schedules when the interest of all concerned may best be served.

Transcript of Credits

Official copies of a student's record are furnished free of charge upon written request by the student. No student will be issued a diploma, certificate of credit, or transcript of record until all debts or obligations owed to MTSU have been satisfied. Unofficial copies may be viewed on RaiderNet provided all debts or obligations are satisfied. Students with holds may come to the Records Office in CAB 106 and present a photo ID to be informed of their grades.

Unit of Credit

The semester hour is the unit of credit in courses and represents satisfactory completion of the assigned class period. Laboratory and studio classes usually earn one credit for each two hours of attendance or equivalent for a semester unless otherwise indicated.

Withdrawals from the University

Students finding it necessary to withdraw (completely separate) from the University after having selected classes for a future term should access RaiderNet, www.mtsu.edu, to drop all classes. A student who has extenuating circumstances may also initiate the official withdrawal process at the University Withdrawal Office, Cope Administration Building 205D. Consult the Registration Guide for withdrawal/fee adjustment deadlines each term.

Students should follow this procedure to withdraw from the University beginning the first day of class in each term:

1. During the first two weeks (14 calendar days) of a term, courses may be dropped via PipelineMT without assignment of a grade on the official transcript.
2. During the third week (15th calendar day) through the seventh week (49th calendar day) of a term, a grade of "W" will be assigned via PipelineMT.
3. After the seventh week (49th calendar day) of a term, individual courses cannot be dropped via PipelineMT. A complete withdrawal from all classes via PipelineMT may be accomplished by the student through the last day to withdraw in each term and the instructor assigns the appropriate grade of "W" if the student is passing or "F"* if the student is failing.

4. The deadline to withdraw from the University, i.e., from all classes, and receive a grade of "W" or "F," as determined by the instructor, will be noted in the Registration Guide for each term. For assistance, contact the Office of University Withdrawals, (615) 898-2808, CAB 205D.

NOTE: Summer differs; please check Registration Guide for specific dates. *If extreme extenuating circumstances necessitate a student's withdrawal from the University after the seventh week of the term, exceptions may be made. A grade of "W" may be recorded with written concurrence of the faculty member, but only if the extenuating circumstances are verified by the Office of University Withdrawals.

A student may not officially withdraw from the University after a date in the semester or term which is one week or less prior to the beginning of final examinations, except for documented extenuating circumstances as shall be determined by the University Withdrawal Office.

Any student who leaves the University without officially withdrawing will receive a grade of F for all work attempted.

Requests to withdraw from a term within one year of the end of that term will be considered only if the student presents acceptable documentation of extenuating circumstances to the withdrawal coordinator. In such cases, faculty members will receive a written request for approval to assign a W grade. No requests will be considered beyond one year of the end of the term.

A student under certain conditions may receive an administrative withdrawal from a single course or courses. Similar procedures are provided for a total severance from the University if conditions warrant. The following policy will determine the eligibility for an administrative withdrawal: The entry of W indicates that the student has been withdrawn from a course without reflection of grades. The entry of W results from a situation involving extreme extenuating circumstances as identified and originated with the University physician or counselors at Counseling Services and/or the associate dean of students. The entry of W will be accomplished only with the full knowledge and written concurrence of the faculty member concerned.

In cases of military deployment, any student who is absent from a state college or university during a school term or portion thereof in excess of thirty (30) days due to active military service should contact the University Withdrawal Office. The University will assist the student in either completion of the term dependent upon the point in the semester when the student must report for active duty, or in cases where deployment occurs early in the term and course requirements cannot reasonably be completed, the student will be withdrawn without reflection of grades, and fees will be refunded to the student or the financial account as appropriate. In such instances, faculty members will receive notification of the withdrawal due to military deployment.

