Federal Financial Aid Eligibility for Preparatory Coursework

Students who are not admitted to a degree program are typically not eligible to receive federal aid. However, if students are enrolled in coursework specifically to meet prerequisites for admission to a degree program, they may be eligible to receive federal student loans for up to one year.

The coursework must be required for admission.

Taking courses to raise GPA in order to be admitted does not qualify under this exception.

The prerequisite courses themselves must be part of an eligible degree program offered at MU, though the student does not have to be in that program.

Students seeking to enter an undergraduate degree program who qualify for the exception may borrow up to $3500 in Federal Stafford funds (with up to $4,000 more in unsubsidized funds for independent students and dependent students whose parents were denied a PLUS loan), and students trying to enroll in a graduate or professional program may borrow as much as $5,500 (and up to $7,000 of additional unsubsidized funds).

In order for eligibility to be reviewed, the form on the back side must be completed.

The student must complete Part A, and submit it to the Academic Unit (i.e. Graduate School, or College of Engineering, or Department of Biological Sciences) to which they are attempting to be admitted.

The Academic Unit must complete Part B, and submit the form to the Office of Student Financial Aid at the address above.
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Part A - To be completed by the student:

Name: ___________________________________________________ Student ID: ____________________

Have you applied for Admission to MU? (circle one) Yes No

Have you been denied admission based on lack of completed prerequisite courses? (circle one) Yes No

Have you ever in the past received federal loans at MU for taking prerequisite courses? (circle one) Yes No

If yes, during what time period? ________________________________

Have you ever in the past received federal loans at another school for taking prerequisite courses? Yes No

If yes, during what time period? ________________________________

Student Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ______________________

Part B - To be completed by the Academic Unit to which the student is attempting admission:

Is the student required to take classes to meet prerequisites for admission to an MU degree program? Yes No

Is the student taking courses solely to raise their GPA to meet admission requirements for an MU degree program? Yes No

Will the courses apply as credit towards the degree once the student is admitted? Yes No

List the required courses the student must complete, and if known, the term the course is to be attempted:

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*Attach additional sheet if more than four courses are required. Be sure to sign and date attachments.*

Explain the reason the student is required to take these prerequisites:

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

List the academic program and plan the student is seeking to enter: ________________________________

Completed by:

Name ___________________________________________ Title ___________________________ Dept _____________________

Signature ___________________________________ Date _________________________

For use by SFA only:

__ Prior year  __ Required  __ Confirmed term  __ FAFSA grade level  __ FAFSA degree
__ Current year  __ Elig hrs  __ FAFSA dep  __ FAFSA degree  __ FAFSA grade level  Initials: ____________ Date: ____________