Baccalaureate Degree Requirements

Policy Statement

To qualify for a baccalaureate degree, students must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Complete all requirements in the degree program as established by appropriate University committees.
2. Complete University academic requirements, as established by appropriate University committees for each degree program, that includes:
   a. Basic skills proficiencies in English, reading and mathematics.
   b. An orientation course,
   c. A writing-intensive course,
   d. One of the wellness courses listed below:
      - BIO 310 Biology of Aging
      - HEA 285 Health Across the Lifespan
      - NFA 201 Essentials of Nutrition
      - PHE 180. Lifetime Wellness,
   e. General Education;
   f. The Applied Critical and Creative Thinking (ACCT) requirement.
3. Complete a minimum of 120 semester credit hours, with at least 42 hours at the 300 level or above.
4. Earn a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on all college-level work taken at Eastern Kentucky University. In addition, transfer students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 on the combined transfer work and Eastern Kentucky University work.
5. Earn a minimum of 32 semester hours through EKU for 120-hour programs.
6. Earn the credits applicable to the major and supporting degree requirements within eight years prior to the date the degree is awarded. Credits more than eight years old may be used to meet general education, upper division and free elective requirements, as well as major requirements for the General Studies degree. The college dean of a student’s major may validate individual 8-year-old courses to count for non-General Studies major and supporting requirements.

Degree Requirement Notes:

Students enrolled in MAT 090 are not permitted to enroll in any course with the following prefix: AST, BIO, CHE, CIS, CNM, CSC, FOR, GLY, NAT, PHY, SCI or STA.
Transfer students with 30 or more hours will not be required to take the Student Success Seminar class.
Student Veterans will obtain credit for PHE 180 by submitting their military service transcripts to the SOTO Office.
Individual major programs decide which courses or experiences can be used to satisfy the ACCT requirement.
Hours Required for a Baccalaureate Degree: The University requires a minimum of 120 semester hours to earn a baccalaureate degree. In most cases this minimum is also the maximum. While there is no upper limit beyond 120 semester hours which may be set as a particular major program’s requirements, each program or program change is approved through the University’s committee system and any program requiring beyond 120 semester hours will requirements within eight years prior to the date the degree is awarded. Credits more than eight years old may be used to meet general education, upper division and free elective requirements, as well as major requirements for the General Studies degree. The college dean of a student’s major may validate individual 8-year-old courses to count for non-General Studies major and supporting requirements.
According to AACSB International business accreditation standards, students enrolled in University baccalaureate degree programs, other than those within the School of Business, will not receive credit toward their degrees for more than 25 percent of their undergraduate programs in credit hours in courses offered through the School of Business and/or business courses (courses commonly taught in school of business) transferred from other colleges and universities or taken from other units within Eastern Kentucky University. Students who desire to take business courses are encouraged to enroll in the Business minor.
Degree programs offered by the College of Business and Technology have more stringent residency requirements.
Entities Affected by the Policy

- Students
- Colleges
- Departments
- Office of the Registrar

Interpreting Authority

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

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