First-Time Freshmen Admissions

Policy Statement

Based on statewide regulations, the University establishes qualifications for admission to the institution. The conditions and criteria for admission may vary depending on undergraduate or graduate status, but all applicants must provide an application and evidence of appropriate scholastic achievement through prior educational experience. Additionally, certain degree programs have special admission requirements. Admission to the University does not imply admission to a degree program.

This policy outlines conditions and criteria for admission to EKU as a first-time freshman.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the criteria and categories for admission to the University as a freshman.

Entities Affected by the Policy

- Persons matriculating to EKU as freshmen
- Office of Enrollment Management
- Office of Admissions

Policy Background

In 2007, 13 KAR 2:020 (Guidelines for Admission to the State-Supported Postsecondary Education Institutions in Kentucky) defined new system-wide assessment and placement standards. EKU redefined its own admission criteria for Fall 2009 admissions and after in order to comply with the revised state-wide standards.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN

Students will be admitted into one of three categories: full admission, admission with conditions, and special admissions.

FULL ADMISSION

Students admitted with full admission must have
- graduated from an accredited high school and earned a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
or
- received a General Equivalency Diploma (GED)
or
- completed an EKU approved home-school or distance learning high school program
and
- submitted a minimum ACT composite score of 18 (with sub-scores meeting or exceeding 18 in English, 19 in mathematics, and 18 in reading) or SAT combined verbal/critical reading and mathematics score of 870 or higher
- met the Kentucky Pre-College Curriculum
- submitted an official copy of a final high school transcript or GED exam results

ADMISSION WITH CONDITIONS

Students admitted with conditions must have
- graduated from an accredited high school and earned a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
or
- received a General Equivalency Diploma (GED)
or
- completed an EKU approved home-school or distance learning high school program
and
- submitted an official copy of a final high school transcript or GED exam results

Students admitted with conditions
A. have not met the requirements of the Kentucky Precollege Curriculum
or
B. have submitted ACT scores with sub-scores less than 18 in English, 19 in mathematics, or 18 in reading) or an SAT combined verbal/critical reading and mathematics score less than 870.
or
C. have submitted an ACT composite scores of 16 or 17.

SPECIAL ADMISSIONS

Students not meeting admission requirements as outlined above may apply to attend Eastern Kentucky University through a retention support program by applying for special admission. Enrollment at the University will be contingent on selection into this category. Continued enrollment will require full participation and success in identified support programs and coursework as approved through special admissions.

Procedures

Prospective Students

To begin the undergraduate admission process to Eastern Kentucky University, students submit completed application materials, a copy of an official high school transcript with at least six semesters of coursework or a GED completion certificate, and the application fee to the Office of Admissions.
Admission with Conditions: Admission to the University but with the condition that additional coursework (developmental or other designated courses) may be required to ensure fulfillment of Kentucky system-wide standards.

Full Admission: Admission to the University without the need to take non-credit bearing or developmental education coursework.

Kentucky System-Wide Standards of Assessment and Placement:

Prior to fall 2009 Kentucky college readiness standards were determined by ACT sub-scores of 18 or higher in English, mathematics and reading or equivalent SAT scores. For fall 2009, college readiness standards will be defined as ACT sub-scores of 18 for English, 19 for mathematics and 21 for reading or equivalent SAT scores. Students also can demonstrate readiness based on appropriate scores on placement exams.

University: Eastern Kentucky University

Responsibilities

Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management:

• Ensure that the University stays current and complies with state-defined criteria and regulations regarding admissions standards.

Director of Admissions:

• Determine admissible students for the Special Admissions category.
• Ensure that all admission counselors receive adequate training for any changes in admission criteria or categories.

Office of Admissions:

• Review all submitted applications for admission to the University.
• Determine the appropriate admission category and refer to Director all students who might qualify for Special Admissions.
• Design marketing and promotional materials that accurately reflect admission criteria.

Violations of the Policy

NA

Interpreting Authority

• Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management
Statutory or Regulatory References

- [13 KAR 2:020](Guidelines for Admission to the State-Supported Postsecondary Education Institutions in Kentucky)
- [KRS 164.020 (8)](Powers and Duties of the Council [on Postsecondary Education))

Relevant Links

[Undergraduate Admissions Application](#)

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