

The Office of Academic Affairs and Research

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The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research serves as the chief academic officer of the University. The Provost and Vice President is responsible to the President for the coordination of all phases of the instructional program and institutional research. In addition, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research supervises the preparation of position specifications for instructional staff and administrative personnel connected with instructional activities; makes recommendations to the President concerning staffing needs and appointments, promotions, or dismissals for all instructional personnel and administrative personnel related to instruction; and, as the person responsible for the coordination and development of all academic programs, serves as chair of the Council on Academic Affairs.

The Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research also provides coordinating support for a number of interdisciplinary programs which include course work from across the colleges:

CENTER FOR APPALACHIAN STUDIES

Students must select a group of courses tailored to their personal and academic goals in consultation with the Director of the Center for Appalachian Studies. The minor in Appalachian Studies requires a minimum of 18 credit hours of approved courses as follows:

- ◆ Fifteen (15) hours of electives from at least three different programs.
- ◆ *Seminar in Appalachian Studies* (3 credit hours).

Students may also select content relevant special topics or independent studies courses with the approval of the Director of the Center for Appalachian Studies.

The following courses have been approved by the Appalachian Studies Advisory Board.

ANT/SWK 331	.....	<i>Appalachia: A Cultural Perspective</i>
APP 460*	<i>Seminar in Appalachian Studies</i>
ECO 340	.....	<i>Environmental Economics</i>
ENG 365	.....	<i>Appalachian Literature</i>
GEO 430	.....	<i>Sustainability in Appalachia</i>
HIS 420	.....	<i>Appalachia in American History</i>
OTS 520/720	.....	<i>Providing Health Services in Appalachia</i>
POL 373	.....	<i>Politics of Development in Appalachia</i>
SOC 363	.....	<i>Images of Appalachia in Film & Song</i>

SOC 365	.....	<i>Social Changes in Appalachia</i>
SOC 370	.....	<i>Religion in Appalachia</i>

*This CAS course is included as part of this Appalachian Studies minor proposal.

INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES, BACHELOR DEGREE

The Bachelor of Individualized Studies (B.I.S.) Degree is administered by the Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management. It is intended for students whose goals extend beyond traditional majors and whose integrative abilities permit them to plan and follow a personalized, unique program. A student who wishes admission to the Bachelor of Individualized Studies Program should have, in the semester of admission, a minimum of 30 semester hours with a minimum GPA of 2.0. The application must be submitted to the Dean of Undergraduate Studies who will assist the student in finding a program advisor. The Dean will inform the applicant concerning admission status after the program advisor submits an acceptable plan of study which conforms to the program requirements.

Major Requirements 36 hours

A minimum of 36 hours in the area of emphasis is required with 18 of those hours being upper division. A senior project is mandatory. A maximum of 18 semester hours from a single academic discipline will be applied to the Area of Emphasis. The student must enroll in at least 21 semester hours (including the senior project) following the approval of the BIS Program.

General Education Requirements 51 hours

Standard General Education program. Refer to Section Four of this *Catalog* for details on the General Education and University requirements. General Education hours cannot be counted in the Area of Emphasis.

University Requirements 4 hours

GSO 100 and three hours of restricted electives.

Free Electives 37 hours

Total Curriculum Requirements 128 hours

MINOR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Globalization of the economy, cross-cultural relations, world-wide media, ecological crises, and political transformations are all making international studies more important in this rapidly changing world. As such, the international studies minor encourages students to begin thinking and acting within a global perspective, in order to meet these current challenges. Courses in the minor deal

with topics as diverse as the relations of the United States with other countries, international economics, and cultures and religions of Latin America or Asia.

The minor consists of 21 credit hours across a number of disciplines, providing a broad-based, general exposure to international issues through a solid set of three core courses. A commitment to foreign language and/or international experience is an integral part of the minor. A wide range of electives rounds off the minor.

Core Courses: 9 hours
GEO 345, HIS 347, POL 220

Study Abroad or Foreign Language 6 hours
Six credit hours from either a Study Abroad course (through EKU or another accredited university, with credit transferred back to EKU), or six credit hours of foreign language at or above the 200 level. Students may split this requirement by taking 3 credit hours of Study Abroad and 3 credit hours of a foreign language at or above the 200 level.

Electives 6 hours
Six credit hours from among the following courses (Note: many of these courses, including all College of Business upper division courses have prerequisites): ANT 325, 435, COM 300, COM 345 or ENG 345, ECO 394, 395, EME 530, FCC 220, 222, 226, 227, FIN 330, 455, GBU 201, GEO 202, 322, 347, HIS 320, 350, 354, 365, 375, 378, 384, 474, 475, HUM 300, MGT 430, MKT 400, PHI 330, POL 220, 310, 312, 313, 315, 316, 325, 327, 410, 417, 495, REL 301, 335, 340, 345, 355, SPE 375, TNT 300 (International topics only).

WOMEN'S STUDIES, INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

Women's Studies is a rapidly growing interdisciplinary field established in the 1970's. The purpose of Women's Studies is to recognize and validate the experiences and contributions of women and to bring women more fully into the college curriculum. To that end, a primary focus of Women's Studies courses is on the roles, contributions, and experiences of women. Students learn to identify and analyze gender-based assumptions and biases and to recognize their consequences on individual, social and cultural levels. Courses introduce recent scholarship about women and issues especially related to women's concerns, and where possible, use works by women scholars.

A student may complete an Interdisciplinary Women's Studies minor by taking 18 hours as indicated below. Required courses include the following six hours: WMS 201, Introduction to Women's Studies, and WMS 400, Feminist Theory and Practice. An additional 12 hours of electives shall be selected from the courses listed below. To ensure the interdisciplinary nature of the minor, courses shall be selected from at least two different departments.

ADM 310, ANT 435 (Topic: India), ANT/SOC 399, CDF 132, CDF 232 (or HEA 592), CDF 331, CRJ 305, CRJ 345, CSC 490 (Topic: Seminar in Computer Science: Women and Technology), ENG 301 (Topic: Women, Writing, and the Internet), ENG 308, ENG 340, ENG 535, ENG 540 (Topic: Women in Detective Fiction), ENG 550 (Topic: Scribbling Women), ENG 570 (Topic: Jane Austen and Charlotte Bronte), HEA 591, HEA 592 (or CDF 232), HIS 300 (Topic: Women and Work: American Labor history from a Female Perspective), HIS 303, HON 312 (Topic: Culture and Child Development), HON 316 (Topic: Biology and Psychology of Women), MAS 300, NAT 310 (Topic: Women and Science), PHI 390 (Topic: Platonic Perspectives), POL 446, PSY 397

(Topic: Cultural Diversity), PSY 420, SPE 400, WMS 349, WMS 495.

Note: The topics listed for ANT 435, ENG 301, ENG 540, ENG 550, ENG 570, HIS 300, HON 312, HON 316, NAT 310, PHI 390, and PSY 397 are examples of specific classes approved for the Women's Studies minor. Other topics may be approved for the minor as they are offered. Average GPA of courses applied to minor must be 2.25 or better.

HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program seeks to provide intellectually stimulating courses within the general education program for students with excellent academic backgrounds and/or exceptional potential for superior performance in college. The 28 hours of courses that make up the Honors Program all meet requirements of the University's four-year programs. That is to say, regardless of the student's major, the courses taken in the Honors Program will apply to the general education requirements for that major. Thus, honors students complete the program without taking courses beyond those they would take were they not in the Honors Program. Honors course work is in fields such as rhetoric, humanities, social science, and natural science. Any student who successfully completes the full 28 hours of course work in the Honors Program and graduates with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 will qualify as an "Honors Scholar." The University will recognize this achievement at commencement, on the academic transcript, and on the student's diploma, where the phrase "Honors Scholar" will appear.

Advantages to participants of the Honors Program include opportunities to experience an innovative curriculum developed by first-rate instructors in the context of small group sessions. Small classes will allow abundant opportunities for dialogue with the instructors and with the other honors students. From such experiences honors students should further develop their communication skills, problem solving abilities, and analytic reasoning abilities. Development of these skills and abilities should make students especially attractive to employers when they seek to enter the job market or graduate and professional schools, should they choose to further their education beyond the four-year degree.

The criteria for selection to the Honors Program are a high school cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, completion of the Kentucky pre-college curriculum or equivalent, and a composite score on the American College Test (ACT) of at least 26 with no individual subject score below 21. Students who do not meet these criteria may request consideration for admission by writing a letter to the director which should include specific and detailed reasons why the student believes that he/she should be admitted to the Honors Program. Students who are national merit semifinalists or finalists are automatically eligible for the Honors Program. Additional information can be obtained from the director by calling (859) 622-1403.

LIBRARIES

The John Grant Crabbe Library and Thomas and Hazel Little addition, which is centrally located on the campus, contains 875,000 volumes and seats over 2,100 students. The building houses several large reading rooms as well as smaller areas for individual and group study. In addition to the main University library, there is a Elizabeth K. Baker Music

Library in the Foster Building and the Wolford K. White Justice and Safety Library in the Stratton Building.

The libraries provide many Web-based databases, including e.Quest, the online catalog. Other databases are available on CD Rom or through local servers. Most can be accessed from any campus or off-campus center (Corbin, Manchester, and Danville), and increasingly, from home or remote locations. Consult the library's home page for a current list of sources and access options at <http://www.library.eku.edu>.

THE OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

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The Office of Enrollment Management coordinates two kinds of activities: undergraduate academic support activities and academic programs that seek to benefit the entire undergraduate student body.

Academic support is provided at various stages of students' careers by the Offices of Admissions, Advising and Testing, the Registrar, Student Financial Assistance, and International Education. In addition, the Office programs and maintains the CARES (degree audit) system of the University and the coordination of orientation programs.

Academic programs benefitting all undergraduates include the general education and developmental programs, as well as programs in and international education.

For courses in Career Counseling and Interpersonal Effectiveness (GCS), Student Development (GSD), Orientation for Undeclared Students (GSO), and Honors (HON), See the Course Description Section of this catalog.

STUDENT SUCCESS INSTITUTE

The Student Success Institute (SSI) consists of Academic Advising, First Year Programs/Academic Testing, PLUS Mentoring Office, Student Support Services, Summer Orientation, academic year orientation classes, and Developmental Education. Some of the programs housed in SSI are: First Steps to College Success, New Student Days, Nova, Freshmen Interest Groups (FIGs), parent's organization (FASST) and tutoring programs.

The Student Success Institute focuses on the student's total environment by enlisting help from the family, the community, and the entire campus. The Institute is dedicated to serve students by having a strong coordination of existing programs and departments, creating new programs and departments, and providing a one-stop shopping umbrella for student support beginning with the first year and proceeding to graduation.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The Office of Academic Advising is responsible for providing administrative support to and coordination of the University's undergraduate advising system. Every Eastern undergraduate is assigned an advisor. Selected departmental faculty serve as advisors to students with declared majors; other faculty and full-time advisors serve as advisors for undeclared and developmental students.

In conjunction with the Office of First Year Programs, the Office is responsible for the Freshman Summer Orientation Program. Over 2,500 freshmen and transfer students are advised and registered each summer through this program.

ADMISSIONS

The Office of Admissions is responsible for recruitment and admission of qualified students to Eastern Kentucky University. This office is also responsible for the processing of applications for new as well as readmitted students and international students. Students who have questions regarding their residency status may address their inquiry to the Office of Admissions.

EDUCATION PAY\$ CENTER

The Education Pay\$ Center is funded by Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children to assist qualifying students to develop academic skills, explore careers, and acquire job skills. The project designs services to meet the individual experiences. There is a emphasis on developing employment skills. The Education Pay\$ Center's office is located at Begley 603; the phone number is (859) 622-6684.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to help students offset the cost of their college education. There are five types of financial aid: grants, loans, employment, entitlements, and scholarships. The grants, loans, and federal work study programs are need-based. To determine how much money and for which programs the student qualifies, he/she must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Entitlements include resources from the Veterans Administration and Vocational Rehabilitation. Scholarships are awarded from the University as well as outside sources. For information regarding entitlements. The student should contact the Division of Student Financial Assistance at 859-622-2361. This office can guide the student to the proper source depending on what type of entitlement or scholarship the student is interested in pursuing.

For scholarship information, the student should contact the Scholarship Office in the Division of Student Financial Assistance, (859) 622-8032.

The Division of Student Financial Assistance deals primarily with the need-based federal programs: grants, loans, and employment. For more information, please see the "Guide For Meeting Your Educational Expenses". Call the Division of Student Financial Assistance to request a copy. They can be reached at (859) 622-2361.

FIRST YEAR PROGRAMS AND ACADEMIC TESTING

Overall satisfaction with college life is an important factor in retention. Recognizing this, the "first year programs" concept represents a deliberate attempt to ensure that first year students are welcomed, celebrated and supported through the use of peer mentors, orientation classes, freshman interest groups and increased interaction with faculty outside the classroom.

The three-phase first year experience series allows students and families to gain valuable information about themselves, the campus and the EKU community. This three-phase series includes Summer Orientation, New Student Days and an orientation class. The First Year Programs Office seeks to meet the needs of new students both inside and outside of the classroom. Our goal is to create comprehensive programs that will empower first year students to persist to graduation.

Testing is responsible for the coordination, administration, and planning of the academic achievement tests that are requested by The University and education community. The types of tests provided include national standardized tests, state assessments, and locally developed exams. Eastern Kentucky University students and other registered examinees are provided the opportunity to become a test participant in a friendly and comfortable environment.

Eastern Kentucky University functions as a national test center site for such organizations and companies as the American College Test (ACT), The Chauncey Group International, Educational Testing Service, the Law School Admission Council, the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, and the Professional Examination Service. Specific test names include: the ACT, the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification exam, the Law School Admission Test, the Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant and Occupational Therapist Registered exams, the Certified Health Education Specialist Exam, the Adult and Family Nurse Practitioners examination, and the Graduate Record Examination (Subject Tests). State education certification tests (such as the Kentucky Speciality Test of Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education and the Kentucky Specialty Test of Instructional and Administrative Practices) are administered by the College of Education.

Some other tests that are administered include: the University Writing Requirement exam, the GED, the residual ACT, and the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests.

Testing services are provided to assist students in fulfilling university, state, academic program, certification, and personal career goals. Therefore, the testing program is often adjusted to meet the needs of students, the university community, state certification, professional organizations, and testing companies. Requests for information about the testing program or requests for test administrations are always welcome.

First Step to College Success Program

The *Student Success Institute* established the First Step program to address the needs of students placed into developmental courses in mathematics, composition, and/or reading and study skills. In the past, students with such needs have had difficulty successfully completing their

degrees in colleges and universities across the country. This program represents the first step to success in college by helping such students build the academic and social skills needed for a successful college experience.

The program provides intensive instruction in the core areas of reading, writing, and mathematics, Enrichment courses in the program integrate study and test-taking skills with an orientation to the resources offered by the University. Extensive tutorial support from trained and experienced tutors is an integral part of the program. Students admitted to the program study together to form a collaborative learning community characterized by mutual assistance and encouragement. Upon successful completion of the program, students begin taking college-level courses that will lead to academic degrees while completing other developmental requirements, if needed.

Students are selected for the program based on developmental needs. The program has been specifically designed for students entering the University with two or more developmental requirements and students admitted to the University in the Special Admissions category.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND FOREIGN STUDENT ADVISING

There is a growing awareness of the need for greater international and inter-cultural understanding. The University provides assistance to international students and visitors and attempts to foster a greater commitment and involvement in international education throughout the institution.

Eastern Kentucky University has about 200 international students studying at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. These students represent approximately 40 nations. The Director of International Education (Foreign Student Advisor) serves as the designated University official to assist all international students with their legal requirements and their relations with the United States Office of Immigration and Naturalization Services and other official agencies. The director may also advise and assist international students with other needs as they arise.

The Coordinator of Foreign Programs facilitates international ventures and exchanges across the curriculum and directs arrangements for visiting faculty, scholars, researchers, and specialists from other countries. The Director of ESL maintains the EKU English Language Instruction program, a pre-college course in English as a Second Language.

Some inter-cultural activities and services provided by the Division of International Education include an orientation for new students, a monthly newsletter, international dinners, international students' organizations and an International Speakers' Bureau. The Division also awards scholarships to international students each semester.

The Division of International Education also promotes the Eastern Kentucky Study Abroad programs for American students and faculty. Current information on international study, travel, and exchange programs is available. Eastern participates in two study abroad programs: (1) Cooperative Center for Study in Britain (CCSA) which offers courses during Christmas vacation in London, a two-week course in May in Ireland, five-week courses in the summer in England, a junior-year abroad program, and a semester in Oxford program; (2) Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS)

has summer study programs in Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Spain, China, and Japan.

For more information, contact the Director of International Education, Eastern Kentucky University, 521 Lancaster Avenue, 181 Case Annex, Richmond, Kentucky 40475-3102, or call (859) 622-1478.

REGISTRAR

The Office of the Registrar is responsible for services which assist the students, alumni, and university personnel with the preparation of the schedule of classes, the enrollment of students, the preparation, maintenance, security and delivery of the academic records of the University, the preparation of enrollment and athletic reports as required, the preparation of the commencement exercises dealing with diploma delivery, the academic honors program, the dean's award, the administration of the minimum scholastic standards policy of the University, and maintaining room assignments for all classes.

Continuing students should report to the Office of the Registrar for the following assistance: schedule books; grade reports; transcripts; completion of insurance, governmental, and bank loan forms; class standing; military credit evaluation; name/address changes; withdrawals; and information concerning the academic standards and academic honors programs.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Eastern offers its students two employment programs. One is the federal work study program which provides part-time jobs to students who have financial need as determined by the Application for Federal Student Aid. This program is federally funded. The other is the E.K.U. institutional work program. E.K.U. provides funds to employ students who want to work on-campus, but do not qualify for the federal work study.

Both of these programs employ students on a part-time basis paying federal minimum wage. Students are paid every two weeks for the hours they have worked. Their job schedule is built around their class schedule. A variety of jobs are available including typing, filing, farm work, food service, resident hall assistants, tutorial work, as well as community service jobs. An attempt is made to place students in a job that relates to their major course of study, interest, and skills. Contact E.K.U.'s Student Employment Office for more information at Coates 207, hours 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; phone (859) 622-1760.

NOVA PROGRAM (Student Support Services)

The NOVA Program is a Student Support Services/TRIO project whose legislative purpose is to aid in the retention and graduation of students with academic deficiencies who meet the eligibility requirements of the program. The project pre-identifies incoming freshmen for participation in the program. Participants are enrolled in a restricted Freshman Orientation class their first semester and receive a wide range of support services including: an individualized academic and personal needs assessment and plan of intervention, peer tutoring, group and individual assistance in mathematics, peer mentoring, financial aid counseling, personal

counseling, cultural activities, academic advising, and appropriate referral services. NOVA retains and graduates students at a statistically significant rate as compared to students from the same background. This project is located in the Turley House, second floor, and is open from 8:00 - 5:00 Monday through Friday.

THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT

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The Associate Vice President for Planning and Assessment is responsible to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research for administration and coordination of the University's strategic planning and institutional effectiveness planning including academic program review and assessment activities. Also, the Associate Vice-President serves as vice-chair of the Council on Academic Affairs and as vice-chair of the Provost Council. The Offices of Community and Workforce Education, Cooperative Education, Extended Programs, Institutional Research, Natural Areas and Sponsored Programs report to the Associate Vice President for Planning and Assessment. In addition, the Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound and Women's Studies programs report to the office.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Cooperative Education provides the student with an opportunity to blend theory with practice resulting in a balanced education. Learning within the classroom is combined with practical on-the-job training in business, industry, and/or government.

Eligibility to participate in cooperative education is determined by the faculty coordinator in the department of the student's major. Prior to enrolling in cooperative education, students should normally have completed 30 semester hours of credit. Transfer students should have completed one semester at Eastern before applying for cooperative education. All students must have at least a 2.0 grade point average when applying for cooperative education, however, this may vary depending on the departmental requirements.

Acceptance of a co-op position for academic credit is contingent upon a suitable training plan through an agreement with the employer.

The amount of credit a student may earn is determined by the academic college or department involved. The University requires a minimum of 80 hours of employment for each semester hour of academic credit. The salary for each position must fall within State and Federal wage guidelines.

Academic credit will be awarded for cooperative education only when the student is enrolled in the University and in the cooperative education program. A maximum of eight semester hours may be applied toward meeting

graduation requirements for the associate degree, and a total of sixteen hours toward the bachelor's degree. Cooperative education credit for students pursuing a second undergraduate degree will be determined by the academic department. Total credit hours for a graduate degree are determined by the department involved.

The student will be assigned a supervisor by the employer to provide direction and coordination on the job. The supervisor will also be responsible for providing periodic and final evaluation reports on the student and forwarding this information to the co-op director. Copies of these reports will be forwarded to the faculty coordinator.

Although the supervisor will appraise the performance of each student, the grade will be assigned by the department in accordance with established criteria and through a comprehensive evaluation.

To maximize the benefit to the student, it is assumed that the employer will make every attempt to provide the student with a broad exposure to experiences related to the student's goals and the nature of the training site. The student should, however, realize that he/she is a full-time or part-time productive employee. The participating employer, the student, and the University will each sign a letter of agreement spelling out the duties and responsibilities of each party.

The student will in most instances return to the same location for each cooperative education experience. A student may, however, occasionally be allowed to work for several employers in varying situations as long as the work experience is related to the student's career goals and those of the program. For additional information, contact the Director of Cooperative Education at (859) 622-1296, or check out the Co-op Website at www.coop.eku.edu.

DIVISION OF EXTENDED PROGRAMS

Because of an increasing demand for higher education by people who cannot attend classes on campus, universities throughout the nation are developing ways of delivering education at a distance. By reaching out to students, universities can educate those who wish to keep abreast of the expansion of knowledge in their field, to improve their competence in their present vocation, to prepare for a new vocation, or to continue their education for other reasons. Eastern Kentucky University's Division of Extended Programs meets these needs through extended campus classes, correspondence study, and technologically delivered courses. For information, write to the Division of Extended Programs, Eastern Kentucky University, Coates CPO 27A, 521 Lancaster Avenue, Richmond, Kentucky, 40475-3102, or call (800) 262-7493 or (859) 622-2001.

Extended Campus Courses

Eastern Kentucky University supports the philosophy that there should be a close relationship between community, schools, industries, and the University. The extended campus program is designed to serve students who are unable to enroll on the main campus. The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education has assigned the University a coordinating district of 22 counties, and given it the mission of providing programs and courses to citizens in the district. The University is also responsible for making programs that are unique to EKU available statewide. In fulfilling this

responsibility, the University offers a wide range of courses and programs at the extended campus centers and many other sites in the coordinating district each year.

Extended Campus Centers

Fully equipped and staffed extended campus centers have been established at Manchester, Corbin, and Danville. These centers provide student services and a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses. In addition, Eastern has offices at Fort Knox, Hazard, and Somerset.

The Extended Campus offices may be contacted at the following address or by phone:

Tri-County Center, Corbin	606-528-0551
Tri-County Square Shopping Center	
Danville Center	859-236-6866
Danville Manor Shopping Center	
Manchester Center	606-598-8122
Manchester Square Shopping Center	
Fort Knox Office	502-942-8628
Building 1174 Fort Knox	
Hazard Office	859-439-3544
Hazard Community College	
Somerset Office	606-679-8501
Somerset Community College	ext. 3265

With the cooperation of Hazard Community College and Somerset Community College, Eastern offers upper-division undergraduate courses and graduate courses on their campuses. Cooperative arrangements are made with other universities to offer classes on their campuses as needed.

Distance Learning

Distance learning is a process of delivering instruction to students who are located away from the main campus. Eastern offers various distance learning courses and programs using several different methods of delivery. The primary distance learning methods used are telecourses, (KET) satellite courses, interactive courses using the Kentucky TeleLinking Network (KTLN), Internet courses, and correspondence courses.

Correspondence Courses

Eastern Kentucky University, through the Division of Extended Programs, offers a number of college correspondence courses, that may be applied toward a degree from Eastern Kentucky University or other institutions of higher education.

Correspondence courses cover the same material as courses offered on campus. Students prepare assignments and submit them to their instructor through the Extended Programs Office. The instructor then evaluates the work and returns the evaluation form with comments. This type of instruction offers an opportunity for the student to be taught on an individual basis.

The Correspondence Course Bulletin lists the courses offered through correspondence and explains the policies and procedures to be followed. Copies of this bulletin are available from the Division of Extended Programs. Correspondence course information is also available at <http://www.extendedprograms.eku.edu/cocat.htm>.

KET Telecourses

Eastern Kentucky University, through its membership in the Kentucky Telecommunications Consortium and with the cooperation of the Kentucky Education Television Network (KET), offers college-level classes on television. KET is a statewide television network, and the telecourses are aired weekly on all KET stations. Each telecourse offered by Eastern is directed by a faculty member. Telecourses are treated the same as on-campus classes in regard to admission, tuition, and financial aid.

Satellite Courses

Eastern offers a number of courses each semester that are taught via satellite transmission, using the KET satellite. The extended campus centers in Corbin, Danville, and Manchester are equipped to receive the satellite transmitted courses. Most high schools and community colleges in the state are also equipped to receive satellite courses. Site facilitators monitor the classes, proctor exams, and distribute and collect materials. With satellite classes, there is one-way video (students can see the instructor) and two-way audio, by phone that allows the instructor and students to talk to each other.

Interactive TV (ITV) Courses

The Kentucky TeleLinking Network (KTLN) is a statewide network that uses compressed video to link Kentucky's eight state universities together, as well as community colleges, extended campus centers, public schools, and various state agencies.

This interactive videoconferencing (ITV) method of delivery has the advantage of two-way audio and two-way video. Classes can be delivered to, or taught from, any site which has the appropriate equipment. Courses are delivered from Eastern's main campus to the extended campus sites at Corbin, Danville, and Manchester, as well as to other sites in the state, using this technology. ITV rooms are also used to conduct meetings, workshops, seminars, and to deliver student services such as advising and information on financial aid and career planning.

Internet Courses

Eastern offers Internet-based courses for both on-campus and off-campus students who have access to the Internet. Online course information is available at <<http://www.extendedprograms.eku.edu/courseofferings.htm>>. It is recommended that interested students examine the following Web sites:

- Recommended Skills for Taking an Online Course at <<http://distanceed.eku.edu/recommendedskills.htm>>
- Policies and Information for Students Enrolling in Online Courses at <<http://distanceed.eku.edu/policiesinfo.htm>>

Online courses are treated the same as on-campus classes in regard to admission, tuition, and financial aid.

KENTUCKY VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY (KYVU)

KYVU is a student-centered, technology-based system for coordinating the delivery of postsecondary education that meets the needs of citizens and employers across the Commonwealth. The KYVU serves three primary functions: 1) a clearinghouse for quality distance learning opportunities provided by existing institutions both within and outside the state, primarily certificate and degree programs; 2) competency-based credentialing; and 3) a single point of access to statewide student, library, and academic support services.

The KYVU has increased access to higher education opportunities in the state. Courses and programs are offered using a variety of technologies, such as satellite, interactive TV, and online (i.e., via the Internet). Students are able to take courses from their homes, local libraries, and other facilities that have the appropriate technology to receive the instruction. Access to a wide variety of resource materials are available through Kentucky Virtual Library (KVL).

For additional information, see the KYVU home page at www.KYVU.org.

NATURAL AREAS

Eastern Kentucky University is responsible for the protection and management of three natural areas in Kentucky that serve as outdoor settings for all levels of environmental education and ecological research. These are: Lilly Cornett Woods (Letcher County); Maywoods Environmental and Educational Laboratory (Garrard County); and Spencer-Morton Preserve (Powell County). The Division of Natural Areas is responsible for coordinating the research, educational programs, development, and use of these areas, and provides coordinating and consulting services on the management of natural areas owned by public agencies and private organizations. Natural areas under the supervision of the Division are available for use by the general public for passive recreation activities such as hiking and wildlife photography.

Lilly Cornett Woods, the oldest and most studied protected tract of virgin forest in eastern Kentucky, is a Registered Natural Landmark (U.S. Department of Interior). The Woods is used primarily for base-line ecological research and advanced undergraduate and graduate instruction by the University and other institutions of higher education. Public use is limited to guided tours in this unique forest.

Maywoods Environmental and Educational Laboratory is used by the University and elementary and secondary schools for environmental education. This 1700-acre forested natural area is an official State Wildlife Refuge used to attract and protect native wildlife through approved wildlife management programs. On-site facilities provided for use of Maywoods as an off-campus conference and workshop location for the University.

Pilot Knob is a Kentucky State Nature Preserve managed by the University by formal agreement with Kentucky Nature Preserves Commission. Although used primarily for ecological research, the 308-acre preserve is open to the general public for daytime hiking. It is located a short distance from the nationally-prominent Red River Gorge and it is a popular and scenic natural area easily accessible to central and eastern Kentucky.

The Division also provides on-campus coordination of University affiliation with the marine science program at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (Mississippi).

For further information about the use and availability of these natural areas, please call 859-622-1476 or visit the Web site, www.naturalareas.eku.edu.

TRIO PROGRAMS

The following programs are made possible through United States Department grants awarded to Eastern Kentucky University. Of the seven different types of TRIO Programs, Eastern Kentucky University Houses the Educational Talent Search program, Student Support Services (refer to the NOVA Program under Enrollment Management), and the Upward Bound Program.



Educational Talent Search Program

The Educational Talent Search Program has been at Eastern Kentucky University since 1985. The goal of the program is to assist participants with post-secondary potential from designated Central Kentucky counties to continue in, and graduate from, secondary schools and to then enroll in post-secondary educational programs. Educational Talent Search assists students who want to attend post-secondary institutions by offering services related to the following areas: academic information, career materials, cultural diversity activities, financial aid program resources, and personal development activities. Educational Talent Search also offers assistance to participants in identifying additional support services. The Educational Talent Search Program offers assistance for high school completion through referrals to GED programs and local high schools. Services are also available for those who are enrolling in post-secondary institutions for the first time or for those who are returning. For more detailed information, contact the Educational Talent Search Program at (859) 622-5425 or check out the Educational Talent Search Program's website at www.ets.eku.edu.

Upward Bound Program

The Upward Bound Program has been at Eastern Kentucky University since 1965. The program selects students with college potential in order to improve their academic skills and provide them with the motivation necessary to succeed in college. Students are chosen from ten high schools in the nine counties of Casey, Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, Powell, and Wolfe. To be eligible, students must be first generation (neither parent can have a college degree) or their family income must meet federal guidelines. Students start the three year program during their sophomore and junior years of high school. Tutoring sessions and on-campus meetings are held during the school year to provide academic assistance as well as financial aid and college admission information. During the summer, a six week residential program includes academic classes, cultural and educational trips, plus social and recreational activities. Tutor advisors (college students) are

employed to live in the residence halls with the students to assist them individually with their studies and other program activities. Interested students from the above counties should contact their high school guidance counselor or write to the Director, Upward Bound Program, Eastern Kentucky University, 500 Begley Building, 521 Lancaster Avenue, Richmond, Kentucky, 40475-3102, or call (859) 622-1080. E-mail: upbburkh@acs.eku.edu.