

The Graduate School

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The University of Kentucky began offering graduate work in 1870, and awarding degrees in 1876. The Graduate School was organized as a distinct unit in 1912.

The Graduate School is concerned with advanced study and research carried on by the faculty and students of all colleges and departments. Under it, the total graduate resources of the University are merged in order to promote the achievement of knowledge in an atmosphere of free and lively inquiry.

More information is available on the Web at: www.gradschool.uky.edu/.

GRADUATE DEGREES

Graduate work is offered in most colleges in the University. The following advanced degrees are conferred:

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION
DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE
MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE
MASTER OF ARTS
MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION
MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERIOR DESIGN,
MERCHANDISING AND TEXTILES
MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING WORLD LANGUAGES
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
MASTER OF CIVIL ENGINEERING
MASTER OF EDUCATION
MASTER OF ENGINEERING
MASTER OF FINE ARTS
MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
MASTER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION
MASTER OF MINING ENGINEERING
MASTER OF MUSIC
MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH
MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY
MASTER OF REHABILITATION COUNSELING
MASTER OF SCIENCE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOSYSTEMS AND
AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND
LEADERSHIP EDUCATION
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION
DISORDERS
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY STUDIES
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FORESTRY
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH PHYSICS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERIOR DESIGN,
MERCHANDISING AND TEXTILES
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LIBRARY SCIENCE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANUFACTURING
SYSTEMS ENGINEERING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MATERIALS
SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL
ENGINEERING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MINING ENGINEERING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICAL THERAPY
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
STUDIES
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN RADIOLOGICAL
MEDICAL PHYSICS
MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
PROFESSIONAL MASTER OF BIOMEDICAL
ENGINEERING
SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy is offered with major work in the following fields: agricultural economics, anatomy and neurobiology, animal sciences, anthropology, biology, biomedical engineering, biosystems and agricultural engineering, business administration, chemical engineering, chemistry, civil engineering, communication, computer science, crop science, economics, educational and counseling psychology, electrical engineering, English, entomology, family studies, geography, geology, gerontology, studies in higher education, history, materials science and engineering, mathematics, mechanical engineering, microbiology, mining engineering, molecular and biomedical pharmacology, molecular



and cellular biochemistry, music, nursing, nutritional sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, philosophy, physics and astronomy, physiology, plant pathology, plant physiology, political science, psychology, public administration, rehabilitation sciences, social work, sociology, soil science, Spanish, statistics, toxicology, and veterinary science.

Multidisciplinary Graduate Degree Programs

There are three multidisciplinary graduate degree programs administered in the Graduate School: Biomedical Engineering, Diplomacy and International Commerce, and Public Administration. Students interested in information on these programs should contact the program directors at the addresses listed below.

**Dr. David Puleo, Director
Biomedical Engineering
207 Rose Street
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506-0070**

**Carey Cavanaugh, Ambassador (ret.)
The Patterson School of Diplomacy
and International Commerce
455 Patterson Office Tower
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506-0027**

**Dr. William Hoyt, Director
James W. Martin School
of Public Policy and Administration
Public Administration/
Health Administration
423 Patterson Office Tower
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506-0027**

ORGANIZATION OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

The Graduate Faculty consists of the Dean of the Graduate School and all persons appointed thereto by the President of the University. As the chief University agency for the promotion of the ideals of graduate study, it determines the policies of the Graduate School and makes recommendations to the University Senate on such matters as require the approval of that body. All rules affecting graduate work and the inauguration of new graduate programs must be approved by the Graduate Faculty.

The Dean. The Dean of the Graduate School is charged with the administration of the policies adopted by the Graduate Faculty and the University Senate relating to graduate studies.

The Graduate Council is composed of 18 members and the Dean of the Graduate School, who serves as chair. There are 16 faculty representatives and two student representatives. Associate deans serve in a nonvoting, ex officio capacity.

The Graduate Council approves or disapproves proposals concerning courses offered for graduate credit, and advises and lends assistance to the Dean of the Graduate School in his execution of policies and regulations determined by the Graduate Faculty.

Directors of Graduate Studies. A Director of Graduate Studies is appointed for each program of graduate study. Among other duties, each director serves as advisor to students majoring in his or her area.

ADMISSION

Students seeking admission to a degree program in the Graduate School must hold a baccalaureate degree from a fully accredited institution of higher learning. An overall undergraduate grade-point average of 2.75 and 3.0 on all graduate work is required by the Graduate School. Individual departments may require higher grade-point averages.

All applicants for admission to degree programs in the Graduate School must submit official scores on the verbal, quantitative and analytical writing portions of the Graduate Record Examination, except programs with approved alternate requirements (Accounting, Business Administration, Health Administration, and Public Health may substitute the GMAT).

Upon admission, new students must submit official transcripts directly to the Graduate School from each institution of higher learning previously attended.

International applicants must meet the requirements listed above, as well as the English proficiency requirement; additional details are available in *The Graduate School Bulletin*.

Domestic applicants (U.S. citizens or resident aliens) must pay a \$65 application fee; for international applicants, the fee is \$75. The preferred method of payment is by credit card at the time of submission of the online application. If necessary, you may pay by check or money order made payable to The University of Kentucky. The mailing address is:

**The Graduate School
Office of Admissions
The Gillis Building
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506-0033**

Complete applications must be submitted no later than one month before the beginning of the term the applicant intends to begin graduate work (five months for international applicants). Students should refer to the *University Calendar* in the front of this Bulletin for important dates.

University Scholars Program (Combined Doctoral or Master's/ Bachelor's Degree Program)

At the University of Kentucky there are some particularly gifted and highly motivated students whose well-defined academic and career plans include graduate study. The University Scholars program offers these students the opportunity and the challenge of integrating their undergraduate and graduate courses of study in a single continuous program culminating in both a baccalaureate and doctoral or master's degree.

Requirements for this program are listed in the *Special Academic Programs* section of this Bulletin.

Graduating Seniors as Part-Time Graduate Students

A senior at the University of Kentucky lacking no more than six credit hours for graduation and having an undergraduate grade-point average of at least 2.75 on all work attempted may register in a degree program in the Graduate School with the consent of his or her college dean, the Director of Graduate Studies, and the Dean of the Graduate School.

The total load of such a student may not exceed 12 credit hours. Graduate credit will be allowed for each credit hour of graduate work beyond the six or fewer credit hours needed to complete undergraduate requirements. Requirements for the undergraduate degree must be completed during the semester in which the student is allowed to register for part-time graduate work. A student applying for admission to the Graduate School under these conditions must fill out a petition form listing the course or courses to be taken in order to complete the undergraduate requirements. Petition forms are available in the Graduate School.

Conditional Admission

Students wishing to pursue a higher degree who are temporarily ineligible for regular graduate admission status may be recommended by the Director of Graduate Studies for conditional admission status for a maximum of one full-time semester. Students should refer to *The Graduate School Bulletin* for further information. Special international cohorts are considered for admission to graduate programs prior to meeting the language proficiency and GRE/GMAT requirements. If granted conditional admission, students must meet the language and GRE/GMAT requirements prior to beginning the academic program of study.

Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Students (Nondegree-Seeking Students)

Students who hold a baccalaureate degree and who wish to pursue graduate study **without a degree objective** may apply for admission as post-baccalaureate graduate students. An overall undergraduate grade-point average of 2.5 or bet-

ter and 3.0 on all previous graduate work is required by the Graduate School for admission to post-baccalaureate status. Refer to *The Graduate School Bulletin* for further information.

Advanced Degrees for Faculty Members

Members of the faculty, except those in the Community College System, having a rank higher than that of instructor may not be considered as candidates for degrees in the discipline in which they are employed and hold academic rank.

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

The University of Kentucky offers a number of dual degree programs; such programs require separate admission to each discipline involved. Dual degree programs currently in place are: J.D./M.B.A., J.D./M.P.A., M.D./M.B.A., M.D./M.P.H., Pharm.D./M.B.A., Pharm.D./M.P.A., Pharm.D./M.P.H., Pharm.D./M.S. in Economics, B.S. in Engineering/M.B.A., and B.S. in Engineering/M.P.A. Combined study leading to both the M.D. and Ph.D. is also available. For more information on the dual degree programs, see *The Graduate School Bulletin*.

JOINT AND COOPERATIVE DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Cooperative doctoral programs in education are offered between the University of Kentucky and other state universities: Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, and Western Kentucky University. These programs permit qualified candidates to complete approximately one year of graduate work above the master's degree at the cooperating university, and the work of each candidate is directed by a joint faculty committee from both institutions.

Cooperative doctoral programs in musicology, physics, and higher education are offered between the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville; a cooperative program in geology between the University of Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky University; and a cooperative program in history between the University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University. A cooperative doctoral program in rehabilitation sciences is offered between the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Murray State University, and Western Kentucky University. The University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville share a joint Ph.D. program in Social Work.

For more information on joint and cooperative programs, see *The Graduate School Bulletin*.

INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAMS (Correspondence Courses)

No graduate credit is given for courses taken by correspondence.

REGISTRATION AND CLASSIFICATION

All students expecting graduate credit must be enrolled in the Graduate School. Graduate students will conform to the general registration schedule of the University and may not enter later than the last allowable date set by the University Registrar.

Before registering, a graduate student must obtain his or her advisor's approval of the proposed program.

ASSISTANTSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, STUDENT SUPPORT

Financial assistance is available in the form of assistantships and fellowships. An **assistantship** is an appointment to specified teaching or research duties. A **fellowship** is a non-service award made to superior students to assist in the pursuit of an advanced degree.

Assistantships

More than 1,500 teaching and research assistantships are available from departments and other units of the University. In addition to an assistantship stipend, full or partial tuition scholarships are available for most assistantship holders based on the number of hours per week in the assistantship. University-provided health insurance is offered for full-time assistants who meet the eligibility criteria.

The majority of assistantships are awarded for the academic year. Students interested in an assistantship should notify the appropriate Director of Graduate Studies by January for the next academic year; later applicants have a reduced chance of obtaining an assistantship. Most assistantship decisions are made by April for the coming academic year.

Notification of an assistantship comes from the program. Contact the Director of Graduate Studies in the program you seek to enter regarding the availability of positions or the status of assistantship offers. For more information on assistantships, visit the Web at: www.gradschool.uky.edu/fellowship/assistantships.html.

Fellowships

Non-service fellowships are available in all areas of graduate work. The majority of these fellowships include a stipend as well as a tuition scholarship and university-provided student health insurance. While many fellowships are formally awarded by the Graduate School, nominations for most fellowships are made by the program in which a student seeks to enroll.

Fellowships are awarded for the academic year. Departments make fellowship nominations by February for the next academic year, so students interested in a fellowship are strongly urged to contact the appropriate Director of Graduate Studies no later than January 15 for the next academic year. Notification of fellowship awards generally comes from the Graduate School before April 15.

Awards are sometimes offered before an applicant is officially admitted to the Graduate School; all awards offered are contingent upon admission to the program of study nominating the student. Post-baccalaureate (nondegree) students are not eligible for fellowship consideration, or for those tuition scholarships that accompany most assistantships.

For more information on fellowships, visit: www.research.uky.edu/gs/StudentFunding/fellowship_opportunities.html.

Student Support

Funds are available to doctoral students enrolled in graduate programs for travel to present research at professional meetings. Application materials are available on the Web at: www.research.uky.edu/gs/StudentFunding/supportfunding.html.