Selective Admissions

The University of Kentucky has a selective admission policy. A faculty committee of the University Senate establishes the academic criteria. A holistic review is based on factors including cumulative high school grade-point average, completion of the pre-college curriculum, ACT or SAT I score results, essay, special talents and abilities and academic letter of recommendation. Applicants are offered admission on a competitive basis, with those meeting the University’s selective admission criteria receiving first offers.

Academic College Policies

Fine Arts

Undergraduate applicants for the School of Art and Visual Studies, School of Music, Department of Theatre and the Program in Arts Administration apply through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and must meet the standards of admission to UK. All students who wish to major in the School of Music must also pass an audition on their primary instrument/voice. Students may schedule an audition through the School of Music.

Engineering

Admission into the College of Engineering is selective. Students seeking to transfer into the College of Engineering from other institutions or from other majors within UK must meet one of the following minimum criteria:

Have a Math ACT score of 23 or above

Be currently enrolled, or eligible to enroll in, MA 113 (Calc I); have completed the equivalent of MA 113 at another institution; or by UK placement exam be eligible to enroll in MA 113.

In addition, prospective transfer students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better for all college-level work attempted. Applicants must also have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better for work attempted at the last institution attended, provided at least 12 credit hours (or equivalent) were attempted.

There are additional GPA requirements in order to advance to Engineering Standing; See “Engineering Standing” on the Advising page.

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Regardless of the total number of transfer credit hours accepted, all candidates for a bachelor’s degree must complete 30 of the last 36 hours of their program at UK. [http://www.engr.uky.edu/admissions/transfer/](http://www.engr.uky.edu/admissions/transfer/)

**Health Sciences**

For information on applying to majors in the College of Health Sciences, please refer to: [http://www.uky.edu/sites/www.uky.edu.registrar/files/hes.pdf](http://www.uky.edu/sites/www.uky.edu.registrar/files/hes.pdf)

**Education**

Students pursuing a degree in a teacher certification program (TEP) will be required to apply for admission to the program, once all pre-requisites have been met. Admission to TEP is not the same as declaring a major in the College of Education.

New transfer students (from another university, community college, or from another college on campus) will be required to complete at least one semester as a College of Education major before applying for admission to the TEP.

**Arts and Sciences**

Topical studies is the only selective admissions program within the College of Arts & Sciences. It is designed for students whose interests cut across traditional departmental and college lines and who wish to design their own programs of study. A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 is required for application to the program. A minimum of 30 hours to be completed upon acceptance into the topical studies program, hours earned in the semester of acceptance are applied. Each program must have clearly-defined objectives which give focus and coherence to the courses chosen. The intent and range of these objectives vary with the individual.

Topical majors include programs specifically geared to some professional objective, preparation for the study of law or medicine; or they might encompass programs which seek to explore some topic in depth, using a variety of related university offerings like public policy. Often they are areas offering minors and not majors such as African-American Studies, Film Studies, or Middle Eastern Studies.

To complete the topical studies degree requirements the university must have sufficient interdisciplinary course offerings in the area to be studied. These courses should be chosen with the help of a faculty advisor.

Selective Admissions
Nursing

Admission to the Professional Nursing Curriculum in the College of Nursing will occur in the fall and the spring. Deadline for application is March 1 of each year. Only qualified students will be admitted. See the College of Nursing web site for application deadlines at www.uknursing.uky.edu.

Pre-nursing students: A student is admitted as a pre-nursing major. This is a general admission to the University and to the College of Nursing. Admission to pre-nursing does not guarantee admission to the Professional Nursing Curriculum. Application to the University of Kentucky can be made at http://www.uky.edu. Pre-Nursing students are eligible to apply for admission to the Professional Nursing Curriculum at the sophomore level if they meet the following criteria:

- minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or greater
- a minimum GPA of 2.75 in the pre-requisite science courses is required
- a minimum of a "C" in all required pre-nursing courses
- completion of pre-requisite science courses (or their equivalent)

BIO 103, Basic Ideas of Biology
CHE 103, Chemistry for Health Professionals
ANA 109, Anatomy and Physiology for Nursing I
ANA 110, Anatomy and Physiology for Nursing II

The Admissions Committee will select a class that reflects the population it will serve. Therefore, all qualified applicants will be considered for academic, gender, and multicultural factors.

Early Admission: Early provisional admission to the Professional Nursing Curriculum will be granted to graduating high school seniors who meet the following criteria:

- High school GPA of 3.5 or higher AND
- ACT composite of 28 or higher (or the equivalent SAT combined score) providing students maintain a 3.0 GPA in each semester during the freshman year and a 2.75 GPA in the pre-requisite science courses.

Students who meet these requirements are guaranteed Early Admission in either the fall or spring of sophomore year to the Professional Nursing Curriculum. Students not

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Selective Admissions meeting those requirements will be grouped with other applicants who are considered for admission after completion of pre-requisites.

**Admission RN-BSN Student - Deadline for application is March 1st.**

See RN-BSN program admission requirements on the College of Nursing website. http://academics.uky.edu/ukcon/pub/academicPrograms/Undergraduate/RNtoBSN/Pages/About.aspx

**Admission 2nd Degree Student - Deadline for application for Fall is March 1. For Spring semester is August 15.**

Second Degree option admission requirements on the College of Nursing website. http://academics.uky.edu/ukcon/pub/academicPrograms/Undergraduate/SecondDegreeBSN/Pages/About.aspx

**Social Work**

Admission to the University of Kentucky (students are considered for acceptance by the College only after acceptance by the University) – anyone can be admitted to the pre-major as long as they have been admitted to the University.

To be admitted into Upper Division:

A grade of B or better in both SW 124 and SW 222, or equivalent (or a grade of B or better in SW 322)

Minimum of a 2.5 cumulative grade-point average on all college work attempted as computed by the Registrar’s Office

Ability to articulate reasons for choosing social work as a career, as evidenced in an essay

A passing grade in PSY 100, SOC 101, and BIO 103 or BIO 110

Completion of most of the USP and pre-major requirements

Submission of an application form and essay

Once students are admitted into the full major they complete approximately four semesters of upper-division social work coursework and any other remaining degree requirements.

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A student is welcome to enter the College of Social Work BASW program as a **pre-social work major** during his or her admission to the University and during major change windows throughout the semester. Students are then welcome to apply as a **full-social work major** after the requirements previously listed have been fulfilled. Students may discuss their readiness to apply with their advisor or the Director of Undergraduate Studies. It is recommended that students have most of their University Studies Program requirements and pre-major courses completed before they apply as a full social work major. Most students are ready to apply in their junior year.

Individuals who do not meet the admissions criteria may submit additional materials to the College’s Admissions Committee. Admission may be granted if there is persuasive evidence of both the capability and motivation to undertake successfully the BASW degree program.

**Communication and Information**

Taken from the 2012-2013 Bulletin:

Admission to the University is sufficient for admission to the College of Communication and Information as a premajor for students who have completed less than 45 semester hours. An application must be filed with the college in order for a student to be considered for admission as a premajor or major. However, admission as a premajor does not guarantee admission as a major in one of the degree programs in the College of Communication and Information. In general, admission as a major depends upon the qualifications and preparation of the applicant, as well as the availability of resources for maintaining quality instruction. Additionally, depending on the timing of admission into the major program, students may not have access to major classes until subsequent semesters. Upper-division admission into a degree program is necessary in order to be granted a baccalaureate degree from the College of Communication and Information.

From the College website:

In order to be admitted to any of the four undergraduate majors (communication, integrated strategic communication, journalism, and media arts and studies) offered by the College of Communication and Information, an applicant must fulfill the following requirements:

- Enrollment in the University of Kentucky (Students are considered for acceptance by the college only after acceptance by the University.);
- Completion of 45 semester hours of course work;

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Minimum of 2.6 cumulative grade-point average;

Completion of premajor requirements of the program to which application is made. Students majoring in Communication, Journalism, and Integrated Strategic Communication must attain a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 on all premajor courses. Media arts and studies majors must attain a minimum grade-point average of 2.6 in the premajor.*;

Completion of UK Core areas I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII;

Submission of an application form.

*For the journalism premajor requirements, the student’s grade in JOU 204 counts double in figuring the premajor grade-point average.

No student will be allowed to test out of any Journalism, Integrated Strategic Communication, or Telecommunication course. A student taking a similar course from another institution would still be allowed credit should the course meet criteria similar to the University of Kentucky course.

Students meeting these requirements will be designated as majors or as students with upper-division standing in the program to which admission is granted. Any student not meeting one or more of these requirements may be granted premajor status.

In the admission considerations, when personal, academic, professional, or intellectual circumstances tend to discount lower academic scores, admission may be granted if there is other persuasive evidence of both the capability and motivation to undertake successfully a program in the College of Communication and Information.

Annually, the College of Communication and Information faculty will review the minimum standards required for admission to the college. Any change in requirements will be implemented at the beginning of the academic year (fall semester) and will be in effect for the entire academic year. If the standards are to be changed, the Dean of the College of Communication and Information will submit the proposed change by February 1 to the University Senate Council for approval, with prior circulation to the University deans and directors.

**Gatton College of Business and Economics**

The Gatton College uses selective admissions criteria to allow students to progress beyond premajor status. Any student with under 50 earned hours may declare a major in business as a premajor. In order to matriculate to upper division status, students must meet the following criteria:

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Completion of all premajor courses with a 2.8 GPA in those courses:

Composition and Communication I and II

MA 123 and 162 OR MA 113

STA 291

ACC 201

ACC 202

ECO 201

ECO 202

B&E 105

Cumulative GPA of 2.8

Submission of an application at mygatton.uky.edu

**Appeal Process**

Students with a GPA below the Annual Admission GPA and who have completed all premajor requirements may appeal for admission into the Gatton College of Business and Economics. If the Appeals Committee feels that there is persuasive evidence that personal, academic or professional circumstances have affected a student’s grades and that the student shows promise for successful completion of a degree in the Gatton College of Business and Economics, acceptance may be granted. Materials and information necessary for the appeals process are available in the Undergraduate Resource Center. The deadline for the submission of the appeals is generally 45 days prior to the beginning of the semester; however, appeals materials are not accepted for the first summer session.