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100% Online Master of Science in Criminal Justice Policy & Leadership

Eastern Kentucky University is a recognized leader in the fields of criminology and criminal justice and offers some of the finest degree options in the nation. A criminal justice degree positions you to take on leadership roles in the field, serve your community, and promote equality under the law. Whether you want to start a new career or advance in your current one, ECU's online criminal justice degree programs can help you reach your goals.



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WHERE HAVE ECU CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRADUATES WORKED?

- Department of Justice
- Kentucky Department of Corrections
- Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice
- Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport Police Department
- The Bail Project
- Interstate Commission for Juveniles



[EKU Online Criminal Justice Programs](#)

BENEFITS

- Accelerated 8-week terms
- Free textbooks for all students with [EKU BookSmart](#)
- Personalized graduation plan
- Free online tutoring
- Eligible for federal financial aid & scholarships
- [Tuition discounts for active duty military & their spouses](#)

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EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

CORE COURSES...12 HOURS

Program/Policy Evaluation & Analysis - CPL 809

Qualitative/quantitative concepts and procedures to manage, understand, and effectively consume program evaluation and statistically based-research. Reading, understanding, accurately interpreting evaluation-based research journals and governmentally produced research emphasized.

Criminological Theory for Policy and Leadership - CPL 810

Presents and critiques explanations of crime, delinquency, and criminalization processes, with emphasis on application of explanations to criminal/juvenile justice policy/leadership issues.

Research Methods for Justice Policy & Leadership - CPL 818

This course examines strategies/issues relevant to collection and analysis of quantitative and qualitative data for criminal justice research. Special attention to methodology most relevant to agency administration.

Advanced Justice Administration & Leadership - CPL 835

An examination of theoretical bases and contemporary approaches to justice organizations, administration and leadership. Emphasis placed on the social, cultural, and political setting of justice administration and management.

ELECTIVES...15 HOURS

CPL 802, 812, 814, 820, 823, 828, 830, 839, 840, 850, 856, 860, 862, 864, 875, 897, or approved electives.

EXIT REQUIREMENTS...3 HOURS

Capstone Applied Research Project - CPL 878

Culminating academic experience involving research of well-defined justice policy leadership topic. Emphasizes grounding the project in relevant literature, appropriate topical methods of inquiry, integrating knowledge gained throughout program.

[EKU GRADUATE CATALOG](#)

TOTAL CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS...30 HOURS

What can I do with this degree?

CAREER OUTLOOK

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), employment of police and detectives is projected to grow 3 percent by 2031, and employment of probation officers and correctional treatment specialists is projected to remain steady.

Police Officer

Enforce federal, state, and local laws and protect life and property. Patrol assigned zones, respond to calls, serve civil and criminal court papers, provide first aid and CPR, provide traffic control, testify in judicial proceedings, and complete all required reports and forms.

Case Manager

Facilitate client care by helping those with chronic illness, mental health issues or life-altering conditions to gain access to rehabilitation programs and other community services. Achieve the best outcomes for clients by assessing the needs of clients and their families, connecting clients with professional services and maintaining consistent communication with clients to gauge their wellbeing and make changes to their treatment plan as needed.

Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists

Provide probationers and parolees with resources, including job training. Test offenders for drugs and offer substance abuse counseling. Complete prehearing investigations and testify in court regarding offender's backgrounds. Write reports and maintain case files on offenders.

SALARY ESTIMATES

Why should I choose ECU Online?

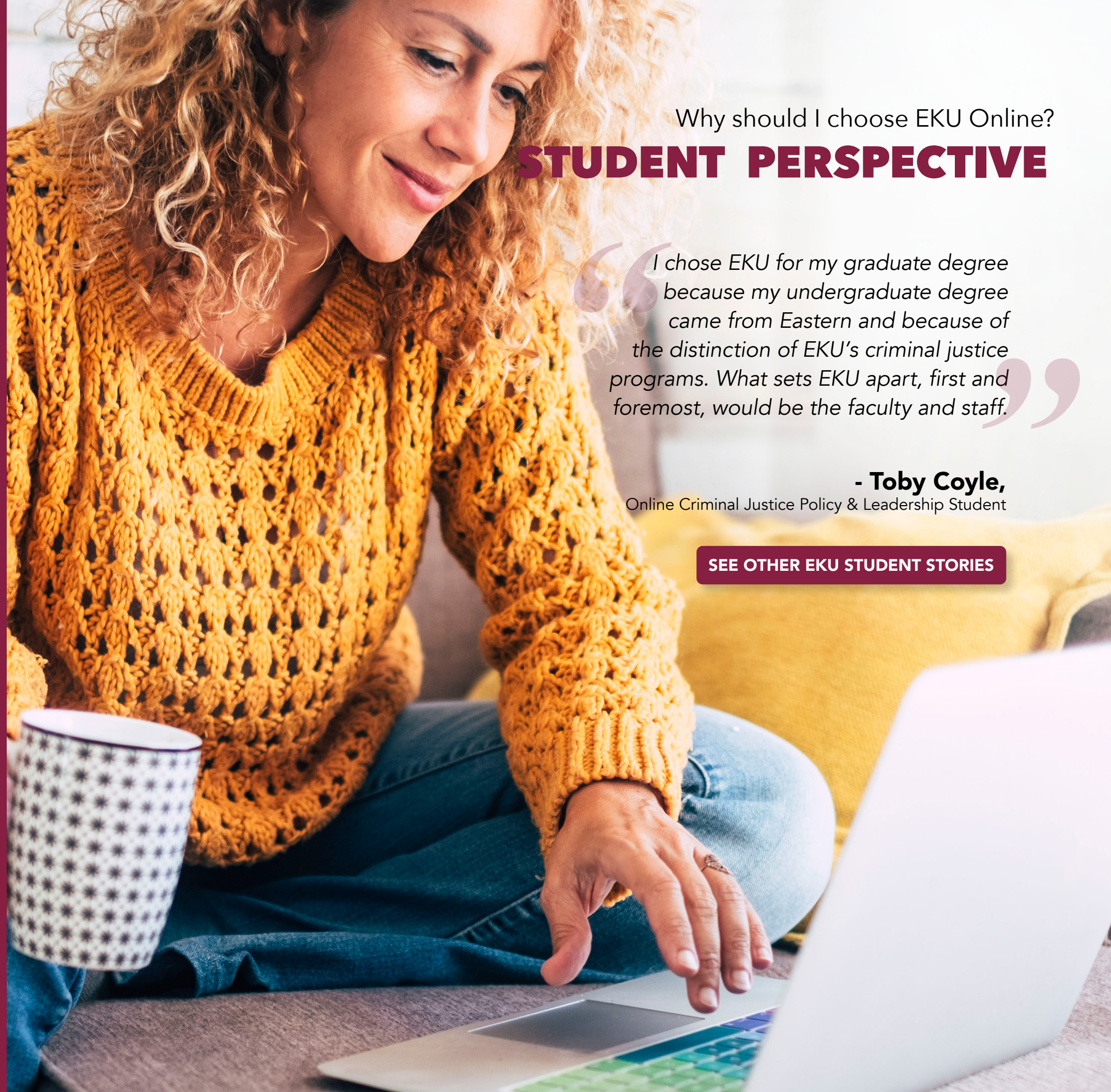
STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

"I chose ECU for my graduate degree because my undergraduate degree came from Eastern and because of the distinction of ECU's criminal justice programs. What sets ECU apart, first and foremost, would be the faculty and staff."

- Toby Coyle,

Online Criminal Justice Policy & Leadership Student

SEE OTHER ECU STUDENT STORIES



Can I afford to go back to school?

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

Paying for school doesn't have to be overwhelming. Almost everyone, regardless of income, can qualify for some form of financial aid. We're here to help you learn about available options and what may be right for your unique situation.

- Grants
- Federal Loans
- Private Loans
- Military Benefits
- Departmental Scholarships
- Outside Scholarships
- Foundation Scholarships
- Employer Tuition Reimbursement

MORE FINANCIAL AID INFO

Questions about financial aid?

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EKU UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

EKU Foundation Scholarship

The Eastern Kentucky University Foundation, through the generosity of its donors, offers a variety of scholarship opportunities to deserving students. [EKU Foundation scholarships](#) are awarded through the University Scholarship Office and at college and department levels. New and renewable awards of EKU Foundation scholarships are subject to available funds each year.

MORE SCHOLARSHIP INFO



When will I start classes?

APPLICATION DEADLINES

TERM	APPLY BY	BEGIN CLASSES
Fall A	July 15	August
Fall B	September 1	October
Spring A	December 1	January
Spring B	February 15	March
Summer A	April 15	May
Summer B	June 1	June

What do I need to apply?

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Those meeting the requirements outlined below are eligible to apply for admission to EKU's master's degree program in Criminal Justice Policy & Leadership. Applicants must:

- Be a graduate of an accredited institution with a bachelor's degree
- Possess an undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 overall or in the last 60 hours of the bachelor's program
- Take the Graduate Record Examination* (GRE), achieving a score of 146 or above on the Verbal, 140 or above on the Quantitative and 4.0 or above on the Analytical Writing portions of the exam

NOTE: Applicants who do not meet these GPA or GRE requirements, but who otherwise demonstrate promise for successful graduate study, may be granted probationary admission, but such applicants must comply with all requirements of the Graduate School regarding probationary admission.

**Applicants with an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher are not required to submit GRE scores. If you have completed a master's degree and wish to waive the GRE requirement and/or transfer any of the courses to the Criminal Justice, Policy and Leadership graduate program, you must have official transcripts from the degree-granting institution submitted directly. Those meeting the requirements outlined below are eligible to apply for admission to EKU's master's degree program in Criminal Justice Policy & Leadership.*

ADMISSION INFORMATION

How do I apply?

APPLICATION PROCESS

Graduate Students:

Step 1: Complete the free EKU Graduate School's online application at:

https://application.eku.edu/portal/apply_eku

START MY APPLICATION

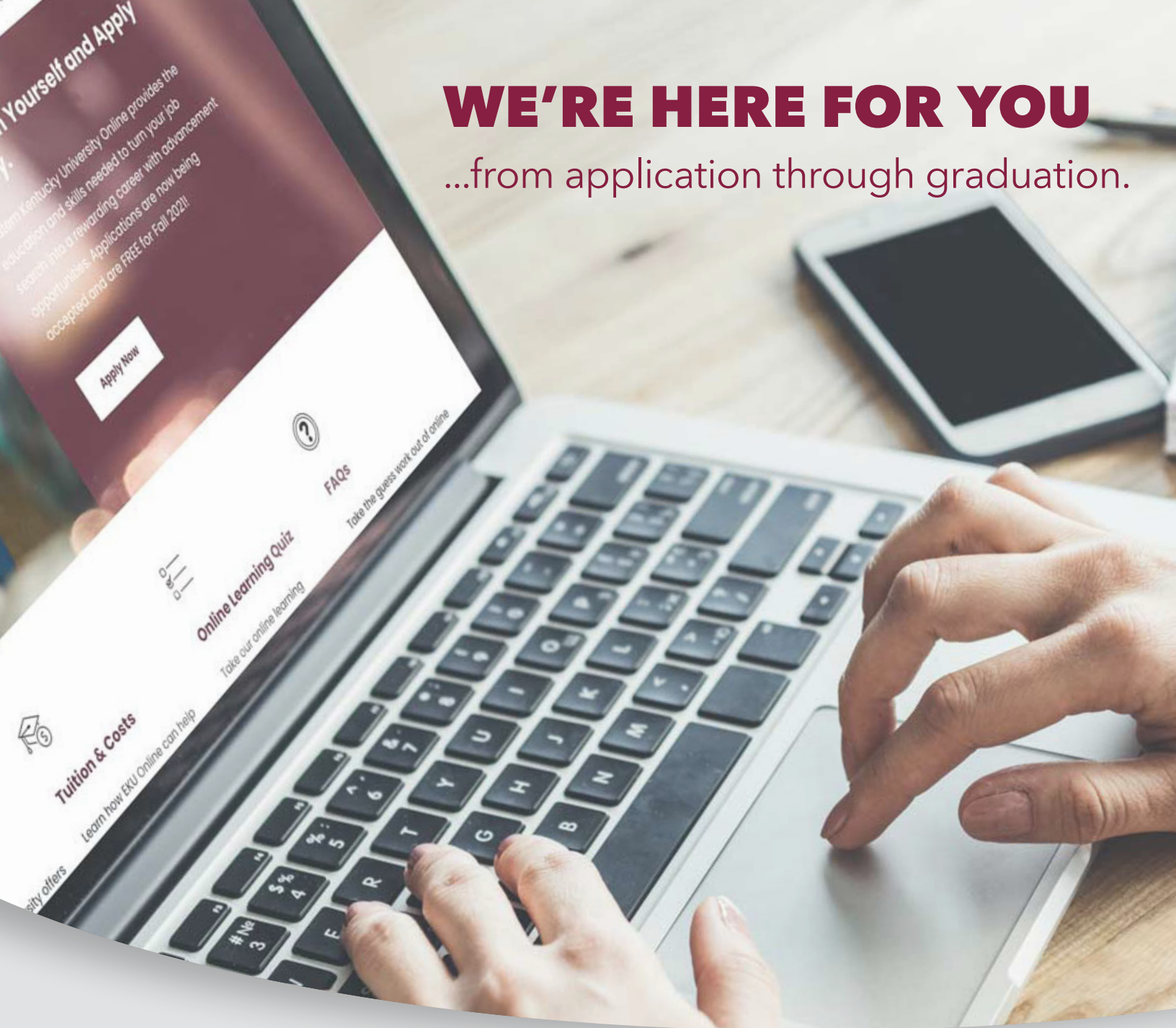
Step 2: Provide official entrance exam scores (GRE, MAT or GMAT), if applicable.

Step 3: Provide official undergraduate transcripts (if not an EKU graduate).

What are you waiting for?

GET STARTED TODAY!





WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

...from application through graduation.



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