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BACHELOR OF ARTS POLITICAL SCIENCE CORE COURSES

Introduction to American Government - POL 101

An overview of the hospitality and tourism industry with emphasis on historical development, management and leadership functions, current trends, and future challenges.

Introduction to Comparative Politics - POL 212

A study of the purpose, concepts, and methods used in the cross-national study of politics and government with a focus on selected countries.

Introduction to World Politics - POL 220

The study of the political interactions of countries and organizations relating to politics, economics, the environment, technology, culture and society on a global level.

Introduction to Political Philosophy - POL 250

Examination of Western political theory from the ancient Greeks to the contemporary era with a focus on selected philosophers.

Research and Writing in Political Science - POL 280

Practical application of techniques and methods used in collection, analysis, and written presentation of political data.

Introduction to Public Administration - POL 370

Survey of organization, authority, decision-making, intra-organization communications, and application of principles of the American bureaucracy by case studies.

OR

Introduction to Public Policy - POL 374

Introduction to the role of federal, state, and local governments in the formulation, implementation, and evaluation of public policies. Examples of policy decisions which might be covered include, energy, housing, environmental quality, and social services.

Capstone Course in Political Science - POL 400W

Culminating, integrative course for political science majors. Requires advanced analysis integrating subfields of the discipline. Students will complete a major paper assignment, writing in stages with instructor feedback and revisions.

EKU UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Choose from 15 hours of POL courses, all of which must be numbered 300 or above, with a minimum of three hours each in three of the following four areas:

AMERICAN POLITICS

Urban Politics - POL 331

Political processes of urban areas including comparisons of alternative structures of urban and other local government.

Kentucky Government and Politics - POL 332

An overview of the Kentucky political system: major institutions, processes and political leaders, with emphasis on recent events and developments.

American State and Local Government - POL 333

Study of the institutions and processes of government of the fifty states and of cities and counties.

Political Parties and Interest Groups - POL 340

An overview of the informal political institutions of American government; functions, organization, financing of political parties, interest groups and their relationship to democracy.

The U.S. Congress - POL 341

A systematic examination of the decision-making process in Congress.

The American Presidency - POL 342

An examination of the power and functions of the offices of the President. Recent developments affecting the American President will be emphasized.

Campaigns and Elections - POL 343

An examination of U.S. campaigns and elections including topics in campaign organization and planning, voting behavior, campaign finance and election laws for presidential, congressional and state/local campaigns.

Minority Group Politics - POL 345

Examination and comparison of various theories, strategies, forms of participation, leadership styles, and concepts (e.g., Black Power) of minority group politics.

Politics and Religion in the U.S. - POL 347

Interaction of government, politics, and religion in the U.S.: role of Supreme Court and Constitution in defining church-state separation and religious freedom; religious organizations as pressure groups; religion in electoral politics and foreign policy-making; religion and public schools.

Judicial Process - POL 360

Study of legal and judicial systems in the United States and their role in the American political process.

Introduction to Public Administration - POL 370

Survey of organization, authority, decision-making, intra-organization communications, and application of principles of the American bureaucracy by case studies.

AMERICAN POLITICS CONTINUED

Politics of Development in Appalachia - POL 373

This course examines community and economic development in the Appalachian region with special emphasis on Kentucky. Focus will be on the political, economic and social aspects affecting development.

Introduction to Public Policy - POL 374

Introduction to the role of federal, state, and local governments in the formulation, implementation, and evaluation of public policies. Examples of policy decisions which might be covered include, energy, housing, environmental quality, and social services.

Public Human Resources - POL 376

Policies and practices for human resources management in public services. Civil Service systems and reforms, diversity and affirmative action, managing, compensating, and motivating employees.

Public Budgeting - POL 377

The political consideration of budget formulation, budget strategy, and budget execution. An analysis of the role of taxes, spending, program evaluation, and planning in the budgeting process at the federal, state, and local levels.

Public Opinion & Voting Behavior - POL 440

Survey of recent literature in the field of voting behavior in the U.S. Topics include public opinion, polling, participation, and campaign behavior. Attention paid to methodologies and techniques.

Law and Society - POL 460

Sources, nature, function, and limits of law as an instrument of social and political control and direction. Examples taken from property, torts, contracts, criminal law, and selected areas of public policy.

Constitutional Politics - POL 463

An examination of constitutional problems in American government. Emphasis is given to cases in their legal and political context.

Law and Politics of Civil Liberties - POL 464

An examination of historic and contemporary problems of civil liberties. Emphasis is given to cases in their legal and political context.

Seminar In State and Local Politics - POL 533

A topical analysis of the institutions, policies, and administration of American state and local government. May be retaken to a total of six hours credit, provided subject matter differs each time.

Administrative Law - POL 565

Nature of the powers vested in administrative agencies; the problems of administrative procedure; and the methods and extent of judicial control over administrative action.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:

American Foreign Policy - POL 321

Analysis of the internal processes and external factors which affect U.S. foreign policy, with emphasis on the post-World War II period. Case studies in decision-making.

Global Security - POL 325

Analysis of major problems of global and human security, the role of military with emphasis on military-security policies of global import.

International Law & Organization - POL 327

Analysis of the development of the U.N.; functional and regional approaches to peace, security, economic cooperation, social welfare, and law in international relations.

Terrorism and Political Violence - POL 415

Examines terrorism and political violence as causes and consequences of cultural, social and political change.

POL 451 Principles and Politics of Human Rights - POL 451

Examines politics of human rights in theory and in practice.

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

Latin American Governments - POL 310

A study of the political institutions and issues facing the people and governments of Latin America.

Politics in China - POL 312

Analysis of political development, organizational structure, and operation of Chinese political systems with particular emphasis on Chinese Communism, foreign policies, and contemporary problems in China.

Politics of South Asia - POL 314

Studies and analyzes the political situations of South Asia. Course focuses on the politics of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India; however, instructor may focus an additional countries or regions as well.

European Politics - POL 315

Examination of the politics and public policies of the European Union and selected European countries.

Politics in Russia - POL 316

Nature and development of Russia's political system since the end of the USSR and fall of communism; impact of the Soviet era; development of political parties and civil society; superpresidentialism; nationalism; federalism and ethnic politics.

Politics of the Middle East - POL 318

Studies and analyzes the politics of the countries of the Middle East and North Africa, with a focus on historical legacies, contemporary challenges to political and economic development, and international affairs.

Religion and Politics in the World - POL 346

Examines the relationship between religion and politics in the world from such different perspectives as public opinion, voting behavior, institutional structures, political economy, and/or policy-making.

Politics of Mexico - POL 412

Study of the politics of Mexico, with a focus on historical legacies, contemporary challenges to political and economic development, and key issues in U.S.-Mexico relations.

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

African American Political Thought - POL 356

Examination of political ideas espoused by African Americans activists from the nineteenth century to the present.

American Political Thought - POL 357

Study of the political philosophy and values that have shaped the American political system. Emphasis given to problems in democratic theory and to competing ideologies within the American political system.

Classical Political Theory - POL 551

Examination of Western political thought from Plato to Aquinas.

Modern Political Theory - POL 552W

Examination of Western political theory from the Renaissance to mid-twentieth century.

Contemporary Political Theory - POL 553W

Examination of Western political thought from the mid-twentieth century to the present.

FREE ELECTIVES...47

TOTAL HOURS...120

What can I do with this degree?

CAREER OUTLOOK

A political science degree hones the writing, communication, analytical, and data skills that are fundamental to entry-level positions within political and governmental institutions.

A bachelor's degree in political science can lead to employment in a wide variety of fields. Whether you have a budding political career or have your eye on law school, an online bachelor's degree in political science could be your first step to a rewarding career.

Political Science Careers Include:

- Policy analysts
- Politician
- Public administrators within local, state and federal government agencies
- Community service manager
- Economic development officers
- Nonprofit managers
- Economic development specialists within local, state and federal government agencies

[SALARY ESTIMATES](#)

Why should I choose ECU Online?

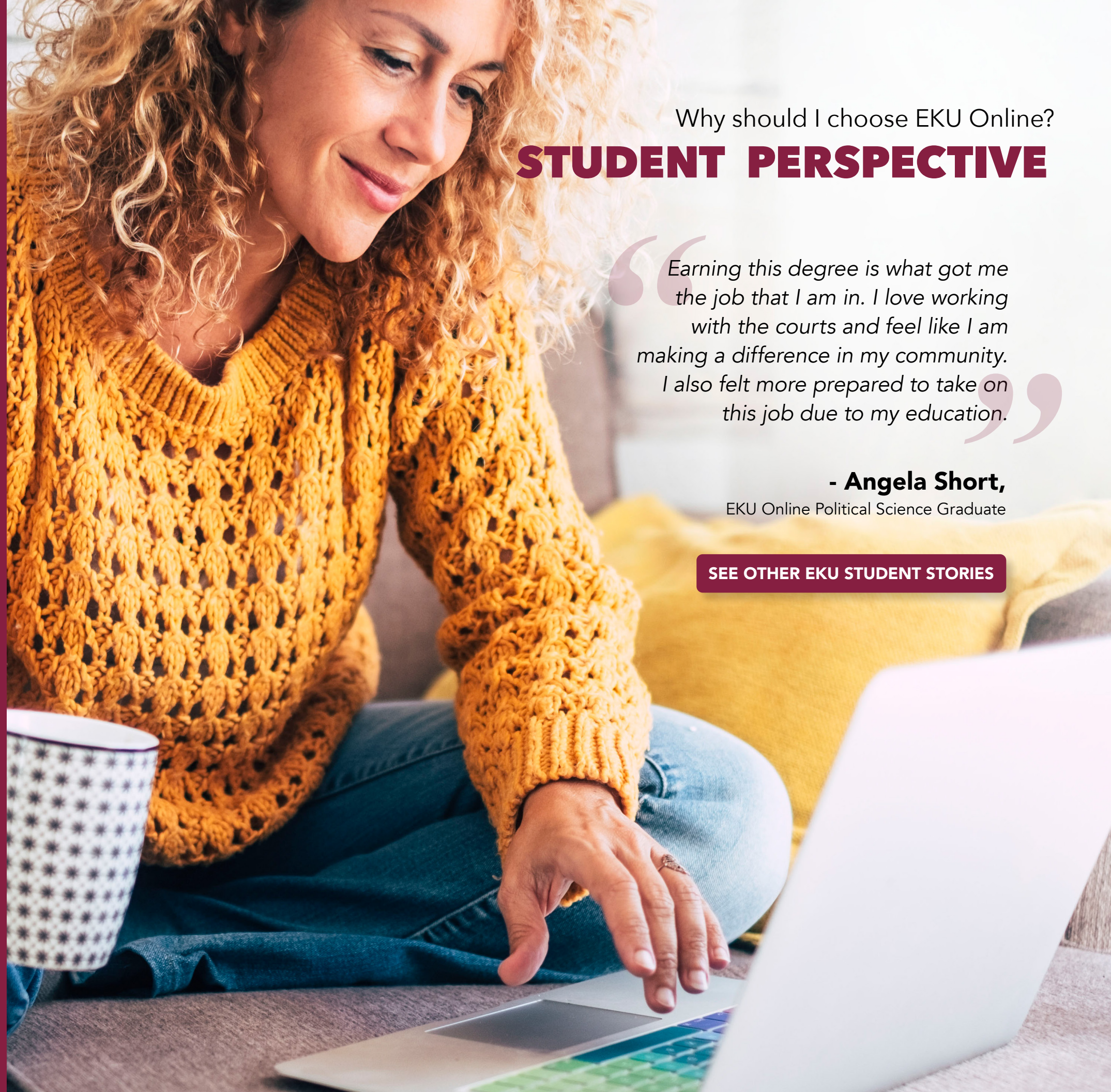
STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Earning this degree is what got me the job that I am in. I love working with the courts and feel like I am making a difference in my community. I also felt more prepared to take on this job due to my education.

- Angela Short,

ECU Online Political Science Graduate

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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 Online offers a range of scholarships designed to address the financial needs of our students, lower the overall cost of attendance and reward a student's scholastic achievements.

EKU UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Start Strong Scholarship Fund (undergraduate programs only)

The Start Strong Scholarship provides up to \$2,000 per year of need-based scholarship funds for newly admitted undergraduate students. Candidates must have a completed FAFSA application, but are not required to be eligible for FAFSA awarded funding.

Stay Strong Scholarship Fund (undergraduate programs only)

The Stay Strong Scholarship provides up to \$1,000 per year of need-based scholarship funds for qualified undergraduate students who have completed two semesters with EKU Online and have earned a 3.5 GPA or higher their previous semester. Candidates must have a completed FAFSA application, but are not required to be eligible for FAFSA awarded funding.

Omega Nu Lambda Honor Society Scholarship Fund

In recognition of your accomplishments as an online student, Omega Nu Lambda Honor Society provides members with an opportunity to apply for a scholarship in both fall and spring. Fall scholarships are announced in November and spring are announced in April.

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

I'm in! How do I get started?

APPLICATION & ADMISSION INFO

When will I start classes?

APPLICATION DEADLINES

TERM	APPLY BY	BEGIN CLASSES
Fall A	July 5	August
Fall B	August 31	October
Spring A	November 30	January
Spring B	January 31	March
Summer A	April 5	May
Summer B	May 31	June

What do I need to apply?

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

First-Time Freshman

- Standard Admission:
high school cumulative GPA (unweighted): 2.50 or higher
- Success First Admission:
high school cumulative GPA (unweighted): 2.00-2.49
- minimum high school GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale

While test scores are not required for admissions purposes, students are encouraged to submit test scores for proper course placement in English and mathematics courses.

Transfer Students

- cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- in good academic and financial standing at previous institution
- Students who have earned 23 hours or fewer of college credits after high school graduation must also provide a final high school transcript and meet the requirements for incoming freshmen

ADMISSION INFORMATION

How do I apply?

APPLICATION PROCESS

First-time Freshman:

Step 1: Complete the free online application at:

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

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Step 2: Submit your high school transcripts to the Office of Admissions.

Step 3: Submit ACT or SAT scores (not required, but encouraged for determining appropriate course placement).

Transfer Students:

Step 1: Complete the free online application at:

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

START MY APPLICATION

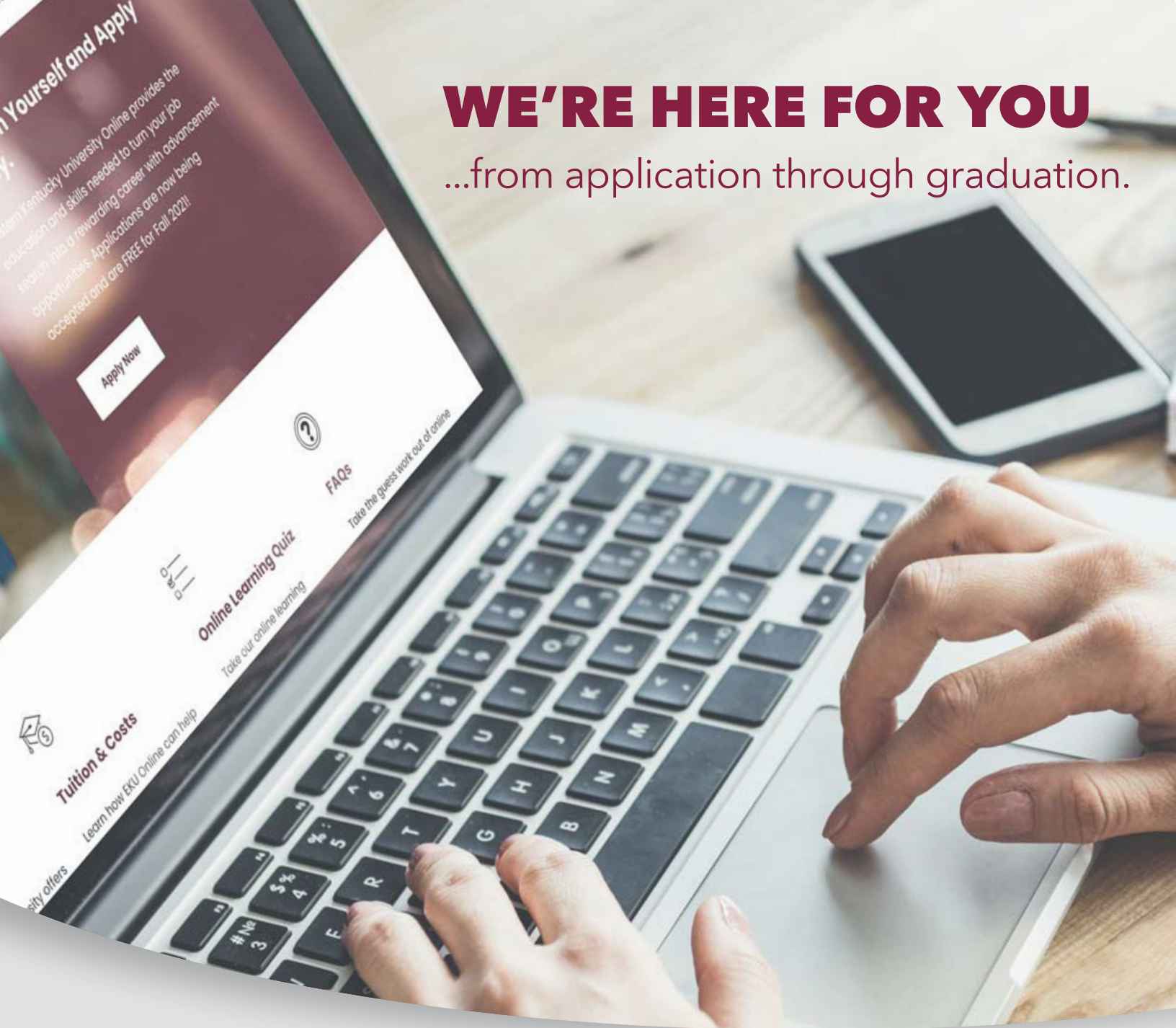
Step 2: Send us your high school transcript (if you have 23 or fewer credit hours).

Step 3: [Send us your official transcripts](#) from each accredited university you attended, including dual credit from high school.

What are you waiting for?

GET STARTED TODAY!





WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

...from application through graduation.



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