



Eastern Kentucky University

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Responsible Office(s): Office of the Provost

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Academic Bankruptcy of Eastern Work

Statement

Academic bankruptcy allows undergraduate students who are returning to Eastern Kentucky University after remaining out for an extended period of time to remove from their GPA a portion of the work attempted during prior college enrollment(s). EKU offers this option of academic renewal because it recognizes that some students fail to perform satisfactorily due to immaturity or to other factors that interfere with their academic performance.

Students considering academic bankruptcy should make careful note of the following policy conditions:

- a) The student must not have attended Eastern Kentucky University or any other institution of higher education for a period of at least two consecutive years sometime after attempting the work to be bankrupted.
- b) The student must be currently enrolled as a degree seeking student at EKU.
- c) The student must not have previously declared bankruptcy of EKU work. Bankruptcy can only be declared once.
- d) Only semesters where the term GPA is below 2.0 will be considered for bankruptcy.
- e) Within eligible terms (see d above), only courses with grades of "D" or "F," or the equivalent, may be bankrupted.
- f) During his/her first semester after being readmitted a student requesting bankruptcy must attain a minimum of a 2.0 term GPA. The student must earn no grade lower than a "C" on at least 12 hours of 100-level (or higher) EKU coursework, and they must pass any college readiness courses. For the purpose of determining bankruptcy a grade of "S" is acceptable. All courses and grades, including repeated courses, will be counted in the qualifying term GPA.
- g) A student who does not enroll in 12 credit hours of 100- level or higher coursework during their first term back at EKU will have his/her enrollment in the subsequent semester combined with that of the first to determine bankruptcy. All academic

work attempted in the term that includes the twelfth credit hour is affected by the above grade restrictions.

- h) Before formally requesting consideration for bankruptcy the student must confer with bankruptcy experts in the Registrar's Office to determine which semesters may qualify for bankruptcy and what the impact to the student's GPA will be. The student will complete and sign the Academic Bankruptcy form.
- i) Any academic work earned before completion of a baccalaureate degree is not eligible for bankruptcy once the degree has been awarded.

Bankrupted class(es):

- Will remain visible on the transcript, but with a "\$" designation.
- Will not be counted in the student's GPA.
- Will not count as earned hours. (Note that Financial Aid will continue to count bankrupted hours as attempted hours.)
- Will not meet any degree requirements (including the 42 hours upper division requirement).

The dean of the college of a student's major may waive major, supporting, and general education requirements met by bankrupted courses. Note, though, that this does not add back any credit hours from bankrupted course, the student may be required to complete additional elective courses to obtain the minimum number of credit hours required to graduate.

- Will be added back into the GPA calculation that is performed separately and exclusively for the purpose of determining Latin Honors (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, and Summa cum Laude).

Entities Affected

- Registrar
- Students

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