

CHAPTER TWO: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Note to Students: This chapter provides descriptive information regarding some of the academic policies and procedures that students should be familiar with. The *Undergraduate Catalog* and *Graduate Catalog* contain important information supplementing this section of the Handbook. Students should seek information regarding revisions, amendments, or changes to policies and procedures that have been made since the Handbook was last revised.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Institutional Responsibility

The University has the obligation to provide for every student an academic advisor who has knowledge of the academic programs available and the institution's academic regulations. Faculty members accepting advisory duties shall regard those duties highly and conduct themselves in a conscientious and professional manner.

Student Responsibility

Students have an obligation to work closely with their advisors, striving to be cooperative in carrying out instructions and meeting obligations to the advisor with proper regard for advice received. It is the students' responsibility to become familiar with all regulations and procedures required in the program being pursued. In no case should a student expect waiver or exception to published program requirements by pleading ignorance to the regulation or asserting that an advisor or other authority did not correctly present the information. All students should become familiar with the general academic information section of the appropriate Catalog and the specific college/departmental program requirements.

Advising Period and Registration

During each fall and spring semester, a four to five week advising period is set aside. Students should see their advisors as early as possible during the advising period. Most advisors maintain a schedule for students to make appointments. The registration period overlaps the advising period. Students should register at the earliest possible time scheduled for them. Registering at the proper time will minimize the frustration of closed classes. Students do not have to pay fees when they register during this designated registration period.

Obtain a copy of the *Colonel's Compass*, or check the website, and follow the step-by-step instructions to use the EKU registration system. Students may not register before their designated registration time listed in the *Colonel's Compass*, or see the EKU website. On or after their designated first registration day, they may register and drop or add classes. If you have problems with the registration system, call 622-2320 for help or see your advisor.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Institutional Responsibility

The faculty has the responsibility to develop a campus-wide intellectual climate conducive to free expression and exploration of ideas. More specifically, academic freedom for students includes the following: freedom to read anything relevant to the intellectual task at hand; freedom to hear expressed a wide range of viewpoints; and freedom to express beliefs, to discuss, and to disagree with other students and with instructors on matters of opinion.

Each instructor is obligated to differentiate between fact and opinion; to strive conscientiously to introduce students to a wide range of viewpoints in readings assigned, presentations, audiovisual materials, and outside speakers; to develop within the classroom conditions which encourage students to express themselves without fear of embarrassment by the instructor or other students; to guard against intimidation and the creation of fear of reprisal which inhibits student expression of opinions differing from those of the instructor.

Student Responsibility

Because freedom of ideas is so basic and essential to the purpose of the university in a free society, student responsibility in this area is especially significant. If the provision of conditions which make possible free consideration of ideas is to have meaning, students must avail themselves of the opportunity to read, hear, and carefully consider various points of view and strive to reach at least tentative conclusions based on the best available evidence and consistent with a defensible and coherent system of values. Freedom to teach and freedom to learn are inescapable facets of academic freedom. The freedom to learn depends upon appropriate opportunities and conditions in the classroom, on the campus, and in the larger community.

Responsibility is a necessary corollary of freedom, and students should therefore exercise their freedom with responsibility. Any action which has the effect of stifling free expression of differing points of view or which is disruptive of efforts to present a wide variety of opinion is contrary to student academic freedom. Moreover, it should be understood that academic freedom implies the responsibility to treat all persons with courtesy and consideration.

Student Publications

Eastern Kentucky University provides a variety of laboratory experiences through student publications. The Student Publications Board and the Eastern Progress Advisory Board have been established to provide appropriate institutional and professional involvement in these activities. Academic and support units coordinate the institutional support of these publications, but do not govern the content. The courts have consistently held that where a tradition of student decision making exists in student publications, those publications are afforded Constitutional First Amendment protection as other publications. Concomitant with those rights, go certain responsibilities, which also accrue to the student publications. Accordingly, the responsibility for the content of the publications is that of the student editors and writers, and not Eastern Kentucky University or its Board of Regents.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY (EKU HONOR CODE)

Preamble

Eastern Kentucky University is a community of shared academic values, foremost of which is a strong commitment to intellectual honesty, honorable conduct, and respect for others. In order to meet these values, students at Eastern Kentucky University are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity. These standards are embodied in the Eastern Kentucky University Academic Integrity Policy, which all students shall pledge to uphold by signing the Eastern Kentucky University Honor Code. By honoring and enforcing this Academic Integrity Policy, the University community affirms that it does not tolerate academic dishonesty.

Academic Dishonesty Defined

Academic integrity is a fundamental value for the Eastern Kentucky University community of students, faculty, and staff. It should be clearly understood that incidents of academic dishonesty will have serious consequences. Anyone who knowingly assists in any form of academic dishonesty shall be considered as responsible as the student who accepts such assistance and shall be subject to the same sanctions.