



REGULATION TITLE:

Academic Bankruptcy

APPLIES TO:

Undergraduate Students

ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY:

Office of the Registrar

Office of the Provost and Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs

Division of Academic & Student Affairs

APPROVED BY:

Kentucky State University Board of Regents

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REGULATION STATEMENT:

This regulation provides a one-time opportunity for returning undergraduate students who have experienced prior academic difficulty to reset their grade point average (GPA) and proceed toward graduation. Academic Bankruptcy allows eligible students to have one or two previous academic semesters disregarded from their cumulative GPA calculation, offering a fresh start while maintaining a complete and accurate academic record.

DEFINITIONS:

Academic Bankruptcy

The formal, one-time, and irrevocable process by which a qualifying student petitions to have all coursework from one or two designated prior semesters excluded from their GPA calculation.

Returning Student

For the purposes of this regulation, a former Kentucky State University (KSU) undergraduate student who has not been enrolled at any postsecondary institution for at least two (2) consecutive calendar years immediately preceding their readmission to KSU.

PROCESS:

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to petition for Academic Bankruptcy, a student must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a Returning Student as defined by this regulation.
- After being readmitted to KSU, the student must successfully complete at least twelve (12) credit hours at KSU with a minimum GPA of 2.50 in those courses.
- The student must not have been previously granted Academic Bankruptcy at KSU.

Petition Procedure

- An eligible student must consult with their academic advisor to discuss the implications of academic bankruptcy.
- The student must complete and submit a petition for academic bankruptcy to the Office of the Registrar. The petition must specify the semester(s) for which bankruptcy is being declared (a maximum of two).
- The petition must be submitted before the student applies for graduation.

Effects of Academic Bankruptcy

If the petition is approved, the following will occur:

- The student's official transcript will be permanently notated to indicate that Academic Bankruptcy was granted for the designated semester(s).
- All courses and original grades from the bankrupted semester(s) will remain visible on the transcript.
- The grades from the bankrupted semester(s) will be excluded from the calculation of the student's cumulative GPA.
- No credits earned during the bankrupted semester(s) may be used to satisfy any degree requirements.

Conditions and Limitations

- **Consequence of Subsequent Poor Performance:** As stated in the Academic Dismissal Regulation, a student who has been granted Academic Bankruptcy and who subsequently becomes liable for academic suspension will be academically dismissed from the university. This dismissal is final.
- **Financial Aid:** Academic Bankruptcy does not alter calculations for federal Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for financial aid purposes. All attempted hours, including those from bankrupted semesters, will be included in SAP calculations.

- **External Recognition:** Other institutions, graduate programs, professional schools, or licensing bodies may choose to calculate the student's GPA using all original grades, including those from bankrupted semesters.

REFERENCES AND RELATED MATERIALS:

- Academic Standing Policy
- Academic Dismissal Regulation

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