

ACADEMIC READINESS

The Academic Readiness Program at Eastern Kentucky University helps students achieve academic success by: developing or enhancing skill level proficiencies in the areas of reading, English writing, and/or mathematics; improving students' academic, financial literacy, and social readiness skills; and promoting self-advocacy and personal responsibility among students who are new to the University.

Academic Readiness: In Kentucky, academic readiness (also called college readiness) is indicated by minimum ACT subscores of 18 in English, 19 in mathematics, and 20 in reading. College-level skill proficiencies in writing, reading, and mathematics also may be measured by student performance on the SAT, the KYOTE (Kentucky Online TESting), the GED College Readiness exam, ALEKS mathematics scores, high school GPA, and/or ECU placement tests. Students whose test scores indicate the need for additional academic readiness preparation may be required to complete one or more ECU Academic Readiness courses. Students should carefully review the General Education section of Degree Works, General Education Element 1 and/or Element 2 to confirm if they are required to complete one or more of the following academic readiness courses:

English Composition and Reading Courses

- ENG 101R Reading, Writing, and Rhetoric (Supported – 4 credit hours) A grade of A, B, or C fulfills reading and/or English Academic Readiness requirement. Earning a grade of B or C in ENG 101R Reading, Writing, and Rhetoric requires the student to take ENG 102R Research, Writing, and Rhetoric immediately following ENG 101R Reading, Writing, and Rhetoric.
- ENG 102R Research, Writing, and Rhetoric (Supported – 4 credit hours)

Quantitative Reasoning Courses

- MAT 105P Quantitative Support for MAT 105 for MAT 105 Mathematics with Applications
- MAT 106P Quantitative Support for MAT 106 for MAT 106 Applied Mathematics:___
- MAT 111A Quantitative Support: MAT 112A for MAT 112A Algebra: Polynomials
- MAT 111B Quantitative Support: MAT 112B for MAT 112B Algebra: Functions & Matrices
- PHI 101R Logic and Critical Reasoning (Supported) (Supported)
- STA 215P Quantitative Support for STA 215 for STA 215 Introduction to Statistical Reasoning
- Students who earn a grade of B or C in ENG 101R Reading, Writing, and Rhetoric can take ENG 102R Research, Writing, and Rhetoric at the same time as a MAT/STA/PHI Academic Readiness course.

Final grades for all Academic Readiness courses (except those that receive a grade of 'S') are calculated in the GPA.

Students transferring to Eastern Kentucky University with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Sciences, Associate of Science in Nursing degree, or an equivalent, will be considered proficient in the three basic skill areas of English (writing), mathematics, and reading. Please see Section Six of this Catalog for descriptions of these courses.

Academic Readiness Course Enrollment and Completion Requirements

Following are the policies concerning academic readiness course enrollment and completion requirements for degree seeking students:

1. All full- or part-time students, including transfer and online students, who need to complete any of the Academic Readiness courses listed above are **required** to enroll in and complete the needed courses during the following time frames:
 - a. ENG 101R Reading, Writing, and Rhetoric must be completed during the first semester of enrollment at ECU. Enrollment in the appropriate English course shall take precedence over enrollment in any other courses during a student's first semester.
 - b. MAT 105P Quantitative Support for MAT 105, MAT 111A Quantitative Support: MAT 112A/MAT 111B Quantitative Support: MAT 112B, STA 215P Quantitative Support for STA 215 are restricted based on English writing and/or reading need. *Any* student required to take ENG 101R Reading, Writing, and Rhetoric *may not* take mathematics until the second semester.
2. Mathematics or Quantitative Reasoning Course Completion: Students who have not met mathematics academic readiness benchmark are required to enroll in an academic readiness mathematics course that corresponds with an intended major no later than the third semester of enrollment.
3. Enrollment in the appropriate mathematics course shall take precedence over enrollment in any other course, with the exception of ENG 101R Reading, Writing, and Rhetoric, at the beginning of the student's third semester and may be completed concurrent with ENG 102R Research, Writing, and Rhetoric, if necessary.
4. ENG 102R Research, Writing, and Rhetoric must be completed in the semester immediately following completion of ENG 101R Reading, Writing, and Rhetoric, to include the summer semester, if a student enrolls in summer courses.
5. All full- or part-time students with academic readiness needs in two or more areas (English composition, reading, and/or math) are **required** to take GSD 101 Foundations of Learning in the first semester of enrollment.

Academic Readiness Courses as Completion of English and Quantitative Reasoning General Education Requirements

The successful completion of ENG 101R Reading, Writing, and Rhetoric with a final grade of C or higher satisfies the General Education Element 1A: Written Communication requirement.

The successful completion of MAT 105P Quantitative Support for MAT 105, MAT 106P Quantitative Support for MAT 106, MAT 111A Quantitative Support: MAT 112A, MAT 111B Quantitative Support: MAT 112B, PHI 101R Logic and Critical Reasoning (Supported), and STA 215P Quantitative Support for STA 215 in conjunction with their paired courses satisfy the General Education Element 2: Quantitative Reasoning.

Colonels Now

Colonels Now is a transition program for all students who are new to Eastern Kentucky University. It is designed to support the academic, social, emotional, and financial college readiness skills of any student new to the University who wishes to receive additional wrap-around supports intended to enhance the first-year experience at ECU. Wrap-around supports may include mentoring, specialized advising, specialized

tutoring and academic skills support, access to specialized programming, and social events.

The Colonels Now program begins in the summer semester. Note: Students who wish to maintain contact with Colonels Now program mentors after the first year of college may do so. The Colonels Now program is offered on the Richmond campus. For more information, contact the Dual Credit and Transitions office at (859) 622-3524.

Colonels Now students work with the Associate Director, Dual Credit and Transition Services, who coordinates the program, to enroll in common first-year courses. Course placement will be based on ACT, EKU Placement Testing, SAT, KYOTE, GED, or ALEKS Mathematics test scores as well as intended major and any prior college credit.

Academic Restrictions for Students with Academic Readiness Needs

- New first-time freshmen with Academic Readiness needs in two or more areas (English composition, reading, or mathematics) will be enrolled in the Associate of Arts in General Studies Degree program. The Office of Academic & Career Services will assist these students in connecting to departments of academic interest.
- Students with two or more Academic Readiness requirements are permitted to enroll in up to but not beyond 16 hours of University coursework.
- Students enrolled in any Academic Readiness course may be restricted in course registration based on academic department course pre-requisites.