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Office of the Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

The Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs serves as the chief academic officer of the University. The Provost and Senior Vice President is responsible to the President for the coordination of all phases of the instructional program and institutional research. In addition, the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs supervises the preparation of position specifications for instructional staff and administrative personnel connected with instructional activities; makes recommendations to the President concerning staffing needs and appointments, promotions, or dismissals for all instructional personnel and administrative personnel related to instruction; and is the person responsible for the coordination and development of all academic programs, including the Council on Academic Affairs.

Chautauqua Lecture Series

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Imagine that none of the following Chautauqua Lecturers had ever visited our campus: Kwame Anthony Appiah, Douglas Brinkley, Chuck D, Angela Davis, Robert Darnton, Richard Dawkins, Michael Eric Dyson, Sylvia Earl, Daniel Ellsberg, The American Spiritual Ensemble, Eric Foner, Sylvester Gates, Robert George, Carol Gilligan, Temple Grandin, Brian Greene, Tyrone Hayes, Maria Hinojosa, Deidre McCloskey, Irshad Manji, N. Gregory Mankiw, Eric Metaxas, Richard Muller, R. Carlos Nakai, Martha Nussbaum, Lisa Randall, Richard Rodriguez, Peter Singer, Ben Sollee, Nadine Strossen, Ron Suskind, Trinh T. Minh-Ha, Bobby Verdugo and Kenji Yoshino.

The intellectual life of our campus and community would have been less vibrant. Our program provides campus and community members an opportunity to interact with some of the leading thinkers and activists of our time. As is often the case, these thinkers and activists inform us, engage us, challenge us, infuriate us, move us, and entertain us. With our minds refreshed and our intellectual curiosity renewed, the experience is potentially transformative. At Chautauqua events, members of the audience see how speakers from various professions and disciplines tackle provocative but vital issues. And they are encouraged to do so themselves. They see how it is possible to engage in creative, critical, but civil discourse. And they are encouraged to do the same. Our program aims to address both local concerns and global imperatives, and to extend the students' liberal arts education beyond the classroom. By striking a balance between the local and the global, we help serve the students' regional needs. By sharpening their critical and creative thinking skills, expanding their liberal arts education, and adding an international dimension to it, we enhance their chances for success beyond Appalachia. For more information, visit www.chautauqua.eku.edu

(<http://www.chautauqua.eku.edu>) or contact Chautauqua Lecture Coordinator Dr. Erik Liddell at erik.liddell@eku.edu.

Council on Academic Affairs

Dr. Jennifer Wies, Associate Provost and Council Chair

The Council on Academic Affairs is the major policy-making body for the academic programs of the University. All college curriculum committees report to the Council. Major actions of the Council are reviewed by the Faculty Senate and subsequently presented to the President of the University and the Board of Regents for final approval. Council membership is comprised of the Associate Deans; the Registrar; the Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate; the Director of the Honors Program; a representative of the Chairs Association; a faculty representative from the Academic Quality Committee of the Faculty Senate; a representative from the Libraries; one student representative from the Student Government Association; the Vice President of Student Success (non-voting); the Executive Director of Retention and Graduation (non-voting), the Director of Academic Advising (non-voting), a representative from e-campus (non-voting); and the Executive Director of Enrollment Management (non-voting). The Associate Provost serves as Chair of the Council.

General Education

Dr. Jennifer Wies, Associate Provost and General Education Chair

The mission of the General Education program is to promote learning that is central to the intellectual pursuits associated with our educational programs and to enable students to make informed choices about matters of public and personal significance in a diverse, democratic society and global community. The general education program helps students to become informed, independent thinkers by developing competencies in communication, quantitative analysis, and critical thinking by helping them understand and appreciate the diversity of culture, individuals, the natural environment, and the global society. See Section Four of this Catalog for detailed information on courses.

Graduate Education and Research

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The Office of Graduate Education & Research is comprised of the Graduate School, the Division of Sponsored Programs, the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors and the Training Resource Center. The Graduate School is responsible for the administrative oversight of EKU's master's specialist and doctoral programs. The Graduate School provides opportunities for undergraduate students to get a head start in obtaining a graduate degree through our concurrent enrollment and 3+2 programs. Interested students are encouraged to contact the Graduate School for more information. Additional information is also posted on the Graduate School website at gradschool.eku.edu (<http://gradschool.eku.edu>)

The Division of Sponsored Programs assists EKU faculty and staff in seeking and managing grants, contracts, and other agreements that support EKU's mission. The Division of Sponsored Programs is also responsible for managing the university's research compliance programs including review of the use of human subjects or animals in research and responsible conduct of research by faculty, staff and students. Information is available on the Sponsored Programs website at www.research.eku.edu (<http://www.research.eku.edu>).

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors provides opportunities for faculty-student mentorships for the purpose of deep learning, professional skill development, and contributing to the worldwide knowledge base. The Office is dedicated to achieving high quality scholarship through high quality mentorship.

The Training Resource Center is an innovative, university-based service collaborative focused on improving organizations and human service systems through partnerships, training, and professional development that enhances quality of life and strengthens communities.

Libraries

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Eastern Kentucky University Libraries includes the John Grant Crabbe Main Library, centrally located on University Drive, and two branch locations: the Elizabeth K. Baker Music Library in the Foster Building and the Rogow Business Library in the Business and Technology Complex. ECU Libraries provides help, study spaces, collections, and technology designed around the academic needs of ECU's students. ECU Libraries supports ECU regional campus and online students as well and provides a full range of services equivalent to those offered at the Main Library for these distance learners.

The Main Library offers a variety of study spaces, ranging from a large collaborative area on the first floor to the Silent Study Zone on the very top floor. Noise levels are also monitored on the Quiet fourth floor to ensure plenty of silent space for individual study. In addition to spaces designed for quiet and group study, an outdoor area is available on the Noel Reading Porch, adjacent to the Library Plaza. Refreshments are available in the Java City Library Café or the vending machines on the first floor. To learn more about ECU Libraries' spaces or to make a reservation, visit library.eku.edu/reserve-rooms (<http://library.eku.edu/reserve-rooms/>). The Main Library is open late during the fall and spring semesters and offers 24 hour study space and extended hours at the end of fall and spring.

The Main Library also includes the Learning Resources Center in support of the College of Education; the Law Library; the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity; The Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning and Special Collections and Archives. ECU Libraries collects resources to best serve students, faculty, and staff. To search the online catalog and discover the collections of libraries worldwide, visit library.eku.edu (<http://library.eku.edu>); even if ECU Libraries does not own the item you need, library staff can get it for you when you need it.

Technology is available throughout the Main Library and branches. The Main Library includes a large computer lab and computers throughout the building, a color printer, a cloud printer, fax machine, and a 3D printer available for student use. Visit library.eku.edu/technology-showcase (<http://library.eku.edu/technology-showcase/>) to explore the emerging technologies ECU Libraries faculty and staff are currently collecting.

There are many ways to get help from librarians. Virtual reference services are available online or in person and research assistance is available whether you are an online student, located at a regional campus, or taking classes at the Richmond campus. Students are invited to visit one of our Help Desks, call (859) 622-6594, text (859) 903-0848,

e-mail reference.library@eku.edu, tweet @ekulibaskus, or chat with us and also check out our frequently asked questions at libanswers.eku.edu (<http://libanswers.eku.edu>).

The Noel Studio for Academic Creativity

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The Noel Studio for Academic Creativity serves the ECU community as a collaborative, innovative learning experience designed to improve communication and research skills. With integrated programs in teaching and learning, undergraduate research, and applied creative thinking, the Noel Studio is dedicated to the development of effective communication skills and practices across disciplines. This program provides student support for writing, research, and oral communication and faculty development in a central, technologically sophisticated space located in the heart of the Crabbe library. In the Noel Studio, trained consultants offer individual and small-group consultations to students and members of the ECU community seeking to refine specific projects and assist students in enhancing their research and communication skills.

Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning

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As a unit of the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity, the Faculty Center for Teaching & Learning (FCT&L) cultivates and supports a collaborative environment for faculty-led innovation in teaching and learning to foster student engagement and success at Eastern Kentucky University. The FCT&L inspires and encourages faculty to be leaders in innovative teaching and learning by promoting five values: Exploration of new and emerging teaching approaches; Systematic reflection in the process of designing highly engaging teaching and learning experiences; Interdisciplinary collaboration across departments, colleges, and units; Transparency in teaching and learning; and Cultivation of communities among faculty learners and leaders.

Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors

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Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors is a collaborative program through the Office of Graduate Education and Research and the Noel Studio. URCE coordinates and promotes undergraduate research and creative endeavors at ECU, managing such events as Posters-at-the-Capitol and the University Presentation Showcase. In addition, URCE assists faculty in mentoring student research projects, encouraging collaborations, publicizing the ongoing undergraduate research activities of the academic departments, developing grant proposals, and representing ECU at regional and national undergraduate research conferences. URCE also facilitates the publication of an online journal for undergraduate research, *The Kentucky Journal of Undergraduate Scholarship*.

University Registrar

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The Office of the Registrar serves and supports students and faculty, as well as the larger campus community. The primary responsibilities of the Registrar include: being custodian of student academic records (ensuring their accuracy and integrity), serving as compliance specialist for federal and state regulations, and protecting overall institutional integrity by upholding the University Catalog with fairness and consistency.

The Registrar's Office administers the minimum scholastic standards of the University, posts transfer credit, oversees degree audit services, monitors and safeguards academic data integrity and security, determines NCAA student-athlete academic eligibility, coordinates commencement exercises, confirms degree completion, oversees production and delivery of diplomas, creates the schedule of classes and schedules all academic space. The Registrar also oversees the Office of Academic Testing and reports directly to the Associate Provost for Student Academic Affairs.

For additional information and a more detailed listing of services, please review the Registrar's Office website.

Academic Testing

Academic Testing is responsible for the coordination, administration, and planning of academic assessments that are requested by the University, the educational community, and students. The types of testing provided by the office include national tests, state assessments, and locally developed exams, credit by examination, and non-traditional credit by examination. Special need accommodations are available upon request.