

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Pikeville College supports a liberal admission policy emphasizing flexibility and individuality. Each applicant is evaluated by the Office of Admissions on the basis of past academic achievement and potential for success at Pikeville College.

Unless otherwise stated, applications for admission will be considered through the registration period. Questions relative to admission should be directed to the Office of Admissions and Student Financial Services.

Admission Requirements (General)

An applicant for admission must provide the Office of Admissions with the following:

1. Application for admission.
2. An official transcript indicating successful completion of high school or its equivalent as shown by the General Educational Development (GED) test.
3. Official transcript(s) of any college or other post-secondary courses.
4. Official results of the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). (Note: Students who take the ACT Residual Examination for admission to Pikeville College only may use these scores for Pikeville College).
5. Personal interview (if requested by the Office of Admissions).

Transfer Applicants

Transfer students are required to submit official transcripts from all colleges previously attended. Admission to the College will be based on the overall grade point average achieved at the last institution attended. Applicants with a cumulative 2.0 grade point average or higher (on 0–4 quality point scale) will be admitted in good standing. Transfer applicants with less than a 2.0 grade point average will be admitted on probation under the same restrictions applied to Pikeville College students; applicants suspended from the last institution attended for academic or social reasons will be reviewed by the Readmission Committee.

Transfer Credit

The College accepts credit for courses from regionally accredited institutions according to the policies outlined below:

1. Transfer credit will be awarded for courses comparable to those taught at Pikeville College and/or that are compatible with a liberal arts education; credit is not granted for developmental courses.
2. Credit will be granted only for courses with a grade of “C” or above.

3. Transfer students are required to complete all the stated requirements for the degree to be received. Sixty hours must be earned at a four-year institution; the last thirty credit hours prior to graduation must be earned at Pikeville College.
4. At least 50% of the credit hours required in the major, minor, or area of concentration and a total of 25% of the credit hours toward the degree must be earned at Pikeville College.
5. The final grade point average (GPA) will include only those hours earned at Pikeville College.
6. In order to be considered for honors at the time of commencement, a student must have completed a minimum of 60 hours at Pikeville College.
7. Upon receipt of official transcripts, the College will make every effort to inform students of the amount of credit that will transfer prior to enrollment, but no later than the end of the first term of enrollment. A notation of "P" and the credit hours transferring are recorded on the Pikeville College transcript; grade point averages and quality points are not recorded.
8. Students who wish to transfer English Composition to Pikeville College are assessed for writing proficiency. Any student who is required to complete the College's Writing Proficiency Examination is notified by a letter from the Office of Academic Affairs. The notification includes instructions on the nature of the examination and outlines procedures for its completion. Students who do not successfully complete the exam on the first attempt will be given the opportunity to take the exam a second time. Students needing further assistance will be advised of their options. English Composition credit will not be transferred until the student demonstrates an acceptable level of proficiency.
9. Pikeville College accepts dual credit for courses that correspond with similar courses offered at the College, provided such courses are offered by a regionally accredited institution, ensuring instruction by qualified faculty and adherence to appropriate placement criteria.

Students may petition for the transfer of credit not covered by the aforementioned. Requests will be considered on an individual basis according to established criteria. Further information and appropriate procedures for requesting transfer credit may be obtained from the Registrar's Office.

Early Admission

Early admission is available to highly qualified high school students after the end of their junior year. It enables the student to complete any remaining academic requirements for a high school diploma at the high school while simultaneously engaging in college study at Pikeville College. Admission requirements include:

1. A personal interview;
2. Verification of rank in upper one-third of class;
3. Certification from high school of courses yet to be completed for high school diploma;
4. Written approval and recommendation of the high school guidance counselor or principal;
5. Written essay from applicant stating reasons for early admission.

Dual Credit Opportunities

Pikeville College partners with local high schools to offer select courses for dual credit. The program allows qualified high school juniors and seniors to earn both high school and college credit at the same time. The intention of the program is threefold: to challenge high achieving students, to allow students to earn college credit, and to provide students with college classroom experiences.

High school students interested in the program should contact the Pikeville College Admissions Office or their high school counselor to obtain information about registration and fees.

International Students

Those applicants for admission who are not U.S. citizens must submit the following:

1. An international student admission application instead of the general admission application for U.S. citizens.
2. Certified copies of all previous high school and post-high school academic records (in English translation).
3. Evidence of ability to meet financial obligations during the enrollment period.
4. Evidence of English proficiency determined as follows:
 - a. Minimum of 500 score on the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language);
 - b. Certified results of successful completion of the highest level of English language instruction at an English Language School in the U.S.A.; or

- c. If transferring from a U.S. college: A personal interview, or evaluation of transcript from transferring institution in regard to successful completion of English courses.
5. Application deadline: August 1 for Fall semester and January 1 for Spring semester.

Senior Citizens

Any individual sixty-five years of age or older wishing to attend may do so as a special student without being a high school graduate or having a GED. An admission application and, if a degree seeking student, official transcripts of any post-secondary courses taken are still required.

Readmission

Any student who has been away from Pikeville College for at least one academic semester or has withdrawn during the previous semester must reapply for admission. An updated admissions application and official transcripts from any institutions attended while away from Pikeville College are required for readmission. In certain situations, such as dismissal for academic reasons, other requirements may have to be met by the student before readmission is granted. Please consult related sections of this catalog for additional information.

Categories of Admission

All students at Pikeville College are admitted under one of the following categories:

1. **Degree candidates** are those students seeking either a two or four-year degree and meeting all requirements for admission. Such students will be admitted under the status of “regular” acceptance. Degree seeking students who register for classes without Pikeville College having documentation on hand verifying academic requirements for regular admission will be admitted under the status of “conditional” for one academic semester only.
2. **Special students** are those students not meeting all requirements for “regular” acceptance who may be admitted to certain classes as special, non-degree seeking students. Students must be qualified to enroll in classes with prerequisites, unless a waiver is granted by the Dean of the College. A student may take up to 15 hours under this status.
3. **Certification candidates** are those students who hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and are seeking teacher certification in an appropriate teaching field.