

CURRICULUM AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The Curriculum

The undergraduate degree programs support the mission of the College through a quality education that focuses on the development of the whole person including the intellectual, spiritual, social and physical dimensions. The undergraduate curriculum includes three associate and 23 baccalaureate degree programs built on a broad liberal arts foundation that emphasizes communicative and quantitative skills; independent thinking; tolerance of diverse points of view; cultural, historical and ethical awareness; and preparation for leadership, civic responsibility and life-long learning. The curriculum has three components: the college core requirements, the major program requirements, and sufficient electives to meet the semester-hour requirement for the degree sought.

Common to all baccalaureate degrees (associate degrees have specified core requirements depending on the program of study), the core requirements emphasize a strong foundation in the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, problem-solving, and using technology. The core also provides an introduction to the humanities, the sciences, the social sciences, and religion. The curriculum is designed to allow early completion of basic skills courses so these skills may be practiced in subsequent courses.

To receive a baccalaureate degree, the student must select a major or an area of concentration. The major or area of concentration provides for in-depth study in a specific subject area.

The Developmental Studies Program

This program provides students who need review or additional academic preparation prior to entering regular college courses with the opportunity to improve in reading, writing, and mathematics. The goal is to help students succeed in their studies through improvement of these basic skills. Two levels of instruction are offered in each subject, and placement in Developmental Studies classes is based on ACT examination results. Semester hours in Developmental courses do not count toward the 128 semester hours required for graduation.

ENG 098 and RED 098

MTH 098

ENG 099 and RED 099

MTH 099

Students taking two or more developmental courses are limited to a maximum course load of 13 semester hours. These courses may not be taken as electives by upper classmen who have placed in higher level courses.

Basic Skills Course Placement

The College incorporates recent ACT exam results as part of the procedure for placing students in English, reading, and mathematics courses.

Placement in Developmental Studies courses is mandatory if the student's ACT subscores fall within the following guidelines:

ACT placement scores (taken October 1989 or later)[or the equivalent SAT]

Mathematics subscore for Math placement

- 15 and below – MTH 098
- 16 to 18 – MTH 099
- 19 and above – MTH 111
- 22 and above – MTH 113 recommended
(especially for Math and Science majors)
- 25 and above – MTH 121 recommended
(Math, Chemistry, Computer Science major requirement)

English subscore Test I for English and Reading placement

- 13 and below – ENG 098 and RED 098
- 14 to 17 – ENG 099 and RED 099
- 18 and above – ENG 111
- 29 and above – are eligible to take ENG 114, Honors Composition.

Placement based on ACT Exams taken prior to October, 1989 uses a different set of subscores. Students are encouraged to attempt higher placement by retaking the ACT or by taking a College-administered local examination to show proficiency.

College Core Requirements

The following courses satisfy the core requirements for all baccalaureate degrees.

Basic Skills 15-16 hours
ENG 111 or ENG 114, MTH 111 or higher, COM 225, ENG 112 or ENG 115, BUS 215 or CS elective, *FS 100.

**Note: All First-time Freshmen regardless how many credit hours they transfer; and transfer students that have less than 15 credit hours are required to complete FS 100 First-Year Studies. Dual credit high school college courses do not count toward this total.*

Humanities 15 hours
Six semester hours of religion to include two religion courses (one must be REL 213 or REL 214). Nine hours of electives from three other humanities (English, Art, Philosophy, Humanities, MUS 115 or MUS 116, Communication).

Note: Education students are required to take ENG 200.

Sciences..... 4-8 hours

Lab Science - BS Degree Option - Two lab sciences; BA Degree Option - One lab science plus two semesters of a foreign language.

Note: Education majors must take a biological science with lab and a physical science with lab.

Note: The BBA Degree requires either the BS or BA Degree Option.

Social Science 12 hours

HIS 221 and 222 or HIS 225 and 226 sequence; Six hours of electives in social science (Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology) from two different disciplines.

Note: All Education students take Psychology 110 and Economics 201.

Note: Students in BBA Degree Programs take ECN 201.

Health or Physical Education. 2-3 hours

Note: Education majors must take PED 174.

Foreign Language..... 0-6 hours

Six hours sequence of one foreign language for the B.A. option.

General Requirements for Degrees**Baccalaureate Degree**

A candidate for the baccalaureate degree is expected to fulfill the requirements for graduation stated at the time of admission or readmission to Pikeville College. The general requirements for the baccalaureate degree are as follows:

1. A minimum of 128 semester hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher;
2. A minimum of 42 semester hours in 300 or 400 level courses;
3. Successful completion of the general studies core curriculum ranging from 52-56 semester hours, depending on the major;
4. Successful completion of one of the following:
 - a. A major with thirty semester hours or more; or
 - b. An area of concentration of forty-eight semester hours or more;
5. Sixty hours must be earned at a four-year institution: the last thirty credit hours prior to graduation must be taken at Pikeville College.
6. 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.
7. A minimum cumulative average of 2.00 in the major or minor unless specified for a particular major. (i.e. Education majors are required to maintain a 2.50 cumulative grade point average).

8. A grade of “C” or better in all major, minor, or area of concentration courses;
9. Successful completion of institutional and departmental assessment requirements.

Note: Developmental studies courses do not count toward the 128 semester hours required for the baccalaureate degree.

Associate Degree

A candidate for the associate degree is expected to fulfill the requirements for graduation stated at the time of admission or readmission to Pikeville College. The general requirements for the associate degree are as follows:

1. A minimum of sixty-four semester hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 (see individual program for specific requirements);
2. Successful completion of an approved associate degree major;
3. A minimum cumulative average of 2.00 in the associate degree major courses;
4. A grade of “C” or better in all courses taken to satisfy major requirements;
5. A maximum of six semester hours may be completed by correspondence;
6. At least 50% of the credit hours required in the major, and a total of 25% of the credit hours toward the degree must be earned at Pikeville College.
7. Successful completion of institutional and departmental assessment requirements.

Note: Developmental studies courses do not count toward the 64 semester hours required for the associate degree.

Degrees Offered

Pikeville College offers the following undergraduate degrees:

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.)

Associate of Science (A.S.)

Note: The B.A. or B.S. degree is awarded depending upon the option chosen between foreign language (6 hours) and two lab sciences (8 hours) for core courses (See pages 48 and 49). If a student completes both requirements, a choice of B.A. or B.S. degree is awarded.

Baccalaureate degrees are awarded in the following areas:Business

Business Administration (B.B.A.)

Education (B.A. or B.S.)

Elementary Education

Middle Grades Education

Secondary Education Specialties

Biological Science

Chemistry

English

Mathematics

Social Studies

Humanities

Art (B.A. or B.S.)

Communication (B.A. or B.S.)

English (B.A. or B.S.)

Religion (B.A. or B.S.)

Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Biology (B.A. or B.S.)

Chemistry (B.A. or B.S.)

Computer Science (B.A. or B.S.)

Mathematics (B.A. or B.S.)

Social Sciences

Criminal Justice (B.A. or B.S.)

History (B.A. or B.S.)

History/Political Science (B.A. or B.S.)

Psychology (B.A. or B.S.)

Social Work (B.A. or B.S.)

Sociology (B.A. or B.S.)

Other

Interdisciplinary Studies (B.A. or B.S.)

Associate of Science degrees are awarded in the following areas:Business

Accounting Emphasis

Management Emphasis

Management Information Systems Emphasis

Criminal JusticeNursing

Pre-Professional Programs

Students intending to pursue a professional degree should follow the curriculum guidelines for admission from the specific school he or she plans to attend. Pikeville College offers courses that prepare students for admission to the following types of professional schools:

- Dental
- Engineering
- Law
- Medical
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Veterinary Medicine

Students interested in pre-professional programs can contact the Registrar's office for the name of the appropriate faculty advisor.

Student Responsibility for Graduation

The ultimate responsibility for fulfilling graduation requirements rests with the individual student. Students should consult with their Academic Advisor to ensure that they are meeting all degree requirements. Students must apply for graduation. Applications for graduation are available in the Office of the Registrar. Diplomas will be issued only at yearly commencement exercises and only after all financial obligations to the College have been met.