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Catalogue changes:
Revision of Kentucky State University’s Criteria for Undergraduate Admission

Below is the profile of average entering student in the 2010 and 2011 freshman cohorts.

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<td><strong>Average Age</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Average Unmet Needs</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Average ACT Comp</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Average 1st Year Cumulative GPA</strong></td>
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Based on this profile and the characteristics of entering students in the 2010 and 2011 freshman cohorts, the following observations may be made:

- The academic profile of an entering freshman at KSU who is more likely to persist is one who has an average composite ACT score of 18 and a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.71.
- The higher the cumulative high school GPA a student has the more likely it is the student will persist from fall to fall.
- The higher the cumulative high school GPA a student has the fewer excess hours (attempted vs. earned credits) the student will have.
- The fewer developmental courses a student takes in the first semester of enrollment, the more likely it is that the student will persist from fall to fall.

Kentucky State University Current Requirements for Admission

Kentucky State University requires that all incoming freshmen provide scores from either the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT-I). The ACT is preferable; however, either test is accepted and the higher score is used for admission. Scores on these tests are used for admission decisions, and for placement in English, mathematics, and reading.

Admission decisions are based on the quality of the high school grades as well as on performance on either the ACT or the SAT-I. Admission levels are determined using an index. The admission index is described below.
Admissions Index

The admissions index was established to quantify an assessment of a student’s high school activities and ACT assessment. The admissions index is a numerical score calculated by multiplying the ACT by 10, the grade-point average by 100, and by adding the two sums. The equation is as follows: ACT x 10 + GPA x 100 = index. SAT I verbal and math scores are converted to ACT composite scores for use in the admissions index.

Example

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\text{GPA} &= 2.90 \times 100 = 290 \\
\text{ACT} &= 18 \times 10 = 180 \\
\text{Index} &= 470
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The admission levels are determined using the above index and are categorized as follows:

Unconditional/Regular Admission
Kentucky State University requires students to meet an admission index of 430 in order to be admitted unconditionally to the University.

Scholarship Admission
Kentucky State University requires students that are eligible for academic scholarships to have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA and a minimum of a 21 composite score on the ACT.

Conditional Admission
Students with an admission index between 320 - 429 shall be granted conditional admission to the University. A condition of the admission is the successful removal of all pre-college curriculum deficiencies within the first thirty (30) semester credit hours of course work. Students are required to take no more than thirteen (13) semester hours during their first semester of enrollment.

Denied Admission
Any student whose index score is below a 320 is denied admission. Students wishing to challenge the admissions decision may make a written appeal, which must include two letters of recommendation/support for the appeal. One of the letters should be from a high school teacher or guidance counselor.

Proposed Revisions to Kentucky State University Requirements for Admission

The proposed revisions to the admission standards are to:

1. Eliminate the Admission Index and clearly define the ACT and GPA requirements for regular and conditional admission to the university.
   a. Regular Admission
      • Minimum composite ACT score of 18, a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.5, and has two or fewer developmental needs.
      • Placement criteria for sub-scores in math and English would still apply.
• It is recommended that a placement test be established to determine if students will take developmental/supplemental courses once admitted. This test would be established in consultation with faculty.

b. **Conditional Admission**

• A student who does not meet the standards of regular admission but who has an ACT composite score greater than or equal to 15, all ACT sub-scores greater than or equal to 10, and a high school GPA greater than or equal to 2.0 may be conditionally admitted.

• All conditionally admitted students must attend a summer bridge (Thorobred Academy) program and must pass all classes they are enrolled in. Students who do not pass all developmental courses in which they are enrolled may not enroll in any KSU course until they have remediated those deficiencies that they have failed.
1. **Develop a Thorobred Academy (Summer Bridge Program)**
   - All conditionally admitted students **must** attend the Thorobred Academy and must test out. Criteria for testing out would be set in collaboration with the faculty.
   - Financial Aid would be available based on student eligibility.
   - This academy would be managed by the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and AVP for Retention Management and Advising Services.

2. **Develop a NEXUS Program**
   - A student who does not test out of the Thorobred Academy may participate in the NEXUS Program.

**What is NEXUS?**
- Partnership between KSU and Blue Grass Community and Technical College (BCTC)
- A predetermined number of students may reside in KSU residence halls but are enrolled at BCTC for prescribed course work
- After 12 credit hours and a minimum GPA of 2.5, students may transfer to KSU.
- Faculty representatives would be involved in development of the standards for admission through NEXUS.