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An Introduction

Berea College, founded in 1855, is a racially integrated, coeducational liberal arts college. Berea's motto, "God has made of one blood all peoples of the earth" reflects the conviction of Berea founder and ardent abolitionist, John G. Fee. Berea's spiritual foundations are rooted in the Christian faith, but Berea welcomes people of all faiths, or no faith at all, to study in a diverse campus setting. Berea is committed to providing a high quality education for high-achieving students with limited financial resources.

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Berea seeks to maintain in its program the liberal arts tradition which stresses free inquiry and, in addition to pursuit of knowledge within a chosen academic discipline, provides for a broad and deep general education experience which promotes life-long learning. Berea invites students to a campus which is based on the equality of all people regardless of race, class, age, religion, sexual orientation, or nationality. Berea College expects its students to respect the dignity and rights of all people.

As an important part of campus life, all Berea students participate in a work-learning program. Through this program, the College wishes to demonstrate the dignity of labor, accomplish essential campus work, and provide students with a means of earning wages to assist with their educational and personal expenses. First-year students can expect to earn approximately \$1,200 during the nine-month academic year.

Berea College is located in Berea, Kentucky, a small community of approximately 10,000 residents, located 40 miles south of Lexington, Kentucky. The temperature ranges from 15 to 32 degrees Celsius, (60 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit) in the summer and -6 to 4 degrees Celsius (20 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit) in the winter, although at times it gets colder. The campus encompasses 140 rolling acres (57 hectares) with more than 100 buildings, including 14 residence halls, library, and a sports/fitness center. Berea College enrolls approximately 1,500 students, most (80%) are from the southern and central Appalachian regions of the United States; another 15% are from areas of the United States outside of Appalachia; and approximately 5% of our students are international.



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International Application Information

CURRICULUM

Berea College offers no graduate programs or degrees. Berea offers four-year, bachelor's degree programs in the following departments:

AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
APPALACHIAN STUDIES
APPLIED SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
ART
ASIAN STUDIES
BIOLOGY
CERAMIC APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
CHEMISTRY
CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES
ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS
EDUCATION STUDIES
ENGLISH, THEATRE, AND SPEECH, COMMUNICATION
FOREIGN LANGUAGES
GENERAL STUDIES
HISTORY
LIBRARY SCIENCE
MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
MUSIC
NURSING
PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES
PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH
PHYSICS
POLITICAL SCIENCE
PRE-DENTAL PROGRAM
PRE-LAW PROGRAM
PRE-MEDICINE PROGRAM
PRE-VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM
PSYCHOLOGY
SOCIOLOGY
SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (SENS)
TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL ARTS
WOMEN'S STUDIES

www.berea.edu/academics/deptsprograms.asp

The first two years of study include coursework in our General Studies program, which includes an array of required studies in areas such as Mathematics, Social Sciences, Sciences, and Humanities. The final two years are generally devoted to studies in the major area of study. It is expected that all Berea College students will graduate within eight regular terms of attendance (four years).

ADMISSION PREREQUISITES

Although international enrollment is limited to about 25 new students each fall, Berea College nevertheless seeks to serve students from as many different areas of the world as possible. Successful candidates for admission have a record of outstanding academic achievement and a strong sense of educational purpose. Berea College does not teach English to those who have not yet mastered the language.

International students must have mastered the English language sufficiently to understand and participate in class lectures and discussions, read required texts and other materials, and complete written and other assignments. However, all enrolled international students will take an exam upon arrival to Berea College to determine if the student needs to take an English as a Second Language [ESL] course. Students who test into the first level ESL course will take another exam in November to determine if a second ESL course is necessary.

EXPENSES

The College provides a tuition grant (currently valued at \$24,500 per year) to each enrolled student. During the first year of enrollment, Berea College will cover the costs of dormitory, board, fees, and books.

After the first year, students are responsible for dormitory, meals, books and personal expenses, which average approximately \$6,500 per year. Earnings from the work program (approximately \$1,200 per year), as well as grants and scholarships, are available to assist students with these costs.

In addition, international students who have been offered admission are required to submit a one-time fee of \$50 and a deposit of \$2,200. Upon receipt of the required fee and deposit, admitted international students will be promptly issued an I-20. Students are also responsible for all Visa fees, and any other necessary travel expenses to travel to the U.S. We understand that you may not initially have any financial means to pay for all the above expenses, but please do not let this prevent you from applying.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **Who should apply?** Berea College encourages applications from students who:
- meet university entrance requirements in their own country;
 - are able to present outstanding secondary and/or leaving exam results;
 - are able to present IELTS, TOEFL, SAT I, or ACT results;
 - are fluent in the English language, both oral and written;
 - are interested in living and learning in an environment that stresses the equality and kinship of all people regardless of race, class, age, religion, sexual orientation, or nationality.

2. **What is required to be considered for admission?** In order to be considered for admission, a completed application packet must be received in the Berea College Office of Admissions between April 1, 2009 and no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) February 5, 2010.

3. **What is included in a “completed application packet”?** A completed packet contains:
- **Berea College International Application for Admission.** (completed and signed)
 - **Berea College International Financial Questionnaire (IFQ).** (completed and signed)
 - **Essay.** The essay should be 2-5 pages (preferably typed, double-spaced, in no less than 10 point font). As this essay may be used to assist in course placement, students should receive no assistance in writing or editing the essay. The essay should address the following points:
 - ✓ An overview of your educational and life experiences;
 - ✓ What you plan to do upon completing your education;
 - ✓ Why you wish to return (or not return) to your home country;
 - ✓ Description of any special financial circumstance that you would like Berea College to consider when deciding how much financial aid you will need.
 - **IELTS, TOEFL, SAT I or ACT report (paper copy): An IELTS, TOEFL, SAT I, or ACT report is required of all international applicants, including those from English-speaking countries.** You must provide a copy of your official test report as part of your complete application packet, even if you have requested an official copy be sent to Berea from the testing center. A printed copy of your online report may be used so that you can submit your completed application by the deadline, but the official report must be submitted before you can be enrolled at Berea College. *Due to the large volume of international applications we receive, we cannot make exceptions to this requirement or extend the deadline to accommodate late submission of scores.*

MINIMUM REQUIRED TEST SCORES

ACT	17	Berea School Code 1492
SAT	1210	Berea School Code 1066
TOEFL		Berea School Code 1060
Internet	61	
Computer	173	
Paper	500	
IELTS	5.0	(Must have minimum of 5 in all subscores)

- **Certified copies of all academic records.** These must include all secondary school records, university transcripts, matriculation exams, and other leaving exams appropriate to your country. If at all possible, academic records should be translated into English. These copies should be certified by school officials.
- **Two letters of recommendation.** Each letter of recommendation **must** be placed in an individual envelope by the writer of the recommendation and signed by him/her across the sealed flap. Whenever possible you should request that persons writing recommendations on your behalf use the official form(s). We will, however, accept written recommendations, preferably typed, which are not written on, or accompanied by, our official form. Recommendations should be written in English.
- **Personal and Financial Reference Form.** This form should be completed by a school administrator, employer, religious leader, or someone who can make a statement about your personal and financial resources, as well as barriers, as they relate to your pursuit of higher education.

Important note: It is very important for you to instruct persons writing recommendations not to mail them directly to Berea College. Please collect them and include them in the completed application packet. The only exception to this is if they are collecting all documents and submitting a completed application on your behalf. Do not place any other documents, such as a test score report or academic transcript, in the same envelope as a recommendation.

All of these documents and forms must be mailed together in one packet and received by the Berea College Office of Admissions by the February 5, 2010 deadline. Failure to submit a complete packet by the deadline will make you ineligible for consideration. There are no exceptions to this policy.

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4. **What if I submit missing documents separately from the application packet?** Any document(s) received separately from the application packet will be discarded and could make you ineligible for admission.
5. **May I fax my application packet to Berea College?** Special requirements with respect to the submission of recommendations prohibit us from accepting faxed applications. Express mail is available through DHL and/or Federal Express in most countries.
6. **Who will review my application at Berea College?** Admission decisions are made by a special committee that meets only during the month of March for the sole purpose of making international admission decisions. All decisions of this committee are final.
7. **When can I expect to hear from Berea College regarding my application for admission?** Upon receipt of an application packet, a confirmation email will be sent to the applicant. However, no other correspondence will be initiated until a decision has been made on your file. All applicants will be contacted regarding the Committee's decision no later than April 30.
8. **Will my application and accompanying documents be returned to me if I am not admitted?** No. It is our policy to not return any documents to international applicants.
9. **May I participate in competitive athletics at Berea College?** International students can participate in competitive intercollegiate athletics. However, to be eligible, you must be able to present valid SAT I or ACT scores (IELTS and/or TOEFL can not be used for athletic eligibility). This is the result of policies for athletic eligibility, as determined by our national athletic governing body, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).
10. **How should I mail my application packet?** Please place all application components in one outer envelope. Only the recommendation forms need to be in separate envelopes that are sealed and signed by the persons writing them.
11. **What is Berea's physical address, so I may send my completed application packet via DHL or another carrier?** If your courier service (such as DHL) requires a physical address, you may send your application packet to:

**Berea College
Office of Admissions
209 Chestnut Street
Berea, KY 40403
USA**



Berea College, in light of its mission in the tradition of "impartial love" and social equality, welcomes "all peoples of the earth" to learn and work here. It is the policy of Berea College not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, gender, handicap, or sexual orientation in its educational programs, athletics and other school administered activities or employment practices. This policy is in compliance with the requirements of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, regulations of the Internal Revenue Service, and all other applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations.

The Berea College Annual Security Compliance Report contains information on campus security and safety, including crime prevention, crime reporting policies, disciplinary procedures, crime statistics, and other important matters about security on the Berea College campus. This report is required by law and is available from the College's web site at: <http://www.berea.edu> or copies can be obtained on request from the Office of Business and Administration, CPO 2211, Berea, KY 40404.