Nondegree Student Admission Guidelines and Application

Berea College has a strong commitment to the undergraduate education of approximately 1,600 degree seekers each year. While the College’s resources are primarily intended to support degree completion, there are limited opportunities to make educational services available to members of the surrounding community. The enrollment of nondegree students is offered on a space-available basis.

Nondegree students are those who are taking courses for personal enrichment or for limited educational gain and who are not pursuing a degree from Berea College or any other institution (those students are classified as “transient,” and a separate application is required). The course load of nondegree students may not exceed 2.25 credits per regular term and 1 credit per summer term without permission of Enrollment Policies Committee. Nondegree students may not enroll in an internship, independent study or team-initiated study. Applied music lessons are not available to nondegree students but can be pursued privately with instructors. Degree seeking students are given registration priority. While there is no limit to the total number of courses taken, no more than six (6) course credits earned as a nondegree student may be applied toward a Berea College degree (exception: all credit-bearing courses taken as an employee or high school student may count toward a degree).

Nondegree students are not subject to the same financial restrictions for admission that apply to degree-seeking students. However, such restrictions are applied if the student decides to seek admission as a degree candidate.

Berea College graduates or former degree seeking students who did not complete a degree are eligible to enroll as nondegree students. Credit earned as a nondegree student in these circumstances may not count toward a degree at Berea College.

All eligible courses taken at Berea College will appear on a permanent Berea College transcript. Nondegree students are subject to the same academic calendar as degree-seekers with one exception: nondegree students must withdraw from the college prior to the last day to drop a course. Final grades will be recorded for nondegree students who withdraw after the last day to drop a course. All nondegree students (with the exception of those who audit courses) will have the option of using a College laptop computer in conjunction with their courses during the term of enrollment. Nondegree students may elect not to use their laptop but such a choice will not result in a reduction of the registration fee. To remain eligible for the Nondegree Program, a student must earn a C or higher in all courses.

Application for nondegree status must be renewed prior to the deadlines posted in this document and all student account balances must be paid in full prior to enrollment in subsequent terms.

Community Members

To be eligible to attend Berea as a domestic or international nondegree student an individual must, at the time of application, reside in Madison, Garrard, Jackson, or Rockcastle counties and be 18 years of age or older.

Though not competitive by nature, the admissions process requires that all community nondegree students meet the same minimum standards for admission as a degree seeker—rank in the top 3/5ths of the high school graduating class (or pass the GED with a total score of at least 2250 and no less than 410 on any of the five individual tests) and achieve a minimum ACT Composite score of 17 or 1210 on the SAT. Students who have earned a degree (i.e. AS or BS) may submit verification of degree in lieu of academic record or entrance exam. Students who have earned 12 or more credit hours at a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 are exempt from the standard admissions criteria, but must provide an official transcript as part of the application process. The application will not be processed or reviewed without all supporting documents.
Berea Community High School and Madison Southern High School Students

A junior or senior enrolled at Berea Community High School (BCHS) or Madison Southern High School (MSHS) may take up to 2.25 credits each major term upon recommendation of the school’s guidance counselor.

To apply for admission to Berea College as a high school nondegree student, the following steps should be taken:

1. Submit an application to the high school guidance counselor.
2. The counselor checks that there are no appropriate courses in that discipline at the high school for which the student might register. The counselor confirms that the student is of junior or senior status, does not have a record of behavioral problems, has attached the required essay and has a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Sophomores may be admitted to this program in exceptional situations, on a case-by-case basis, with the approval of the Registrar.
3. The counselor signs the application, providing a recommendation, and submits it to the Registrar’s Office. The student will be contacted and provided with further instructions as needed.

BCHS and MSHS students may be eligible to receive both high school and college credit for the classes taken at Berea College. They are not eligible to enroll in core courses (GSTR 110, 210, 310, 332, or 410) without permission of the Registrar. BCHS and MSHS students are not expected to participate in the Labor Program.

Fee Waiver: Those students who qualify for participation in the Free or Reduced Lunch program will have the registration fee waived.

Employees/Retirees

The following individuals may pursue coursework through the nondegree student program: Berea College retirees, regular, full-time and part-time employees (one course per term, with the permission of the supervisor and the Director of Human Resources), and Eastern Kentucky University employees (a separate application is required). Employees must be in good academic standing if they are former college students. Employees seeking a degree must attend at least seven convocations for every 4 credits earned from Berea College. Employees may register before other nondegree students.

As noted previously, all credit-bearing courses taken as an employee may count toward a Berea College degree. Employees and retirees are not subject to additional admissions criteria.

All Nondegree Students must read and complete the following.

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<td>Supports the cost of enrollment for a nondegree student.</td>
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<td>This fee is waived for Berea College regular, full and part time employees, their dependents, retirees, EKU employees, and BCHS and MSHS students who qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program.</td>
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<td>Special Course Fees</td>
<td>Some courses have special fees to support additional costs for materials or classroom experiences.</td>
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<td>Student ID</td>
<td>All students must have a valid ID. IDs may be purchased in the Public Safety Office, 101 Woods-Penniman Building</td>
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All prospective students interested in nondegree status should complete the top portion of the application, then should complete the appropriate lower portion (Community member, BCHS or MSHS student, or Employee/Retiree). Return this application to the Registrar’s Office, CPO Box 2168, Berea, KY 40404 or the Registrar’s Office, First Floor, Lincoln Hall (high school students should submit their applications directly to their guidance counselors).

Please direct any questions about nondegree status or the nondegree application to the Registrar.

Full Name ________________________________   SSN ________________________________

Mailing Address _______________________________________________________________________

Mailing City _____________________________   State _____ Zip _________________________

Phone ____________________________   Email address ______________________________________

Race/Ethnicity: in compliance with federal reporting requirements, Berea College must identify the ethnic background of all applicants for admission. Are you of either Hispanic and/or Latino descent?

☐ No, not Hispanic/Latino  ☐ Yes, Hispanic/Latino (a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race).

The above question is about ethnicity, not race. No matter which answer you gave above, please continue to answer the following by marking one or more boxes to indicate what you consider your race to be. What is your race? (You may choose one or more.)

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South American (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Gender: [ ] M  [ ] F  Date of Birth: ___________________________  U.S. Citizen? [ ] Yes  [ ] No

Applying for: Term ______________________________ Year __________________

In which Berea College course(s) would you like to enroll? Please note that this is simply an indication of interest. You must be accepted to be enrolled. All nondegree students are registered for classes the day before the semester begins. Consult the Schedule of Classes online (https://cc-ssbweb12-vm.berea.edu:4443/PROD/bwckschd.p_disp_dyn_sched) for course-related information.

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I have read and I understand the guidelines for admission to Berea College as a nondegree student. I also understand this application can NOT be considered until all required documentation has been submitted.

__________________________________________ Date

[ ] Employee  
[ ] Berea Community High School or Madison Southern High School Student  
[ ] Community Student

**Berea Community High School or Madison Southern High School Students must complete the following.**

Currently enrolled at: [ ] BCHS  [ ] MSHS  GPA:  Classification: [ ] Junior  [ ] Senior

Have you ever been enrolled at Berea College as a nondegree student? [ ] Yes  [ ] No

Are you a Berea College employee dependent? [ ] Yes  [ ] No

Name of parent or guardian: _____________________________________________________________

__________________________________________ Date

Student Signature  Date

Please submit an essay (not more than 350 words) indicating your current academic interests and which courses or subjects at Berea College most interest you. Attach the essay to this application.
For Counselor Use Only

Is student eligible for free or reduced lunch? □ Yes □ No

Approved: ___________________________________________ High School Guidance Counselor Date

Approved: ___________________________________________ Assistant Registrar at Berea College Date

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If you are a first time nondegree student who has previously attended a college or university other than Berea College, you must attach official transcripts and a statement of good standing from each institution attended. If you have earned less than 12 hours of college credit, please attach a high school transcript or GED scores and ACT or SAT scores to this application.

Are you a Berea College employee dependent? □ Yes □ No

If a degree was not earned, are you in good standing at that institution? □ Yes □ No

Have you ever been enrolled at Berea College? □ Yes □ No

If “yes”, what was your status? □ Degree candidate □ Nondegree student

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Have you ever been enrolled at Berea College? □ Yes □ No

If “yes”, what was your status? □ Degree candidate □ Nondegree student

Please check one of the following and provide the information requested.
☐ Berea College retiree  Dates of regular, full-time employment at Berea College:_____________________
☐ Regular, full-time employee of Berea College  ☐ Part-time employee of Berea College
  Department:________________________________________
☐ Regular, full-time employee of Eastern Kentucky University

Approved:________________________________________
  Employee’s Supervisor                 Date

Approved:________________________________________
  Director of Human Resources             Date

________________________________________
Employee/Retiree Signature                 Date