Admissions & Academic Policy Committee
Proposal – Academic Bankruptcy
As amended and approved on November 22, 2010

Proposed Change: This proposal would change the name of the policy to Academic Renewal and would reorganize confusing sections.

Submitted: October 27, 2010
Submitted by: Carole Beere, chair of Catalog Committee

Rationale: The change in name presents the policy in a more positive light. The reorganization and rewriting clarifies the time frames and GPA required for eligibility. The change is time frame is consistent with other universities.

CURRENT POLICY: NKU Undergraduate Catalog 2010-11 (p. 27)

Academic Bankruptcy for Undergraduates
Prerequisite Conditions
A returning student who has not attended NKU for a minimum of two full consecutive academic terms (i.e. fall, spring, summer [excluding winter term]) may petition for academic bankruptcy of NKU coursework on a one-time only basis.

Bankruptcy Policy
Upon successful completion of the first 12 semester hours of college level coursework attempted at NKU with a grade-point average of 2.0 or higher, the Office of the Registrar will remove the calculation of the petitioning student’s grade-point average, all classes in all semester(s) (all summer sessions in one year will be counted as one semester), terms, and sessions identified in the approved Undergraduate Academic Bankruptcy Petition. A student’s NKU transcript will indicate the term(s) bankrupted. Although the courses in the terms affected will be removed from the calculation of the grade point average, they will remain a part of the student’s transcript at NKU.

Failure to earn a grade-point average of 2.0 or higher for the first 12 semester hours of college-level coursework attempted at NKU upon returning to NKU will result in denial of the petition. Academic bankruptcy may be petitioned for only once. An updated copy of the transcript will be furnished to the appropriate dean, advisor and the student. It is the student’s responsibility to contact any agency providing financial assistance to determine the effects of the academic bankruptcy on past or future benefits. Any bankrupted courses the student passes at an acceptable level and that are among requirements for general education will be applied, but without awarding of credit, toward those requirements. Such application for major/minor requirements is subject to written approval by the appropriate chair.
Bankrupted courses, even though passed, do not apply to the minimum of 120 semester hours required for the bachelor’s degree or to the minimum 60 semester hours required for the associate degree.

**Procedure**
The student should obtain and complete an Undergraduate Academic Bankruptcy Petition form from the Office of the Registrar, processing area; at this time, policy requirements will be reviewed and explained by a processing specialist.

**PROPOSED POLICY: Academic Renewal Policy**

**Academic Renewal**

Academic Renewal allows students who meet specific criteria to remove certain courses from their GPA calculation and credits earned. The courses and grades remain on the student’s transcript.

**Academic Renewal Policies**

1. A returning undergraduate student who has not attended NKU for a minimum of two full consecutive academic terms (that is, fall, spring, summer) may petition for Academic Renewal of NKU coursework on a one-time only basis.
2. When a student successfully completes 12 semester hours of courses numbered 100 and above, at NKU they may contact the Office of the Registrar to set up an appointment to discuss Academic Renewal.
3. To be considered for Academic Renewal, the student must have a GPA of at least 2.00 based on all courses attempted since being readmitted and up through the semester in which the student earned the twelfth credit.
4. In completing an Application for Academic Renewal, a student must specify the semesters that he/she wishes to be removed from the GPA calculation and credits earned. For the purpose of this policy, all summer sessions in one year will be counted as one semester.
5. For every semester selected for Academic Renewal, ALL courses transcripted for that semester will be subject to Academic Renewal.
6. The courses and grades earned during the Academic Renewal semester(s) will remain on the transcript, but the grades will not be included in the calculation of the student’s overall GPA and the credits will not apply to the minimum of 120 semester hours required for the bachelor’s degree or to the minimum 60 semester hours required for the associate degree. The credits also will not apply to the bachelor’s degree requirement of 45 credits at the 300-level and above.
7. Courses that are part of the Academic Renewal and satisfy the requirements for general education, may be applied, but without awarding of credit, toward those requirements, provided that the student passed the course(s) at an acceptable level. Such application for major/minor requirements is subject to written approval by the appropriate chair.
8. The student’s transcript will indicate the semesters that were subjected to Academic Renewal.
9. An updated copy of the transcript will be furnished to the appropriate dean, advisor and the student.

10. It is the student's responsibility to contact any agency providing financial assistance to determine the effects of Academic Renewal on past or future benefits.

11. Students may apply for Academic Renewal only once.

12. Students who first enrolled at NKU between fall semester of 2004 through summer semester 2009 may have policies that affect their records outside of this catalog. These students are encouraged to contact the Office of the Registrar for clarification.

**Implementation Recommendation:** To go into effect Fall 2011.
Admissions and Academic Policies Committee
Approval Documentation

Policy (Attached): Academic Bankruptcy

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