



EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

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FAST FACTS

Eastern Kentucky University, located at the nexus of the Bluegrass Region and the Appalachian foothills in Richmond, Kentucky, is a student-centered comprehensive regional university dedicated to high-quality instruction, service and scholarship. The Richmond campus has long been known as “The Campus Beautiful” for its attractive landscapes. With roots dating back to 1874 and from its establishment in 1906 as a normal school to prepare schoolteachers, the university has a legacy as a “School of Opportunity” and is committed to the belief that high-quality education at all levels is the surest path to a higher quality of life for the region’s citizenry.

The university recently underwent the most ambitious campus revitalization in the institution’s history, adding a number of new facilities, including: a student fitness and wellness center, a renovated student center, a state-of-the-art science building – the largest such facility on any college or university campus in Kentucky, two new residence halls, a Scholar House for single parents, and a new dining hall.

BY THE NUMBERS

ENROLLMENT: approximately 14,500 students from almost every state and 52 countries

PROGRAMS: More than 100 programs available, from certificates to doctoral studies

ALUMNI: More than 100,000 successful alumni worldwide

FIRST GENERATION: Approximately 30 percent of ECU freshmen are first-generation college students

EMPLOYMENT: #1 in Kentucky employment among bachelor’s degree holders. Three years after graduation, 62 percent of ECU bachelor’s graduates are employed in Kentucky – the state’s highest percentage among all its public four-year institutions.

ACADEMICS

- College of Justice, Safety, & Military Science, ECU’s Program of Distinction, offers renowned programs in Homeland Security, Criminal Justice, Fire and Safety, and Security Management
- Aviation, the only four-year degree aviation program in Kentucky
- Occupational Therapy
- PGA Professional Golf Management
- Forensic Science
- Cyber Systems Technology
- Honors Program, which routinely leads the nation in the number of presenters at the National Collegiate Honors Council

OTHER POINTS OF PRIDE

One of “America’s Top Colleges” by Forbes for 12 consecutive years

Ranked among the Best Regional Universities in the South by U.S. News & World Report for 12 consecutive years

Named a “Best Bang for the Buck” college by Washington Monthly

Earned Top Ten status, the highest possible, in the Military Friendly® Schools review

Ranked by Military Times as one of the Top Ten “Best for Vets” universities nationally, and #1 in Kentucky and Appalachia

Recognized for outstanding service by U.S. News and World Report, Forbes, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, Military Times and more

A media kit of photos and resources, including the ECU logo, is available at go.eku.edu/media-kit