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## Academic Bankruptcy of Graduate Work

### Policy Statement

Academic bankruptcy allows graduate students who have been in a different graduate program from their current graduate program at EKU to void a portion of the work attempted during one or more semesters of the prior enrollment(s). EKU offers this option because it recognizes that some students fail to perform satisfactorily due to factors that interfere with their academic performance.

To qualify for bankruptcy, a graduate student must meet the following conditions:

- a) The student must be enrolled in a different graduate program than the one in which he or she was enrolled during the semester of the work to be bankrupted.
- b) The student must have been out of the previously enrolled program for a period of at least five consecutive years after attempting the work to be bankrupted.
- c) The student must state, in writing, his or her intention to declare bankruptcy to the Graduate School. The student will also specify which semesters are being requested for bankruptcy. Students may request to bankrupt any or all semesters of their prior work, but all work from a given semester will be bankrupted if the student requests to bankrupt that semester and if the request is approved.
- d) The student may not have previously declared bankruptcy of EKU work.

If bankruptcy is granted, the bankrupted work will remain on the transcript but it will not be counted in the student's GPA and will not count toward degree requirements. Students admitted to a new degree program under this policy will only be admitted with probationary status and must meet the requirements for probationary admission in order to maintain enrollment in the new graduate program.

### Entities Affected by the Policy

- Graduate students
- Graduate School
- Office of the Registrar

### Interpreting Authority

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

### Policy Adoption Review and Approval

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