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THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE 37916
OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS

February 8, 1973

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Chancellor Archie R. Dykes
FROM: John W. Prados *JWP*
SUBJECT: Admissions Policies

In response to your request, I submit herewith statements of current policies concerning undergraduate admissions, academic continuation, and academic honors, as approved by the Senate and currently in effect for the Knoxville Campus. These policies differ from those reflected in the minutes of the Board of Trustees, since policy changes in these areas for the past five years have not been submitted to the Board for approval.

I would recommend that these statements be presented to the Academic Affairs Committee with a request for their approval and subsequent submission to the full Board, so that Board policies will correctly reflect our current practice.

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Attachments

cc: Vice Chancellors Aldmon and Herndon
Miss Betsey Creekmore
Dean Grady L. Adkisson

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS STANDARDS
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE

The following standards are to be met by those seeking admission as regular undergraduate students to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

1. Freshman applicants who are residents of Tennessee must graduate from high school with a grade point average of at least 2.25 or have a composite score of at least 17 on the ACT. Tennessee residents failing to meet either of these criteria may be admitted on probation for any quarter other than the Fall.
2. Freshman applicants from outside Tennessee who are residents of states included in the accreditation region of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, or Arkansas, must graduate from high school with a grade point average of at least 2.25 and have a composite score of at least 18 on the ACT.
3. Freshman applicants from outside Tennessee who are residents of states other than those included in Item 2 must graduate from high school with a grade point average of at least 2.25 and have a composite score of at least 20 on the ACT.
4. Transfer applicants who are residents of Tennessee must have college grade point averages at least in accordance with the following levels: 1-12 quarter hours attempted, 1.35; 13-24 hours, 1.40; 25-35 hours, 1.45; 36-48 hours, 1.50; 49-60 hours, 1.85; 61-72 hours, 1.90; 73-83 hours, 1.95; 84 or more quarter hours attempted, 2.00.

5. Transfer applicants who are not residents of Tennessee must have a minimum college grade point average of 2.00 and be screened by an admissions committee which includes representatives of the academic college to which the applicant seeks admission.
6. Children of alumni of the University of Tennessee may be admitted under the standards applying to Tennessee residents, whether or not they themselves are residents of Tennessee.
7. The academic colleges and schools may impose admission standards for their students in addition to those preceding, provided that such standards are clearly related to the academic needs of the college or school imposing such standards, and that such standards have been approved by the Faculty Senate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

SPECIAL STUDENT CLASSIFICATION

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville will admit as a Special Student any person over 20 years of age who gives satisfactory evidence of preparation to take advantageously the subjects open to him, who does not desire to obtain a degree or diploma from the University of Tennessee but only to make use of these educational facilities for a limited amount of undergraduate credit, or one who has an undergraduate degree and does not want to obtain another undergraduate degree. When such a student desires to take a course for which there are prerequisites, it is understood that enrollment for that course would be subject to the prior approval of the instructor.

Special Students shall not be permitted to take Graduate or Law School course work but shall instead be required to apply for regular admission to the Graduate School or Law College.

Special Students shall not be permitted to obtain credit for more than 90 quarter hours of undergraduate work.

Special Students shall not be permitted to become candidates for a degree without fulfilling all course prerequisites and presenting approved high school transcript and college transcripts as applicable to satisfy regular entrance requirements.

EARLY ADMISSIONS

Students who have completed their junior year in high school with a 3.5 grade-point average, a score in the 95th percentile of Knoxville Campus norms for the American College Testing Program, have the recommendations of their high school principals and guidance counselors, and apply with the advice and consent of their parents, may be admitted to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Such admission shall be contingent upon completion of all high school prerequisite courses, clear indications that the student can profit from this kind of placement in the University, and the favorable judgment of the Director of Admissions after his final interview with the applicant.

So that these gifted students may obtain the necessary unusual and specialized advice designed to promote rapid advancement, the Dean of each college involved shall appoint special advisers as necessary to assist these students.

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC CONTINUATION

To be eligible to continue at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, an undergraduate student must maintain a cumulative grade point average at or above the minimum acceptable level shown in the following chart.

Total Quarter Hours Attempted	Minimum Acceptable Grade Point Average
0 - 35.9	1.00
36 - 83.9	1.50
84 - 149.9	2.00

A student whose grade point average falls below this minimum acceptable level in any quarter will be placed on academic probation for the subsequent quarter. During the probationary quarter the student must attain the minimum acceptable average shown, or a 2.00 average for that quarter, or be dropped from the University.

A student who has attempted over 150 hours will be checked for graduation requirements only, except when on academic probation. Such students, if on academic probation, must attain a cumulative average of 2.00 or a 2.00 for that quarter, or be dropped from the University.

A student who has been dropped from the University for the first time or who has been absent must make application for readmission. Readmission is not automatic. Application must be made at least six weeks before registration. The Committee on Readmissions may approve or refuse the application for readmission. Students are strongly encouraged to appear in person before the Committee on Readmissions.

A student who has been previously dropped and readmitted will be placed on academic probation. Failure to meet the regular University standards of retention during the probationary quarter or subsequent

thereto will result in the student's being dropped from the University and required to remain out of school for at least three quarters before becoming eligible to apply for readmission.

Freshmen who enter as probationary students and fail to meet the requirements of their probation may not make application for three academic quarters. Full committee approval is required for further enrollment.

REGARDING "HONORS" NOTATIONS ON OFFICIAL RECORDS AND DIPLOMAS

The official records and diplomas of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with over-all grade averages of 3.00 to 3.39, inclusive, shall bear the notation "With Honors"; those for students with averages 3.40 to 3.74, inclusive, bear the notation "With High Honors"; and those for students with averages 3.75 and above bear the notation "With Highest Honors".