

WAITLIST

POLICY TYPE: ACADEMIC & ADMISSIONS POLICY COMMITTEE

RESP. OFFICIAL TITLE: PROVOST & EXEC. VICE PRES. FOR ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE: VICE PROVOST FOR UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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I. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy describes the use of a course registration waitlist within Northern Kentucky University's (NKU) registration software.

1. Any eligible NKU student may use the waitlist system.
2. Department chairpersons and school directors may set parameters for designating course sections that should be placed on the waitlist throughout the class development and registration periods.
3. A combination of enrolled and waitlisted courses should not exceed the maximum course load allowed per the catalog, unless the student designates the course(s) to be dropped if a seat in the desired course(s) becomes available. The student will be clearly warned at the time of signing up for the waitlist.
4. Students must meet all course prerequisites and pass all restrictions (e.g., major restrictions, classification restrictions) to be eligible to waitlist courses. Students may waitlist a course for which they are fulfilling a prerequisite in the current semester.
5. Students may waitlist a course in which they are enrolled at the time of registration (i.e., waitlisting a course for which they may not receive a passing grade).
6. Open seats will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
7. When a student chooses to waitlist a course, the student will receive a confirmation from IT via NKU email. When an open seat in the waitlisted course becomes available, the student will receive notification that they have been enrolled in the open spot. If another class is dropped as a result (see item #3 above), the student will be notified as well.
8. Students may waitlist multiple sections of a course. Once a seat is assigned, the system will drop the student from the waitlists in other sections. The student will receive clearly worded communication that the first available seat will be assigned, even though it may not be their first choice.
9. Students will remain on the waitlist until they are successfully enrolled in the course, or until 12:00 a.m. the first day of the session (semester or subsession), when all waitlists are automatically purged.
10. If a student is on the waitlist, that is not a guarantee that a seat will become available or that they will be enrolled in the course.

II. ENTITIES AFFECTED

All NKU students, department chairpersons/school directors, academic advisors, Registrar, and IT.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

Department Chairpersons/School Directors: Designate courses eligible for waitlist and revise as needed each semester. Additionally, department chairs/school directors may adjust enrollment limits as needed throughout the registration period.

Information Technology (IT): Configure the software system (currently SAP) to allow waitlist capabilities. Automatically send a message to students on waitlist on the first day of classes and require students to opt in to continue on the list.

Registrar's Office: Manage process each term.

Advisors: Convey appropriate messages to students regarding waitlist options.

IV. PROCEDURES

IT will reconfigure the registration software (currently SAP) to allow waitlist options. When a student drops a course, the system needs to be able to hold the seat as unavailable except for students on the waitlist.

Registrar staff will manage the process. Advising staff will assist students.

V. EXCEPTIONS

Department chairs/school directors or their designee will have the authority to override waitlists according to departmental/school priorities.

VI. TRAINING

Department chairs/school directors (and designees), advisors, students.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

Advising Council, Council of Chairs, Academic Affairs Council, Associate/Assistant Deans Council, Graduate Council, Student Government Association.

REVISION HISTORY

REVISION TYPE	MONTH/YEAR APPROVED
AAPC Review w/No Change	September 19, 2026
Minor Revision/Edits	May 2022
New Policy	May 2017

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SIGNATURES

IT POLICY COUNCIL REVIEW

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