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## CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENT RECORDS

In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, University of Kentucky students have the right to review, inspect, and challenge the accuracy of information kept in a cumulative file by the institution unless the student waives this right in writing. Records cannot be released in other than emergency situations without the written consent of the student, except in the following situations:

- A. to other school officials, including faculty within the educational institution or local educational agency who have legitimate educational interests;
- B. to officials of other schools or school systems in which the student intends to enroll, upon condition that the student be notified of the transfer, receive a copy of the record if desired, and have an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of the record;
- C. to authorized representatives of 1) the Comptroller General of the United States, 2) the Secretary of Education of the United States, 3) an administrative head of an education agency or 4) state educational authorities;
- D. in connection with a student's application for, and receipt of, financial aid;
- E. where the information is classified as "Directory information." The following categories of information have been designated by the University as directory information: name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, enrollment classification, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational institution attended by the student. Students who do not wish such information released without their consent should notify the Registrar's Office in writing.

Questions concerning this law and the University's policy concerning release of academic information may be directed to the Registrar's Office, 257-8729.

## ANNUAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

### Student Right-to-Know Act (P.L. 101-542)

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Section 103 of the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-542) as amended by the Higher Education Technical Amendments of 1991 (Public Law 102-26) requires public disclosure of relevant graduation rate information for students enrolled in colleges and universities receiving federal financial assistance annually beginning July 1, 1993. The following statement is the University of Kentucky's official disclosure statement in accordance with the requirements of P.L. 101-542 Section 103 for the 1996-97 academic year.

#### Graduation Rate of Entering Freshmen

The graduation rate for all students entering the University of Kentucky as first-time freshmen during the 1989-90 academic year\* was **49 percent**. This graduation rate represents the percentage of students entering the University of Kentucky as first-time (i.e., new) full-time degree-seeking freshmen during the 1989 Summer and Fall terms who subsequently were awarded baccalaureate degrees by the University of Kentucky within six calendar years (i.e., through August 1995). This rate was calculated under definitions and procedures established by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and reported to the NCAA on the University's 1995 Graduation Rate Disclosure Form in March 1996.

Final regulations and guidelines for the calculation, reporting, and disclosure of graduation rate information required under the Student Right-to-Know Act have not yet been issued by the Department of Education. Definitions of the entering student cohort in the Department of Education's **proposed** regulations (*Federal Register*, July 10, 1992) and the NCAA Graduation Rate Disclosure Form differ slightly. However, the University has determined that the graduation rate information in the annual NCAA report is substantially comparable to the information required under the Student Right-to-Know Act, and is reporting that information at this time pending release of final federal regulations.

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\* The information to be disclosed by July 1 of each year is "the graduation rate for the most recent cohort of entering students that all have had an opportunity to complete or graduate from their respective programs" in the specified completion period (which for the University of Kentucky is six years). The most recent entering cohort meeting this requirement is the 1989-90 freshman class.