Special Students

Part-time Status

The special-student category applies to students who wish to take courses on a part-time, occasional basis and whose immediate intention is not to earn an undergraduate degree from Kenyon. Ordinarily, to be eligible for special-student status, a candidate must never have been a degree candidate at the College. Exceptions may be made in unusual cases. Ordinarily, special students may not enroll in a full-time course load and may enroll in a cumulative total of 8 units of course work for credit.

Admission. Candidates wishing to enroll as a special student apply to the registrar at least ten days prior to the first day of class in each semester in which they wish to undertake one or more courses.

Credit. Special students may enroll in courses for credit or as auditors.

Fees. Tuition for courses taken for credit or as an auditor is indicated each year in the Fees and Charges booklet published by the controller. Special students are not eligible for financial aid from Kenyon.

Privileges. Special students are entitled to full library and computing services and may attend seminars, lectures, and campus events open to all students. Ordinarily, special students do not live in College residences.

Responsibilities. Special students are held to the same standards, policies, and deadlines as other students.

Residence. The residency requirement for special students implies full-time coursework and has nothing to do with living in a Kenyon residence hall. For special students, the residency requirement for the College degree may be met by taking a minimum of three courses in each of four semesters (not necessarily successive semesters). Exceptions to this may be requested by petition to the Academic Standards Committee after consultation with the registrar.

Change of Enrollment Status.

Students who initially enroll as special students may apply for a change in enrollment status if they wish to become a degree candidate. Special students must complete a minimum of 2 units of credit to be eligible for a change of enrollment status. Such applications are made to the dean of admissions and are governed by the policies pertaining to transfer admission.

Visiting Students

The visiting-student category applies to students who wish to enroll at Kenyon for a specific purpose for a specific period of time and who do not intend to earn the baccalaureate degree from the College. Students previously enrolled as degree candidates at Kenyon are not eligible for visiting-student status. Ordinarily, visiting students enroll as full-time students and are governed by all regulations of degree candidates. Visiting students are required to reside in College housing.

Admission. Candidates wishing to enroll as a visiting student apply to the dean of admissions. Applications are reviewed by a committee chaired by the dean of admissions. Decisions are governed by the policies pertaining to transfer students.

Credit. Visiting students ordinarily enroll for a minimum of 1 1/2 units of credit each semester.

Fees. Visiting students pay full fees and tuition, including student activities fees and health and counseling fees as indicated in the Fees and Charges booklet published by the controller. Visiting students may apply for financial aid.

Privileges. Visiting students are entitled to full library and computing services and may attend seminars, lectures, and campus events open to all students. Visiting students are required to live in Kenyon residences.

Responsibilities. Visiting students are held to the same standards, policies, and deadlines as other students.

Change of Enrollment Status.

Students who initially enroll as visiting students may apply for a change in enrollment status if they wish to enroll as degree candidates. Visiting students must complete a minimum of 2 units of credit to be eligible for a change of enrollment status. Such applications are made to the dean of admissions and are governed by the policies pertaining to transfer admission.