## College of Fine Arts Arts Administration Program Proposed Admission Requirements

## To be admitted into the Arts Administration Program as a major, an applicant must first:

- 1. be enrolled in the University of Kentucky:
- 2. complete 45 semester hours of course work.
- 3. have a minimum 2.8 cumulative grade point average.
- 4. complete premajor core requirements (AAD 200 and 202, and one of the following: COM 181, COM 287, TA 225), plus ACC 201 and ECO 201 with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
- 5. submit an application form.

Students meeting these requirements will be accepted as majors in the program. Applications for admission must be submitted before the end of the semester prior to a student taking an upper division Arts Administration course.

Students who want to be a major, but have not met one or more of the above requirements will be designated as "pre-majors." There is no application procedure for students to become Arts Administration pre-majors. Upon their request, premajor s will be assigned Arts Administration advisors and advising folders will be created for them.

## Rationale

The Arts Administration Program was started in 1988, and proved to be an immediate success. In its first year of operation it attracted approximately 30 students as majors, and since then has grown to nearly 90 majors, when counting students who list it as their primary major, or part of a double major.

Currently, the Program has one, full-time, tenured director, a second full-time adjunct faculty member and several part-time faculty members. The full-time adjunct position is scheduled to become a full-time tenure track position in the coming year. However, even with two full-time, tenure track faculty, the increasing number of majors in the Program is beginning to challenge the faculty's ability to provide the students with the quality of instruction they deserve.

The average ratio of majors per faculty member at UK is 20 to 1. The ratio in the Arts Administration Program is over double that number. Additionally, the Arts Administration Program employs extensive service learning, practicum and internship requirements, which stretches the faculty even further.

Consequently, the Program is proposing several modest admission requirements designed to keep the number of majors from expanding beyond current levels. These requirements are in keeping with those already established by the College of Business

and Economics, and the College of Communications and Information Studies. The 2.8 cumulative grade point average is below that required by the College of Business and Economics, and the five courses that the Arts Administration pre-majors will be required to pass with a cumulative 3.0 are courses which clearly indicate whether the students have the ability to successfully complete upper division Arts Administration requirements.