



The University of Kansas Exchange Fact Sheet



General Information	
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University Overview	Located on a scenic campus in the center of the United States, the University of Kansas (KU) is a comprehensive research and teaching university with nearly 200 undergraduate majors. The university earns excellent ratings in the top college guides. For more than a decade, the Fiske Guide to Colleges has awarded KU four-star ratings in all categories – academics, quality of living, and social life. KU is famous for the natural beauty of its campus, the high quality of its academic programs, reasonable cost, and diverse cultural and recreational opportunities.
Number of Students	KU has 30,000 students that come from every state in the U.S. and 110 countries in every region of the world.
Areas of Study	Exchange students typically take courses within the following departments and schools: Applied English Center Architecture, Design & Planning Arts (Visual Art, Film, Theatre and Dance) Business Engineering Journalism & Mass Communications Liberal Arts (Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences) Music
University Website	www.ku.edu
Study Abroad Website	www.studyabroad.ku.edu/ExchangeStudents
Take an online tour	www.admissions.ku.edu/tour
Application Procedures	
Application Requirements	Students must be officially nominated by their home institution. Nominations should be emailed to the exchange coordinator and the appropriate regional coordinator.
Application Procedures/Instructions	www.studyabroad.ku.edu/applications
Application Deadlines	March 15th for Fall and Academic Year applicants/ October 15th for Spring applications
Supporting Documents	Transcript from current institution and listing of courses in progress if applicable
<i>*To be submitted via online application.</i>	Copy of passport
	Evidence of financial support, which meets the minimum requirements (see application instructions for specific amounts)
	Assessment of Functional Level of English for Prospective J-1 Exchange Visitor Visas
	Statement of purpose detailing intended area of study and how the student is prepared academically for the program of study
	Portfolio of work or audition CD may be required for certain areas of study such as Architecture, Design, Visual Art and Music
	TOEFL or IELTS exam scores for non-native speakers of English are preferred by not required - please see English Proficiency section below for more information

English Proficiency	
English Proficiency Exam Policy	<p>As an exchange student through the Office of Study Abroad, you will be required to check-in with the Applied English Center (AEC) during orientation. Native speakers of English must still go to the AEC for an interview in order to obtain a waiver from taking English language classes. When non-native speakers of English check in at the AEC, the staff will verify your official scores of your TOEFL or IELTS test, if applicable (test scores are not required by KU for exchange students). Your TOEFL or IELTS scores must be reported directly from the testing agencies to the University of Kansas. KU must receive official scores prior to your arrival on campus. If you have a copy of your TOEFL or IELTS scores, please upload it to your KU application (see the Exchange Student Application Instructions provided by the Office of Study Abroad).</p> <p>If you have taken the TOEFL or IELTS within the last two years, and your scores meet the requirements below, you will be allowed to enroll full-time in university courses. The minimum scores required are as follows:</p>
Scores requirements for waiver	
Paper-based TOEFL	Minimum score of 57 on each section and score of 4.5 or higher on the essay
Internet-based TOEFL	Minimum score of 23 on each section
IELTS	Overall band score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6 on each section
Academics	
Course Information/ Areas of Study	With nearly 200 fields of study, there are course offerings for a wide variety of academic disciplines. To find out more about classes, please visit the following link: www.admissions.ku.edu/all-degrees
Restricted courses	Athletic Training, Education, Law, Medicine, Social Welfare
Enrollment	Exchange students are not able to enroll until they have arrived on-campus and completed the check-ins that take place during the mandatory "You at KU" orientation, however, students will submit course request questionnaires after acceptance via their JayhawksAbroad account. The Office of Study Abroad will then work with the academic departments to obtain any necessary permissions ahead of time if possible. Students will meet with an advisor in the Office of Study Abroad to enroll during the week before classes begin.
Course Requests	Course requests are not guaranteed therefore students must select at least 2 alternates. In cases where prerequisites are listed, it is important that students have the appropriate background for the course. Please note: Courses tend to be similar from fall to fall and spring to spring so if the term that you will be attending is not listed yet, please view the previous term. Fall classes typically post in mid-March and Spring classes typically post in mid-October. You can search for classes on the class schedule found at: www.classes.ku.edu
Understanding the Schedule of Classes	<p>When searching for classes, class days will be indicated by M (Monday), T (Tuesday), W (Wednesday), R (Thursday), and F (Friday) and each will have a 5 digit Class # that you will need to enter when submitting your course requests.</p> <p>Most classes will be offered at the Lawrence campus, however, KU does have other campus locations (KU Med, Edwards, and Regents campuses) so be sure to select courses with "Lawrence" listed after them.</p> <p>Please note that some classes consist of a large lecture AND an accompanying lab or discussion section (indicated by LAB OR DIS) on the schedule. When selecting a class in this format, you must select the lecture as well as a LAB OR DIS section.</p> <p>Some departments offer Independent Study credit and/or research credit. These courses are typically reserved for degree-seeking students who have a particular area of research interest or who have arranged internships for themselves.</p>
Credit Hours	<p>Undergraduate students must enroll in 12-15 credits (usually equivalent to 4 or 5 classes)</p> <p>Graduate students must enroll in 9-12 credits (usually equivalent to 3-4 classes)</p> <p><i>Please note that many Applied English Center (AEC) classes are 5 credits each</i></p>
University Dates	<p>Fall 2017 Semester <i>Please note: Orientation dates are tentative - do not purchase flights until confirmed</i></p> <p>Graduate Orientation - July 31 - Aug. 8 (July 31st is the anticipated arrival date)</p> <p>Undergraduate Orientation - August 7-15 (Aug. 7th is the anticipated arrival date)</p> <p>Classes begin - August 21</p> <p>Labor Day (no classes) - September 4</p> <p>Fall Break (no classes/limited meal service) - October 14-17</p> <p>Thanksgiving Break (no classes) - November 22 - 26</p> <p>Classes end - December 7</p> <p>Final exams - December 11-15</p> <p>Spring 2017 Semester <i>Please note: Orientation dates are tentative - do not purchase flights until confirmed</i></p> <p>Orientation (Grad & Undergrad) - January 2 - 9 (Jan. 2nd is the anticipated arrival date)</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day (KU offices closed) - January 16</p> <p>Classes begin - January 17</p> <p>Spring Break (no classes/residence halls close) - March 20-26</p> <p>Classes end - May 4</p> <p>Final exams - May 8-12</p>
<p>The full academic calendar is available at: www.registrar.ku.edu/calendar</p>	

Predeparture, Arrival, & Accommodations	
Pre-Departure, Arrival, and Orientation Information	All new incoming international students are required to participate in the International Student Services "You at KU" orientation program. The orientation program is conducted by International Student Services (ISS) and includes an introduction to university facilities, resources and policies, and student life at KU and in the US. Useful advice and information that will help you prepare for your travel and arrival can be found at: http://iss.ku.edu/you-ku-orientation
Arrival/Report Date	If using a DS-2019 issued by the University of Kansas to enter the U.S., you must report to KU. You are expected to arrive no later than the Program Start Date indicated on your DS-2019 (in section 3). If you must arrive later, please contact the Office of Study Abroad (osaexchange@ku.edu) and the Document Specialist (issdocs@ku.edu) in International Students Services as soon as you are aware to ensure that your DS 2019 has the appropriate start date listed on it.
On-Campus Accommodations	Exchange students typically opt to live in either the Jayhawker Towers Apartments or residence halls. You will be responsible for arranging your own housing during the duration of your time at KU. Students are encouraged to contract as soon as possible once admitted (after receiving your KUID number) in order to have access to the greatest range of options. Please note that once you contract, cancellation fees apply. You can explore on-campus housing options at: www.housing.ku.edu
On-Campus Accommodation Options	Jayhawker Towers Apartments Four-person and two-person apartments are available. Each one includes 2 bedrooms, a living room, full bath, and kitchenette with a stove, oven, and refrigerator. The bedrooms are furnished with beds, desks and chairs, and closets with a dresser. Students have the option of purchasing a meal plan but it is not required since there is kitchen access. The buildings remain open during breaks therefore the contracts include break housing so students living there may stay at no additional cost. Please note that space has become increasingly limited in the Jayhawker Towers so students are encouraged to apply well before the application deadline if interested in living there, and even then, it may not be possible.
	Residence Halls Traditional dormitory-style living which typically have two-three students per room. Certain residence halls such as Oswald, Self, and Lewis, are open to freshmen only whereas GSP, Corbin, Hashinger, & Oliver are open to students of all levels. Students are required to purchase a dining plan since there is no kitchen access. Residence halls stay open during all university breaks except for Winter Break. Students wishing to stay on-campus over Winter Break must sign up for winter break housing and pay a fee.
KU Dining Plan Options	http://union.ku.edu/dining/dining-plans/
Off-Campus Accommodations	The majority of exchange students choose to live on-campus for convenience and because it is challenging to find furnished apartments with short-term leases, however, exchange students occasionally choose to live off-campus. All off-campus housing arrangements are the responsibility of the student.
	Naismith Hall A privately owned residence-hall-style option that is adjacent to campus that has also been popular with exchange students. If you are coming for just one semester, please be sure to specify this with the staff to ensure that a single semester contract is a possibility. For more information visit: www.naismithhall.com
Orientation Accommodations	Students will either have the option of moving into their on-campus housing early for an additional nightly fee or signing up for special orientation housing elsewhere. This is highly recommended as you will be very busy during orientation and transportation is typically provided from these locations. Also, it is advised that you arrive on the arrival date specified by the ISS Office as the campus will be very quiet beforehand. Detailed orientation information will be provided as soon as it is available.
Tuition & Fees	
Fees covered by the Office of Study Abroad	Tuition and course fees, the Technology Fee, ISS fee, ISS Check-In Fee, Infrastructure Fee, and Campus Fee will be covered by the Office of Study Abroad. Exchange students will be responsible for housing and meals (unless a Tsuda or ISEP student), KUID card (\$15), and the required health insurance (currently \$580 per semester). These will be billed after you have arrived on campus and enrolled in your classes.
Required Health Insurance	All exchange students will automatically be enrolled in and charged the mandatory health insurance plan through United Healthcare unless granted a waiver through the ISS Office. The cost for the 2016/2017 academic year is currently \$580 per semester and is subject to change. To apply for the waiver, you must submit the Waiver Request Form by the first day of class and provide documentation showing that you are covered by an insurance plan, which meets the specified minimum requirements. Please note that students coming for the full academic year must apply for the waiver at the beginning of each semester. Learn more about the minimum requirements and waiver process at: www.iss.ku.edu/waivers