



Kent State University Fact Sheet 2026-2027

General Information	
Kent State University	https://www.kent.edu/
College of Honors and Global Education	https://www.kent.edu/globaleducation
Contact Information	Inbound to KSU: inboundstudyabroad@kent.edu Inbound students will communicate with KSU through this email address for all questions pertaining to admissions, course registration, arrival, orientation, insurance, etc. Outbound from KSU: edabroad@kent.edu International Partnerships: partnerships@kent.edu Partners should contact KSU at this email address for agreement renewals or questions. Sara Morato: smoratoq@kent.edu Sara will be the main point of contact for student-related inquiries from our partners; please continue to send Fact Sheets and personal emails to Sara's inbox and direct students to the general inbox.
Mailing Address	College of Honors and Global Education +1 330-672-7980 University Library Suite 320, 1125 Risman Dr. Kent, OH, USA 44242-0001
Academic Calendar	Kent State University Academic Calendar Fall Semester: August – December Spring Semester: January – May
Nomination and Application Information	
Nomination Process	All students must be nominated by their home university. Nominations must be submitted via the online form and emailed nominations will not be accepted. https://kent.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bvbSQjKeWxT44hE .
Nomination Deadline	Fall Semester or Academic Year: March 1 Spring Semester: October 1 (nominations to KSU Florence: September 15)
Application Process	After being nominated, students must complete an online application and submit supplemental forms. A checklist of steps to complete will be provided to the students via email once they are nominated.
Application Deadline	Fall Semester or Academic Year: April 1 Spring Semester: October 15 (application deadline for KSU Florence: October 1)
Acceptance and Visa	A student visa will be required for all students if they do not have US citizenship. Upon admission to Kent State University, students will receive an admissions letter and their immigration document via email.
GPA and English Language Requirements	Undergraduate Student GPA Requirement: 2.0 out of 4.0 scale Undergraduate Student English Proficiency Scores Graduate Student GPA Requirement: 3.0 out of 4.0 scale Please note that individual departments may have different GPA requirements for graduate students. Graduate Student English Proficiency Scores

	All international undergraduate and graduate applicants must submit an English language proficiency test score from the list provided above to be considered for a Kent State program, unless they meet specific exceptions. KSU cannot accept test scores that are not included on the approved test list.
Academics	
Course Requirement per Semester	Undergraduate Students: minimum 12 credit hours and maximum 18 credit hours Graduate Students: minimum 8 credit hours and maximum 18 credit hours Please consult departmental coordinator on recommended course load NOTE: If students enroll in more than the maximum number of credit hours, they will be responsible for paying the per-credit hour tuition fee.
Available Courses	Please use the public course search to view the schedule of courses for each semester. Not all courses are available for international exchange or fee-paying students. Students must meet the pre-requisite requirements for all courses they intend to take. Please note that some programs are not available at the Kent Campus or are not permissible for international exchange or fee-paying students. Students must enroll in in-person courses taught at the Kent Campus.
Estimated Expenses	
Tuition & Course Fees	Exchange Students: Tuition is waived per the exchange agreement, but students may incur additional course fees for which they are responsible for paying (i.e., lab fees, studio fees, Flashbook textbook fees, etc.). Fee-Paying Students: Tuition is updated each summer for the upcoming academic year. Please consult the KSU tuition website for the current tuition rates.
On-Campus Housing	Housing fees will vary depending upon the housing option selected by the student. Please consult the University Housing website for current rates. Single room styles are available but are not guaranteed. Students should plan for shared rooms.
Meal Plan	Meal plan fees will vary depending upon the option selected by the student. Please consult University Culinary Services website for current meal plan rates. Many students find The Blue Plan to be sufficient for their needs.
Student Health Insurance Plan	The KSU Student Health Insurance Plan is required for all exchange and fee-paying students and cannot be waived; the rates and coverage dates for 2025-2026 can be found on the website.
International Student Activity Fee	This fee is \$20 per semester and is required <i>for all international students</i> , as it supports delivery of international student services, events and activities.
International Student Orientation Fee	This one-time fee is \$100 for the first semester of enrollment at KSU and is required <i>for all international students</i> , as it supports the online and in-person components of delivering the International Student Orientation program.
Arts Fee	This fee is \$15 per semester and is required <i>for all undergraduate students</i> for free admission to theatre, music, orchestra, opera, dance, etc. events.

Career Services Fee	This fee is \$93.84 per semester and is required <i>for all undergraduate students</i> , as it provides access to student and alumni online career resources, networking, mentoring programs, workshops, career assessment, etc.
Student Health Fees	This fee is \$90 per semester and is required <i>for all undergraduate students</i> .
Early Arrival and Winter Break Housing	If students need to arrive before the housing contract period begins or live on campus during winter break, they must apply for Seasonal Break Housing and will be charged \$35 per night to their KSU student account.
Personal Expenses	Students should budget for personal expenses, including bedding and towels (if planning to purchase upon arrival), toiletries, entertainment, etc.
KSU Transcripts	Students will request a copy of their official KSU transcript (eTranscript, paper transcript, or both) through Flashline. A \$10.00 convenience fee per transcript will be charged to the student's credit card for electronic and US Postal Service requests. FedEx requests will incur additional charges.
Estimated Proof of Financial Means Needed for Immigration Document	
Form DS-2019	The Form DS-2019 is issued by KSU to students participating in an exchange program for a J-1 visa. Students should submit proof of financial means with their KSU application in the following amounts: Exchange student: • 1 semester: \$9,147.50 • 2 semesters: \$18,295
Form I-20	The Form I-20 is issued by KSU to students participating in a visiting student or ESL program for an F-1 visa. Students should submit proof of financial means with their KSU application in the following amounts: Visiting student: • 1 semester: \$21,296.50 • 2 semesters: \$42,593 ESL student: • 1 semester: \$14,535.50 • 2 semesters: \$29,071