

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM | FACT SHEET 2020/2021

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### I. NOMINATION

All students must be nominated by their home university/international office. Nominations should be submitted via the online form ([https://kent.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_OPVdB0y1mgoZBlh](https://kent.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_OPVdB0y1mgoZBlh)). Required nomination details will include:

- *Student's Full Name*
- *Home University Email*
- *Academic Major*
- *City and Country of Birth*

### PRIORITY NOMINATION DEADLINES:

- *Fall Semester or Academic Year:* March 1
- *Spring Semester:* September 15

### II. APPLICATION

After being nominated, undergraduate students must complete the **Online International Exchange Student Application**.

- Application Link: [www.kent.edu/globaleducation/international-freshman-application-guide](http://www.kent.edu/globaleducation/international-freshman-application-guide)
- Scroll down to "Submit an online application"
- Click "Begin New Application" under the "On-Campus Programs" section
- Select "International Student"
- Select "Undergraduate Student"
- Select "Student from Exchange Partner"
- Finish the required questions and submit your application

After being nominated, graduate students must create an account and complete the **International Graduate Non-Degree Program Application** found here: <https://www.kent.edu/globaleducation/non-degree-graduate-programs-international-students>. Scroll down to the bottom and click "Apply." Please create an account and select "International Exchange" as the program type within the application system.

## REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR APPLICATION

All students must submit the following items to the Kent State Office of Global Education BY EMAIL to [edabroad@kent.edu](mailto:edabroad@kent.edu); copies of the forms can be found online at: <https://www.kent.edu/globaleducation/incoming-exchange-students>

- I. **Exchange Program Permission Form**
- II. **Financial Worksheet**
- III. **Proof of Financial Means**
  - a. Official bank statement/bank letter in English or certified translation
  - b. Fall Semester: \$9,683 USD | Spring Semester: \$10,135 USD | Academic Year: \$19,818 USD
- IV. **Official Transcript**
  - a. Must be in English and contain all courses
  - b. GPA requirement: 2.0 out of 4.0 scale
- V. **Photocopy of Passport**
- VI. **Official English Proficiency Score**
  - a. Required for non-native English speakers
  - b. Undergraduate: TOEFL ibt: 71 | IELTS: 6.0 | MELAB: 75 | Duolingo: 100 | PTE Academic: 48 | **Completion of ELS level 112 Intensive English Program** | SAT: 510 Evidence-based reading and writing | ACT: minimum of 21 in English
  - c. Graduate: minimum acceptable test scores vary by program and can be reviewed online: <https://www.kent.edu/globaleducation/graduate-program-english-requirement-2018>
  - d. TOEFL scores must be sent to Kent State officially by ETS using the institutional code 1367
  - e. IELTS scores must be sent to Kent State as a PDF document

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

The online application and all required materials should be completed and submitted by the following priority deadline dates. Applications received after these dates will be accepted on a rolling basis. These dates are critical to ensuring applicants will have enough time to apply for a student visa.

### PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINES:

- **Fall Semester or Academic Year:** April 1
- **Spring Semester:** October 15

## III. ACCEPTANCE & VISA

All exchange students will require a student visa to study at Kent State University if they do not hold U.S. citizenship. Upon admission to Kent State University, students will receive an admission letter and a Form DS-2019 which will be mailed to their home institution's international office. The DS-2019 will allow the student to apply for a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa to study in the United States.

Students are individually responsible for applying in a timely manner for their own student visa. Students are required to pay the SEVIS fee before scheduling a visa appointment. The SEVIS number and program number are required to make a visa appointment; this information can be found on the DS-2019. For updated information on U.S. student visa requirements, please review the website of the United States Department of State: <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en.html>.

Students are responsible for registering as a full-time student and abiding by the requirements set forth by the United States Department of State to maintain visa status.

## IV. ARRIVAL

### DATE OF ARRIVAL

Students must arrive to the U.S. *on or before the Program Start Date listed on their DS-2019* to avoid being denied entry to the U.S. Students may arrive up to 30 days before the Program Start Date.

### MANDATORY IMMUNIZATIONS

Kent State University Health Services requires all international students to submit an immunization form showing proof of the MMR vaccination and a tuberculosis screening test (TB test – Mantoux type). To download the form and for additional information, please visit: [www.kent.edu/uhs/mandatory-immunizations](http://www.kent.edu/uhs/mandatory-immunizations). The completed form may be e-mailed to [immunizations@kent.edu](mailto:immunizations@kent.edu) or submitted to Deweese Health Center upon arrival to campus.

### CHECK-IN AT OFFICE OF GLOBAL EDUCATION

International students must check-in at the Office of Global Education, Terrace Hall, within 48 hours of arrival to campus. Students must bring their official transcripts, passport, visa, DS-2019 and any other immigration documents. A comprehensive guide for orientation will be provided during check-in.

## V. ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020/2021:

### Semester 1 (Fall 2020)

International students must arrive by	August 18
International Student Orientation	August 19
Classes Begin	August 27
Labor Day (no classes)	September 7
Veterans Day (no classes)	November 11
Last day of in-person instruction	November 22
Thanksgiving Break (no classes)	November 23 – 29
Switch to remote instruction	November 30 – December 13
Final Examinations	December 14-20

### Semester 2 (Spring 2021)

International students must arrive by	January 13
International Student Orientation	January 14
Classes Begin	January 19
Spring Break	March 29 – April 4
Classes End	May 4
Reading Day	May 5
Final Examinations	May 6 – 12

## VI. INSURANCE

Kent State policy requires all international students to enroll in and purchase the Student Health Insurance Plan provided by Kent State University. Exchange students CANNOT waive the insurance. Students must complete enrollment online within the stated enrollment dates. Kent State will automatically bill students' Bursar accounts for the charges each semester.

For more information, please see: <https://www.kent.edu/globaleducation/insurance-and-immunization>.

### Insurance Premium Fees:

- Fall Semester (*August 18, 2020 – January 17, 2021*): \$1168.00
- Spring Semester (*includes Summer; January 18, 2021 – August 20, 2021*): \$1,620.00

\*\*Please note that the above premium rates are based on the 2020/2021 policy period and will be updated in late Summer 2021 for the 2021/2022 Academic Year.

## VII. ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

Kent State will guarantee on-campus housing for all approved exchange students who complete the required housing application procedures. We do not recommend seeking off-campus housing, as availability is very low and highly competitive, getting to classes can be more difficult, and living off-campus does not provide the kind of immersive student experience that exchange students should have.

Students can only apply for housing after being officially accepted by Kent State as an exchange student. Delaying the application for housing can significantly impact a student's opportunity to receive on-campus housing. Information about on-campus housing and all available residence halls can be found at the following website <https://www.kent.edu/housing>.

Students will need their FlashLine username and password to submit a housing application. Instructions for logging into FlashLine and setting up their student account will be included in the admission letter. Students will be required to pay a \$200 housing deposit. Please note that when signing the housing agreement, the student is entering into a legally binding contract.

Kent State has 25 residence halls with a variety of room types and communities. Each hall is overseen by a full-time, professional Residence Hall Director. All residence halls are smoke-free, secured with electronic locks on all entrance doors and student rooms, and all have free laundry machines and wireless connectivity. Many also have computer labs and dining facilities. Detailed information about on-campus housing and all available residence halls can be found at the following website: <https://www.kent.edu/housing/residence-halls>.

## VIII. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION:

The Kent State Office of Global Education will provide an International Student Orientation each semester for incoming exchange students. The orientation program aims to introduce you to the staff at the Office of Global Education, the University, policies and requirements, the local area, and to helpful resources. When you are admitted to Kent State University, you will receive information about transportation from the airport, check-in procedures, and the orientation date/time. *Attendance at the orientation is mandatory.*

## IX. COURSE REGISTRATION

Students can view the list of courses offered at Kent State by clicking on this link and following the prompts: [https://keys.kent.edu:44220/ePROD/bwckctlg.p\\_disp\\_dyn\\_ctlg](https://keys.kent.edu:44220/ePROD/bwckctlg.p_disp_dyn_ctlg). Please note that some classes are not available to exchange students and that classes can become filled quickly. It is in your best interest to apply as an exchange student early so that you may register for classes as timely as possible. Students must meet the prerequisite requirements for all courses they intend to take.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS NOT AVAILABLE TO INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Please note that not all academic majors/programs are available on Kent Campus or are permissible for international exchange students. These majors/programs include:

- *Mechanical/Electrical Engineering*
- *Architecture & Interior Design (unless all prerequisites have been completed)*
- *Managerial Marketing*

Exchange students are required to enroll in a minimum of 12.0 credit hours (undergraduate level) or 9.0 credit hours (graduate level). Undergraduate students taking more than 18.0 credit hours and graduate students taking more than 9.0 credit hours will be charged a per-credit hour fee. For more information, please review the following page: <https://www.kent.edu/bursar/tuition-and-fees#panel1>

## X. ESTIMATED EXCHANGE PROGRAM EXPENSES FOR ONE SEMESTER (FALL 2020 or SPRING 2021)

<b>On-Campus Housing</b> <a href="https://www.kent.edu/housing/room-and-board-rates">https://www.kent.edu/housing/room-and-board-rates</a>	\$3,755 - \$5,578	Housing fee will vary depending upon which housing option the student chooses.
<b>Meal Plan</b> <a href="https://www.kent.edu/dining/2020-2021-cohort-meal-plans">https://www.kent.edu/dining/2020-2021-cohort-meal-plans</a>	Blue Plan: \$2,287 Kent Plan: \$2,500 Gold Plan: \$2,750	Meal plan fee will vary depending upon which meal plan option the student chooses.
<b>Arts Fee</b>	\$15	REQUIRED for undergraduate students. Provides free ticket to theatre productions, music events, orchestra, opera, dance concerts, etc.
<b>International Student Activity Fee</b>	\$20	REQUIRED for all international students. Supports delivery of international student services, events and activities.
<b>Career Services Fee</b>	\$74.88	REQUIRED for undergraduate students. Provides access to student and alumni online career resources, networking, mentoring programs, workshops, career assessment, etc.
<b>Additional Course Fees</b> <a href="https://www.kent.edu/bursar/university-fee-register">https://www.kent.edu/bursar/university-fee-register</a>	\$10-\$100 per class	Many classes have an additional fee (in addition to tuition). Tuition is covered by the exchange agreement, but course fees are not. The amount of the course fee depends on the class; for example, science lab classes have higher course fees. Some classes have no course fees.
<b>International Student Health Insurance</b> <a href="https://www.kent.edu/globaleducation/insurance-and-immunization">https://www.kent.edu/globaleducation/insurance-and-immunization</a>	\$1168 – Fall Semester \$1,620 – Spring + Summer Semester	Insurance is required and cannot be waived. Rates will be updated late Summer 2021 for the 2021/2022 Academic Year.

### MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATED EXPENSES

<b>Bedding</b> (Students must buy or bring their own sheets and towels.)	\$50
<b>Early Arrival Housing</b> (All international students must arrive to campus a few days early in order to attend the mandatory International Student Orientation.)	\$35/per night
<b>Break Housing</b> (All students must pay additional fees if choosing to live in the residence hall during Winter Break or Spring Break.)	\$35/per night

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:** <https://www.kent.edu/bursar/payment-options-overview>

### QUESTIONS?

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