

UNIVERSITY of KENTUCKY
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM FACT SHEET
Academic Year 2024 - 2025

A. Contact Information

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B. Academic Calendar

2024 Fall Semester*

Required Arrival Date	August 11, 2024
Mandatory Orientation Program	August 12 – 16, 2024
Classes Begin	August 19, 2024
Final Day of Fall Semester (exams end)	December 13, 2024

Students must arrive in Lexington on August 11, 2024 for pre-semester orientation

2025 Spring Semester*

Required Arrival Date	January 2, 2025
Mandatory Orientation Program	January 3 – 4, 2025
Classes Begin	January 6, 2025
Final Day of Spring Semester (exams end)	May 2, 2025

Students must arrive in Lexington on January 2, 2025 for pre-semester orientation

**dates to be confirmed*

C. Nomination & Application Process

Number of students to be exchanged	To be determined by mutual agreement each academic year
English Language Proficiency Requirement	<p>A minimum TOEFL ITP score of 527 (197 CBT, 71 iBT) or an IELTS score of 6.0 for <u>undergraduate students</u> taking courses in Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Communication, Design, Education, Fine Arts, College of Agriculture, Engineering.</p> <p>A minimum TOEFL ITP score of 550 (213 CBT, 79 iBT) or an IELTS score of 6.5 for <u>undergraduate students</u> taking courses in College of Business and Economics.</p> <p>A minimum TOEFL ITP score of 550 (213 CBT, 79 iBT) or an IELTS score of 6.5 for <u>graduate students</u>.</p> <p>UK also accepts these proof of English proficiency test certificates:</p> <p>TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition (same minimum score as listed above) My Best Score for TOEFL-iBT format</p> <p>Duolingo test with a score of 105 (undergraduate), 115 (graduate) or higher</p> <p>Cambridge English First Certificate, or Cambridge English Advanced Test with a minimum score of 173.</p> <p>Cambridge English Proficiency Test with a minimum score of 180</p> <p>All scores/test results must be less than two years old at time of application</p>
Other Eligibility Requirements	<p>UK does not specify a minimum GPA requirement for exchange students.</p> <p>However, students must meet the minimum English language proficiency requirement, have completed at least 2 semesters of university level education at the time of participation, and be in good academic standing at their home institution.</p> <p>Graduate exchange students planning on earning an MBA or MS degree at UK must also submit an application to the UK Graduate School.</p>
Nominating Your Students	<p>Nominate your students to the UK Exchange using the online nomination form http://international.uky.edu/exchange-student-nomination</p> <p>Please complete all sections as fully as possible.</p> <p>Nominations for students wanting to take courses offered by the</p> <p>UK Gatton College of Business & Economics</p> <p>UK College of Engineering</p> <p>UK College of Communication & Information</p> <p>must be accompanied by an email to the UK Exchanges Coordinator listing the name and code for the specific UK courses desired, and a scanned pdf copy of the student's most recent home institution transcript demonstrating the completion of any necessary pre-requisite courses.</p> <p>The transcript and UK course list are required to determine the student's eligibility for the desired UK courses.</p> <p>Once the nomination is approved, the UK Exchanges Coordinator will email the Home institution Exchanges Coordinator with the link to the online UK exchange application, requesting they advise their student(s) to start the application process.</p>
Nomination Deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nomination deadline for fall/academic year participation: March 23 Nomination deadline for spring participation: September 10

<p>The Online UK Exchange Application</p>	<p>The entire application is online, and all items must be completed by the student before the application can be reviewed and approved for admission.</p> <p>The application requirements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color scan of passport photo page • Official home institution transcript* • Proof of English proficiency • UK J-1 Exchange student application form^ • List of preferred UK courses. <p>^The J-1 Exchange Student Application Form is provided within the online application.</p> <p>DECISION LETTER</p> <p>Once the student's exchange application has been approved, they will be issued with an official decision (acceptance) letter. This letter is provided online. UK does not mail a hard copy of the letter.</p> <p>PROOF OF FUNDS</p> <p>The student will then be directed to request their DS-2019 by submitting their proof of funds documents to the UK International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) office, using the ISSS online iCAT portal.</p> <p>Proof of funds can be provided by bank statement(s) or other financial documents* demonstrating a minimum balance of \$8,827 USD per semester or \$17,654 for the year.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>*If the original documents are not in English, an official translation in English MUST also be provided. UK <u>will not</u> review documents not provided in English. Documents translated into English by the student applicant are not acceptable.</i></p> <p>Proof of Funds Requirements for Academic Year 2024-25</p> <p>Tuition, mandatory fees & individual course fees: included in Exchange Benefits</p> <p>Accommodation, Meal Plan, Books & Supplies: \$15,000</p> <p>Health Insurance: \$2,654 (\$1008 fall term; \$1,646 spring term)</p> <p>Total: \$8,827 for one semester. \$17,654 for academic year.</p>
<p>Application Deadline</p>	<p>April 15 for Fall/Academic Year entry</p> <p>October 1 for Spring entry</p>

D. Available Areas of Study & Course Registration

Areas of Study Requiring College Approval	<p>Students must have the proper academic background and be accepted for selective admission to these UK colleges:</p> <p>College of Engineering (biosystems, chemical, civil, computer science, electrical, mechanical, mining).</p> <p>Gatton College of Business & Economics (accounting, economics, finance, management, marketing).</p> <p>College of Communication and Information (Communication, Integrated Strategic Communication, Digital Media, Journalism, Information Communication Technology, Media Arts & Studies).</p> <p>Students requesting courses in these colleges are required to provide additional information listing the specific UK courses, and relevant prerequisite courses already taken at their home institution so their eligibility for the requested UK courses can be assessed.</p> <p>This information must be provided at the time the student is officially nominated to the exchange program by their home institution.</p>
Courses Not Open to Exchange Students	<p>Students admitted at undergraduate level are not eligible to enroll in courses offered at 500, 600, 700 and 800 level.</p> <p>Exchange students are not eligible to take coursework offered by these UK graduate and professional colleges:</p> <p>College of Dentistry College of Law College of Medicine College of Nursing</p> <p>There are restrictions to courses offered by these colleges:</p> <p>COLLEGE OF DESIGN: Architecture courses are not available to exchange students</p> <p>COLLEGE OF EDUCATION: Students are not eligible to enroll in courses offered in the College of Education with the EDC, EDL or EDS prefix.</p> <p>COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES: courses offered in this college are not open to exchange students.</p> <p>COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH: courses offered in this college are not open to exchange students.</p> <p>UK DISTANCE LEARNING & FULLY ONLINE COURSES: these courses are not included in the exchange tuition and fees benefits.</p> <p>Exchange students are required to register for a minimum of 12 credits of on-person courses each semester.</p> <p>Should they choose to register for a UK distance learning or online course this must be in addition to the 12 credits of in-person courses. The student will be responsible for paying the tuition and fees associated with a UK distance learning or online course.</p>

Registering for courses	<p>VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON COURSE ENROLLMENT</p> <p>Once the student has been officially admitted to UK, UK will make every effort to enroll them in their top 3 course choices pre-arrival. This is dependent on the courses being offered and having seats available.</p> <p>Some UK colleges (such as Engineering) do not enroll international exchange students in courses pre-arrival.</p> <p>Students will enroll in their remaining courses after arrival, during orientation week.</p> <p>We strongly encourage students to be flexible with their UK course choices.</p>
UK Course Catalog	<p>Students must use the Course Descriptions page on the UK Registrar website to identify the courses they would like to take at UK:</p> <p>Undergraduate course descriptions: http://bulletin.uky.edu/content.php?catoid=7&navoid=293</p> <p>Graduate course descriptions: http://bulletin.uky.edu/content.php?catoid=8&navoid=365</p> <p>Please note: course offerings for the following semester are usually confirmed 2-3 months prior to the start of that semester.</p> <p>Not all courses listed in the UK Course Catalog will be offered every semester. We recommend students are as flexible as possible and select alternatives in case some of their first choices are not available.</p>
UK Academic Calendar	<p>http://www.uky.edu/registrar/content/academic-calendar</p>
Minimum & Maximum Credits Per Semester	<p>Undergraduate exchange students must enroll in a minimum of 12 credits of in-person coursework each semester to meet the 'full time' student status requirement.</p> <p>Most UK courses offer 3 credits, and a typical undergraduate semester course load is 4 classes.</p> <p>Undergraduate exchange students can enroll in a maximum of 18 credits each semester.</p> <p>Graduate exchange students must enroll in a minimum of 9 credits of in-person coursework each semester to meet the 'full time' student status requirement.</p> <p>Most UK courses offer 3 credits, so a typical graduate semester course load is 3 courses.</p> <p>1 UK credit = 15 hours.</p>

E. Tuition, mandatory fees & individual course fees

UK Tuition, mandatory fees and individual course fees	<p>Students participating in this exchange are responsible for paying their individual tuition fees to their home institution.</p> <p>Under the terms of the bilateral exchange agreement, UK will cover the tuition, mandatory fees and individual course fees billed by UK to the incoming international exchange student(s) from your institution (with the exception of distance learning and online courses. See Section D above).</p> <p>However</p> <p>These fees will still be billed to the student's UK Student Account and will be paid by the UK Education Abroad & Exchanges office <u>AFTER</u> the add/drop deadline at the start of each semester.</p> <p>Please advise your students of this to avoid unnecessary anxiety when they view their UK student account prior to the start of their first semester on exchange at UK.</p>
UK fees not included in exchange benefits	<p>Some or all of these fees will be applied to the student's UK account and must be <u>paid by the student</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On-Campus Housing Early Move-In fee: \$30 per night• Additional break housing fee: \$98• UK International Center fee: \$100 (charged each semester)• See Blue U orientation fee: \$25• New student Program fee: \$46• UK Wildcat ID Card: \$20 <p>The \$50 UKEA application fee is waived for students attending UK on exchange.</p>

F. Estimated Cost of Participation

The cost to the student to participate on the exchange to UK	<p>The estimated cost of participation for <u>one semester</u>.</p> <p>On campus accommodation (undergraduate): \$4293 - \$5900</p> <p>On campus accommodation (graduate): \$658 - \$1311 per month</p> <p>Meal Plan (required with on-campus accommodation): \$1978 - \$2942</p> <p>Books & Supplies: \$425</p> <p>UK International Student Health Insurance: (\$1008 fall semester, \$1,646 spring semester)*</p> <p>UK International Center Fee: \$100</p> <p>Personal Spending Money: \$400 (minimum)</p> <p><i>*Costs for academic year 2024-25 have not yet been confirmed</i></p>
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G. Accommodation & Meal Plan

Housing Application	<p>The On-Campus Housing Application is separate to the UKEA Exchange Application and can only be submitted after the student is officially admitted to UK.</p> <p>The Undergraduate Housing Application is accessed at http://www.uky.edu/housing/applying-housing</p> <p>Undergraduate housing rates per semester https://wildcatliving.uky.edu/residence-halls/rates</p> <p>The Graduate Housing Application (and rates) are accessed at https://wildcatliving.uky.edu/graduate-and-family-housing</p> <p>Incoming exchange students are responsible for submitting their own application for Housing. Students must submit their on-campus housing application as soon as they have received their official acceptance letter. UK cannot guarantee on-campus housing for exchange students who are slow or late in submitting their application.</p>
On-Campus Housing	<p>UK offers a range of on-campus undergraduate and graduate housing at a range of prices.</p> <p>Undergraduate housing http://www.uky.edu/housing/undergraduate/places-to-live</p> <p>Graduate housing https://wildcatliving.uky.edu/graduate-and-family-housing/communities</p> <p>Undergraduate exchange students have the option to apply to live in any of the residence halls BUT must be aware that many of these close over holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year, Spring Break) and residents are required to move out and find alternative accommodation at their own cost.</p> <p>For this reason, UK Education Abroad office recommends students on exchange for the academic year apply for accommodation in one of the 9 month housing options – Blazer, Smith, Woodland Glen 4 - as these remain open during the holidays.</p> <p>Information on UK Residence Halls - http://www.uky.edu/housing/residence-halls</p> <p>Information on residence hall rates - http://www.uky.edu/housing/rates</p> <p>There is an additional Break Housing Fee of \$98.</p> <p>All new incoming exchange students are required to arrive early to participate in mandatory pre-semester orientation. For those living on campus there is an early move-in fee of \$30 per night which will be applied to their UK student account.</p>
Off-Campus Housing	<p>Exchange students have the option to arrange their own off-campus accommodation, but it is their responsibility to secure suitable housing and negotiate the lease and rent payments to the landlord.</p> <p>The UK EA office is not involved in arranging off-campus housing.</p> <p>UK's Off-Campus Student Services office provides information on off-campus housing - https://www.lexingtonoffcampus.com/</p>

<p>Meal Plan</p>	<p>Undergraduate students living in on-campus housing are required to enroll in a meal plan at the time they submit their housing application.</p> <p>For 2024-25 the least expensive meal plan is the “Weekly 10” costing \$1978 per semester. UK also offers unlimited meal plans starting at \$2513 per semester.</p> <p>Information on meal plans https://uky.campusdish.com/MealPlans/Category?cat=Fall_2021_Meal_Plans_6975&lid=6975</p> <p>UK dining facilities are open to all students with or without a meal plan. The cost of an average meal is approximately \$10. There are also many fast food dining options close to campus.</p> <p>Graduate students living on-campus are not required to purchase a meal plan.</p>
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H. Health Insurance

<p>Health Insurance Requirements</p>	<p>All international exchange students are required to carry health insurance which meets all requirements of the US Affordable Care Act.</p> <p>To ensure this, all international exchange students are automatically enrolled in the University of Kentucky Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) when they enroll in classes. They do not need to complete any forms to enroll in SHIP.</p> <p>For the academic year the cost of SHIP is \$2,654 (\$1008 fall semester, \$1,646 for spring semester). * These amounts are subject to change.</p> <p>Information about the policy and its requirements is available here - http://international.uky.edu/ISSS/Students/HealthCoverage</p> <p>Fall semester coverage: August 15 – December 31 Spring semester coverage: January 1 – August 14 <i>Costs for academic year 2024-25 are not yet confirmed</i></p>
<p>Health Insurance Waiver</p>	<p>In certain circumstances, an exchange student who believes their own health insurance policy complies with the Affordable Care Act can submit a Health Insurance Waiver Request after arrival at UK.</p> <p>If the waiver request is approved the student will not be required to purchase the UK Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP).</p> <p>If the waiver request is denied the student will be required to purchase the UK SHIP.</p> <p>Information on the waiver requirements and process are available here - http://international.uky.edu/ISSS/Students/HealthCoverage</p> <p>Students are recommended to review the requirements of the US Affordable Care Act very carefully before purchasing a health insurance policy in their own country. In most cases these policies DO NOT meet Affordable Care Act requirements.</p> <p>UK Education Abroad & Exchanges is not able to review or approve health insurance policies.</p> <p>Travel plans <u>will not</u> be accepted as proof of adequate health insurance.</p>
<p>Immunizations & vaccinations</p>	<p>International exchange students may need to update their immunizations prior to traveling to UK.</p> <p>All exchange students will complete a health information form and an immunization record after arrival on campus: https://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/university-health-service/student-health/vaccinations</p> <p>UK has a Tuberculin (TB) screening requirement for all newly enrolled international students. Some students may be required to complete particular immunizations and/or x-rays which are not covered under many health insurance policies: http://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/uhs/student-health/international/</p>

	<p>International exchange students are not required to mail, email or upload any immunization or other health certificates to UK prior to arrival. They should bring this documentation with them to UK and provide it if requested.</p> <p>Please note: the UK Exchanges Coordinator is not a medical professional and is not able to advise students on which immunizations they should or should not obtain prior to travel to the USA.</p>
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I. Post Admission and Pre-Arrival

<p>Completing Pre-Arrival Requirements</p>	<p>Proof of Funds (see also section C above)</p> <p>Once the student has been officially admitted to UK by the UK Admissions Office, they will be directed to request their DS-2019 by submitting their proof of funds documents to the iCAT online portal administered by the UK International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) office.</p> <p>Information on the minimum required amount of the proof of funds is provided on the UK EA website – https://international.uky.edu/ea/incoming-exchanges-uk</p> <p>ISSS will send the student their DS2019 as an email attachment.</p> <p>Next Steps</p> <p>Students will also be directed to the 'Next Steps to Becoming a Wildcat' page on the UK International Center website – https://international.uky.edu/iss/new-students/becoming-wildcat</p> <p>This page provides important information and links for all pre-arrival requirements, including activating the student's UK email account, requesting the DS2019, applying for housing, health requirements and health insurance, SEVIS fee payment, and airport pick-up request from Lexington Bluegrass Airport.</p> <p>Students should not access this page or attempt to complete any of the requirements until AFTER they have received their admissions letter from UK.</p>
<p>Preparing for Arrival at UK</p>	<p>In the weeks prior to arrival the UK Exchanges Coordinator will send a series of emails to incoming exchange students with important information about arrival day, airport pick-up, dorm check-in, understanding their UK student bill etc.</p> <p>Students are expected to read these emails!</p> <p>All exchange students are required to arrive on campus at UK on the date confirmed by the UK EA Exchanges Coordinator, in order to participate in mandatory pre-semester orientations.</p> <p>These include an orientation for all new international students and a separate orientation specifically for new international exchange students, conducted by the UK Exchanges Coordinator.</p> <p>Attendance at these orientations is mandatory.</p> <p>IMPORTANT NOTE</p> <p>Students arriving in Lexington earlier than the official arrival date will be required to arrange their own off-campus accommodation (ie at a local hotel).</p> <p>Students arriving before the official arrival date will not be able to move-in early to their dorm room.</p>