

UNIVERSITY of KENTUCKY
EXCHANGE PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET
2019 - 2020

A. Contact Information

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| General UK Education Abroad Office Email Address | educationabroad@uky.edu |

B. Academic Calendar

2019 Fall Semester

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| Required Arrival Date | August 17, 2019 |
| Mandatory Orientation Program | August 18 - 25, 2019 |
| Classes Begin | August 26, 2019 |
| Final Day of Fall Semester (exams end) | December 20, 2019 |

New incoming exchange students must arrive in Lexington on August 17, 2019 for pre-semester orientation

2020 Spring Semester

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| Required Arrival Date | Wednesday, January 8, 2020 |
| Mandatory Orientation Program | January 9 - 14, 2020 |
| Classes Begin | January 15, 2020 |
| Final Day of Fall Semester (exams end) | May 8, 2020 |

New incoming exchange students must arrive in Lexington on January 8, 2020 for pre-semester orientation

C. Application Process

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| Number of students UK can accept in each academic term | To be determined by mutual agreement |
| Application deadline | <p>May 1 for Fall entry October 1 for Spring entry</p> <p>There is some flexibility with these deadlines. Please contact the UK Exchanges Coordinator to inquire about a late application.</p> |
| English Language Proficiency Requirement | <p>A minimum TOEFL ITP score of 527 (197 CBT, 71 iBT) or an IELTS score of 6.0 for undergraduate students taking courses in 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 undergraduate students taking courses in Business and Economics.</p> <p>A minimum TOEFL ITP score of 550 (213 CBT, 79 iBT) or an IELTS score of 6.5 for graduate students.</p> <p>Alternatively, UC3M students can submit a valid Cambridge English First Certificate (FCE) AND a supporting letter from UC3M confirming their level of English proficiency.</p> |
| Other Eligibility Requirements | <p>UK does not specify a minimum GPA requirement for exchange students.</p> <p>They 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> |
| Nominating Your Students | <p>Nominate your students to the UK Exchange using the online nomination form http://international.uky.edu/exchange-student-nomination Please complete all sections as fully as possible.</p> <p>UKEA does not have an official nomination deadline. Please nominate your students as soon as you have selected them.</p> <p>Nominations for students wanting to take courses offered by the UK College of Business & Economics UK College of Engineering UK College of Communication & Information</p> <p>must include the name and code for the specific UK courses desired, and a copy of the student's most recent home institution transcript demonstrating the completion of any necessary pre-requisite courses.</p> <p>A scanned copy of the transcript should be emailed to the UK Exchanges Coordinator. 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> |

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| <p>The Online UK Exchange Application</p> | <p>The entire application is online, and all pieces 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* • Bank statement(s) or other financial documents demonstrating a minimum balance of \$7941 USD per semester or \$15,882 for the year.* • Exchange Student Sponsor's Guarantee Form • Proof of English proficiency • Completed J-1 student application • List of preferred UK courses. <p>The Exchange Student Sponsor's Guarantee Form and the J-1 Student Application Form are both provided within the online application.</p> <p><i>*If the original documents are not in English, an official translation in English MUST also be provided. UK International Admissions <u>will not</u> review documents not provided in English. Documents translated into English by the student applicant are not acceptable.</i></p> <p>Estimated Costs of Attendance for Academic Year 2019-20 Tuition & Course Fees: included in Exchange Benefits Accommodation & Meals: \$11,750 Books & Supplies: \$1000 Health Insurance: \$2,641 (\$1003 fall term / \$1,638 spring term) ISSS J-1 fee: \$120 Personal Spending Money: \$812</p> <p>IMPORTANT! The online UK Exchange Application is the only application form the student is required to complete for UK. The student <u>must not</u> complete any other application form they may find on the UK Admissions website.</p> |
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D. Available Areas of Study & Course Registration

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| <p>Areas of Study Requiring College Approval</p> | <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, 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 wanting to take <u>courses in these colleges are required to provide additional information</u> listing the specific UK courses, and relevant prerequisite courses already taken at their home institution so their eligibility for requested UK courses can be assessed.</p> <p>This information should be provided at the time the student is officially nominated to the exchange program by their home institution.</p> |
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| <p>Subjects Not Open to Exchange Students</p> <p>Enrolling in Courses</p> | <p>Students are not eligible to take coursework in architecture or from the professional/graduate colleges – medicine, pharmacy, law, dentistry, nursing etc. However, there are numerous courses available in the natural sciences and social sciences for students on these degree paths.</p> <p>Students admitted at undergraduate level are not eligible to enroll in courses offered at 500, 600, 700 and 800 level.</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 international exchange students.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON COURSE ENROLLMENT</p> <p>Once the student has been officially admitted to UK, UK will make every effort to enroll the student in their top 3 course choices pre-arrival. This is dependent on the courses being offered and having seats available. Some UK colleges (such as Engineering) will not enroll international exchange students in courses pre-arrival.</p> <p>Students will enroll in their remaining courses after arrival, during orientation week. We strongly encourage students to be flexible with their UK course choices.</p> |
| <p>UK Course Catalog</p> | <p>Students should use the Course Descriptions page on the UK Registrar website to identify courses they would like to take at UK - https://www.uky.edu/registrar/2019-2020-Course-Descriptions</p> <p>Please note: course offerings for the following semester are usually confirmed 2-3 months before the start of that semester.</p> <p>Not all courses listed in the UK Course Catalog will be offered every semester so students should be flexible, and prepare alternative choices should some of their first choices not be available.</p> |
| <p>UK Academic Calendar</p> | <p>http://www.uky.edu/registrar/content/academic-calendar</p> |
| <p>Minimum & Maximum Credits Per Semester</p> | <p>Exchange students must enroll in a minimum of 12 credits each semester to be considered a 'full time' student. A typical semester course load is 12 – 15 credits, which is 4 – 5 classes. 1 UK credit = 15 hours.</p> |

E. Tuition and other compulsory expenses for exchange students

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| Tuition and course fees | Students participating in this exchange are responsible for paying their individual tuition fees to their home institution. |
| On-Campus Accommodation | UK offers a range of on-campus accommodation at a range of prices. A 2 bed suite in Blazer Hall is \$4548 per semester for 2019-20. For more information on accommodation rates see http://www.uky.edu/housing/rates See Section F below for more information on accommodation. |
| Meal Plan | Students living in on-campus housing must enroll in a meal plan at the time they submit their accommodation application. For 2019-20 the cheapest meal plan is the "Weekly 10" costing \$1575 per semester. UK also offers unlimited meal plans starting at \$2035 per semester. Information on meal plans https://uky.campusdish.com/MealPlans/Category?cat=2019_Fall_Resident_Plans_6975&lid=6975 |
| Health Insurance | Students on exchange must have appropriate health insurance and the cost is \$2,641 for the academic year (subject to change). Students are automatically enrolled in the University of Kentucky Student Health Insurance Plan. See section G below for further guidance on health insurance. |
| Other Fees | On-Campus Housing Early Move-In Fee: approx. \$25 per night Pre-Term Meal Plan (optional): \$30 - \$155 UK International Center Fee: \$60 (charged each semester) See Blue U orientation fee: \$25 UK Wildcat ID Card: \$17 The \$50 UKEA application fee is waived for students attending UK on exchange. |

F. Accommodation

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| Accommodation Guarantee | On-campus accommodation is guaranteed for exchange students who submit their housing application in advance of arrival on campus. |
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| <p>On-Campus Accommodation Types and Fees</p> | <p>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. http://www.uky.edu/housing/undergraduate/places-to-live</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, Boyd, 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 Information on residence hall rates - http://www.uky.edu/housing/rates</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 approximately \$25 per night which will be applied to their UK student account.</p> |
| <p>On-campus Housing Application</p> | <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 Housing Application must be submitted in advance of arrival at UK to guarantee on-campus accommodation. http://www.uky.edu/housing/applying-housing</p> |
| <p>Off-Campus Accommodation</p> | <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 accommodation.</p> <p>UK's Off-Campus Student Services office provides information on off-campus housing - https://www.lexingtonoffcampus.com/</p> |

G. Health Insurance

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| <p>Health Insurance Requirements</p> | <p>The US State Department requires international exchange students to have health insurance which meets every requirement of the Affordable Care Act (also known as 'Obamacare).</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 academic year the cost of SHIP is \$2,641 (\$1003 fall semester, \$1,638 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> |
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| <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>UK only accepts health insurance waiver applications from one of the following groups of students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student is sponsored by the United States government; • Student is sponsored by a foreign government recognized by the United States, and covered under a health plan that is compliant with the Affordable Care Act (ACA). If the health plan does not include medical evacuation and repatriation, a rider must be purchased providing coverage at equal limits to the UK Student Health Insurance Plan; • Student is enrolled in an employer-provided group health plan, as a primary member or dependent, that is compliant with the ACA. If the health plan does not include medical evacuation and repatriation, a rider must be purchased providing coverage at equal limits to the UK Student Health Insurance Plan; • Student is an exchange student who is provided a group health insurance policy through their home university or organization coordinating your exchange. Note: not all home universities/organizations allow for exemptions. <p>If the waiver request is approved the student will not be required to purchase the UK SHIP. 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>Travel plans will not be accepted as proof of adequate health insurance.</p> |
| <p>Immunizations & vaccinations</p> | <p>International exchange students may need to update immunizations before coming to UK. 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 even x-rays which are not covered under many health insurance companies. http://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/uhs/student-health/international/</p> |

H. Post Admission and Pre-Arrival

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| <p>Pre-Arrival Requirements</p> | <p>Once the student has been officially admitted by UK the UK Admissions Office will mail their admissions packet including the DS-2019. Please check the DS-2019 to ensure all details are correct.</p> <p>The student will be directed to the 'Coming to UK – What's Next?' page on the UK International Center website - http://international.uky.edu/ISSS/ComingtoUK</p> <p>This page provides important information and links for all pre-arrival requirements, including activating the student's UK account, 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 packet from UK.</p> |
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