

AREAS OF ACADEMIC STRENGTHS

The University of Kentucky is the state's flagship, land-grant institution. Its mission is to provide education and research on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the larger world around us. UK is a nationally ranked research university (meaning it is within the top 200 of the almost 5000 institutions of higher education across the USA) and all UK programs are ranked among the top 5% in the country. UK offers a wide range of research opportunities at undergraduate and graduate level working alongside nationally recognized faculty in state-of-the-art facilities. The \$112 million Don & Cathy Jacobs Science Building opened in fall 2016, just months after the Gatton College of Business and Economics moved into a new \$65 million building. While every college offers many highly rated areas of study, these are some highlights which may be of interest to students looking to attend UK on an exchange program.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & ENVIRONMENT

- One of the top equine science programs in the USA
- Top 10 Plant Pathology program
- Internship opportunities at one of Lexington's many horse farms

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

- UK has more A&S courses listed in the top 100 than any other higher education institution in the USA
- The geography department is very highly rated, as is psychology, biology, astrophysics, mathematical economics and international studies departments
- Abundant research and lab work opportunities in the physics and chemistry departments

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

- The departments of finance, management and marketing are all highly rated
- Access to accounting and economic courses is extremely limited due to high demand from domestic students

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION

- The Department of Integrated Strategic Communication offers professional preparation for careers in the areas of advertising, public relations and direct response communication
- Develop skills through one of four chosen paths that mirror the functions within persuasive communication agencies
- Four ISC paths: account management, creative advertising, public relations and direct response

COLLEGE OF DESIGN

- Innovative opportunities are available to suitably qualified exchange students in interiors and historic preservation

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

- The Department of Computer Science is highly ranked and offers cutting edge courses in cyber security and digital imagery
- The electrical, civil and mining engineering departments all offer a wide range of courses available to qualified exchange students

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

- Art & visual studies, music, theatre and dance, and arts administration all offer courses for suitably qualified exchange students
- The college stages six major productions each year with opportunities for participation by students in all of the CFA departments

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RANKINGS: The University of Kentucky is regularly listed in many "top" or "best of" categories by national publications or organizations. The following is a selection from the ever-growing list of national rankings.

1st

- College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Hispanic Studies Stony Brook Study of Faculty Productivity, 2008
- College of Communication and Information, Department of Communication, External Grants, National Communication Association

4th

- College of Communication and Information, School of Information Science, Health Librarianship, U.S. News & World Report "America's Best Graduate Schools," 2017
- Gatton College of Business and Economics, Department of Management, Decision Science and Information Systems, faculty research in the Information Systems discipline among public universities, Communications of the Association for Information Systems, 2006

5th

- Gatton College of Business and Economics, Department of Management, Decision Science and Information Systems, researchers in the Information Systems discipline worldwide, ACM Transactions on Management Information Systems, 2011
- College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Geography, Cultural Geography Program, Professional Geographer, 2009
- College of Agriculture, Plant Sciences, Academic Analytics, Faculty Scholarly Activity Index, 2007

6th

- College of Arts and Sciences, Hispanic Studies, Academic Analytics, Faculty Scholarly Activity Index, 2009

7th

- College of Agriculture, Plant Physiology, Academic Analytics, Faculty Scholarly Activity Index, 2007

10th

- Gatton College of Business and Economics, 10th most popular business school in the nation among applicants, U.S. News & World Report, 2011

11th

- University of Kentucky, Top Social Media Colleges, StudentAdvisor.com, 2011

16th

- College of Engineering, Computer Science (public institutions), Academic Analytics, 2009

20th

- College of Communication and Information, School of Information Science, U.S. News & World Report "America's Best Graduate Schools," 2017