INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM | FACT SHEET 2018/2019

EXCHANGE PROGRAM PROCESS:

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I. NOMINATION
All students must be nominated by their home university/International Office. Nominations should be sent via email to edabroad@kent.edu. Nomination emails should include:

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

II. APPLICATION SUBMISSION
After being nominated, students must complete the Online International Exchange Student Application.

- Application Link: https://www.kent.edu/admissions/apply/undergraduate  
- Click “Start New Application”  
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- Select “International Student”  
- Select “Undergraduate Student” or “Graduate Student” according to your current status  
- Select “Student from Exchange Partner”  
- Create a Login ID and PIN code (6 digits)  
- Finish the required questions and submit your application

REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR APPLICATION
All students must submit the following items to the Kent State Office of Global Education BY EMAIL: edabroad@kent.edu:

I. **Exchange Program Permission Form** (this form is enclosed here with the Fact Sheet)  
II. **Financial Worksheet** (this form is enclosed here with the Fact Sheet)  
III. **Proof of Financial Means** (official bank statement/letter in English or certified translation)  
   a. Fall Semester: $10,000 USD | Spring Semester: $10,000 USD | Academic Year: $20,438 USD  
IV. **Official Transcript** (must be in English and contain all courses), GPA requirement: 2.0 out of 4.0 scale.  
V. **Photocopy of Passport**
VI. **Official English Proficiency Score* (non-native English speakers)**

   a. TOEFL: 525 | TOEFL ibt: 71 | IELTS: 6.0 | MELAB: 75
   b. TOEFL scores must be sent to Kent State officially by ETS using the institutional code 1367
   c. 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.

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

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2018/2019:**

**Semester 1 (Fall, 2018)**
- International Student Orientation: August 15
- Classes Begin: August 23
- Fall Break: October 11-12
- Thanksgiving Break: November 21-25
- Classes End: December 9
- Exams: December 10-16

**Semester 2 (Spring, 2019)**
- International Student Orientation: January 10
- Classes Begin: January 14
- Spring Break: March 25-31
- Classes End: May 5
- Exams: May 6-12

**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, you will receive an admission letter and a DS-2019 form. The DS-2019 will allow you 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. 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](http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en.html).

**IV. INSURANCE**
Kent State policy requires all international students to enrol and purchase the international student insurance provided by Kent State University. Exchange students CANNOT waive the insurance. Students do not need to apply for the insurance, but should complete enrolment online. Kent State will automatically bill their student account for the charges.
For more information, please see: https://www.kent.edu/globaleducation/insurance-and-immunization

**Insurance Fee:**
*Fall Semester (August-December): $730.00*
*Spring Semester (includes summer; January-August): $1,032.00*
*Academic Year (August-August): $1,720.00*

**V. HOUSING & ACCOMMODATION**

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.
Information about on-campus housing and all available residence halls can be found at the following website: https://www.kent.edu/housing/residence-halls . Students can only apply for housing after being officially accepted by Kent State as an exchange student. Delaying your application for housing can significantly impact your opportunity to receive on-campus housing. Please note that when you sign for your accommodation you will be entering into a legally binding contract for the length of period you wish to remain there. Please note that students must pay a $200 housing deposit when applying for on-campus housing.

VI. 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 the University you will receive information about transportation from the airport, check-in procedures, and the orientation date/time. Attendance at the Orientation is mandatory.

Things to keep in mind as you select a residence hall

Kent State has 25 residence halls offering a variety of room types and communities. Each residence hall complex is overseen by a full-time, professional residence hall director. Assistant residence hall directors and resident assistants (RAs) work with the residence hall director to promote healthy and welcoming learning environments.

- All residence halls are secured with electronic locks on all entrance doors and student rooms.
- All residence halls have wireless connectivity throughout the building.
- Computer labs are conveniently located in various halls across campus.
- Laundry facilities are located in every residence hall. Additionally, our laundry machines are operated with your credit or debit card (no need to stockpile quarters!).
- All residence halls are smoke-free.

Requesting a specific residence hall on your application is only a preference; it does not guarantee you will be assigned to that residence hall.
VII. COURSE REGISTRATION

You 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. Please use the “Guide to Registering for Courses” attached to this Fact Sheet to help you use this website and search for classes.

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 not available on Kent Campus or permissible for international exchange students. These majors/programs include:

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

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

QUESTIONS?

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ESTIMATED EXCHANGE PROGRAM EXPENSES

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<td>$3,600-$5,000</td>
<td>Housing fee will vary depending which housing option the student chooses.</td>
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<td>Board (meal plan)</td>
<td>Blue Plan: $2,141.00 Gold Plan: $2,545.00</td>
<td>Meal plan fee will vary depending which plan option the student chooses.</td>
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<td>Arts fee</td>
<td>$15</td>
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<td>International Student Activity Fee</td>
<td>$20</td>
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<td>Career Services Fee</td>
<td>$72</td>
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<td>Additional Course Fees</td>
<td>$10-$100 per class</td>
<td>Many classes have an additional fee (besides 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 classes have higher course fees. Some classes have no course fees.</td>
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<td>International Student Health Insurance</td>
<td>$730 – Fall Semester $1,032 – For Spring Semester $1,720 – For Academic Year</td>
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MISC. EXPENSES:

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<td>$50</td>
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<td>Early arrival housing (students are required to arrive early in order to attend the international student orientation)</td>
<td>$35/per night (estimated total due: $140)</td>
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<td>Break housing over winter break or spring break</td>
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PAYMENT OPTIONS: [https://www.kent.edu/bursar/payment-options-overview](https://www.kent.edu/bursar/payment-options-overview)