

**UNIVERSITY of KENTUCKY**  
**EXCHANGE PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET**  
**(2015 fall semester - 2016 spring semester)**

**A. Contact Information**

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**B. Academic Calendar**

**2015 fall Semester\***

Mandatory orientation	August 15 - August 25, 2015
Classes begin	August 26, 2015
Final day of semester (exams end)	December 18, 2015

**VERY IMPORTANT: Students must arrive at the University of Kentucky on August 15, 2015**

**2016 spring Semester\***

Mandatory orientation	January 6, – January 12, 2016
Classes begin	January 13, 2016
Final day of semester (exams end)	May 6, 2016

**VERY IMPORTANT: Students must NOT purchase their plane ticket until precise arrival and orientation dates are confirmed by UK.**

*\*tentative calendar*

### C. Admission

The number of exchange students UK can accept in this academic cycle	To be determined by mutual agreement
Application deadline	May 1 for Fall entry October 1 for Spring entry
English Language Proficiency Requirement	A minimum TOEFL score of 527 (197 CBT, 71 iBT) or an IELTS score of 6.0 for undergraduate students. A minimum TOEFL score of 550 (213 CBT, 79 iBT) or an IELTS score of 6.5 for undergraduate students in business and economics, computer science and engineering, and all graduate students.
Other Eligibility Requirements	UK does not specify a minimum GPA requirement for exchange students. They are required to meet the minimum English language proficiency requirement, and to have completed at least 2 semesters of university level education at the time of participation.
Application form (web link or electronic file)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Nominate your students to UK Education Abroad office at <a href="http://www.uky.edu/international/Nomination_Form">http://www.uky.edu/international/Nomination_Form</a></li><li>2) Once nomination receives preliminary acceptance, the UK exchanges coordinator will email your office with link to online application form.</li></ol>
Supporting documents required to be submitted with online exchange student application	Color scan of passport photo page, official university transcripts, bank statement showing a minimum balance of \$7270 USD per semester or a Sponsor Guarantee Form, proof of English proficiency, completed J-1 student application, list of preferred UK courses.

#### D. Study Area & Course Registration

Subjects requiring college approval	<p>Students must have the proper academic background and be accepted for selective admission to the College of Engineering (biosystems, chemical, civil, computer, electrical, mechanical, mining), the Gatton College of Business &amp; Economics (accounting, economics, finance, management, marketing) and the College of Communication and Information (communication, integrated strategic communication, digital media, journalism, media arts &amp; studies).</p> <p>Students wanting to take courses in these colleges are required to provide additional information listing the specific UK courses, and relevant courses already taken so their eligibility for requested UK courses can be assessed. This information should be provided at the time the student is officially nominated to the exchange program by their home institution.</p>
Subjects not open to exchange students	<p>Students are <b>not</b> eligible to take coursework in architecture or from the professional/graduate colleges – medicine, pharmacy, law, dentistry, etc. However, there are numerous courses available in the natural sciences and social sciences for students on these degree paths.</p> <p>Students are not eligible to enroll in courses offered in the College of Education with the EDC, EDL or EDS prefix.</p> <p>Students admitted at undergraduate level are not eligible to enroll in courses offered at 500, 600, 700 and 800 level.</p>
IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING COURSE ENROLLMENT	<p>Please note, students will NOT be enrolled in courses at UK until after arrival in Lexington and participation in the mandatory ISSS Orientation and UK International Student Advising Conference. Unfortunately, UK cannot guarantee in advance that students will be eligible for the courses indicated in their application, nor is there a guarantee that the courses will be available after arrival.</p>
Registrar's Website and UK Course Catalog	<p><a href="http://www.uky.edu/registrar/bulletin-course-catalog">http://www.uky.edu/registrar/bulletin-course-catalog</a> <a href="https://myuk.uky.edu/zapps/slcm_coursecatalog/default.aspx">https://myuk.uky.edu/zapps/slcm_coursecatalog/default.aspx</a></p>
UK Academic Calendar	<p><a href="http://www.uky.edu/registrar/content/academic-calendar">http://www.uky.edu/registrar/content/academic-calendar</a></p>
Minimum & Maximum Credits per Semester	<p>Students must take a minimum of 12 credit hours, approx. 4 classes to be considered a "full-time" student. The typical schedule is 12-15 credit hours, approx. 4-5 classes.</p>

## E. Tuition and other compulsory expenses for exchange students

Tuition fee (per semester/per year)	Students participating in this exchange are responsible for paying their individual tuition fees at their home institution.
Other compulsory fees for International students	<p>The cost for room and board is approx. \$10506 for the academic year (2015-16). For more information on housing and meal plan options see <a href="http://www.uky.edu/housing/undergraduate/applying-to-housing/rates15-16">http://www.uky.edu/housing/undergraduate/applying-to-housing/rates15-16</a></p> <p>Students on exchange should arrange for accommodation in the 9 month housing options – Woodland Glen 1, or Smith Hall, as these remain open during the holidays <a href="http://www.uky.edu/housing/undergraduate/places-to-live">http://www.uky.edu/housing/undergraduate/places-to-live</a></p> <p>Students on exchange must have appropriate health insurance and the cost is \$2,122 USD for the academic year (2015-16). Students are automatically enrolled in the University of Kentucky Student Health Insurance plan. See section G below for further guidance on health insurance.</p> <p>Students living in on-campus housing will automatically be enrolled in the minimum meal plan which provides 7 meals a week in the campus dining facilities for \$1,325 USD per semester. Students may choose to increase their meal plan up to 21 meals per week in the dining facilities for an extra \$800 USD. <a href="http://www.uky.edu/DiningServices/">www.uky.edu/DiningServices/</a>. The dining facilities are open to all individuals, with or without a meal plan. The average meal on-campus is approx. \$10 USD. There are many local restaurants near campus as well.</p> <p>Students are charged a \$50 UK International Center fee and a \$25 Advising Conference fee after arrival at UK. The \$50 application fee is waived for students attending the university on exchange.</p>

## F. Accommodation

Accommodation arrangement	On-campus accommodation is not guaranteed if the application for housing is not submitted in advance of arrival on campus.
Accommodation Types and fees	<p>The cost for room and board is approx. \$10,506 for the academic year (2015-16). For more information on housing and meal plan options see <a href="http://www.uky.edu/housing/undergraduate/applying-to-housing/rates15-16">http://www.uky.edu/housing/undergraduate/applying-to-housing/rates15-16</a></p> <p>Students on exchange should arrange for accommodation in the 9 month housing options – Woodland Glen 1, or Smith Hall – as these remain open during the holidays.</p> <p>Off-campus accommodations can range from approx. \$550/month to \$850/month.</p>
On-campus housing application	<p>This <b><u>MUST</u></b> be done in advance of arrival.</p> <p><a href="http://www.uky.edu/housing/undergraduate/how-to-apply">http://www.uky.edu/housing/undergraduate/how-to-apply</a></p> <p>Students must request 'early move-in' as part of their housing application because they are required to arrive on campus for mandatory orientation before the official move-in date.</p>
Sources for housing information if students wants to make their own housing arrangement	<p>Though not recommended, students can make their own arrangements for off-campus accommodation. For more information see UK Off Campus Student Services -</p> <p><a href="http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/OCSS/">http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/OCSS/</a></p>

#### G. Other

Airport pick-up service	Visit <a href="http://www.uky.edu/international/airport_pickup">www.uky.edu/international/airport_pickup</a> to request a ride from Lexington's Blue Grass Airport. UK does not offer transportation from any other airports.
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#### Health Insurance Requirement

Students on exchange must have appropriate health insurance and the cost is \$2,122 USD for the academic year (2015-16). Students are **automatically** enrolled in the University of Kentucky Student Health Insurance plan when they register for classes. They do not need to fill out any forms to enroll in the student insurance plan.

UK **only** accepts health insurance waiver applications from one of the following groups of students:

- Student is sponsored by the United States government;
- Student is sponsored by a foreign government recognized by the United **States** or certain international, government-sponsored or non-governmental organizations, 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. The U.S. Dept. of State requires that all exchange visitors and any accompanying spouse and dependent(s), may be subject to the requirements of the Affordable Care Act." [22 CFR 62.14(a)]. The UK Student Health Insurance plan meets all ACA requirements.

**NOTE: Travel plans cannot be accepted.**

It is very important for your students to understand that there is no guarantee that a waiver will be granted. The UK student health insurance plan will **ONLY** be waived if they fall into one of the four groups listed above. In most cases a health insurance policy purchased in your student's home country **WILL NOT** meet the UK requirements necessary for the waiver to be granted.

Students purchasing their own health insurance policy do so at their own risk.

See <http://www.uky.edu/international/Insurance> for more information on UK health insurance requirements.

Vaccination/Immunization Requirements	<a href="http://www.uky.edu/international/immunizations">http://www.uky.edu/international/immunizations</a>
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