Welcome to the Kent State University’s fact sheet for international exchange students. The aim of this document is to give an introduction to the application procedures to study at Kent State University for an academic year or a semester.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

First, you must be nominated by your home coordinator. The nomination must include:

1) Name
2) Email
3) Major
4) City and country of birth

Nominations must be sent to EdAbroad@kent.edu

After the nomination is sent, you must complete the Online International Exchange Student Application. The application can be found at the following website:

https://keys.kent.edu/ePROD/bwskalog.p_disploginnew?in_id=&cpbl=&newid=

1. Click Begin New Application
2. Scroll down and click International Student
3. Click Undergraduate Student or Graduate Student (Graduate student must also select the college their field of study is housed in)
4. Click Student from Exchange Partner

Make sure to apply as Student from Exchange Partner.

Students will need to submit the following documents as PDFs via email to EdAbroad@kent.edu:

1) Most Recent University Transcript (with a certified English translation, if applicable)
2) Exchange Permission Form - Please carefully note the classes you are interested in on this form as this will be the subject area you will be assigned to for immigration purposes.
3) Financial Worksheet
4) Financial Guarantee/Bank Statements showing a minimum of the following amounts, depending on term. Statements must be in English or include a certified English translation.
   - Fall: $6,300 USD
   - Academic Year: $12,900 USD
   - Spring: $6,600 USD
5) Copy of Passport, which will not expire for 6 months after your last date in the USA.

For non-native English speakers, the following document must be sent directly to Kent State University.

1) Recent TOEFL or IELTS Score Sheet, if applicable. (Undergraduate: PBT: 525, IBT: 71, or IELTS: 6. Graduate: varies by program). Scores must be sent to Kent State directly from ETS. Kent State University’s institution code is 1367.
ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017:

Semester 1 (Fall, 2016)
International Student Orientation: August 22
Classes Begin: August 29
Thanksgiving Recess: November 23-November 27
Exams: December 12-18

Semester 2 (Spring, 2017)
International Student Orientation: January 12
Classes Begin: January 17
Spring Recess: March 27-April 2
Exams: May 8-14

DEADLINES:
All documents and online application should be complete and submitted by the following priority deadline dates. Applications received after these dates will be reviewed and assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Priority Deadline for Fall or Academic Year: April 1st
Priority Deadline for Spring: September 1st

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION:
There is an Orientation programme for international student at the beginning of each semester. The orientation program aims to introduce you to staff at the Office of Global Education, the University, the local area, and to the United States. It is a mix of information sessions and social events. When you are admitted to the University you will receive information about airport transfers, checking-in, and orientation.

ACCOMMODATION
Kent State and the Office of Global Education will make every effort to reserve on-campus housing for approved exchange students. For students not able to receive on-campus housing, the Office of Global Education will provide resources on finding off campus housing. However, it is very difficult to find off campus housing, especially for one semester.

Information for on-campus housing can be found at the following website: https://www.kent.edu/housing. Applications for on-campus housing are completed online after being accepted by the University. Delaying your application for housing can significantly impact your opportunity to receive on-campus housing. Please check with your Kent State University Education Abroad Advisor for assistance in applying.

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. You will, therefore, be required to meet all payments agreed to.
If your university is paying for your accommodation then you need to inform the Office of Global Education – Education Abroad before applying for housing.

*Please note that students must pay a housing deposit fee when applying for on-campus housing.*

**Registration**

You can view the list of courses/classes by going to [http://www2.kent.edu/catalog/2015/info/courseinformation](http://www2.kent.edu/catalog/2015/info/courseinformation) and clicking on Course Description Search and Schedule of Classes. You will receive information regarding registration when you are admitted to the University. At that time you will register through Kent State's online student system, Flashline.

Exchange and Study Abroad students are expected to take the same work load as our home students. Undergraduate students enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours and each course is typically worth 3 credit hours. Undergraduate students may take a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester. Students who wish to register for over 18 credits will be charged tuition per credit hour. Graduate students take 9 credit hours.

Please note that the course information website list all courses that have been approved by Kent State University. This does not necessarily mean that all the courses will be available each year and/or each semester. For this reason, the course information website should serve as a guide and should not form the basis for your final choice of courses.

Courses can only be finalized once you have seen the academic timetable which will be available just before each semester begins, no firm decisions can be made until this has been consulted, and therefore we ask you to be flexible with your choices.

The Office of Global Education will assist you in procuring appropriate course registration permission prior to arriving at Kent State University. Permission can sometimes take several days to acquire and registration can be a lengthy process if you courses you wish to take have many prerequisites. As some courses are popular, it is recommended that you work with your Education Abroad Advisor at Kent State University early to make sure you can register for the courses you wish.

**IMMIGRATION**

All students will require a student visa to study at Kent State University if they do not hold US citizenship. Upon admission to Kent State University, you will receive an admission letter and a DS-2019. The DS-2019 will allow you to apply for a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa to study in the United States. Students are responsible for applying for their own student visas. The Office of Global Education can provide advice, but cannot apply for or intercede on your behalf in the visa process.
For updated information on US student visa requirements please check the following website from the United States Department of State: [http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en.html).

PLEASE DO NOT TRAVEL without appropriate immigration paperwork. If you do not have the correct paperwork you may be asked to return home on the next available flight at your cost. The United States Department of State and Customs and Border Patrol remain the final authority on issues of immigration.