THIS IS YOUR moment
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DEAR FUTURE WILDCAT

It is my pleasure to officially welcome you to the University of Kentucky! Our community of students, staff and scholars is ready to support and challenge you to succeed beyond what you ever thought possible. We’re proud of our community and campus - a place where your success is at the center of everything we do.

Here, you’ll discover a smarter path toward a future that inspires you. You’ll see what’s possible when concepts collide across disciplines and when thinkers have the space to explore anything that ignites their passions and new ideas. And you’ll have a community that supports you. You’ll find faculty members who care just as much as you do, along with the mentorship that will drive you to do even more.

People come to the University of Kentucky because they want to make something happen. Something that makes lives better. Something that makes communities healthier. Something that creates change.

It’s something that can happen only when you’ve got the strength of an R1 research institution behind you, the prowess of a top-ranked medical center and the skills and knowledge gained from a world-class UK education.

The University of Kentucky is home to a powerful community. Here, you belong. Because this is a community built on compassion and respect for all people. And we’re united in a common cause: to create stronger communities across our Commonwealth and beyond and to do the transformative work that makes them thrive. This is what’s possible for you and we’re excited to see where your journey takes you.

Congratulations and Go Cats!

Christine Harper
Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management
Becoming a Wildcat is as Easy as 1, 2, 3!

Every student who is admitted to the University of Kentucky will need both a linkblue account and a UKY email account. Your linkblue ID and password are your universal credentials to everything online at the University of Kentucky and are critical to you as a UK student. You’ll use them to confirm your attendance; register for classes; access the student billing and payment system; apply for Campus Housing; access UK systems like myUK and Canvas; and a lot more. Follow these steps to get started.

**Step 1**
Activate your linkblue account

To activate, you will need the following information from your admission letter:

- **UK ID Number** - This number is eight digits in length.
- **Student Temporary Passcode** - This code is six characters (alphanumeric).

Next, go to newstudent.uky.edu. For step-by-step directions through the activation wizard, visit go.uky.edu/activate.

**Step 2**
Activate your UKY email account

Please note that the “Finish” button must be checked before you can use your account. If at any time this process is interrupted or you quit before completing all steps and clicking “Finish,” changes will be lost, and you will have to start again. Click “Next” to continue.

After you set up your linkblue account, continue the activation process and create your university email.

- First, determine your official UKY email address. An email address will be provided, but you have the option to alter the email address if you prefer.
- Once entered, click “Next.”
- Do not refresh the page or you will have to begin the entire Account Manager setup again.
- Once processed, the screen informs you of your account information again. The Account Manager setup process is complete.
- Once activated, you will need to check your UKY email regularly or have it forwarded. To access your UKY email, visit m365.uky.edu. Your email address to log in is yourlinkblue@uky.edu (e.g., wldct234@uky.edu).

**Here to help**
If you have any issues setting up your linkblue account or UKY email, our Information Technology Services team is here to help at any time. For assistance, call 859-218-HELP (4357) or email 218HELP@uky.edu.

Once logged in to the UK Account Manager, an activation wizard will provide step-by-step information guiding you through the process.

You’ll next register a device for Two-Factor Log-in to create a secure account. **Setting up Two-Factor Log-in is critically important, so do not skip this step.** Without it, you’ll have to contact ITS help to access any of your UK accounts – myUK, Canvas, your UKY email, etc.

Create a new linkblue password. Click “What is the linkblue password policy?” for the requirements for a secure password.

We strongly encourage you to provide a personal email address and mobile number for account recovery purposes. This will allow you to unlock your account if you’re locked out or forget your password.

**Check your email regularly!**
Your UKY email account is the University’s official communication channel with you. Important dates, deadlines, confirmation information, and more will be communicated via your UKY email. Want to add your UKY email to your phone? Visit techhelpcenter.uky.edu for instructions!

**IMPORTANT!**
These steps apply to all incoming Wildcats, freshmen and transfer students alike!
We are so excited you’ve chosen to be a Wildcat! Confirming your attendance is a two-step process: First, confirm your enrollment by paying your orientation fee and enrollment deposit. Then sign up for your Big Blue Nation Orientation (your linkblue account must be activated to select your BBN Orientation date).

**Deadline to Confirm:**
- **Freshmen**: May 1
- **Transfer**: August 1

**Log in to myUK using your linkblue account:**
- Select the “**Student Services**” tab
- Select the “**Admissions**” sub tab
- Select **BBN Orientation Registration** on the left-hand side bar.

At Big Blue Nation Orientation, you’ll meet with your college, register for classes and get all of your questions answered before you start classes in the fall. Please note: You will have an advising hold on your account until you attend your orientation.

**Big Blue Nation Orientation**

**BBNO dates for Fall 2023 students**

- **Freshman**
  - June 20
  - June 21
  - June 22
  - June 23
  - June 27
  - June 28
  - June 29
  - June 30
  - July 6
  - July 7
  - July 10
  - July 11
  - July 12
  - July 13

- **Transfer**
  - June 8
  - June 26
  - July 14

*BBN Orientation dates are subject to change. Space is filled on a first-come, first-served basis and capacity may be limited due to college availability.*

**Anything else?**
If you need assistance, contact the Office of Orientation at 859-257-3256 or orientation@uky.edu.

**Step 3 complete!**

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Financing Your Future at UK Just Makes Sense

Complete your FAFSA and apply for scholarships. A great education should be accessible to everyone, regardless of your financial situation. If you have the desire and drive to attend UK, we want to work with you to make that happen.

Because of the ingenuity and commitment of our people, we are saving more and investing more — in our students and their success. We are one of the leading universities in the country when it comes to helping students struggling with unmet financial need and creating the support necessary to dramatically increase retention and graduation rates.

Financial Aid

uky.edu/financialaid

Apply early for financial aid. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* for 2023-24 is available beginning Oct. 1, 2022, at fafsa.gov. Incoming students who are admitted to UK and complete the FAFSA prior to December 1 will receive an estimated early financial aid notification and will receive priority consideration for campus-based financial aid programs. Include UK’s federal school code, 001989, on your FAFSA. The priority deadline for application is December 1. Completing the FAFSA gives students the best opportunity to qualify to receive grants, federal student loans and work-study. However, submissions are continuously accepted.

Grants

Grants may be awarded based on financial aid from federal, state, University of Kentucky and private sources. Grants do not have to be repaid.

Student Loans

There are many types of loan programs to assist students in paying for college. These include Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Direct Student Loans, Parent PLUS Loans and private loans. Because loans must be repaid, only borrow what you need.

Federal Work-Study

On average, students who work less than 20 hours per week perform better in school than their non-working peers. Federal Work-Study provides students with part-time, on and off campus employment and are paid bi-weekly based on the hours worked.

Scholarships

uky.edu/academicscholarships

Several colleges and departments at UK administer their own scholarship programs. Students who have chosen an academic program are encouraged to contact their college/department regarding scholarship opportunities. Requirements vary.

ScholarshipUniverse

uky.scholarshipuniverse.com

ScholarshipUniverse (SU) is an online scholarship platform that matches students to relevant, vetted external scholarship opportunities, as well as internal scholarships offered by the university. Each external scholarship opportunity a student sees on SU has gone through an extensive vetting process to ensure the scholarship is offered through a reliable and authentic source.

Money Matters

The University of Kentucky’s Student Financial Wellness Center is geared toward engaging our students in financial literacy programs and it provides a place for peer mentorship through the MoneyCATS team. The center is also a resource dedicated to the entire UK community, supporting the evolving financial needs of students across campus.

MoneyCATS

uky.edu/financialwellness

MoneyCATS is a team of UK students and staff that offers 1:1 peer coaching, access to iGrad — the “Best in Class” financial literacy online platform, tools and practical self-help methods to encourage holistic financial wellness. Students, families and alumni who wish to improve their financial wellbeing should contact the MoneyCATS team at moneycats@uky.edu.

*International students are not eligible to complete the FAFSA.
Use our Wildcat Cost Calculator to begin estimating your cost of attending UK.

[go.uky.edu/calculator]

Complete your FAFSA today!

Code: 001989

[fafsa.gov]

UK’s official campus banking partner is PNC Bank. You can have your PNC bank account linked to your UK student ID.

[go.uky.edu/pnc]
Don’t Forget!

We require that you send us your final high school transcript and all college transcripts. We will also accept your AP and IB credit.

Final Transcripts
Please send the Office of Undergraduate Admission your final high school transcript with the date of graduation. In addition, all college course work taken, whether you wish to receive credit or not, must be sent via official transcripts from each institution previously attended.

Advanced Placement Program
go.uky.edu/apib
The University of Kentucky recognizes examinations of the College Board Advanced Placement Program. Any student who wishes to have AP scores evaluated for academic credit or placement should have the results sent to the Office of the University Registrar. UK’s code is 1837. Academic departments have designated the current policy for awarding credit to students who score 3 or higher on an AP exam. UK does not recognize College Board SAT II Subject Tests for placement or credit purposes.

International Baccalaureate Program
go.uky.edu/apib
The University of Kentucky recognizes course credit earned through the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. Generally, course credit is awarded for scores of 5, 6 or 7 on either the standard-level exam or the higher-level exam. Any student desiring credit must request an IB transcript to be sent to the University.

College Credit
go.uky.edu/collegecredit
The University of Kentucky currently has almost 500,000 established course equivalencies from many colleges and universities around the country. Please note that if your institution and/or courses are not listed here, it does not mean that credit will not be awarded. Contact the Equivalency Office at uktransfer@uky.edu for more information.

Check out our new Transfer Credit Tool!
You can see how the credits you’ve earned at another institution(s) will transfer to UK to complete your four-year degree. myuk.uky.edu/zapps/transferprospect

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The myUK GPS (Graduation Planning System) is a suite of tools to help students and their advisors navigate a pathway to success at UK, from recruitment to graduation. Using myUK GPS, students can see how they are progressing with requirements for their major, explore course options, and register for classes.

Our online Academic Exploration Tool helps you investigate your possibilities. If you haven’t decided on a major (or even if you have), be sure to check out UK’s many undergraduate majors by visiting the AET website. You’ll find all our major program offerings, as well as their requirements and much more.

The website allows students to discover degree programs at a personal level. Begin searching for degree paths by first selecting from categories within “I like to…,” “I want to be a…,” “I’m searching for…,” or “Browse all programs” options. After selecting your personal preferences, a list of degree programs offered that correlates with your selections will populate under different categories. From here, click on different degrees to learn about careers in the field, courses offered at UK, and work environment. The site also includes salary information, number of jobs in the U.S., and a 10-year job outlook all streamed into the site by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The University of Kentucky Transfer Admissions team is dedicated to your success as a transfer student. We work closely with you throughout the entire transfer process, from application to enrollment, in order to support your new beginning at the University of Kentucky. Our services include transfer applications, credit transfers, and specialized transfer advising, all of which are designed to help you make the most of how you experience UK. If you have any questions about the transfer process, contact our office. We’re here to help!
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WILDCATS!

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MOMENT!
Come on Home to Kentucky

Living on campus helps you make the grade and graduate on time. Students are more likely to return for their second year at UK if they live on campus and have an even better retention rate if they participate in a Living Learning Program. We know that Wildcats are happier, more successful and more involved when they live in a residence hall. First fall GPAs for students living on campus average 3.07, 0.36 higher than students living off campus.

Some of the best memories of college come from living on campus. Friends are made every day in a residence hall, on a walk to class or over a delicious meal.

UK provides a residential academic experience through our Living Learning Program. In all these communities, students can live with other students who share like-minded interests or similar academic majors. Each community participates in a connected course where LLP members challenge and support one another in a classroom environment. Additionally, each LLP provides unique experiences that include building relationships with faculty, off-campus trips and volunteer opportunities, and career related experiential education. Space is limited for specific communities, so be sure to keep track of application deadlines.

Living Learning Programs and their locations are subject to change.

Make LLP your new home
Participating in the Living Learning Program determines the residence hall that you will live in, and your roommate will also be a participant in the same LLP as you. Many LLPs also accept transfer students. Find the right LLP for you at go.uky.edu/llp.
Room Types

We have been waiting for you. We’ve created the finest living arrangements of any college campus in the country. You will select your room, down to the building and room number. From the day you move in until the day you graduate, you will make memories that will last a lifetime. At UK, living on campus means community, comfort and home.

*These images are representational only and do not necessarily depict the final design of the unit.

4-Person Suite: Semi-private bedroom (twin XL beds), semi-private bathroom

2-Bedroom Suite: Individual bedroom (full XL beds), semi-private bathroom

2-Bedroom Deluxe Suite (Sophomore and above students):
Individual bedroom (full XL beds), semi-private bathroom, living room, kitchenette
Boyd Hall

4-Bedroom Suite: Individual bedroom (full XL beds), semi-private bathroom, living room, kitchenette
Blazer Hall; Boyd Hall

2-Bedroom Apartment (Sophomore and above students):
Individual bedroom (full XL beds), semi-private bathroom, living room, full kitchen
University Flats

4-Bedroom Apartment (Sophomore and above students):
Individual bedroom (full XL beds), semi-private bathroom, living room, full kitchen
University Flats

Room selection is based on UK Housing application complete date. Certain room types go quickly so it is in your best interest to apply early!
Living On Campus is Transformative.

Our residence halls, the newest in the SEC, were designed to foster community, creativity, and connections. Our halls are in two areas of campus: North, the northern edge of campus adjacent to downtown Lexington; and Central, the heart of campus closest to the William T. Young Library.

Central Residence Halls
- Ball Hall
- Baldwin Hall
- Chellgren Hall
- Donovan Hall
- Haggin Hall†
- Ingels Hall
- Lewis Hall
- Johnson Hall
- Smith Hall
- University Flats**
- Woodland Glen III, IV, V

North Residence Halls
- Blazer Hall
- Boyd Hall*
- Holmes Hall
- Jewell Hall
- Max Kade German House
- Roselle Hall
- Wildcat Coal Lodge

Nearby
- Johnson Recreation Center
- Kroger Field
- Fresh Food Company at The 90

- The Study – Central
- William T. Young Library

- Alumni Gym
- UK Bookstore
- Gatton Student Center
- Downtown Lexington
- The Study – North
- Champions Kitchen

†Units in Haggin Hall have full-sized XL beds.

Apply to live on campus as soon as possible after admission to UK, as spaces fill up quickly. Applying for admission and applying for housing are two separate processes. Students are highly encouraged to apply for housing, as students who choose to live on campus are proven to be more successful academically. Students are encouraged to apply even if you haven’t made a final decision yet.

Early Action Housing/LLP deadline: February 15

Regular Decision Housing: June 1

LLP Application deadline: May 19

A housing pre-payment of $150 is payable between March 1 and June 1. If you have questions or need help, please contact Campus Housing at 859-257-1866 or email us at ukhousing@uky.edu.

To apply for housing and your top three LLP choices:
- Go to myUK: myuk.uky.edu
- Log in using your linkblue username and password
- Select Student Services
- Select My Info
- Select Campus Housing (this will take you into the Campus Housing portal)
- Select Undergraduate Application then Fall 2023 and Spring 2024
Eating Made Easy

uky.campusdish.com
UK Dining offers a wide variety of locations and dining plans to satisfy every Wildcat’s appetite. You will have access to quality, healthy meals at 25 locations close to your residence hall and classes. Students living in undergraduate residence halls are required to purchase a university dining plan.*

*Students living in University Flats are not required to purchase a dining plan.

Fresh
Made-to-order and ready to go. Enjoy chef-inspired daily menu choices, exciting promotions and themed stations.

Convenient
No cooking. No shopping. No dishes. With a dining plan, you’ll get hours of your life back. That means more time to devote to studying and engaging in campus life.

Value
Great taste, incredible variety, and a unique experience. And you save on every meal! Free guest meals included with most plans.

Flexible
Food, seating, and payment options. From early until late, eat what, how and when you want. Whether it’s a sit-down meal in the residential dining locations, a popular national brand close to your classroom, or grazing throughout the day, we’ve got you covered.

Healthy and Locally Sourced
Healthy choices. Local options. Dynamic partnerships and local programs bring wellness and sustainability to life on campus. UK Dining features more than 10 local Lexington restaurants and a full-time registered dietitian. We also provide worry free, allergen-friendly and gluten free stations to make life and eating easier for those with allergies and intolerances.

Meal swipes can be used at either of our two all-you-care-to-eat dining locations — Champions Kitchen at the Gatton Student Center and Fresh Food Company at The 90.

Guest meal swipes allow you to bring a friend with you who may not be on a dining plan to either Champions Kitchen or Fresh Food Company.

Flex dollars are like a gift card for food on campus. They are attached to your Wildcard ID and are accepted at all of our dining locations. Running low? No problem! You can reload Flex anytime throughout the semester with no fee.

Learn more about UK Dining plan options and pricing.

uky.campusdish.com
Come Visit!

Take an official campus tour

visit.uky.edu
Every step matters. You’ve taken a great step by applying to UK, but take a few more with us by visiting your new home. We have a community eager to show you where a UK education can take you. We invite you to visit our campus to discover what’s wildly possible at the University of Kentucky. Through our 90-minute in-person campus tour experience, you will explore our $3.1 billion transformation of our campus through your own eyes. We’ve designed our campus for your success – new academic buildings, residence and dining halls, a state-of-the-art student center - it’s all here. Head to visit.uky.edu to sign up for a campus tour and with a few clicks, you’ll have crafted a visit catered to your individual interests.

Visit Campus Virtually
visit.uky.edu/virtual-visit
It may not be possible for you to visit campus in-person, but we’d love for you to explore campus virtually! This site provides an opportunity for you to experience what’s possible on our campus – from anywhere. Live online sessions are available for prospective students to connect with admission staff, representatives from our academic colleges and current students through one (or multiple) virtual information sessions.

Other ways to explore UK on our Visitor Center website include:
• Meet with a representative from the academic college that interests you to learn more about our more than 200 academic programs.
• Find out more about the UK community and where you might find your home on campus.
• Explore our residence halls, Living Learning Program and other on-campus resources like the Gatton Student Center, dining halls and campus recreation and wellness facilities.
• Experience the city of Lexington and the Bluegrass region that we call home.
• Take a virtual tour of campus at your own pace or let one of our student tour guides walk you virtually through UK on a Guided Virtual Campus Tour.
Campus Contacts

Academic Scholarships
uky.edu/academicscholarships
859-257-4198

Campus Recreation and Wellness
uky.edu/recwell
859-257-3928

Disability Resource Center
go.uky.edu/drc
859-257-2754

UK Dining
uky.campusdish.com
859-257-2220

Education Abroad
ea.uky.edu
859-257-4067

Financial Aid
uky.edu/financialaid
859-257-3172

First Generation Advising
uky.edu/firstgeneration
859-257-6597

Fraternity and Sorority Life
uky.edu/greeklife
859-257-3151

Campus Housing
uky.edu/housing
859-257-1866

International Admission
international.uky.edu
859-323-2106

Lewis Honors College
honors.uky.edu
859-257-3111

Living Learning Program
go.uky.edu/llp
859-257-4784

Off Campus Student Advising
go.uky.edu/ocsa
859-218-3840

Office for Institutional Diversity
uky.edu/diversity
859-257-9293

Stuckert Career Center
uky.edu/careercenter
859-257-2746

Student Account Services
uky.edu/studentaccount
859-257-3406

Student and Academic Support
uky.edu/studentacademicsupport
859-257-1911

Student Code of Conduct
uky.edu/studentconduct
859-257-3755

Student Employment
go.uky.edu/studentjobs
859-257-9555

Student Organizations and Activities
getinvolved.uky.edu
859-257-8867

Transfer Admissions
go.uky.edu/transfer
859-257-2000

Transportation Services
uky.edu/transportation
859-257-5757

Undergraduate Admission
uky.edu/admission
859-257-2000

Undergraduate Research
go.uky.edu/ugresearch
859-257-0049

University Health Services
ukhealthcare.uky.edu/uhs
859-323-2778

Veterans Resource Center
uky.edu/veterans
859-257-1148

Visitor Center
visit.uky.edu
859-257-3595