# YOU'RE IN!



# WELCOME TO THE BIG BLUE NATION

University of Kentucky

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☑ Let us help you check some items off your to-do list!

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Keep this book handy to help guide you through the necessary steps to joining us on campus this fall.

# DEAR WILDCAT,

Congratulations on your admission to the University of Kentucky!

This is an exciting moment, and I hope you're taking time to celebrate all that you've accomplished to get here. Earning admission to UK reflects your hard work, determination and potential. We are honored that you're considering joining our community.

As someone who has spent my career working with students, I know choosing a college is one of the most important decisions you'll make. You're not just selecting a campus. You're choosing a place where you'll learn, grow, build lifelong friendships and begin shaping the future you want for yourself.

At UK, you'll find a community that believes in your success from day one. You'll learn from faculty who are leaders in their fields, discover new interests, challenge yourself in unexpected ways and find a community who will encourage you.

But college is about much more than what happens in the classroom.

It's the friendships you'll build in your residence hall, the organizations you'll join, the traditions you'll experience and the moments that become lifelong memories. It's finding your people, exploring new opportunities and discovering passions that will change you in ways you never expected.

You'll cheer alongside thousands of fellow Wildcats in Kroger Field and Rupp Arena. You'll celebrate victories, support one another through challenges and become part of a community united by pride in this university and each other.

And you'll do it all in Lexington, one of the nation's best college towns. Lexington will quickly become more than a place where you attend college. For many students, it becomes a second home.

What I love most about UK is that our students arrive with different backgrounds, experiences and ambitions, but they share a common desire to grow, contribute and make a difference. They come here ready to discover who they are and who they can become.

As the University of Kentucky, we're committed to helping students turn their goals into opportunities. Through world-class academics, hands-on learning, groundbreaking research and experiences that extend far beyond the classroom, you'll find countless ways to prepare for what's next while making the most of your time here.

You have many choices ahead of you. I hope you'll choose a university that will challenge you, support you and help you become who you're meant to be. I hope you'll choose Kentucky.

We are excited about the possibility of welcoming you to campus this fall and seeing all that you'll accomplish as a Wildcat.

Congratulations again and Go Cats!

Sarah Ballard

Sarah Ballard, Ph.D.
Associate Vice President for
Enrollment Management



"IT'S THE FRIENDSHIPS YOU'LL BUILD, THE TRADITIONS YOU'LL EXPERIENCE AND THE MOMENTS THAT BECOME LIFELONG MEMORIES."

# Becoming a Wildcat is as Easy as 1, 2, 3!

**These steps apply to all incoming Wildcats, first-time, first-year and transfer students alike.**

**UK ID Number**

**Password**

## UK LINGO

Personal email address - this is the email address you used on your application for undergraduate admission. The university uses this email address, along with your UKY email address, to communicate with you from the time you are admitted until you start classes at UK. It is very important to check both email accounts frequently.

## Here to help

If you have any issues setting up your linkblue account or UKY email, UK Information Technology Services (**UK ITS**) is here to help. Visit **techhelpcenter.uky.edu** or call **859-218-HELP (4357)** for assistance.

## TIP:

Email is the university's official communication channel with you ... and we use it a lot. Check both your personal email address and your UKY email address regularly. We recommend not using your high school issued email address as you may lose access following graduation.

# 1 Activate your linkblue account

newstudent.uky.edu

**Every student who is admitted to the University of Kentucky needs both a linkblue account and a UKY email account.** Your linkblue ID and password are your universal credentials to everything electronic at UK. You will use them to confirm your attendance; register for classes; access the student billing and payment system; apply for UK Campus Housing; access UK systems like myUK and Canvas; and a lot more.

## Get Started

To follow along with step-by-step instructions, visit **go.uky.edu/activate**.

To begin, 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 has six characters (alphanumeric).

- Go to newstudent.uky.edu and follow all prompts given to activate your New Student linkblue.

**Note: 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.**

Use your linkblue ID and password to access UK's online resources. Your linkblue ID (e.g. wldct234) is different from your UK ID Number (an eight-digit number); find it under "linkblue Account Information" in the UK Account Manager. Your linkblue password is what you selected in the activation wizard.

## Personal vs. UKY email

UK calls the **email address used on your application** for undergraduate admission your personal email address. Your UKY email address is the email created using your linkblue ID and ends in @uky.edu.

The university uses your personal email address – along with your UKY email address – to communicate with you from the time you are admitted until you start classes at UK. Important dates, deadlines, confirmation information and more are communicated via email. **On the first day of classes, all university communication will begin sending to only your UKY email address**. It is extremely important to check both email accounts frequently.

**IMPORTANT!**

**We suggest using your same personal email address (and mobile number) for every UK application you complete from admission to campus housing to dining plans to account recovery.**



## 2 Activate your UKY email account

outlook.office.com

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

- Click "Next" to continue.
- All UK students receive a default email address that is <linkblueID>@uky.edu. Students can also create their own **University Email Address (UEA)**. Both the default email address and UEA go to the same inbox in Microsoft Outlook. These are not separate email accounts, but **two different names for the same inbox**.
  - Customize your UEA. Make it something easy to remember and share (e.g., firstname.lastname@uky.edu). Don't use personal information like your birth date in your UEA.
- Select your mail delivery location. UK ITS fully supports Microsoft Outlook email delivery. Visit **go.uky.edu/emailaddressoptions** for more information.
- Access your email. Visit **outlook.office.com** and log in with your default email address (<linkblueID>@uky.edu) NOT the UEA you selected.

Want to check or change your email settings? Visit **myuk.uky.edu** and search email. There you can see your UKY email address and other settings to make sure you have your email and communications set up how you like them!

If you need help, call UK Information Technology Services (UK ITS) at 859-218-4357 (HELP).

**TIP: Add UKY email to your phone for easier access!** techhelpcenter.uky.edu

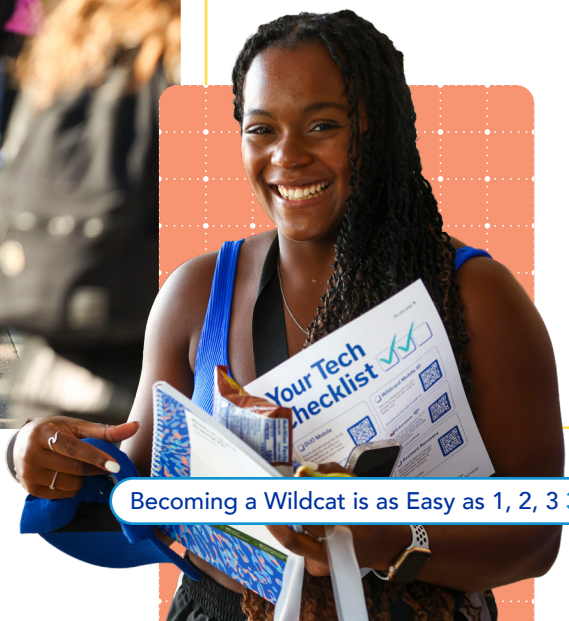


**My UKY email address is:**

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**My orientation date is:**

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# 3 Confirm your place at UK

orientation.uky.edu

## We are so excited you've chosen to be a Wildcat!

**Registering for your Big Blue Nation Orientation (BBNO) is how you confirm your spot at UK.** To confirm your spot, register for BBNO in myUK and pay your orientation fee and enrollment prepayment before the deadline listed below. (First-time, first-year students beginning in the fall semester must pay their fees at time of registration; all other students will be assessed their orientation fee on their first tuition statement.)

At Big Blue Nation Orientation, you will meet with your college, complete course registration and have all your questions answered before classes begin. Find the full list of orientation dates, a checklist of items to prepare for BBNO and much more at **orientation.uky.edu**. Space is filled on a first-come, first-served basis and capacity may be limited due to college availability.

## Register for BBN Orientation

Step-by-step instructions at **orientation.uky.edu**. You'll need your linkblue account activated to register.

- Log in to myUK using your linkblue account: **myuk.uky.edu**
  - Select the "Menu" button on the top left
  - Navigate to the Registration section
  - Select BBN Orientation Registration

**Deadline to Register for Orientation for Students Beginning in the Fall Term:**

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| First-year students | **May 1*** |
| Transfer students | **August 1*** |

*If a deadline falls on a weekend, the deadline is extended until 11:59 p.m. Eastern time the following Monday. Students who register for orientation after the deadline may be placed on a waitlist and reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

If you need assistance, contact UK's Office of Orientation and Early College Outreach at orientation@uky.edu or 859-257-3256.

**Note: Students will register for classes at their BBNO.**



# 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.

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 with unmet financial need and creating the support necessary to increase persistence and graduation rates.

**Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships**
financialaid.uky.edu | osfas@uky.edu

### Apply early for financial aid!

**financialaid.uky.edu**

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
fafsa.gov
The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is expected to open on **October 1**. Students should visit fafsa.gov for updates regarding the 2027-28 FAFSA release. All students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible. Use UK's school code, **001989**, on your application. A completed FAFSA creates a review for federal (and sometimes state (KY)) need-based aid eligibility and the opportunity for students to receive federal student loans as part of their overall financial aid offer.

Completing the FAFSA early gives students the best opportunity to qualify for grants, federal student loans and work-study. However, submissions are continuously accepted.

**International students with F-1 or J-1 visas are not eligible to complete the FAFSA to receive federal and state financial aid.**

**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.

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**UK's FAFSA school code**
**001989**

**FAFSA opens on**
**October 1**

☐ Submitted my FAFSA

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## Notes

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**

### Scholarships
go.uky.edu/scholarships
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.

### Scholarship Universe
go.uky.edu/scholarshipuniverse
Scholarship Universe (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.

### Financial Wellness
go.uky.edu/financialwellness
The Financial Wellness Center provides access to resources and support for students to make informed decisions about their personal finances. By utilizing the Spend, Save, Invest model, we help ensure all UK students are able to meet their daily needs (spend), set aside funds for the unexpected (save) and set long-term goals (invest). How do we do this? Explore our website to learn about The MoneyCATS, iGrad, UK Invests for Students and upcoming events.

### UK Invests for Students
ukinvests.uky.edu
The University of Kentucky offers a first-of-its-kind holistic wellness program anchored in financial education called UK Invests for Students. Through UK Invests for Students, every student has the opportunity to open a brokerage account through the Fidelity Mobile® app that is used to incentivize and reward positive behaviors and habits, beginning with financial education, and expanding to other healthy activities. UK Invests for Students teaches students the basics of investing while earning money. UK Invests for Students teaches students the basics of investing by earning money.

Use our Wildcat Cost Calculator to begin estimating your cost of attending UK.

**go.uky.edu/calculator**



# Don't Forget!

## Send Us Your Stuff

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

### Final Transcripts

Work with your high school counselor/school official to send 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 and International Baccalaureate Programs

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 university using our code - **1837**. Academic departments have designated the current policy for students who score 3 or higher on AP exams. UK does not recognize College Board SAT II Subject Tests for placement or credit purposes.

The University of Kentucky recognizes course credit earned through the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. 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.

**UK's College Board code**

**1837**

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## Notes

# Prepare For Your Future

## Explore What's Possible

### Degree Planning with myUK GPS

registrar.uky.edu/myuk-gps

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. The degree audit feature shows students a percentage that reflects their progress toward completing their degree(s). The degree completion percentage helps students understand where they stand with their degree, helps students graduate on time and indicates when a student's registration window will open for course registration each semester.

### Academic Exploration Tool

academics.uky.edu

Our online Academic Exploration Tool (AET) helps you investigate your possibilities. If you have not 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 will 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.



# Come On Home to Kentucky

## Living on Campus

### Living on Campus

wildcatliving.uky.edu

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 meal in a dining hall.

**Living on Campus Helps You Make the Grade ... and Graduate on Time.**

Living on campus has a positive impact on a student's retention rate. 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 students are happier, more successful and more involved when they live in a residence hall. First semester GPAs for students living on campus average 3.17, 0.21 higher than students living off campus.

### Living Learning Program — Classrooms Right Outside Your Door

go.uky.edu/llp

The University of Kentucky's Living Learning Program (LLP) is an incubator for success, transforming the benefits of living on campus into a powerful foundation for your future. With 12 unique LLPs, you'll find a place where you belong, surrounded by peers who share your interests or academic majors.

Benefits of joining an LLP include:

- **Strong Community:** Form close connections with like-minded and supportive peers.
- **Peer Mentoring:** Receive guidance and support from fellow students to help you thrive.
- **Social and Academic Support:** Benefit from a network that nurtures your personal and academic growth.
- **Exploration Opportunities:** Engage in activities and experiences that allow you to pursue your passions.

Most LLPs also have a connected course to help you explore your interests and passions while learning about the university and receiving support from faculty and staff. Each LLP offers unique experiences, including off-campus trips, volunteer opportunities and hands-on learning.

Spaces in specific communities are limited, so be sure to keep track of application deadlines to secure your spot and start your journey to success at UK.

- Audre Lorde Living Learning Program
- C.I. Connect Living Learning Program
- Creative Arts Living Learning Program
- Engineering Living Learning Program (ELLP)
- First-Generation Living Learning Community
- Honors Residential Experience Living Learning Program (HRE)
- International Village Living Learning Program
- Interprofessional Healthcare Residential Community (IHRC)
- Leadership and Service Living Learning Program
- Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Living Learning Program
- Public Policy and Law Living Learning Program
- Transfer Year Experience

*Living Learning Programs and their locations are subject to change.






## Notes

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**.





# Home "Suite" Home

wildcatliving.uky.edu/residence-halls

UK Campus Housing has created the finest living arrangements of any college campus in the country just for you. You will select your room, down to the building and room number. From the day you move in, you will make memories that will last a lifetime. At UK, living on campus means community, comfort and home.

**TIP:**

Room selection is based on your housing application completion date. Certain room types fill quickly, so it is in your best interest to apply early!

## Notes

## Room Types



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



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



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



**3-Person 2-Bedroom Suite**: one individual bedroom (full XL bed), one semi-private bedroom (twin XL bunk beds); semi-private bathroom

## Room Types for Upper-Level Students Only and Not Available to First-Time, First-Year Students




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



**4-Bedroom Suite** (Sophomore and above students):
Individual bedroom (full XL beds), semi-private bathroom, living room, kitchenette

## Notes

# Wildcat Living

Our residence halls 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.

## Notes

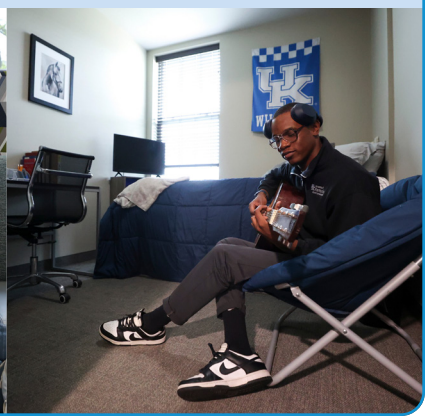
## Central Residence Halls

- Baldwin Hall
- Ball Hall
- Chellgren Hall
- Donovan Hall
- Haggin Hall†
- Ingels Hall
- Johnson Hall
- Kirwan-Blanding Hall
- Lewis Hall
- Pigman Hall
- Smith Hall
- University Flats**
- Woodland Glen IV, V

**Nearby**

- Johnson Recreation Center
- Kroger Field
- Social House at The 90
- Study Hub at W.T. Young Library
- William T. Young Library





**Students living in University Flats are not required to have a university dining plan. UFlats is limited to sophomore and above students.
†Units in Haggin Hall have full-sized XL beds.

## North Residence Halls

- Blazer Hall
- Boyd Hall*
- Holmes Hall
- Jewell Hall
- Roselle Hall
- Wildcat Coal Lodge

**Nearby**

- Alumni Gym
- UK Bookstore
- Gatton Student Center
- Downtown Lexington
- Study Hub at Jewell Hall
- Champions Kitchen





*Boyd Hall is limited to sophomore and above students.

## How to apply for housing

wildcatliving.uky.edu

As an admitted student, you are now eligible to apply for campus housing. Apply to live on campus as soon as possible as spaces fill quickly. Applying for admission and applying for housing are two separate processes.

Even if you are uncertain of your plans, we recommend submitting your housing application as soon as you receive your acceptance letter. You have until **June 1** to cancel your application in myUK without penalty.

**Housing Application Deadlines (all new incoming first-time first year and transfer students)**
Living Learning Program application deadline: **May 15**
Living Learning Program deadline to accept offer: **May 22**
Campus Housing application deadline: **June 1**

Room selection is based on your housing application completion date. Certain room types go quickly, so it is in your best interest to apply early!

Information about room selection, LLP acceptance offers, move-in appointments and much more will be communicated to students via email.

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 **Menu**
- Under **Housing**, select **Campus Housing** to be taken to the Campus Housing portal
- Select **Undergraduate Application**
- Choose the correct Term and click **Apply**

Completed applications include a $50 nonrefundable application fee.

If you have questions or need help, please contact Campus Housing at 859-257-1866 or email us at ukhousing@uky.edu.



**TIP:**
Use the same email address for your housing application that you used for your admission application.

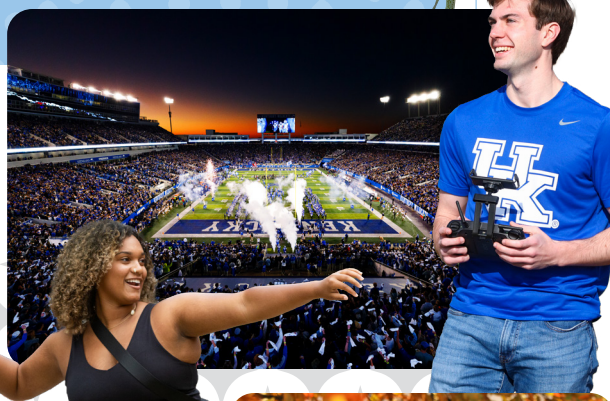
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# Eating Made Easy

hospitality.uky.edu

UK Hospitality offers a wide variety of options to satisfy every Wildcat's appetite. You have access to quality, nutritious meals at more than 20 locations, just minutes away from your residence hall and classes.

### Ace Your Appetite

Enjoy well-balanced, delicious meals crafted by our expert culinary team using fresh and locally sourced ingredients. For students with plant-based diets, food allergies and other dietary needs, we offer options across campus and resources to help you thrive – like a full-time registered dietitian.

### Less Stress

Save time and money by removing wasted groceries, cooking and dishes from the equation. Do you want to save even more time for studying and friends? Take a meal to-go with a Green-2-Go container, grab a quick bite, order robot delivery or Grubhub pickup to skip the lines.

### More to Explore

Discover a campus dining experience built for every craving. From favorite national brands and Kentucky-inspired flavors to global cuisine and chef-driven concepts, there's always something new to try. Enjoy exclusive pop-ups, limited-time features and special events throughout the year. Whether it's breakfast before class or a late-night bite, great food is always within reach.

Students living in undergraduate residence halls must purchase a university meal plan, billed per semester to your student account. If you do not select a meal plan within the housing portal of myUK, you will be automatically assigned the default plan (All-Access White).

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



## UK LINGO - DINING EDITION

**Meal Swipes:** part of the meal plan that is used at either of our two all-you-care-to-eat dining locations — Champions Kitchen in the Gatton Student Center and Social House at The 90.

**Flex Dollars:** can be used at any dining location like a gift card. Running low? You can reload Flex at any time during the semester. Flex dollars are also tax-free.

**Guest Meals:** can be used to treat friends or family to a meal in one of our dining halls.

**WildCard ID:** your official university student ID; used to redeem your Meal Swipes and Flex dollars. The WildCard is a mobile credential. Learn more at wildcard.uky.edu.

Learn more about UK meal plan options and pricing.

**hospitality.uky.edu**



## Notes

## Come visit!
visit.uky.edu

### Take an Official Campus Tour
visit.uky.edu

Every step matters. You have taken the first one 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 campus to discover what's possible at the University of Kentucky.

During our 90-minute in-person campus tour experience, you will explore the more than $7 billion transformation of our campus through your own eyes. We have designed our campus for your success – new academic buildings, residence and dining halls, a state-of-the-art student center – it is all here.

Your visit will also include a 30-minute admission information session in which you will learn more about scholarships, housing and how to confirm your spot as a Kentucky Wildcat. Head to visit.uky.edu to sign up for a campus tour and with a few clicks, you will 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 would love for you to explore campus virtually! This site provides an opportunity for you to experience what's possible on our campus – from anywhere.





## Notes



# CUE THE CONFETTI!

**Big news deserves a big post.**

Share your UK acceptance on social media and show the world where you're headed next.
Tag @UKYAdmissions and use #BBNBound for a chance to be featured. Welcome to the Big Blue Nation!



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