STUDENT HOUSING INFORMATION

Checking out
Students will move out of KU Student Housing within 24 hours of their last final exam; finals end Friday, May 17. Students should have scheduled a check-out session with their resident assistant or scholarship hall director before Stop Day, which was May 10.

Checking out includes turning in keys, having the room checked for damage or missing items, and completing a forwarding-address card. For complete information, see the section Moving Out in the KU Student Housing handbook, online at housing.ku.edu/media/handbook

Next year's move-in dates
KU Student Housing is already planning for students who are returning in August. A complete calendar, including move-in dates, is at housing.ku.edu/calendar

Has your Jayhawk signed next year's contract?
Student Housing's Returner Rewards program — offering a private room at the lesser double rate on the ninth or 10th floor of McCollum Hall — has been a huge success, and only five rooms remain. Check out Returner Rewards program details at housing.ku.edu/returner-rewards and be sure your student has signed next year's contract.

Are you sending another Jayhawk to Lawrence next year?
KU Student Housing would love to meet your student's needs for a safe, comfortable, and convenient place to live. Studies show that students who live on campus are more likely to get better grades and graduate on time. For more information, visit housing.ku.edu

GRADES POSTED TO ENROLL & PAY

Students may find their grades under View My Grades in Enroll & Pay. They can print a copy from the screen; KU does not mail grades to students.
Parents who want a copy of grades can ask their student to print the page from Enroll & Pay or may request a copy by following the instructions registrar.ku.edu/parents/grade_request.shtml

TUITION INVOICES

In fall 2013, the tuition and fee bill due date will move from Aug. 15 to Sept. 15. For spring, the due date will move from Jan. 15 to Feb. 15. These changes have been made to accommodate the start date of the academic semesters and also allow more time to complete financial aid steps and change course load.

No other dates are changing. Financial aid will be transferred to student accounts before the start of classes so that any excess aid will be available to students for book purchases or other needs. University policy requires all students to set up direct deposit for refunds. For more information, go to bursar.ku.edu/refunds/direct_deposit.aspx

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Commencement 2013 ceremonies begin at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 19. Complimentary coffee, tea, and juice will be available to graduates and guests from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Kansas Union Lobby on Level 4.

Also at the Kansas Memorial Union:

- The Hawk Shop convenience store on Level 4 will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- The Pulse coffee shop on Level 4 will be open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Market food court on Level 3 will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The KU Bookstore on Level 2 will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for those who need regalia, sunblock, hats, sunglasses, ponchos, umbrellas, over-the-counter medications, or last-minute gifts.
- Hy-Vee will sell floral arrangements from 8 to 11 a.m.

For more information, visit commencement.ku.edu

Hotels

Hotels in Lawrence usually do not have vacancies over Commencement weekend. You may wish to book your 2014 reservation now. Next year’s ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday, May 18.

The Lawrence Chamber of Commerce lists local hotels at visitlawrence.com/accommodations

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Major road-improvement projects are under way on campus and nearby Lawrence streets and will continue all summer.

- Jayhawk Boulevard and adjacent sidewalks from Sunflower Road west to the Chi Omega Fountain will be closed May 20-Aug. 19. Buses will be rerouted around campus.
- Iowa Street, which is also U.S 59, is one lane only north and south from Harvard Road south to Irving Hill Road. The intersecting 15th Street/Bob Billings Parkway will be closed from Engel Road west to Crestline Drive May 20-Aug. 19.

For a map, go to vpss.ku.edu/2013sumroadclosures

COMMON BOOK

The 2013-14 Common Book is The Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan, a nonfiction account of the dust storms on the High Plains in the 1930s.

This book is sure to pique the interest of all Kansans and those attending KU. The Dust Bowl has been described as the greatest environmental disaster of the 20th century. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author interweaves the personal stories of families with the impact on communities during this catastrophe.

The book will be provided free to new students during Orientation. Many activities are planned around the book, including a visit by the author. For more information, visit commonbook.ku.edu
HOME FOR THE SUMMER

Although students still remember their family rules, they have experienced quite a bit of freedom while living on their own at KU. Parents may have differing expectations when their student returns home for the summer. It's important to discuss these. These tips are adapted from collegetipsforparents.org

- **Talk about curfew:** A student who hasn't had strict curfews on campus may now resist them at home. Do you want to know where your student is at all times? Is it necessary to know if they will be home for dinner? Do you expect a check-in before you go to bed?
- **Summer jobs and finances:** Do you want your student to contribute to school costs? How much should be budgeted for summer fun?
- **Family responsibility:** Is your student expected to participate in family chores or assist with transporting siblings?
- **Returning to KU in the fall:** Have you talked with your student about the details of successfully returning to campus? Some items to cover are living arrangements, enrollment, and completing any necessary remedial work.

SUMMER SESSION

KU's summer session, June 4-July 26, can put your student a step closer to earning a degree. Students can take courses in Lawrence and at KU's Edwards Campus in Overland Park.

Jayhawks who take KU summer classes

- Get into courses that are filled during fall and spring semesters
- Enjoy smaller class sizes
- Often have higher GPAs than other students

Learn more at [summer.ku.edu](http://summer.ku.edu)

FALL 2013 SEMESTER INFORMATION

Fall semester classes begin Monday, Aug. 26. KU residence halls open for most students Friday, Aug. 23. Selected KU offices will be open limited hours over the weekend before classes start.

KU does not hold classes on Labor Day, which this year is Monday, Sept. 2. The fall break is Oct. 12-15. Offices are open during fall break; however, classes are not in session. Finals are Dec. 16-20.

HEALTH 101 PARENT PERSPECTIVE


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