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IMPORTANT KU PHONE NUMBERS

Vice Provost for Student Success (785) 864-4060
College of Liberal Arts & Sci. Acad. Serv. (785) 864-3500
Counseling & Psychological Services (785) 864-2277
Department of Student Housing (785) 864-4560
Office of Student Financial Aid (785) 864-4700
Office of University Registrar (785) 864-4422
Student Health Services (785) 864-9500

IMPORTANT KU DATES

November 24-28   Thanksgiving Break (No classes, University offices open on 24th)
December 10   Stop Day (No classes, University offices open)
December 13-17 Final Examinations
January 21, 2011 First day of Spring Classes
March 21-27   Spring Break (No classes, University offices open)
May 13   Stop Day (No classes, University offices open)
May 16-20   Final Examinations
May 22   Commencement 2011
June 7   First day of Summer Term
July 29   Last day of Summer Term
August 22   First day of Fall 2011 Term
September 5   Labor Day (No classes, University offices closed)
October 10-11   Fall Break (No classes, University offices open)
November 23-27 Thanksgiving Break (No classes, University offices open on 23rd)
December 9   Stop Day (No classes, University offices open)
December 12-16 Final Examinations
January 17, 2012 First day of Spring 2012 Term

APPLYING TO THE PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS AT KU

Most students are admitted to KU in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and most students graduate from the College. For those students who want a degree from any of the professional schools at KU (Arts, Music, Business, Journalism & Mass Communication, Education, Engineering, Architecture & Urban Design, Social Welfare, Allied Health, Nursing or Pharmacy), a student must apply for admission to that particular school.

Admission into the professional schools is competitive. Each school has different application dates and procedures. Encourage your student to check into how to apply to the professional schools at KU. Visit the website for each school for specific information. Additionally, many majors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences have admission requirements. Those are listed on the department's website or in the College's Academic Services Office.

ASK A LIBRARIAN

The KU Libraries offer a full service "Ask a Librarian" program. Students may ask any research or library related question and receive help. Questions can be asked in person, by email, via Instant Message and even by text message. For more information about this helpful service visit: www.lib.ku.edu/askalibrarian/.
## HAVING YOUR STUDENT HOME AT THANKSGIVING

Many students head home for the Thanksgiving break. You will probably notice some changes in your student. This may be the first time they have seen their friends who are not at KU. Expect some friendships to be strained and others to remain vibrant. Expect your student to flex some of that independence that he or she is used to while at school. Expect some students to be reluctant to come back to campus after being home for four days. The visit will go better for both of you if you share your expectations.


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## KU SERVICES REFERRAL GUIDE

KU offers many services for students. A handy referral guide is available online to provide easy access to the resources available on the Lawrence campus. You will find the guide at: [www.vpss.ku.edu/referralguide.pdf](http://www.vpss.ku.edu/referralguide.pdf).

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## MAY 2011 COMMENCEMENT

Commencement is May 22nd at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Stadium. In March, graduating seniors and their parents (if the student has provided that information in the student’s records) are each mailed an informational packet to help them prepare for commencement weekend. Look for information at [www.commencement.ku.edu](http://www.commencement.ku.edu).

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## NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID!

The University of Kansas cares deeply about how the economy is affecting KU students. We know that some students will need additional assistance to cover costs and we encourage you to make the University your first point of contact for help with options for financing your student’s education.

Although priority dates have passed and resources are limited, funding is still available for some aid programs, such as student and parent loans. To apply, your student should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Once your student submits the FAFSA, your student should receive communication from the Financial Aid and Scholarships office within two weeks.

If you have questions about financial aid options or your family’s situation has changed since filing the FAFSA, please do not hesitate to contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships office at 785-864-4700 or [financialaid@ku.edu](mailto:financialaid@ku.edu). Additional information is available at [www.financialaid.ku.edu](http://www.financialaid.ku.edu).

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### City of Lawrence

If your student lives off campus, it is important that your student understand the city’s laws on occupancy. Properties in single-dwelling zoning districts are limited to no more than three unrelated people living together even in owner-occupied homes. When there is a group of four or more persons living together as a single housekeeping unit, all of the persons are required to be related by blood, marriage or legal adoption.

In zoning districts other than single-family zoning, no more than four unrelated people can live together in a single home.

An occupancy violation is often unintentional but has consequences for the tenants. Property owners, managers, realtors and tenants may call Code Enforcement at (785) 832-3111 with questions about legal occupancy.

To verify zoning of a property view a zoning map at [http://www.lawrenceks.org/information_systems/interactive_mapping](http://www.lawrenceks.org/information_systems/interactive_mapping) and select Lawrence zoning under the Planning section.

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## PREPARING FOR FINALS

The Academic Achievement and Access Center offers an hour workshop on “Preparing for Finals” on Wednesday, December 1st from 5:00-5:30 in Wescoe 4008. To learn more visit: [http://www.achievement.ku.edu/~achieve/students/workshops.shtml](http://www.achievement.ku.edu/~achieve/students/workshops.shtml). You can also find tips for dealing with finals at: [www.studenthealth.ku.edu/documents/Stress%20Tip%20Handout.pdf](http://www.studenthealth.ku.edu/documents/Stress%20Tip%20Handout.pdf).
ON-CAMPUS LIVING

Housing on You Tube
Join us on the web at www.housing.ku.edu with three new housing videos at YouTube, and on KU's Facebook and Twitter site.

Thanksgiving Break
Residence halls and scholarship halls close at 11:00 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 23, for Thanksgiving Break. Dinner on Nov. 23 will be the last meal served for the week. The halls reopen 8:00 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 28. Full meal service resumes on Monday, Nov. 29.

Residents of the residence halls and scholarship halls who will be on campus during break periods may arrange housing at additional cost. Information regarding cost and building details is available at www.housing.ku.edu.

Withdrawing from Student Housing?
If your son or daughter plans to leave KU at the end of this semester, please remind your student to complete a Contract Cancellation Request at the Department of Student Housing Office in Corbin Hall.

Students who withdraw may be required to pay a contract cancellation penalty, although some—Study Abroad, internship, or graduation, for example—will have no penalty. See the student housing contract for details. Call the Department of Student Housing, 785-864-4560, if you have questions.

Requesting a Housing Change?
Students living on campus may request a room or building change for the spring semester. Talk with hall staff and complete an Occupancy Change Request. Students who want to move to the scholarship halls should be sure they have submitted all required materials so their applications may be considered.

RA Recruitment
Ask your son or daughter if they have considered becoming a Resident Assistant next year. Informational meetings about the scope of the job and its rewards are being scheduled for early December.

SHUTTLES TO KANSAS CITY AIRPORT
KU does not provide shuttle service to the Kansas City airport. There are several commercial companies that do provide this service. KU Info has the most current information at www.kuinfo.ku.edu/~kuinfo/cgi-bin/info.shtml?p=q&id=4329.

SPRING ENROLLMENT
Enrollment for currently enrolled students began in October and continues until the Spring semester starts. Each student is assigned an appointment time that allows him/her to enroll: that is the earliest the student may enroll. A student may enroll any time after their appointment time.

Many students are required (and it is recommended for all students) to meet with an advisor prior to enrolling. Students should check for enrollment holds prior to their enrollment appointment time as some holds will prevent enrollment. Possible holds can be viewed in Enroll & Pay in the Student Center on the right-hand side.

The Office of the University Registrar is available to assist students who have questions about enrolling either by email at registrar@ku.edu, by phone at 785-864-4423 or in person from 8:00-5:00 Monday through Friday in 151 Strong Hall.
TAKE YOUR PROFESSOR TO LUNCH
The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will pay for you to Take Your Professor to Lunch. First, schedule a lunch time with the faculty member you would like to take to lunch. The faculty member must teach in a department or program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and cannot be a TA. Students can even make their request online. To learn more check out: http://clas.ku.edu/students/lunch/index.shtml.

HELPFUL LINKS
- KU Parent Association: www.parentassociation.ku.edu
- KU Information Center: www.kuinfo.ku.edu
- KU Alumni Association: www.kualumni.org
- KU Endowment Association: www.kuendowment.org
- KU on Facebook: www.ku.edu/facebook
- KU News: KU news releases are available online at www.news.ku.edu

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