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KU Parent Assistance Line (785) 864-5872

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* IMPORTANT KU PHONE NUMBERS

Vice Provost for Student Affairs (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 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 Semester
March 19 -25  Spring Break (No classes, University offices open)
May 4  Stop Day (No classes, University offices open)
May 7 -11  Final Examinations
May 13  Commencement
June 6  First Day of Summer Term
July 27  Last Day of Summer Term
August 20  First Day of Fall 2012 Classes
December 14  Last Day of Finals

ADVISING & ENROLLMENT FOR SPRING SEMESTER

Advising for the Spring semester has started. Students are asked to complete advising appointments prior to Thanksgiving although appointments are available after that date. Most students see an advisor in the University Advising Center until they have declared their major or are accepted into a professional school. Students admitted into the Honors Program or professional schools are advised by those academic units. Students generally cannot enroll without an advising appointment.

For complete information about advising and enrollment, visit: www.advising.ku.edu.
ALCOHOL EDUCATION
KU offers a variety of alcohol and drug education programs. The Jayhawk Buddy System encourages students to protect themselves and their friends from the legal and health related risks associated with unlawful or excessive drinking. A resource available to you is the "Family Talk About Drinking" program by Anheuser-Busch. You can find more about it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ABFamilyTalk.

BOUNCE BACK PROGRAMS
The University Advising Center offers a program geared toward students who are on academic probation. Students attending these sessions will learn about different campus resources/support, fill out their probation contract and have their probation hold removed. The sessions are held at the Sabatini Multicultural Resource Center and students can drop by any time during the sessions. The remaining sessions are October 20th, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and November 11th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information contact the University Advising Center 785-864-2834.

CARE PACKAGES
As a parent, you may receive information from a wide variety of campus organizations and companies offering finals kits for sale. These items are also called “Survival Kits” or “Study Packs.” Before you order a kit, look closely at the order form to ensure that it is a reputable source. It is always wise to write down the contact information from the order form in case you run into any problems. If there is no contact information given, then it probably is not a reputable source.

If you do not get any information about finals care packages, you may wish to send your own or use a local Lawrence grocery store or florist to make a custom care package to deliver to your student. KU Finals Week is December 12-16.

FALL GRADUATE RECOGNITION CEREMONIES
KU has one commencement ceremony and it is at the end of the Spring semester; however, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and some individual schools often have Fall graduation recognition ceremonies. Fall graduates are encouraged to come back to campus for the May commencement as well. For specific information about a ceremony call the Dean’s Office of the College or appropriate school.

The following is a listing of December ceremonies:

- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: December 11th at 2 p.m. at the Lied Center.
- School of Business: December 16th at 4 p.m. at the Lied Center.
- School of Engineering: December 10th at 9 a.m. at Crafton-Pryor Theatre.
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication: December 11th at 1 p.m. at Woodruff Auditorium in Kansas Union.
- School of Education: December 11th at 11 a.m. in the Lied Center.

Students must complete an Application For Degree to officially graduate. For more information visit: www.timetable.ku.edu/~registr/current/graduation.shtml.

For information about the May Commencement, visit: www.commencement.ku.edu.

FLU SHOTS
The University of Kansas Student Health Services will offer the seasonal flu vaccine to members of the KU community at several campus clinics starting October 12. The seasonal flu vaccine protects against three influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season. Flu shots will be available for those 18 and older for $15. The nasal-spray flu vaccine is also available for $20 to those ages 18 through 49 only. More information, including dates, times and locations, is available at www.studenthealth.ku.edu/flu/flu_seasonal.shtml.

HEALTH 101
As an ongoing effort to support student health and healthy choices, KU provides an online subscription to Student Health 101 for both students and parents. Student Health 101 is a monthly online health and wellness magazine just for Kansas students and their families. Each issue contains valuable information that will help your student make better decisions and can help you gain a better understanding of the health and wellness challenges that face today’s students. The most recent issue can be found here: http://readsh101.com/ku-pp.html.

**KU STUDENT HOUSING INFORMATION**

**GSP will be brand new**
Residents who return to Student Housing next year will have first choice of the newly renovated GSP residence hall and its wonderful location. Next year’s incoming freshmen can begin contracting for this new hall as soon as they are admitted to KU. The hall officially opens in August 2012.

The upgrades provide an updated living option for students and reinforce the department’s focus on environmental sustainability. The mix of suites and double rooms will feature energy-efficient windows, new lighting, flooring, plumbing, wiring, bathroom fixtures, and furniture. The building will have more energy efficient mechanical systems for heating and cooling, and a new security system.

KU has recently completely renovated several of its Student Housing facilities, including its apartments in Jayhawker Towers A and D.

**FERPA release to see student tuition and fee statements**
Spring tuition and fee statements will be prepared after spring 2012 enrollment is complete in October. If you want a copy sent to your e-mail, here are the details for the student account information release, as printed in the student housing contract:

> The financial and non-directory information on every student’s account is confidential and protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Statute 30 U.S.C. 1232(g), regulations 34 CFR Part 99. The Department of Student Housing and KU Dining Services cannot release information contained in educational records, including information on records pertaining to a student’s housing account, except in accordance with FERPA or with specific written authorization from the student.

To allow other persons access to your data, visit: [http://www.registrar.ku.edu/pdf/nondirectoryrelease.pdf](http://www.registrar.ku.edu/pdf/nondirectoryrelease.pdf).

A release authorization will remain in effect until a written request to cancel all or part of the previous authorization is submitted. Contact the KU Bursar’s Office at bursar@ku.edu with questions.

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**LAWRENCE’S GOOD NEIGHBOR ORDINANCES**
Students who live off campus need to know the laws that can help them be a good neighbor. The city of Lawrence does not allow more than three unrelated persons to reside in one housing unit in a neighborhood zoned for single family. Some of the neighborhoods around campus are zoned single family. The city also does not allow parking on lawns or sidewalks. Vehicles parked on the streets must be moved every 48 hours. There is a noise ordinance in town: music should not be heard outside your house. You can find general information about off campus living here: [http://www.vpss.ku.edu/OffCampus.shtml](http://www.vpss.ku.edu/OffCampus.shtml) and information about city services and ordinances here: [http://www.lawrenceks.org/pdf/streetscape.pdf](http://www.lawrenceks.org/pdf/streetscape.pdf).

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**MATH PLACEMENT EXAM FOR SPRING ENROLLMENT**
The Math Department offers placement exams for proper math course enrollment. To take the exam a student must register online. The exam is offered in January. You can find more information at: [www.math.ku.edu/academics/undergraduate/placement_dates.html](http://www.math.ku.edu/academics/undergraduate/placement_dates.html).

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**MIDTERM TIME**
Midterm exams are in full swing and your student has probably received feedback on their academic work to date. The tutoring programs offered through the Academic Achievement and Access Center accepts requests for tutoring through October 30th. For more information, visit: [www.tutoring.ku.edu/](http://www.tutoring.ku.edu/).

Students can find this time of the semester quite stressful. Remind your student to get plenty of rest, to eat right, and to get some physical activity to deal with the stress. For more tips on how to deal with stress, visit: [www.caps.ku.edu/~caps/selfhelp/reducestress2.shtml](http://www.caps.ku.edu/~caps/selfhelp/reducestress2.shtml).
PROOF OF ENROLLMENT
Often a student will need proof of enrollment for insurance reasons. The University calls this a certificate of enrollment. This documentation is provided by the Student Records Center of the University Registrar’s Office in Room 151 Strong Hall. Students may request this certification in person or online. For more information, visit: www.registrar.ku.edu/current/enrollmentcert.shtml.

TEA IS SERVED
Every Thursday afternoon when classes are in session from 3-4 p.m. on the 4th floor of the Kansas Union tea is served. Join Student Union Activities (SUA) for free tea, cookies, and conversation. It is a fun way to bring some relaxation into a student’s hectic week. To learn about the many activities that SUA sponsors visit: www.suaevents.com.

TRANSPORTATION TO KANSAS CITY AIRPORT
The University does not offer a shuttle to the Kansas City airport or the greater KC area; however, there are commercial entities that do. Here is a link to those businesses: http://www.kuinfo.ku.edu/~kuinfo/cgi-bin/info.shtml?p=q&id=4329.

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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