Lexington and the University of Kentucky

Beyond your academic life, choosing the University of Kentucky means you’ve chosen Lexington as your home. Below we provide some links to resources from UK and other local sources that should be helpful in making an informed decision about your admissions.

Graduate and Family Housing: http://www.uky.edu/Housing/graduate/
Off-Campus Housing: http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/OCSS/
About Lexington (from the Chamber of Commerce): http://www.commercelexington.com/
About Lexington (from the tourist page): http://www.visitlex.com/

Though the links above are hopefully useful, we’ve also asked around the department to give you a better idea of where people live and what they do.

Living

Listed below are some of the places our former and current grad students have chosen over the years. Each is within 10 miles of the University of Kentucky, the Fayetteville Mall, and the Hamburg Pavilion. Most feature on-site pools, fitness centers, tennis courts, and dog parks, with fire places and balconies. Living spaces range from studios, 1-2-3 bedroom apartments, and townhouses.

- Old Farm Apartments (http://www.oldfarmapts.com/)
- The Creeks on Landsdowne Apartments & Townhomes (http://www.creeksonlansdowne.com/CreeksonLansdowne/Index.aspx)
- Stoney Falls (http://www.stoneyfallsapartments.com/StoneyFallsAptsKY/Index.aspx)
- Shillito Park (http://www.shillitopark.com/)
- Fountains in Hamburg (http://www.fountainsapthomes.com/lexington/the-fountains-at-andover/amenities/)

Graduate Student housing through the University of Kentucky is also a favorable option. Each has unique pros and cons, but most are budget-friendly and close to campus. Information for each complex below can be found at: http://www.uky.edu/Housing/graduate/apartments.html
- Cooperstown—close to Patterson Office tower, Library, downtown night clubs, restaurants, and grocery stores.
- Commonwealth Village—new apartments, connected by shuttle to campus
- Shawneetown—further from Patterson Office Tower, but close to the Arboretum; studio apartments
- Greg Page—further from Patterson Office Tower, but close to the Arboretum; includes utilities

Dining and Night Life

A Google search for “nightlife Lexington” will turn up hundreds of venues. Listed below are some of the places we actually frequent:
- Cheapside Bar & Grill (www.cheapsidebarandgrill.com)
- Redmon’s (http://www.lexingtonnightout.com/bars/16872/Redmond's)
- Cosmic Charlie’s (http://www.cosmic-charlies.com/)
Weekends and Outdoors

Kentucky is famous for its history, horses, and hooch (www.visitlex.com). Fittingly, the Lexington area has many of local vineyard, breweries, and horse facilities.

- Local vineyards—Grimes Mill Winery, Talon Winery Vineyards, Elk Creek
- Local Breweries—Country Boy, West Sixth Brewing, Alltech Lexington Brewing and Distillation Co. (Kentucky Ale), Barrel House Distilling Co.
- Distilleries—The Woodford Reserve Distillery, Buffalo Trace, Four Roses, Town Branch Distillery, and Wild Turkey
- Kentucky Horse Park—horse farm and educational theme park; houses the National Horse Center, the Kentucky Horse Park Arboretum, International Museum of the Horse, American Saddlebred Museum, and the Central Kentucky Riding for Hope therapeutic riding center

Other casual attractions include the Farmer’s Market, the Arboretum, and Downtown Lexington. For a more cultured evening out, Lexington features:

- Lexington Philharmonic
- Lexington Opera House
- UK Opera Theatre
- Aviation Museum of Kentucky
- The Art Museum at UK

Additionally, Lexington has many festivals and outdoor entertainment, including Picnic with the Pops, the Woodland Arts Fair, and Rupp Arena events. And UK sports, of course!

Besides being an amusing city, the area around Lexington is also worth mentioning. For outdoor enthusiasts, the Kentucky River, the Red River Gorge, and the Daniel Boone National Forest are a short drive away, for camping, hiking, fishing, etc. Cincinnati and Louisville are close enough (about an hour away) for a weekend trip, or you can take a short day trip to the craft town of Berea, home of the Kentucky Artisan Center and annual Spoonbread Festival.