Merit Weekend

March 7-8, 2014
March 21-22, 2014
## Friday - Students & Parents

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<td>1:30 – 4 p.m.</td>
<td>Check-In – Singletary Center for the Arts</td>
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<td>2 p.m. and 2:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Foreign Language Placement Exam – Singletary Center for the Arts</td>
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<td>4 p.m.</td>
<td>Welcome, Academic Presentations – Singletary Center for the Arts</td>
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<td>5 p.m.</td>
<td>College Meetings and Presentations – Various locations</td>
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<td>6 p.m.</td>
<td>Foreign Language Placement Exam – Outside 106 Whitehall Classroom Bldg.</td>
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<td>6 - 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Interest Sessions – 102 through 122 Whitehall Classroom Bldg.</td>
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<td>You and your guests will have the opportunity to select three 30-minute sessions covering a variety of topics including: Honors, MathExcel, Campus Housing, Dining and Residence Life, Undergraduate Research, Student Activities, Financial Aid, Education Abroad, and others. Light refreshments will be served during the Interest Sessions.</td>
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<td>8 p.m.</td>
<td>Reception – Hilary J. Boone Center</td>
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<td>Hosted by Don Witt, Associate Provost for Enrollment Management</td>
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## Campus Tours

*If you arrive early and would like to tour the UK campus or Central Hall, UK’s newest residence hall, please contact the Visitor Center at 859-257-3595. Campus tours are given at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Tours are available to Merit Weekend students and guests only and must be scheduled by calling 859-257-3595. Be sure to identify yourself as a Merit Weekend student.*
**Saturday - Students**

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<td>8:15 a.m.</td>
<td>Student Orientation Presentations – Memorial Hall</td>
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<td>9:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.</td>
<td>College Advising – Whitehall Classroom Bldg.</td>
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<td>12:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Lunch – Student Center Ballroom</td>
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<td>1:30 p.m.</td>
<td>myUK Presentation – Whitehall Classroom Bldg.</td>
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<td>1:45 p.m.</td>
<td>College Advising</td>
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<td>After meeting with your advisor, you will proceed to register for your Fall 2014 classes.</td>
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<td>3 - 4:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Meet parents outside Worsham Theatre</td>
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*Saturday schedule tentative and may vary slightly.*

**Saturday - Parents**

On Saturday, parents will attend a Parent/Guest Program that will include a chance to learn about various services offered at the University of Kentucky including academic expectations and college advising information, University Health Services, Student Account Services, life at UK from our Student Affairs office and more. You will also attend lunch with your students and representatives from the University of Kentucky.
Which Merit Weekend?

There are two Merit Weekends: March 7-8 and March 21-22, 2014. Using your myUK portal, you may select the weekend that best suits your schedule; however, space is limited and will fill up on a first-come, first-serve basis. If both weekends are full, you can register for the first dates in the summer, June 23-24.

The Academic Colleges

The following colleges will be here on March 7-8 and March 21-22:

- Agriculture, Food, and Environment-AG
- Arts and Sciences-AS
- Gatton College of Business and Economics-BE
- Communication and Information
- Design-DS
- Education-ED
- Engineering-EN
- Fine Arts-FA
- Health Sciences-HS
- Nursing-NU
- Social Work-SW*
- Undergraduate Studies-US

* please note the College of Social Work will only be available on March 7-8.

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Placement Exam Information

Math Placement Exam – Students who have an ACT math subscore below 19 (or SAT below 460) are required to take the ALEKS online placement test.

If you do not have an ACT/SAT subscore and do not have any credit for a 100-level math course, you are required to take the ALEKS online placement test.

Students who have an ACT math subscore 19 or above (or SAT 460 or above) will be placed in the appropriate math course based on their ACT or SAT scores. Please refer to math placement chart: www.uky.edu/AE/prospective/PlacementScoreChart.pdf. Please note: this chart is for information purposes only. Students should always consult with their academic advisor before registering for courses.

You do not have to take the ALEKS Online Placement Test if the math component of your:

• ACT is 19 or above
• SAT is 460 or above
• KYOTE is 22 or above
• COMPASS is 36 or above

If you would like to register for a higher math course than your current test scores allow, you would then take the ALEKS online placement test. To see your math course placement, visit www.uky.edu/AE/prospective/PlacementScoreChart.pdf.

You will be able to access the ALEKS Placement test using this link: https://secure.aleks.com/uky. Students will sign in using their Link Blue username and password the same as they would for their myUK.

If you are having any technical problems, contact ALEKS at 714-619-7090 or http://support.aleks.com

Please see the FAQ online for additional information: http://www.uky.edu/AE/prospective/placement_math.html

Foreign Language Exams in French, German and Spanish are available during Merit Weekend. You must take the placement exam if you had one of these languages in high school and have plans to continue studying in the same language. You do not need the exam if you want to start in the first level of a different language.

Please note: All College of Arts and Sciences majors who took either French, German, or Spanish in high school, are required to take the placement exam in their respective language. Students in all other colleges do not need to take the placement exam if they have completed two years of a foreign language in high school. This is a computer based, multiple choice exam which takes roughly 30 minutes to complete. The exam covers reading comprehension, vocabulary, and grammar. There are no listening or speaking portions of the exam. The exams will be offered on the following schedule:

2 p.m. Friday  2:45 p.m. Friday  6 p.m. Friday

Please note: Space is limited at each exam time, so please arrive early to reserve a place at your preferred time. Reservations will not be taken prior to the Friday you arrive at Merit Weekend. You can reserve your exam time on a first-come, first-serve basis at check-in.
Academic Majors

- Accounting-BE
- Agricultural Biotechnology-AG
- Agricultural Economics-AG
- Agriculture-AG
- Animal Sciences-AG
- Anthropology-AS
- Architecture-DS
- Art Education-FA
- Art History-FA
- Art Studio-FA
- Arts Administration-FA
- Biology-AS
- Biosystems Engineering-EN
- Career and Technical Education-AG
- Chemical Engineering-EN
- Chemistry-AS
- Chinese Language and Literature-AS
- Civil Engineering-EN
- Classics-AS
- Clinical Leadership and Management-HS
- Communication Sciences and Disorders-HS
- Communication-CI
- Community and Leadership Development-AG
- Computer Engineering-EN
- Computer Science-EN
- Dietetics-AG
- Early Elementary Education-ED
- Economics-AS
- Economics-BE
- Electrical Engineering-EN
- English-AS
- Environmental and Sustainability Studies-AS
- Equine Science and Management-AG
- Family Sciences-AG
- Finance-BE
- Food Science-AG
- Foreign Language and International Economics-AS
- Forestry-AG
- French-AS
- Gender and Women’s Studies-AS
- Geography-AS
- Geological Sciences-AS
- German-AS
- Health Promotion-ED
- History-AS
- Horticulture, Plant and Soil Sciences-AG
- Hospitality Management and Tourism-AG
- Human Health Sciences-HS
- Human Nutrition-AG
- Integrated Strategic Communication-CI
To investigate majors before your arrival, see our website at: www.uky.edu/Registrar/Major-Sheets/. Pre-professional students (dentistry, law, medicine, pharmacy, pre-veterinary medicine) should seek advising from the advisor for their major. Students without a major should seek advising with an advisor from Undergraduate Studies.

**Major changes are restricted at Merit Weekend.** If you would like to change your major, please e-mail your name, UK student ID number and new major to advconf@uky.edu. Changes must be submitted by Monday, March 3.
Driving Directions

From I-75 North: (Traveling from Southeastern Kentucky)
Take Exit 104 (marked Athens/Lexington). Turn left off the ramp onto Athens-Boonesboro/Richmond Road and follow to downtown Lexington for approximately 8 miles. Turn left onto South Upper Street. Go through four stoplights and turn left into the parking garage (just after Fazoli’s restaurant). At the entrance, pull a white ticket from the ticket dispenser by pushing the green button.

From I-75 South/ I-64 East or West: (Traveling from Northern Kentucky/Louisville or Eastern Kentucky)
Take Exit 113 (marked Paris/Lexington). Turn right off the exit ramp onto North Broadway (US 68). Follow through downtown for 3.5 miles. One block past Hyatt Regency Lexington, turn left onto Maxwell Street. At the second light, make a right onto South Upper Street. Enter the parking garage on the left (just after Fazoli’s restaurant) and pull a white ticket at the entrance from the ticket dispenser by pushing the green button.

From Bluegrass Parkway: (Traveling from Elizabethtown or Western Kentucky)
Turn right off the exit onto Route 60 (Versailles Road). Follow until it becomes a one-way street, West Maxwell Street. After crossing Broadway, take a right at the second light onto South Upper Street. Enter the parking garage on the left (just after Fazoli’s restaurant) and pull a white ticket at the entrance from the ticket dispenser by pushing the green button.

From US 27-N: (Traveling from Nicholasville Road or Harrodsburg Road)
Take US 27-N (Nicholasville Road) and continue straight (27-N turns into Limestone Street). After driving under the third skywalk, enter the parking garage on the left and pull a white ticket from the ticket dispenser by pushing the green button.

Campus Parking

Where to Park
Parking Structure #5 – enter from either South Upper Street or S. Limestone Street (see map on next page). Pull a “Visitor” ticket upon entering the structure.

Exiting the Parking Structure
There is no need to stop at the office or the pay station. The gates will be open for exits after 6 p.m. on Friday and all day on Saturday.

Where NOT to Park
• Handicap zones – call 859-257-5757 to obtain a parking permit for UK handicap parking zones.
• Service zones (yellow and white striped lines or yellow and black striped lines).
• Yellow lines. • Reserved spaces. • Parking meters.
Registering for Merit Weekend

If you have not registered through the myUK system, please do so by going to www.uky.edu/IT/CustomerService/docs/account_activation/ and use the User ID and UK ID # provided in your letter.

If you HAVE NOT registered for a Summer Advising Conference

Sign into the myUK web portal; Select Student Services; Select Admissions; Select Advising Conference Registration; Select View conference(s) to register; Click on Go; Select the Merit Weekend date of choice (March 7-8 or March 21-22); Select the number of guests attending with you (DO NOT include yourself in this number); Select Register.

To make your credit card or electronic check payment, select the link Click here to pay conference fee, and pay via the Financials tab in myUK. (You can also access the payment screen by selecting the Student Services tab; select Financials; select Account Services; select Web Payment Services.)

If you HAVE registered for a Summer Advising Conference

Sign into the myUK web portal; Select Student Services; Select Admissions; Select Advising Conference Registration; Select View/Change registered conference; Select your Summer Date and click Cancel and Select New Date; Click OK when asked if you would like to cancel the selected date; Select the new Merit Weekend date of choice (March 7-8 or March 21-22); Select the number of guests attending with you (DO NOT include yourself in this number); Select Register.

To make your credit card or electronic check payment, select the link Click here to pay conference fee, and pay via the Financials tab in myUK. (You can also access the payment screen by selecting the Student Services tab; select Financials; select Account Services; select Web Payment Services.)

### Miscellaneous

- If you applied for competitive scholarships through the Office of Academic Scholarships you can expect to receive notification no later than April 1. Attending Merit Weekend does not impact any decisions regarding the scholarship award process at UK.

- Overnight accommodations are not provided at Merit Weekend. If you are planning to stay overnight in Lexington we strongly recommend that you make your hotel reservations as early as possible. There are many events in Lexington in the spring and hotel availability may be limited. We recommend the following website to assist with your travel plans: www.uky.edu/Travel/hotel.html.

- You can attend Merit Weekend while you are in your final college selection process. Attending Merit Weekend is an opportunity and does not obligate you to attend UK.
Payment Information

Payment must be made by March 3 to confirm your attendance at Merit Weekend March 7-8. Payment must be made by March 17 to confirm your attendance at Merit Weekend March 21-22. There is a $75 Advising Conference fee for each student. There is a $25 Advising Conference fee per guest. The fees cover the student registration fee, materials, parking, refreshments on Friday evening and Saturday morning, and lunch on Saturday.

To make a payment please log in to your myUK web portal. If you have not accessed your account or need assistance please visit, https://ukam.uky.edu/manager/, or call our UKIT Help Desk at, 859-218-4357.

Once logged into the myUK web portal please look for the following tabs and follow these prompts:
1. Select the Student Services tab,
2. Select the Financials tab,
3. Select the Student Services folder on the left side of the screen,
4. Select the Web Payment option.

Refunds/Credits

Refunds will only be made for cancellations requested prior to March 3.

If you are requesting a refund or credit for a cancellation of attendance for a student or parent/guest, please submit your request in writing via email to: advconf@uky.edu. Refunds and credits will only be processed after the request is received via email. When paying for Merit Weekend, please only pay for the amount that you expect to attend ($75/student and $25/parent or guest). (Please remember – do not include yourself in the number of guests that you submit when registering.)