Merit Weekend

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Registering for Merit Weekend

If you HAVE NOT registered for “see blue.” U Orientation
Login to myUK.uky.edu with your link blue username and password. Select Student Services; Select Admissions; Select “see blue.” U Orientation Registration; Select Register for an Orientation; Select the Merit Weekend date of choice (March 4-5, March 11-12 or March 18-19); Select the number of guests attending with you (DO NOT include yourself in this number); Select Continue and choose your payment method. Once you have selected your payment method click the “Next” button to enter your payment method information.

The following instructions are based on your payment method selection:

If paying via credit or debit card, a new browser window will open and display our credit/debit card payment form, powered by Value Payment Systems, LLC (please note the convenience fees associated with credit and debit transactions). Follow the instructions to enter and process your payment. When finished, the window will close and you will receive a confirmation message in the student portal.

If paying via international bank transfer or international credit card, you will select one of our international payment vendors. Once you select one and click the “Continue” button, you will be redirected to that vendor’s website to complete your payment.

Please do not attempt to pay your orientation fees directly through the UK Account Services tab, Web Payment Services or Guest Access through the student portal. Proceed through the “see blue.” U Orientation Registration (see instructions above) to make any changes or payments.

Please note that if payment is not made at the time of confirmation you will not be confirmed for Merit Weekend and will need to reserve your space when your payment can be completed.

If you HAVE registered for “see blue.” U Orientation
Login to myUK.uky.edu with your link blue username and password; Select Student Services; Select Admissions; Select “seeblue.”U Orientation Registration; Select Switch Orientation; Select the Orientation you would like to attend and click Continue. There will be no additional charges switching your orientation unless you add additional guests.
Math Placement Exam
All incoming students are required to take the ALEKS math placement exam unless they have an ACT math subscore of 30 or above (or SAT math score of 680 or above) or have completed a college-level math course equivalent to UK MA 109 (College Algebra) or MA 111 (Introduction to Contemporary Math) or higher at UK or another institution.

The ALEKS placement exam is an online placement test that will place students into their first college math course based on their ALEKS score. Students will consult with their academic advisor before registering for courses.

Foreign Language Exams
Foreign language exams in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Russian and Spanish are available during Merit Weekend. The requirement to take the exam is based on the college below in which you will be enrolling – if you do not know your college, please log into the myUK web portal and select the Student Services tab, select myInfo, select myProfile:

College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, College of Arts & Sciences or Undergraduate Studies
Any student enrolling in one of these colleges that took either Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Russian, or Spanish in high school is required to take the placement exam in that respective language. Please make plans to attend one of the four exam time options listed below. If you took two languages in high school, please take the exam in the language you studied the longest or the language with which you plan to continue.

Gatton College of Business & Economics, College of Communication and Information, College of Design, College of Education, College of Engineering, College of Fine Arts, College of Health Sciences, College of Nursing, College of Public Health, College of Social Work
You are only required to take the exam if you took either Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Russian, or Spanish in high school and have plans to continue studying in the same language in college or if you did not complete two years of a foreign language in high school. You do not need the exam if you want to start in the first level of a different language. If you took two languages in high school, please take the exam in the language you studied the longest or the language with which you plan to continue.

This is a computer-based proficiency exam which takes roughly 45 minutes to complete. The exam covers reading comprehension and listening. The exams will be offered on the following schedule:

- 12:00 p.m. Friday
- 12:45 p.m. Friday
- 1:30 p.m. Friday
- 6:15 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-served basis at check-in.
Friday

Students & Parents/Guests

11:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.  Check-in Open – Singletary Center for the Arts

Noon   Foreign Language Placement Exam
12:45 p.m.   Singletary Center for the Arts
1:30 p.m.   (see page 3 for details)

3 p.m.   Welcome to Merit Weekend – Singletary Center for the Arts

3:45 - 6 p.m.   College Meetings, UKonnect Session #1 and Presentations

6:15 p.m.   Foreign Language Placement Exam

6:15 - 8:15 p.m.   Interest Sessions – 102 through 122 White Hall Classroom Bldg. 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. Please note that Lexington is in the Eastern time zone.
## Saturday

### Students

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### Parents/Guests

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 and Lexington and more. You will also attend lunch with your students and representatives from the University of Kentucky.
UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT
- Agricultural Biotechnology
- Agricultural Economics
- Agriculture
- Animal Sciences
- Career and Technical Education
- Community and Leadership Development
- Dietetics
- Equine Science and Management
- Family Sciences
- Food Science
- Forestry
- Horticulture, Plant and Soil Sciences
- Hospitality Management and Tourism
- Human Nutrition
- Landscape Architecture
- Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles
- Natural Resources and Environmental Science

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
- Anthropology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Economics
- English
- Environmental and Sustainability Studies
- Foreign Language and International Economics
- Gender and Women’s Studies
- Geography
- Geological Sciences
- Health, Society and Populations
- History
- International Studies
- Linguistics
- Mathematical Economics
- Mathematics
- Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures
- - Arabic and Islamic Studies
- Chinese Studies
- Classics
- French and Francophone Studies
- German Studies
- Japan Studies
- Russian Studies
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Topical Studies
- Writing, Rhetoric and Digital Studies

GATTON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
- Accounting
- Economics
- Finance
- Management
- Marketing

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION
- Communication
- Information Communication Technology
- Integrated Strategic Communication
- Journalism
- Media Arts and Studies

COLLEGE OF DESIGN
- Architecture
- Interior Design

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
- Early Elementary Education
- Health Promotion
- Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education
- Kinesiology (KHP)
- Middle Level Education
- Secondary English Education
- Secondary Social Studies Education
- Secondary STEM Education
- Special Education – Learning and Behavior Disorders
- Special Education – Moderate/Severe Disabilities
- Undeclared in Education

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
- Biosystems Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Materials Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mining Engineering

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
- Art Education
- Art History and Visual Studies
- Art Studio
- Arts Administration
- Music
- Music Education
- Music Performance
- Theatre

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
- Clinical Leadership and Management
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Human Health Sciences
- Medical Laboratory Sciences

COLLEGE OF NURSING
- Nursing

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
- Public Health

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK
- Social Work

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

PRE-PROFESSIONAL AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Pre-Dentistry
Pre-Law
Pre-Medicine
Pre-Optometry
Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Physician Assistant Studies
Pre-Podiatric Medicine
Pre-Veterinary Medicine

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
- Advanced study in 90 program areas
To investigate majors before your arrival, visit www.uky.edu/majors. 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 orientation@uky.edu. Changes must be submitted by Monday, February 29.

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For students who have not declared a major
Payment Information

There is a $250 Merit Weekend Payment that includes the Merit Weekend orientation fee and enrollment pre-payment. The fees cover the student registration fee, materials, parking, refreshments on Friday evening and Saturday morning and lunch on Saturday. This payment process must be completed to reserve your space at Merit Weekend. Additionally, there is a $30 guest fee for each parent/guest that attends and must be paid at the time of confirmation. To make a payment please follow the payment instructions found on page 2 of this booklet.

Refunds for Merit Weekend Cancellations

Refunds will only be made for cancellations requested by the Monday prior to your Merit Weekend (by February 29 for March 4-5; by March 7 for March 11-12; by March 14 for March 18-19). If you are requesting a refund due to cancellation or attendance for a student or parent/guest, please submit your request in writing via email to orientation@uky.edu. Refunds will only be processed after receiving the request via email.

Refunds for Not Enrolling

Attending Merit Weekend does not obligate you to attend the University of Kentucky. Students who choose not to enroll at UK will receive a refund of the $125 enrollment pre-payment ONLY but not the $125 Merit Weekend orientation fee if notified by May 1.

To request this refund, students must notify the University of Kentucky by May 1 in writing via email to orientation@uky.edu. Refunds will only be processed after receiving the request via email.
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 above). 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.
- Parking Meters are available for short-term parking only. The cost is 25 cents for 15 minutes. Some parking meters have time limits of 45 minutes while others have limits of three hours. All parking meters are 24-hour controlled.

Campus Tours

If you arrive early and would like to tour the UK campus, please contact the Visitor Center at 859-257-3595.

Campus tours are given at noon and 1 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.
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 (see page 9 for refund information).

Please hold onto this packet for your records and bring with you to Merit Weekend to reference.