As Kentucky’s land-grant, flagship institution, the University of Kentucky plays a critical role in strengthening civic engagement in the Commonwealth and beyond.

To that end, the university is reminding students, faculty and staff to register to vote ahead of the 2023 primary election on **May 16**.

Voting is a bedrock value of our democracy, and we urge you to exercise this right if you are eligible to do so.

To vote in Kentucky’s primary, you must register by **Monday, April 17**.

You can check your voter registration status and/or register at [vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/](http://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/).

If you are a student registered to vote elsewhere in Kentucky but will be at UK on Election Day, you may [apply for an absentee ballot](http://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/) with your county clerk.

Find other key deadlines and helpful information for students and employees below.

**Resources**

- [Kentucky Online Voter Registration](http://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/)
- [Kentucky Mail-in Voter Registration Form](http://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/)
- [Voter Registration for Other States](http://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/)
- [Students, Faculty and Staff Abroad](http://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/)
- [Kentucky Absentee Ballot Application](http://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/)
- [UK Human Resources Voting Policy](http://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/)
- [VOTE411 Candidate Information](http://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/)
Kentucky Primary Election Key Dates

- April 17 – Voter Registration Deadline
- May 2 – Absentee Ballot Requests Due
- May 3-5 and May 8-10 – Early In-person, Excused Absentee Voting
- May 11-13 – Early In-person, No-excuse Absentee Voting
- May 16 – Election Day; Absentee Ballots Due

Kentucky General Election Key Dates

- Oct. 10 – Voter Registration Deadline
- Oct. 24 – Absentee Ballot Requests Due
- Oct. 25-27 and Oct. 30-Nov. 1 – Early In-person, Excused Absentee Voting
- Nov. 2-4 – Early In-person, No-excuse Absentee Voting
- Nov. 7 – Election Day; Absentee Ballots Due