

Merit Weekend 2019

Merit Weekend Reminders

Admission Profile Verification – In order to attend Merit Weekend you are required to review the information we currently have in your admission profile to verify the accuracy and make any updates. To access your admission profile, log into the myUK web portal at myuk.uky.edu. Once you have logged in, select the Student Services tab, select myInfo and select myProfile. To access instructions for reviewing your admission profile information visit www.seeblueU.com and select the FAQ tab – Merit Weekend information is available at the bottom of that page.

Math Placement Exams – If you are required to take the Math Placement Exam and have not done so, ***it is recommended that you complete this immediately***. If you do not complete the exam before arriving at Merit Weekend, you will be required to complete the exam prior to course registration. For complete requirement details and instructions for completing the exam, please visit www.uky.edu/app/placement-testing. Students not completing the exam prior to arrival at Merit Weekend will need to prepare to take the exam at 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. following check-in.

Foreign Language Exams – The Foreign Language Exam will be offered Friday at 9:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. **Any student enrolling in the College of Arts & Sciences who took Chinese, French, German or Spanish in high school is required to take the Foreign Language Exam in the appropriate language.** Students in all other colleges are not required to take the exam unless you would like to continue taking a language you took in high school. There are a limited number of seats for each exam and tickets to take the exam will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis at check-in. The exam will take approximately one hour to complete and will cover reading comprehension and listening.

Major Changes – Programming during Merit Weekend is based on your academic college and major and allows our college advisors to prepare for your arrival. You will be best served by researching majors now and notifying us of any changes. Visit www.uky.edu/academics for complete information on every major UK offers. If you would like to change your major, please send your name, Student ID number and new major to admissions@uky.edu as soon as possible.

Directions & Parking – Driving instructions and parking information can be found at the following website: seeblue.com/directions. Merit Weekend parking will be located in the South Limestone Garage (409 South Limestone, Lexington, KY 40506) and will be free each day. If needed, overflow parking will be available in the Gatton Student Center parking lot located at 160 Avenue of Champions.

Schedule (Eastern Time) – Check-in on Friday will take place from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Singletary Center for the Arts (March 8 & 22)/Gatton Student Center (March 29) with Friday evening concluding around 6:45 p.m. On Saturday students will begin at White Hall Classroom Building at 8:15 a.m. while family and guests will meet at the Gatton Student Center for the Family/Guest Program. All students will complete Merit Weekend by 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. A full schedule of events will be provided at check-in.

Technology – The University of Kentucky **strongly** recommends that each student purchase a personal laptop computer or equivalent tablet device. Visit www.uky.edu/ukit/hardwareguide to learn more about our recommendation. **If you already have a laptop (preferred device) or tablet device, we request that you bring that with you on Saturday of Merit Weekend.** Please note that students bringing an iPad should download the Google Chrome browser which supports our course registration systems.

Guest Access & Direct Deposit – Authorize parents, relatives or others to view your student account transactions and make payments on your behalf by enrolling in **Guest Access**. You will also need to enroll in **Direct Deposit** for refunds. Go to the myUK **Financials** tab and select **Account Services** for access to these services.

Wildcard Student ID –

As a part of your Merit Weekend, you will have the opportunity to purchase your Wildcard student ID. We want to save you time while you're here and have your Wildcard waiting for you. To do so, we need you to upload your photo at <https://get.cbord.com/uk> by the deadline listed below. If you submit your photo and it is approved you will need to stop by the Wildcard ID office to pay for and pick up your ID. The cost of the Wildcard is \$17.00. If you would like to purchase a protective case it is an additional \$5.00. You must bring a photo government issued ID to pick up your Wildcard. The guidelines below will assist you in submitting your photo.

Acceptable photos are (passport style photo is best):

- In JPEG format
- Send the largest file size allowable - not to exceed 1MB
- Must be square to avoid disproportionate resizing when uploading
- Taken within the last 6 months to reflect your current appearance
- Taken clear/in-color & full-face view directly facing the camera - shoulders high only
- Taken where the photo is centered & in front of a plain/consistent light background
- Taken with a neutral facial expression (preferred) or a natural smile
- Just you in the photo

Items not acceptable in photos:

- No shadows, hair, or clothing obscuring the face
- No headphones, wireless hands-free devices, or similar items
- No dark glasses or non-prescription glasses with tinted lenses
- No hats or head coverings may be worn, except for religious purposes. The face must be visible and the head covering cannot obscure your hairline or cast shadows on your face.
- No cropped or photo shopped photos onto a white backdrop

How to upload your photo:

- Go to <https://get.cbord.com/uk>
- Login/Sign in with link blue user ID and password
- Click on "Upload ID Photo" (your photo box will be empty)
- Click on "Choose File" - pick your photo
- Click "Upload"

You will receive an email once your photo has been reviewed and approved. If your photo is declined it will notify you to submit another photo.

Deadlines to submit your photo:

March 22-23: Monday, March 18

March 29-30: Monday, March 25

The ID office is located in the Gatton Student Center Suite 380 and our operating hours during Merit Weekend are Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at 859-257-1378.

