

Merit Weekend 2019

Requirements to Attend Merit Weekend 2019

Congratulations once again on your academic achievements and your invitation to attend Merit Weekend. In order to ensure that you get the most from this opportunity, the following requirements must be met before you attend Merit Weekend 2019. Merit Weekend offers an opportunity for you to more fully prepare to attend the University of Kentucky as well as register for classes. We want to make this weekend the best preparation possible for your arrival as a new UK freshman. Here are the steps you can take in order to maximize your opportunities at merit Weekend. These steps should be completed before your arrival.

1. Please ensure that all the information provided on your Admission Profile is accurate. To access and review your profile, log in to the myUK web portal at <https://myuk.uky.edu>. Once logged in, select the Student Services tab, select myInfo and select myProfile. This will allow you to validate the most current information you provided to the Office of Undergraduate Admission. If you see changes that need to be corrected, please refer to the following options:

Please note that items in the "Complete the following to access planning & registration" and "Advisor Hold" red boxes will be discussed during Merit Weekend and can be completed at that time.

Address & Phone Number Changes: To make changes, simply select **myInfo**, select the **Edit** button to begin making changes and remember to click **Save** to save your changes.

Residency: If you believe your residency status is incorrect, please visit our Residency website at <http://www.uky.edu/registrar/residency> for more information.

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 by **Friday, March 1**.

High School Information: Final high school transcripts must be received by June 15, 2019.

Math Index: Your advisors will discuss the Math Index and course selection during your Day 2 advising session. If you see "Invalid" it likely means you need to complete the ALEKS math placement exam, see page 2 for more details. If you see "Exempt" in this field it likely means you have an ACT/SAT math test score or AP score that has exempted you from taking the ALEKS math placement exam; see page 2 to confirm you have met those requirements.

ACT/SAT Test Scores: The scores listed are the most up-to-date scores we have on file for you. If you have earned scores that do not appear on your profile, please have those scores sent from ACT (<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores/sending-your-scores.html>) or SAT (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores>) by **Friday, March 1**.

AAPPL/ACCUPLACER/ALEKS/KYOTE/COMPASS Scores: If you have completed one of these exams and the score is not reflected, you are required to have those scores sent from the testing agency that administered the exam. For ALEKS math placement exam requirements and information please see page 2 of this document.

PCC Foreign Language: This reflects the number of credits of foreign language completed at your high school based on your transcript at the time of admission. Information regarding the Foreign Language Exams can be found on page 2 of this document. Please e-mail admissions@uky.edu if you believe this information is incorrect at this time (it may only include credits completed and not credits in which you are currently enrolled).

2. Ensure that all completed college work appears on your Admission Profile, including dual credit

College Work: If you have **completed** college coursework and received credit at another institution, the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics or through Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science, you are required to send us an official transcript **from the college or university which awarded your credit**. If you have not done so already, you must request to have your official transcripts sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admission, 100 Funkhouser, Lexington, KY, 40506 or by e-mail to admissions@uky.edu by **Friday, March 1**. Official transcripts must be sent directly from the institution attended. This will ensure that your college credits will appear on your UK transcript and that your academic advisor has the best information about your academic work to properly advise you as you prepare your Fall 2019 class schedule.

3. Ensure that all AP examination scores appear on your Admission Profile

AP Scores: If you completed AP exams prior to your senior year and sent those to us, you will see the scores we have on file. If you complete AP exams in your senior year, we typically do not receive those scores until July. You are required to send us any AP score information for **completed** AP exams by **Friday, March 1** by submission to UK via electronic submission from the College Board. Please also bring information regarding the AP courses you completed in your senior year to share with your advisor during the advising session. To access your scores, visit <https://apscore.collegeboard.org/scores>.

4. Complete ALEKS Math Placement Exam and Prepare for Foreign Language Exam

Math Placement Exam

Who takes the proctored ALEKS placement test?

- All admitted first-time students with a Math ACT score 29 or below
- All admitted first time students with a Math SAT score 680 or below

Step One: Take a practice ALEKS test to unlock your individualized study modules using your linkblue ID and password - <https://ukidp.uky.edu/oxauth/login.htm>

Step Two: Log back in to your ALEKS Placement Account (created in Step One) to access your individualized learning modules. Your practice test and study modules create a study plan to better prepare you for taking your proctored placement test.

Step Three: You must complete at least 3 hours in your learning modules before you can take your official, proctored test.

Step Four: Register for your official proctored placement test. You may take your official test online or when you arrive on campus. See below for registration:

- **Online (before Merit Weekend) with ProctorU for a small fee.**

Visit <http://www.uky.edu/app/proctoru-information> to sign up with an online proctor through ProctorU

- **On campus during your Merit Weekend visit**

Visit <http://www.uky.edu/app/aleks-proctored-registration> to sign up on campus for **one** session. Exams will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Please sign up for a date that corresponds with your confirmed Merit Weekend. When arriving on campus, please check-in first for Merit Weekend (Singletary Center for the Arts on March 8 & 22; Gatton Student Center on March 29) and you will be directed to a computer lab to complete the exam.

If you have any questions please visit <http://www.uky.edu/app/placement-testing> or reach us through email at app@uky.edu

It is strongly encouraged that you complete the ALEKS placement test prior to your arrival at Merit Weekend. If it is not completed please plan accordingly to ensure you complete check-in, math placement exam and/or foreign language exams prior to the start of the program at 1:30 p.m.

Foreign Language Exam

Foreign language exams in Chinese, French, German and Spanish are available during Merit Weekend. The requirement to take the exam is based on the colleges listed below in which you will be enrolling. *If you are unaware of your college, please log into the myUK web portal and select the Student Services tab, select myInfo, select myProfile:*

College of Arts & Sciences: Any student enrolling in a major within the College of Arts & Sciences and who took either Chinese, French, German or Spanish in high school is required to take the placement exam in that respective language even if you plan to begin a new language in college. Please make plans to attend one of the five exam time options listed below. If you completed two languages in high school, please take the exam in the language in which you received the most credit or the language with which you plan to continue at UK.

College of Agriculture, Food and Environment; 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 Chinese, French, German 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:

9:15 a.m. Friday

10:00 a.m. Friday

10:30 a.m. Friday

11:00 a.m. Friday

6:45 p.m. Friday

Please note: Space is limited at each exam time. Please arrive early to reserve a seat 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. To avoid conflicts with other programming on Friday evening it is highly recommended students try to complete the exam on Friday morning.