

Fall 2026 International Student Orientation

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Time		Location
6:00 p.m.	Helping International Students (HIS) Welcome Dinner Enjoy a free welcome dinner for new international students, scholars, and their families! Join HIS for an evening of delicious food, live music, fun games, a chance to win awesome prizes, great conversations, meeting new friends, and more! Dinner begins at 6pm at Frith Community Center (2002 Tunstall Circle, Jardine). Learn more and sign up to attend the HIS Welcome Dinner at bit.ly/HISwelcome . <i>This is not a religious event and all beliefs are welcome. HIS is a Christian-based non-profit organization serving internationals in Manhattan, KS since 1979.</i>	Frith Community Center

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8:00 a.m.	Orientation Registration Please arrive so that you can be seated, registered, and ready to start promptly at 8:30 am.	
8:30 a.m.	Welcome from Kansas State University <i>Grant Chapman, Associate Provost, Office of International Programs</i> <i>Dr. Thomas Lane, Vice President for Academic Success and Student Affairs and Dean of Students</i> <i>Jesse Perez Mendez, Provost and Executive Vice President</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Welcome from International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) Meet all the staff in ISSS and hear an overview of services and programs. <i>Stacey Bailey, Director, ISSS</i>	
9:30 a.m.	Immigration Important information regarding your nonimmigrant status and how to maintain it while studying at K-State. <i>Boglarka Davies, Associate Director, ISSS</i>	
10:30 a.m.	Thriving at K-State: Adjusting to U.S. Culture and Academic Life Welcome to the United States! As you adjust to life at K-State, you may notice differences in food, weather, customs, and the academic environment. This session will help you better understand U.S. classroom expectations and cultural adjustment. You'll hear from fellow K-Staters and academic liaisons who will share their experiences, insights, and resources to support a smooth transition to campus and life in Manhattan. <i>Megan M. Miller, Assistant Director, Student Success, Graduate School</i> <i>Lindsey Cordill, Senior Academic Advisor, College of Business</i> <i>Panel of Current Students</i>	
11:30 a.m.	What's Next? Overview of future events throughout New Student Orientation and Welcome Week! <i>Holly Gerke, Associate Director of Engagement and New Student Orientation</i>	K-State Alumni Association
12:00 p.m.	Lunch: Pizza Party!	

1:00 p.m.	International Student Health Insurance <i>Glenda Eichman, Associate Director, Powercat Financial</i> <i>Clarissa Kampe, Student and Scholar Coordinator, ISSS</i>				
Undergraduate + Graduate without Assistantships				Graduate with Assistantships	
2:00 p.m.	Tour of K-State Libraries See Hale Library and learn about the services available to students from K-State Libraries staff. They will show you how to print, scan, get materials, and the various study spaces available.	Walk together to Hale Library, 2nd Floor	2:00 p.m.	Graduate Assistant Health Insurance <i>Ellen Liebenberg, Benefits Specialist, HR</i>	K-State Alumni Association
2:45 p.m.	How do I get an On-Campus job at K-State? Come and learn about working on campus. The Career Center and ISSS team up to explain what you need to know if you are interested in working on campus. <i>Teresa Parks, Assistant Director, Career Center</i> <i>Boglarka Davies, Associate Director, ISSS</i>	Room 307, Hale Library	2:45 p.m.	Tour of K-State Libraries See Hale Library and learn about the services available to students from K-State Libraries staff. They will show you how to print, scan, get materials, and the various study spaces available.	Walk together to Hale Library, 2nd Floor
6:30 p.m.	International Coordinating Council and International Buddies Welcome Social Social event sponsored by the ISSS-sponsored, student organizations. Come enjoy FREE ice cream, learn more about ICC and iBuddies, what they do, and how to get involved!				Jardine Plaza

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9:00 a.m.	You and the U.S. As you navigate the many cultural nuances of the United States and Kansas State University, your learning of its history is critical for knowing the contexts of current events. This workshop introduces you to concepts like power, privilege, equity, language, and other societal “norms” of the U.S. Some discussion includes the granting of rights along with exclusionary laws and policies. In this interactive session, you reflect on your own identities, which contribute to understanding the identities of those around you. Together, we can build a sense of community and emotional well-being for all. <i>Mac Benavides, Assistant Professor, Staley School of Leadership</i>	Frith Community Center
10:30 a.m.	Purple Pride and Willie the Wildcat K-State is full of unique and fun traditions! Join us to learn what they are so you'll feel right at home during campus-wide events. You'll also get the chance to meet Willie the Wildcat—don't forget to snap a photo with him!	

	<i>Brandon Moreno, Associate Director of Engagement and Belonging, K-State Alumni Association</i>	
12:00 p.m.	College of Agriculture Lunch Social Join us for a fun and casual event for new College of Agriculture students! Casual meet and greet with the college administration. Enjoy free pizza, bowling, meet new friends, and connect with fellow students in the College of Agriculture.	Walk together from Frith Community Center to K-State Union Bowling Center
2:30 p.m.	International Student Resource Fair This is a perfect opportunity to learn about the many resources available at K-State and in the Manhattan community. If you need to open a bank account or buy a cell phone, local businesses and organizations will be on campus to help you—or if you just need a free cookie, that’s a good reason to stop by too! <i>Academic Achievement Center</i> <i>ATA Bus</i> <i>AT&T</i> <i>Beach Museum</i> <i>Career Center</i> <i>Cats’ Cupboard</i> <i>Center for Advocacy, Response and Education (CARE)</i> <i>Chase Bank</i> <i>Commerce Bank</i> <i>Student Programs and Involvement (SPI)</i> <i>Department of Modern Languages</i> <i>Education Abroad</i> <i>English Language Program (ELP)</i> <i>Helping International Students (HIS)</i> <i>International Buddies</i> <i>International Coordinating Council (ICC)</i> <i>K-State Alumni Association</i> <i>K-State Athletics</i> <i>K-State Credit Union</i> <i>K-State Housing and Dining Services</i> <i>K-State Libraries</i> <i>K-State Office for the Advancement of Women in Science and Engineering (KAWSE)</i> <i>K-State Recreational Services</i> <i>Lafene Health Center</i> <i>Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce</i> <i>Office of Institutional Equity</i> <i>Powercat Financial</i> <i>Staley School of Leadership</i> <i>Student Governing Association</i> <i>Student Legal Services</i>	Fiedler Atrium, Rathbone Hall

	<i>Student Support and Accountability</i> <i>T-Mobile</i> <i>UFM Community Learning Center</i> <i>Union Programming Councils (UPC)</i> <i>World Friendship</i>	
6:30 p.m.	Trivia with Education Abroad How much do you know about the world around you? Come make new friends and find out!	Frith Community Center

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Time		Location
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Lafene Health Center Check-In Please complete the University health requirements by visiting Lafene Health center's website before you physically go to Lafene Health Center.	Lafene Health Center
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Graduate School Welcome Session All new graduate students should attend the Graduate School's welcome session to learn more about the Graduate School, how it supports its students, making the most of their graduate experience, and building a foundation for success. Click HERE for more information.	Zoom
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.		1088 College of Business

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Time		Location
10:00 a.m.	Exchange Student Session All exchange students are required to attend this session. ONLY ATTEND THIS SESSION IF YOU ARE ON EXCHANGE FROM: • University College Dublin • University of Hertfordshire • Université Clermont Auvergne • University of Liverpool • Kansai Gaidai University • University of Sydney <i>Savanah Maynard, Advisor, Education Abroad</i> <i>Katelin Christianer-Donkers, Director, Education Abroad</i>	Frith Community Center
TBA	Orientation for Graduate Students with Teaching Responsibilities	TBA

	New graduate students who will have a graduate teaching assistantship or will have another employment role that involves teaching responsibilities are encouraged to attend this session with K-State's Teaching and Learning Center (TLC). Please register in advance by clicking HERE .	
2:00 p.m.	Meet and Greet with the College of Business Administration Preview the undergraduate program and activities in an informal setting and network with current students and staff.	Atrium of the Business Building
3:00 p.m.	Tour of K-State Student Union See the K-State Student Union and learn about the services available to students from K-State Union staff.	K-State Union, First Floor Welcome Desk

Thursday, August 20-Sunday, August 23, 2026

New Student Orientation and K-State Kickoff

Starting the evening of August 20, enjoy programs and events that are designed to help you gear up for your K-State experience! We encourage all first-time students to attend as many events as possible. Click [HERE](#) for the schedule and more information!

Monday, August 24-Friday, August 28, 2026

Week of Welcome

Your New Student Orientation continues throughout the first week of classes with Week of Welcome. This week is designed to provide you with opportunities, resources, and events to ensure your success at K-State. For more information and a schedule of events, click [HERE](#).

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