

Spring 2026 International Student Orientation

Saturday, January 10, 2026

Time		Location
2:30 p.m.	Tour of the Rec Center Take the first step in being active while a student at K-State by learning about the Rec Center and their many services. 88% of students use the Rec, will you?	Peters Rec Complex (Meet at the North entrance lobby)
Meet at 3:00 p.m. (Game starts at 4:00 p.m.)	K-State Women's Basketball Game: K-State vs Utah Join us before orientation to cheer on the women's basketball team as the Wildcats face off against Big 12 rival, the Utah Utes. Admission to the game is FREE with your K-State student ID or \$13/ticket at the door if you are not a K-State student. AND pizza will be provided for all international students at no cost. Please register by clicking HERE .	Meet in the North entrance lobby of the Rec Complex (Walk together to Bramalage Coliseum)

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Time		Location
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 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, fun games, a chance to win awesome prizes, great conversations, meeting new friends, and more! Dinner will begin at 6pm. Learn more and sign up to attend 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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Monday, January 12, 2026

Time		Location
8:00 a.m.	Orientation Registration Please arrive so that you can be seated, registered, and ready to start promptly at 8:30 am.	K-State Union, Bluemont Room
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.	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>Tamara Bauer, Program Director/ Instructor, Leadership Studies</i> <i>Catherine Obiribea Ofori-Bah, Staley School of Leadership Graduate Research Assistant</i>	
11:30 a.m.	What’s Next? Overview of future events throughout Orientation Week	
12:00 p.m.	Lunch: Pizza Party! Social event sponsored by the ISSS-sponsored, student organizations. Learn more about becoming a member, upcoming events, and how to get involved! <i>International Coordinating Council (ICC)</i> <i>International Buddies</i>	
2:00 p.m.	International Student Health Insurance <i>Kate Mielitz, Executive Director, Powercat Financial</i> <i>Helen Robson, Scholar Coordinator, ISSS</i>	

Undergraduate + Graduate without Assistantships			Graduate with Assistantships		
3:00 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	3:00 p.m.	Graduate Assistant Health Insurance <i>Ellen Liebenberg, Benefits Specialist, HR</i>	K-State Union, Bluemont Room
3:45 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>Chloe Wurst Edger, Assistant Director, Career Center</i> <i>Teresa Parks, Assistant Director, Career Center</i> <i>Boglarka Davies, Associate Director, ISSS</i>	Room 307, Hale Library	3:45 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

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Time		Location
9:00 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>Taylor Gnagi, Health Professions Advisor, Division of Academic Success and Student Affairs</i> <i>Panel of Current Students</i>	105 Umberger Hall

10:30 a.m.	<p>Purple Pride and Willie the Wildcat</p> <p>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!</p> <p><i>Brandon Moreno, Associate Director of Engagement and Belonging, K-State Alumni Association</i></p>	
12:00 p.m.	<p>College of Agriculture Lunch Social</p> <p>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.</p>	Walk together from 105 Umberger Hall to K-State Union Bowling Center
2:30 p.m.	<p>International Student Resource Fair</p> <p>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!</p> <p><i>Academic Achievement Center</i> <i>ATA Bus</i> <i>Beach Museum</i> <i>Career Center</i> <i>Cats' Cupboard</i> <i>Center for Advocacy, Response and Education (CARE)</i> <i>Student Programs and Involvement (SPI)</i> <i>Chase Bank</i> <i>Commerce Bank</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 Federal 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></p>	Fiedler Atrium, Rathbone Hall

	<p> <i>Lafene Health Center</i> <i>Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce</i> <i>Office of Institutional Equity</i> <i>Office of Student Life</i> <i>Powercat Financial</i> <i>Staley School of Leadership</i> <i>Student Governing Association</i> <i>Student Legal Services</i> <i>T-Mobile</i> <i>UFM Community Learning Center</i> <i>Union Programming Councils (UPC)</i> <i>World Friendship</i> </p>	
7:30 p.m.	<p>Movie Night</p> <p>Join us for the screening of <i>I Am Not A Witch</i> (2017), with popcorn provided.</p> <p>Description from Kanopy: <i>In her BAFTA award-winning debut feature, Rungano Nyoni crafts a satiric feminist fairy-tale set in present-day Zambia. When 9-year old orphan Shula is accused of witchcraft, she is exiled to a witch camp run by Mr. Banda, a corrupt and inept government official. As the only child witch, Shula quickly becomes a local star and the adults around her exploit her supposed powers for financial gain. Soon she is forced to make a difficult decision – whether to resign herself to life on the camp, or take a risk for freedom. Winner, Outstanding Debut by a British Writer, Director or Producer, BAFTA Awards. Nominated for a Golden Camera at the Cannes Film Festival. Nominated for Best International Film at the Film Independent Spirit Awards.</i></p> <p>Runtime: 92 minutes</p> <p>*Public Performance Rights Available</p>	Frith Community Center

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Time		Location
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<p>Lafene Health Center Check-In</p> <p>Please complete the University health requirements by visiting Lafene Health center's website (www.ksu.edu/lafene) before you physically go to Lafene Health Center.</p>	Lafene Health Center
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<p>Graduate School Welcome Session</p> <p>All new graduate students should attend the Graduate School's welcome session on 01/14/2026. You have the option to attend virtually from 9:00-11:00am or in-person from 2:00-4:30pm.</p> <p>Please register in advance: https://www.k-state.edu/grad/admissions/incoming-students/orientation/spring.html</p>	<p>Online</p> <p>or</p> <p>123 Leadership Studies</p>

		Building
7:00 p.m.	K-State Men's Basketball Game: K-State vs UCF The Wildcats take on Big 12 rival, the Knights of the University of Central Florida. ISSS has partnered with K-State Athletics to provide a discounted, group ticket price. Use the following link to buy your ticket, and enjoy the game! https://kstatesports.venue.net/promotions/MB25M12STU	Bramalage Coliseum

Thursday, January 15, 2026

Time		Location
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Orientation for Graduate Students with Teaching Responsibilities 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) on 01/15/2026. Please register in advance: https://www.k-state.edu/grad/admissions/incoming-students/orientation/spring.html	TBA
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

Friday, January 16, 2026

Time		Location
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Ice Skating in City Park New international students, scholars, and families are invited to join ISSS for a fun night of ice skating! Entrance and ice skate rental is covered by ISSS. This is an indoor skating rink, but you still need to dress warmly. <i>If you want to take a shuttle with ISSS, meet in front of Frith Community Center/at the Jardine bus stop at Tunstall Circle at 7 p.m.</i>	City Park Ice Rink