Spring 2027 International Student Orientation

Saturday, January 9, 2027

Time		Location
3:30 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 4:00 p.m. *(Game starts at 5:00 p.m.)*	**K-State Women's Basketball Game: K-State vs Arizona** Join us before orientation, on Saturday, January 9, 2027, to cheer on the women's basketball team as the Wildcats face off against Big 12 rival, the Arizona Wildcats. **Admission to the game is FREE with your K-State student ID!** Otherwise, tickets are $13 at the door, or you can purchase them in advance on this website if you are not a K-State student. Free pizza will be provided before the game. **Please register for this event by clicking HERE.**	Meet in the North entrance lobby of the Rec Complex (Walk together to Bramlage Coliseum)

Sunday, January 10, 2027

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. *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.*	Frith Community Center

Monday, January 11, 2027

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.	Bluemont Room, K-State Student Union
8:30 a.m.	**Welcome from Kansas State University** *Grant Chapman, Associate Provost, Office of International Programs* *Andy Thompson, Interim Vice President for Academic Success and Student Affairs and Dean of Students* *Jesse Perez Mendez, Provost and Executive Vice President*	
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. *Stacey Bailey, Director, ISSS*	
9:30 a.m.	**Immigration** Important information regarding your nonimmigrant status and how to maintain it while studying at K-State. *Boglarka Davies, Associate Director, ISSS*	
10:30 a.m.	**Thriving at K-State: University 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. *Megan M. Miller, Assistant Director, Student Success, Graduate School* *Caleb Amundson, Assistant Professor, Department of Design* *Panel of Current Students*	Bluemont Room, K-State Student Union
11:30 a.m.	**What's Next?** Overview of future events throughout New International Student Orientation and Week of Welcome! *Amy Quinn, International Student Advisor*	
11:45 a.m.	**Lunch: Pizza Party with International Buddies and International Coordinating Council** Enjoy free pizza and drinks and learn about the two ISSS departmental student organizations, IBuddies and ICC.	
1:00 p.m.	**International Student Health Insurance** *Glenda Eichman, Associate Director, Powercat Financial* *Clarissa Kampe, Student and Scholar Coordinator, ISSS*	

Undergraduate + Graduate without Assistantships			**Graduate with Assistantships**		
1:45 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	1:30 p.m.	**Graduate Assistant Health Insurance** *Tiffani Dye/ Kati Wolfgang, HR*	Bluemont Room, K-State Student Union
2:30 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. *Career Center* *Boglarka Davies, Associate Director, ISSS*	Room 307, Hale Library	2:15 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 12, 2027

Time		Location
9:30 a.m.	**Life in the U.S.: Culture, Connections, and Practical Skills** This interactive session will help you navigate everyday life with confidence by exploring practical topics such as banking, shopping, transportation, tipping, and accessing local resources. You will also gain insights into the American culture, communication styles, and social norms while discovering ways to build meaningful friendships and community connections. **Attend this workshop and receive a free K-State T-shirt.** Viktoria Gramp, Sponsored Student Coordinator, ISSS *Faridah Abraham, Graduate Assistant, ISSS*	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! *Brandon Moreno, Associate Director of Engagement and Belonging, K-State Alumni Association*	Frith Community Center
11:30 a.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 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! *Academic Achievement Center* *ATA Bus* *AT&T* *Beach Museum* *Career Center* *Cats' Cupboard* *Center for Advocacy, Response and Education (CARE)* *Chase Bank* *Commerce Bank* *Student Programs and Involvement (SPI)* *Department of Modern Languages* *Education Abroad* *English Language Program (ELP)* *Helping International Students (HIS)* *International Buddies* *International Coordinating Council (ICC)* *K-State Alumni Association* *K-State Athletics* *K-State Credit Union* *K-State Housing and Dining Services* *K-State Libraries* *K-State Office for the Advancement of Women in Science and Engineering (KAWSE)* *K-State Recreational Services* *Lafene Health Center* *Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce* *Office of Institutional Equity* *Powercat Financial* *Staley School of Leadership* *Student Governing Association* *Student Legal Services* *Student Support and Accountability* *T-Mobile* *UFM Community Learning Center* *Union Programming Councils (UPC)* *World Friendship*	Fiedler Atrium, Rathbone Hall

Wednesday, January 13, 2027

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. You can decide if you would prefer to attend on zoom or in- person. The zoom session is 9 to 11a.m. and the in-person session is 2-4:30 p.m. Click HERE for more information.	Zoom
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.		Bluemont Room, K-State Student Union

Thursday, January 14, 2027

Time		Location
TBA	**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). Please register in advance by clicking HERE.	TBA
2:00 p.m.	**Meet and Greet with the College of Business Administration** Preview the 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
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. ***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.***	City Park Ice Rink

Tuesday, January 19- Friday, January 22, 2027

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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