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KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

TRANSFER STUDENT NEXT STEPS

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Dear Future Owl,

Welcome to Kennesaw State University!

This is an exciting time in your life. Finding a college that is the right fit and a place where you can call home is an important decision, so I am thrilled that you are considering Kennesaw State.

Our number one priority at KSU is student success. Here you will find faculty members who are not just experts in their fields, but scholars who are dedicated to helping you find your passion.

Our staff is friendly and goes that extra mile to support you. And you will meet a diverse group of talented classmates who want to succeed and who want to make a difference in the world.

Kennesaw State is a relatively young and highly innovative university that continues on a tremendous growth trajectory. KSU is home to 41,000 students where we offer more than 150 undergraduate and graduate programs, apartment- and suite-style residence halls, a vibrant campus life including 300 student organizations, and 18 NCAA Division I sports teams. Listed among U.S. News & World Report’s nationally ranked universities, Kennesaw State offers students close proximity to Atlanta, named one of the world’s elite tech cities by Forbes magazine and home to 26 Fortune 1000 companies. Our university has deep roots and partnerships with businesses and other organizations throughout the region. Through these relationships, students have access to an array of extraordinary internships, co-ops and career opportunities.

Kennesaw State is an exciting university where faculty, staff and students believe that anything is possible and where going beyond expectations is in our DNA. I invite you to visit us and discover for yourself just what makes Kennesaw State University so special.

GO OWLS!

President Pamela Whitten
KSU TRANSFER STUDENT CHECKLIST:

HOOTY HOO and Welcome to KSU! This Transfer Student Checklist will help guide you through all the important Next Steps you need to take in preparation for your first semester at KSU as a transfer student.

☐ 1. Set up KSU Email
☐ 2. Check for Holds in Owl Express
   - Submit your proof of lawful presence (GA residents only)
   - Immunization forms
   - Final college transcripts
☐ 3. Review your Transfer Evaluation
☐ 4. Schedule an Appointment with your Academic Advisor
☐ 5. Sign Up for Transfer and Adult Learner Orientation
☐ 6. Apply for scholarships and Financial Aid and Submit your FAFSA
☐ 7. Explore Transfer Housing and Dining Options
☐ 8. Check Out Additional Academic Opportunities
☐ 9. Benefit from Transfer Student Resources
NEXT STEPS (STEP-BY-STEP DETAILS)

□ 1. SET UP KSU EMAIL AND OWL EXPRESS

To access your KSU student email account, start by activating your NetID. NetID is your login for centralized access to campus resources, including Owl Express and email. Owl Express, our online one-stop shop, is where several of these next steps can be completed. Student email is the university’s only official way of communicating with you after acceptance. Be sure to check your KSU email often so you stay on track in completing your next steps.

Visit uits.kennesaw.edu/support/netid.php and select First-Time Users and follow the prompts to get started.

Did you know you can forward your student email to an outside address?

How to forward email to another address:

1. In the Outlook Web App, click on the "Settings" icon.
2. At the bottom of the “Settings” window, click on “View All Outlook Settings.”
3. With that window open, select “Mail” in the left-hand column.
4. Select “Forwarding” from the center column.
5. Click the “Enable Forwarding” box.
6. Enter the email address to which you would like your email forwarded.
7. (Optional) If you would like to keep a copy of your forwarded messages in your KSU mail account, select “Keep a copy of forwarded messages.”
8. In the lower right-hand corner of the screen, click “Save” to save your forwarding settings.

□ 2. CHECK PATHWAY TO ENROLLMENT FOR HOLDS IN OWL EXPRESS

Check that your residency and intended term of entry are correct. Gather and submit any documents listed under Additional/Final Documentation Required, such as final college and/or high school transcripts, immunization records and lawful presence* verification. Satisfying these requirements will prevent a hold** from being placed on your account.

*Satisfy your lawful presence verification by accessing the instructions found at https://lpv.kennesaw.edu/. **Holds must be removed at least 30 days prior to attending KSU Orientation. For Georgia residents, KSU will request your immunization form from the Georgia Immunization Registry (GRITS). Non-Georgia residents may access the form and submission instructions through immunizations.kennesaw.edu. Taking care of these items will allow you to register for classes during Orientation. admissions.kennesaw.edu/resources/application-status.php.
3. REVIEW YOUR TRANSFER EVALUATION

- Your transfer evaluation should be available to view within 2-3 weeks of acceptance (may take longer due to volume).
- You will be notified via student email when your transfer evaluation is ready for review.
- Log-in to DegreeWorks to view your transfer evaluation.

For questions regarding transfer credit, please contact 770-423-6200 or email registrar@kennesaw.edu.

4. SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Your academic advising team is standing by to help with your next steps. We look forward to meeting you at Transfer Student Orientation, which will be your first opportunity to register for your courses.

For more information prior to attending Orientation, please visit advising.kennesaw.edu and click the Transfer Student link. From there you can find your advisor and/or a Transfer Specialist and schedule your advising appointment.
5. SIGN UP FOR TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION

Transfer Student Orientation is designed to provide a successful transition to KSU. At Orientation, you will meet fellow students, complete class advising and register for classes, tour campus and learn about campus organizations and resources.

All Owls start here! For up-to-date information and to view available dates, please visit orientation.kennesaw.edu.

Note: Transfer Student Orientation is not mandatory but strongly encouraged as you will register for your classes during this event.

Contact For Orientation
Phone: 470-578-6219 or email ksuorientation@kennesaw.edu

*Due to COVID-19, things may have changed, but what hasn’t changed is KSU’s commitment to serving our students and keeping them safe. For the most up-to-date information regarding plans affected by COVID-19, please visit: coronavirus.kennesaw.edu.
6. APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

FINANCIAL AID
The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid provides assistance for students to help them meet the costs of obtaining a KSU education.

Schedule an appointment with your financial aid counselor by visiting financialaid.kennesaw.edu/contact-us/index.php to discuss your options. Financial aid counselors are assigned by the first letter of your last name. Note: There are times when your assigned counselor may change.

To complete your FAFSA application, go to studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa.
KSU FAFSA CODE: 001577
Visit financialaid.kennesaw.edu for helpful tips and videos you can reference when completing your FAFSA.

The HOPE Scholarship can only be awarded after completing the FAFSA or GSFAPPS at GAfutures.org.

Contact Financial Aid
Phone: 770-423-6074 or email finaid@kennesaw.edu

Campus Locations
Kennesaw Campus offices are in Kennesaw Hall. Marietta Campus offices are in Administration Building B. *Campus Maps are located online at kennesaw.edu/maps to help you find the offices once you arrive.

Office Hours
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-in assistance is available during office hours.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Internal
At KSU, only one application is required to be considered for internal scholarships. To apply, access the application through Owl Express and click on the Financial Aid tab, or you may visit financialaid.kennesaw.edu/financial-aid-types/scholarships/index.php for the most up-to-date information and how to apply!
For scholarship questions, please email scholarshipapps@kennesaw.edu.

External
KSU has launched an easy, mobile, and personalized process that makes finding and applying for scholarships easier. It’s easier because the system will match you to your best opportunities. Learn more at kennesaw.scholarshipuniverse.com.
7. EXPLORE HOUSING AND DINING OPTIONS

HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

Make the most of your college experience by living on campus! At Kennesaw State University, you will have an opportunity to build relationships with other students that can last a lifetime.

Plus, on-campus residents are more likely to earn better grades and retain financial aid. Housing and Residence Life provides residential housing communities near everything our campuses have to offer, including numerous restaurants on campus, student recreation centers, student health clinics, classrooms and more.

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE. LIVE KSU.

Due to the high demand for on-campus housing, transfer and upper-class housing is extremely limited. If you are interested in applying to live on campus for the Spring 2021, Summer 2021, or Fall 2021 semesters, please visit the Housing and Residence Life website for the most up-to-date information at ksuhousing.kennesaw.edu/upperclass/options.php.

UNIVERSITY DINING

Farm-to-campus food is offered in both The Commons (Kennesaw) and Stingers (Marietta) dining halls. You can also find many of your favorite restaurants on campus, like Chick-fil-A, Moe’s, Panda Express and Starbucks. Residential students receive a Meal Plan as part of their on-campus housing package. Students who live off campus may customize a Meal Plan from our commuter options to make dining on campus a breeze. Meal Plans include discounted entries into our dining halls and Dining Dollars, a declining balance fund that may be used to purchase sales-tax-free food and beverages on campus at The Market, all restaurants and select campus vending machines.

For more information and to sign up for a Meal Plan, visit dining.kennesaw.edu.
8. ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
Kennesaw State University is a student-centered, research-driven R2 institution. The Office of Undergraduate Research provides opportunities for undergraduate students to engage in mentored research and scholarship in all disciplines across campus.

Students not only can pursue research and scholarship individually, but they can also engage in team-based research projects through the Undergraduate Research Club, a registered student organization at KSU.

Resources such as workshops, class presentations, and research funding are also available for both students and faculty. Undergraduates may present their work at academic conferences such as KSU’s Symposium of Student Scholars or the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), the largest interdisciplinary event of its kind in the country, held at KSU in spring 2019.

Students can complete their research journey by publishing their projects in the Kennesaw Journal of Undergraduate Research, an online peer-reviewed scholarly journal. research.kennesaw.edu/our

KSU JOURNEY HONORS COLLEGE
KSU Journey Honors College offers a community within the university to academically talented and highly motivated students who enjoy lively discussion, creative expression, and intellectual challenge. Through its unique and flexible curriculum, KSU Journey Honors College focuses on helping students achieve their goals and aspirations without adding time or cost to degree.

In addition to benefits such as special scholarship opportunities and priority registration, KSU Journey Honors College also provides opportunities for undergraduate research, domestic and international travel experiences, and community service activities. KSU Journey Honors College houses the University Honors Program, including the President’s Emerging Global Scholars program and the Great Books cohort. honors.kennesaw.edu
TEAM OWLS

TEAM OWLS is open to transfer students with a major in the College of Science and Mathematics at KSU. This program makes it easy for you to become engaged in the activities that will help you become a better student to ensure success after you graduate. We want to help you achieve all your goals and have the momentum to continue progressing through your degree to graduation. csm.kennesaw.edu/transfer

EDUCATION ABROAD

Education Abroad at Kennesaw State University offers more than 50 faculty-led Education-abroad programs in over 40 countries, as well as many foreign exchange and international internship opportunities. Regardless of what field of study or country you are passionate about, there is an education abroad program for you! dga.kennesaw.edu/educationabroad
9. TRANSFER STUDENT RESOURCES

ADULT AND COMMUTER STUDENT AFFAIRS
Adult and Commuter Student Affairs (ACSA) is a comprehensive support unit in the Division of Student Affairs that provides programs and services for adult learners and commuter students. ACSA professional staff members are committed to creating an environment where adult learners and commuter students can build relationships with other students who have similar needs and interests. To learn more about their programs and services, please visit acsa.kennesaw.edu.

RESOURCE CENTER LOCATIONS:
Kennesaw Campus – Carmichael Student Center, Suite 261
Marietta Campus – Wilson Student Center, Suite 230

ADDITIONAL TRANSFER & ADULT LEARNER RESOURCES:
Career Planning and Development: careers.kennesaw.edu
Foreign Language Resource Collection: chss.kennesaw.edu/flrc
Military and Veteran Services: transfer.kennesaw.edu/transfer-resources/military-transfer-credit.php
Prior Learning Assessment (PLA): pla.kennesaw.edu
Tutoring and Academic Support: learnonline.kennesaw.edu

IMPORTANT CONTACTS
Bursar’s Office 470-578-6419, bursars@kennesaw.edu
Financial Aid 770-423-6074, finaid@kennesaw.edu
Orientation 470-578-6219, ksuorientation@kennesaw.edu
Registrar 770-423-6200, registrar@kennesaw.edu
Talon One Service Center 470-578-8663 (T-ONE), talonone@kennesaw.edu
Undergraduate Admissions 770-423-6300, ksuadmit@kennesaw.edu