CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCEPTANCE TO KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY!

This is an exciting time in your life and choosing the place you’ll call home for the next four years is a monumental decision. KSU has an energy all its own. It’s a multi-faceted melting pot of backstories, personalities and perspectives. It’s a collaborative collision of individuals, building and feeding off each other with a spirit that opens minds to new ideas and new opportunities.

Our University has proudly welcomed new Owls for more than 50 years, and we are thrilled for you to begin your next journey at our great institution. Our campuses radiate energy and excitement – it’s where students strive to be more, do more and become more. We work hand in hand to make big, bold promises to discover our own potential and defy expectations every day.

Discover the extraordinary opportunities to live and learn on our vibrant campuses – to join one of more than 300 student organizations, conduct research with world-renowned faculty, experience education abroad, participate in dynamic internships in your field of study, and develop lifelong friendships.

As a highly innovative, research-driven university, we are dedicated to preparing future leaders and cultivating a campus environment to make that possible.

Our Owls believe that anything is achievable and strongly embrace their entrepreneurial spirit to reach far beyond expectations. KSU students put in the work, rise to the challenge and define their own legacies. You’ll have limitless possibility to explore supported by the resources, mentors and structure students need to find their purpose and dare to climb higher.

College is the next vital step in your amazing life journey, and I am delighted for you to make Kennesaw State your college choice.

Welcome to the Owl Nation – where together we ascend!

Pamela Whitten, President
SET UP STUDENT EMAIL

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, email, and D2L Brightspace. Owl Express, our online “one-stop shop,” is where several of the next steps can be completed. Student email is the university’s only official way of communicating with you after acceptance. Be sure to check it often so you stay on track in completing your next steps.

To get started, visit uits.kennesaw.edu/support/netid.php and select First-Time Users and follow the prompts.

KSU STUDENT CHECKLIST

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

- Set Up Student Email
- Sign Up for Orientation and Prepare for Advising
- Check for Holds in Owl Express
  - Submit your proof of lawful presence (GA residents only)
  - Immunization forms
  - Final transcripts
- Submit your FAFSA and apply for scholarships
- Apply for housing
- Review and select dining options
- Get involved with student life
- Explore academic opportunities
- Check out campus resources
- Share Your OWL PRIDE!

https://admissions.kennesaw.edu/nextsteps.php
SIGN-UP FOR NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

New Student Orientation, Ignition, gives you the opportunity to meet fellow students, complete class advising and register for classes, tour campus and learn about campus organizations and resources.

Attending Orientation will help you make a successful transition into college at Kennesaw State University. All Owls start here!

*Note: ALL incoming Freshmen are required to attend Orientation. You will be able to sign up when Orientation opens later in the fall semester.

CONTACT FOR ORIENTATION>>
Phone: 470-578-6219
Email: ksuorientation@kennesaw.edu

PARENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Parent and Family Orientation is held alongside Ignition but is facilitated by Parent and Family Programs. Sessions are designed to address matters of interest to those who are supporting their student’s transition into college.

During this session, you will hear from key campus offices as well as essential resources and strategies for supporting the successful transition of your student to KSU. To sign up for Parent and Family Orientation, please use the same link provided for your student above.

Questions? Please reach out to the Parent and Family Programs office: family@kennesaw.edu or visit our website for more information and how to get involved family.kennesaw.edu

CHECK THE PATHWAY TO ENROLLMENT SCREEN 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.

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*Courses not available until registration opens.

FINANCIAL AID

The Office of 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-counselor.php to discuss your options.

Financial aid counselors are assigned by the first letter of your last name.

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KSU FAFSA CODE: 001577

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The HOPE Scholarship can only be awarded after completing the FAFSA or HOPE application at CAfutures.org.

CONTACT FINANCIAL AID>>
Phone: 770-423-6074
Email: finaid@kennesaw.edu

CAMPUS LOCATIONS >>
Kennesaw Campus financial aid offices are located in Kennesaw Hall.
Marietta Campus offices are located in the Administration Building B.

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

At KSU, only one application is required to be considered for all available scholarships, and the application opens each fall and closes in the spring. To apply, the application can be accessed through Owl Express, located under the Financial Aid tab or visit scholarships.kennesaw.edu for the most up-to-date information and to apply!

Email scholarshipapps@kennesaw.edu for privately funded scholarship questions.

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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, retain financial aid and graduate within four years.

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.

Visit ksuhousing.kennesaw.edu to view KSU’s housing options, application dates and deadlines.

* Please note that first-year students majoring in Marietta Campus-based programs must live on the Marietta Campus as part of the first-year, live-on requirement.

STUDENT LIFE

In addition to an amazing education inside the classroom, KSU has non-stop opportunities for learning outside the classroom to help you develop all the skills you will need for leadership and your future success, all while having a whole lot of fun!

With over 300 registered student organizations, there is something at KSU to meet every interest. If what you are seeking doesn’t already exist, it’s easy to start your own club! Many students also join one of our many fraternities or sororities, student media, Student Government Association, Intramural and Club Sports, or get involved in volunteerism and civic leadership opportunities. KSU’s Cultural and Community Centers are another excellent resource for academic enrichment and campus engagement.

Helping you succeed is our number one goal. Our support services through Career Planning and Development, Counseling and Psychological Services, Student Disability services, and much more, are here and available for all KSU students. We also have support and engagement for your entire family through our Parent and Family Programs.
kennesaw.edu/campuslife.php.
UNIVERSITY DINING

KSU offers farm-to-campus food in both The Commons (Kennesaw) and Stingers (Marietta). You can also find many of your favorite restaurants on campus, like Chick-fil-A, 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 meals at our dining halls and Dining Dollars, a declining balance fund that may be used to purchase sales-tax-free food and beverages at The Market, participating restaurants and select campus vending machines.

For more information and to sign-up for a Meal Plan, visit dining.kennesaw.edu.
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In addition to benefits such as special scholarships and priority registration, the Honors College also provides opportunities for undergraduate research, domestic and international travel experiences, and community service activities. The Honors College houses the University Honors Program, including the President’s Emerging Global Scholars cohort and the Great Books cohort, available to entering first-year students. 

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dga.kennesaw.edu/ksuintuscany

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH >>
Research and creative scholarship is an integral part of the KSU mission and identity. In fact, the university was recently elevated to an R2 classification as a doctoral institution with high research activity. The Office of Undergraduate Research provides opportunities for undergraduate students to engage, explore and experience faculty-mentored research and creative scholarship in all disciplines across campus.

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

Funding may be provided to students to support their conference travel or research supplies related to undergraduate research and is also available to faculty whose research activities include undergraduate collaborators.

Undergraduates may present their work at academic conferences such as the KSU Symposium of Student Scholars or the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, the largest conference of its kind in the U.S., recently held at KSU.

Students can share their research and creative scholarship in the Kennesaw Journal of Undergraduate Research, an online peer-reviewed scholarly journal. research.kennesaw.edu/jur

College of Science and Mathematics Advanced Majors Program (AMP) offers academically talented students the opportunity for intellectual adventure beyond the average college experience. First-year students are guaranteed a spot in math and science courses, helping you stay on track for your graduation requirements.

csm.kennesaw.edu/amp/index.php

Thrive Scholars Program creates a community of engaged students who are transitioning into college and are focused on maintaining the HOPE scholarship while staying on track to graduate.

uc.kennesaw.edu/thrive/index.php

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!

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TALON ONE SERVICE CENTER >>
Located in the Student Center on both campuses, the Talon One Service Center is where you get your Talon Card and find out information about Campus Services and each of its related departments. Your Talon Card serves as your official KSU ID and provides access to campus essentials that support success at KSU like Dining Dollars and your Meal Plan account, use for door access, show for entry into sporting events and activities, and tap to use Copy/Print machines on campus.
talon.kennesaw.edu

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES >>
Student Health Services offers comprehensive primary care managed by WellStar Medical Group at two clinics at the Kennesaw Campus and one at the Marietta Campus. Services include sick visits, physicals, women’s health, routine and travel immunizations, and chronic disease management.
studenthealth.kennesaw.edu

BIG OWL BUS >>
The Big Owl Bus has routes around and between the two campuses, to and from local shopping destinations, and between the Kennesaw Campus and apartment complexes nearby. The buses are equipped with Wi-Fi, USB ports and bike racks. Track the Big Owl Bus in real time at bigowlbus.kennesaw.edu

VIRTUAL PARKING PERMITS >>
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SAFETY- LIVE SAFE APP >>
The free LiveSafe app provides students, faculty and staff with a direct connection to campus police so that everyone can easily communicate all their safety needs. Its easy-to-use features help you stay safe every day and enable us to provide better protection for you.
livesafe.kennesaw.edu

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Bursar’s Office 470-578-6419, bursars@kennesaw.edu
Financial Aid 770-423-6074, finaid@kennesaw.edu
Orientation 470-578-6219, ksuorientation@kennesaw.edu
Public Safety 470-578-6206, police@kennesaw.edu
Registrar 770-423-6200, registrar@kennesaw.edu
Talon One Service Center 470-578-8663 (T-ONE), talonone@kennesaw.edu
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