CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ADMISSIONS 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. 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.

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 life-long friendships.

As a highly innovative 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.

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!

Pamela Whitten
President
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ACTIVATE YOUR NET ID & STUDENT EMAIL

This will give you access to Owl Express, our online “one-stop shop” where several of the next steps can be completed.

To get started, visit: uits.kennesaw.edu/support/netid.php and select First-Time Users then follow the prompts from there.
CHECK FOR HOLDS ON OWL EXPRESS

Unresolved holds may halt your ability to add/drop classes and register for future semesters.

Turn in your immunization form to the Office of the Registrar and satisfy your lawful presence verification at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

admissions.kennesaw.edu/checkstatus.php
ORIENTATION REGISTRATION

Ignition: New Student Orientation allows new students to connect with peers, complete class advising & registration, tour campus and learn about campus organizations & resources.

Ignition is designed to support new undergraduate students in their transition to college and to Kennesaw State University. All Owls start here!

Visit: uc.kennesaw.edu/orientation to sign-up for an Ignition session.
FINANCIAL AID

The office of Student Financial Aid provides assistance for students to help them meet the costs of obtaining an education from KSU.

Meet with a financial aid counselor to discuss your options and receive assistance with completing your FAFSA application at fafsa.gov.

Visit: financialaid.kennesaw.edu for helpful tips and videos you can reference when completing your FAFSA.

You must apply for the HOPE Scholarship by either completing the FAFSA or the application on GAfutures.org

CONTACT //
Telephone Number: 770-423-6074
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Email Address: finaid@kennesaw.edu

CAMPUS LOCATIONS //
Kennesaw Campus offices are located in Kennesaw Hall.

Marietta Campus offices are located in the Administration Building B.

OFFICE HOURS //
Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Walk-in assistance is available during office hours.

Counselors are assigned by the first letter of your last name. Please note, there are times when your assigned counselor may change to manage office needs. To schedule an appointment with your assigned financial aid counselor, visit financialaid.kennesaw.edu/contact-counselor.php. When emailing your counselor, please email using your KSU email address and include your KSU ID number.

SCHOLARSHIPS

At KSU, only one application is required to be considered for all available scholarships and the application opens each fall. To apply, the application can be accessed through Owl Express, located under the Financial Aid tab or visit scholarships.kennesaw.edu to apply!
UNIVERSITY DINING

KSU offers farm-to-campus food in both The Commons and Stingers. In addition to these two award-winning dining halls, students can enjoy their 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, which is a declining balance fund that may be used to make sales tax-free food and beverage purchases at The Market, restaurants and select campus vending machines.

For more information and to sign-up for a Meal Plan, visit dining.kennesaw.edu.
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 plus more.

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.
ENHANCED OPPORTUNITIES

KSU offers a few programs specifically for first-year students that can set you on the right path as you begin your college career!

The Honors College offers a community within a university to academically talented, highly motivated students who enjoy lively discussion, creative expression, and intellectual challenge. KSU offers small honors sections of core courses and interdisciplinary honors seminars, where students focus on deep understanding within an innovative curriculum.

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. Visit honors.kennesaw.edu for more information about these opportunities.

First-Year Global Fellows Program offers a unique and customized First-Year education abroad experience to Italy that is available to a select group of students through a competitive application dga.kennesaw.edu/ksuintuscany/globalfellows.php

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 able to transition easily into their college experience, while maintaining the HOPE scholarship and staying on track to graduate. uc.kennesaw.edu/thrive/index.php
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

TALON ONE SERVICE CENTER //

Located in the Student Center on both campuses, this is where you need to go to get your Talon Card, which serves as your official KSU ID and provides access to campus essentials that support success at KSU, which include: Access to KCash, Dining Dollars and Meal Plan account; gain door access; show for entry into campus facilities, sporting events and activities; and tap to use Copy/Print machines on campus. Visit: 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. Visit: 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.

Students can track the bus in real time at, bigowlbus.kennesaw.edu.

VIRTUAL PARKING PERMITS //
Students who park a vehicle on campus must obtain a virtual parking permit online. The campus utilizes license plate recognition technology to efficiently validate parking credentials. Students may select a parking permit and should keep their license plate information updated at parkingportal.kennesaw.edu. KSU offers three parking options; standard permit areas cost $26 per semester, Economy Lots are $15 per semester and Shuttle Lot parking is available at no charge.

Visit parking.kennesaw.edu for the latest information for purchasing a parking permit.
SNAP AND SHARE

Post a photo of yourself with your ‘Destination Owl Nation’ poster to show your excitement!
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