I. NOMINATION
All students must be nominated by their home university/International Office. Nominations should be submitted via the online form (https://kent.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0xsM0l5dnxfjZ2u). Required nomination details will include:
- Student’s Full Name
- Home University Email
- Program (Academic Major or ESL)
- City and Country of Birth
- Campus (Kent, Stark, or Florence, Italy)

II. APPLICATION
After being nominated, undergraduate students must complete the Online International Visiting Student Application.
- Application Link: [www.kent.edu/globaleducation/international-freshman-application-guide](http://www.kent.edu/globaleducation/international-freshman-application-guide)
- Scroll down to “Submit an online application”
- Click “Begin New Application” under the “On-campus Programs” section
- Select “International Student”
- Select “Undergraduate Student” or “ESL” according to your status
- Select “Visiting Student” (if you selected “Undergraduate”)
- Finish the required questions, pay the $30 application fee (only if applying for ESL), and submit your application
REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR APPLICATION

All students must submit the following items to the Kent State Office of Global Education BY EMAIL to edabroad@kent.edu

- **Visiting Student Program Permission Form**
- **Financial Worksheet**
- **Proof of Financial Means**
  - Official bank statement/bank letter in English or certified translation
  - Academic program students must show USD $20,187 (semester); $40,373 USD (Academic Year)
  - ESL program students must show USD $16,705 (semester); $33,410 USD (Academic Year)
- **Official Transcript(s)**
  - Not required for ESL students
  - Must be in English and contain all courses
  - GPA requirement: 2.0 out of 4.0 scale
- **Photocopy of Passport**
- **Official English Proficiency Score**
  - Not required for ESL students
  - TOEFL ibt: 71 | IELTS: 6.0 | MELAB: 75 | DUOLINGO: 100 | PTE Academic: 48 | SAT: 510 Evidence-based reading and writing | ACT: minimum of 21 in English
  - TOEFL scores must be sent to Kent State officially by ETS using the institutional code 1367
  - IELTS scores must be sent to Kent State as a PDF document
  - DUOLINGO scores must be sent to Kent State via the DUOLINGO website

APPLICATION DEADLINES

The online application and all required materials should be completed and submitted by the following priority deadline dates. Applications received after these dates will be accepted on a rolling basis. These dates are critical to ensuring applicant will have enough time to apply for a student visa.

- **Fall Semester, or Academic Year:** April 1
- **Spring Semester:** October 15

III. ACCEPTANCE & VISA

All visiting students will require a student visa to study at Kent State University if they do not hold U.S. citizenship. Upon admission to Kent State University, students will receive an admission letter and either an I-20 form or a DS-2019 form which will be mailed to their home institution’s international office. The I-20 will allow the student to apply for the F-1 student visa, and the DS-2019 form will allow the student to apply for a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa to study in the United States.

Students are individually responsible for applying in a timely manner for their own student visa. Students are required to pay the SEVIS fee before scheduling a visa appointment. The SEVIS number and program number are required to make a visa appointment; this information can be found on the DS-2019 or I-20. For updated information on U.S. student visa requirements, please review the website of the United States Department of State: http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en.html.

Students are responsible for registering as a full-time student and abiding by the requirements set forth by the United States Department of State to maintain visa status.
IV. ARRIVAL

DATE OF ARRIVAL
Students must arrive to the U.S. on or before the Program Start Date listed on their I-20 or DS-2019 to avoid being denied entry to the U.S. Students may arrive up to 30 days before the Program Start Date.

MANDATORY IMMUNIZATIONS
Kent State Health Services requires all international students to submit an immunization form, showing proof of the MMR vaccination and a tuberculosis screening test (TB test-Mantoux type). To download the form and for additional information, please visit: https://www.kent.edu/uhs/mandatory-immunizations. The completed form may be e-mailed to: immunizations@kent.edu or submitted to Deweese Health Center upon arrival on campus.

CHECK-IN AT OFFICE OF GLOBAL EDUCATION
International students must check-in at the Office of Global Education, Terrace Hall, within 48 hours of arrival to campus. Students must bring their official transcripts, passport, visa, DS-2019 or I-20 and any other immigration documents. A comprehensive guide for orientation will be provided during check-in.

V. ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2021/2022

Semester 1 (Fall 2021)
- International students must arrive by August 17
- International Student Orientation August 18 - 20
- ESL Module 1 Orientation & Testing August 20
- Classes Begin August 26
- Labour Day (no classes) September 6
- ESL Module 1 classes end October 13
- ESL Module 2 Orientation & Testing October 12
- ESL Module 2 classes begin October 18
- Fall Break October 14-17
- Veterans Day (no classes) November 11
- Thanksgiving Break November 24 – 28
- Fall Classes End December 12
- Final Examinations December 13-19

Semester 2 (Spring 2022)
- International students must arrive by January 12
- ESL Module 1 Orientation & Testing January 14
- International Student Orientation January 13-14
- Classes Begin January 18
- ESL Module 2 Orientation & Testing February 25
- ESL Module 1 classes end February 28
- ESL Module 2 classes begin March 1
- Spring Break March 28 – April 3
- Spring Classes End May 3
- Reading Day May 4
- Final Examinations May 5 – 11
VI. INSURANCE
Kent State policy requires all international students to enrol and purchase the Student Health Insurance Plan provided by Kent State University. Visiting students CANNOT waive the insurance. Students must complete enrolment online within the stated enrolment dates. Kent State will automatically bill student’s Bursar accounts for the charges each semester.
For more information, please see: https://www.kent.edu/globaleducation/insurance-and-immunization

Insurance Premium Fee:
Fall Semester (August 18, 2020 – January 17, 2021): $1,168.00
Spring Semester (includes summer; January 18, 2021 – August 20, 2021): $1,620
**Please note that the above premium rates are based on the 2020/2021 policy period and will be updated in late Summer 2021 for the 2021/2022 Academic Year.

VII. ON-CAMPUS HOUSING
Kent State will guarantee on-campus housing for all approved visiting students who complete the required housing application procedures. We do not recommend seeking off-campus housing, as availability is very low and highly competitive, getting to classes can be more difficult, and living off-campus does not provide the kind of immersive student experience that visiting students should have.

Students can only apply for housing after being officially accepted by Kent State as a visiting student. Delaying the application for housing can significantly impact a student’s opportunity to receive on-campus housing. Information about on-campus housing and all available residence halls can be found at the following website https://www.kent.edu/housing.

Students will need their FlashLine username and password to submit a housing application. Instructions for logging onto Flashline and setting up their student account will be included in their admission letter. Student will be required to pay a $200 housing deposit. Please note that when signing the housing agreement, the student is entering into a legally binding contract.

Kent State has 25 residence halls with a variety of room types and communities. Each hall is overseen by a full-time, professional Residence Hall Director. All residence halls are smoke-free, secured with electronic locks on all entrance doors and student rooms, and all have free laundry machines and wireless connectivity. Many also have computer labs and dining facilities. Detailed information about on-campus housing and all available residence halls can be found at the following website: https://www.kent.edu/housing/residence-halls.

VIII. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION
The Kent State Office of Global Education will provide an International Student Orientation each semester for incoming visiting students. The orientation program aims to introduce you to the staff at the Office of Global Education, the University, policies and requirements, the local area, and to helpful resources. When you are admitted to the University you will receive information about transportation from the airport, check-in procedures, and the orientation date/time. Attendance at the Orientation is mandatory.

IX. COURSE REGISTRATION
If you are enrolling in the full-time ESL program, you will be automatically registered for your classes during Orientation Week.
Students can view a list of courses offered at Kent State by clicking on this link and following the prompts: https://keys.kent.edu:44220/ePROD/bwckctlg.p_disp_dyn_ctlg. Please note that some classes are not available to visiting students and that classes can become filled quickly. It is in your best interest to apply as a visiting student early so that you may register for classes as timely as possible. Students must meet the prerequisite requirements for all courses they intend to take.

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS NOT AVAILABLE TO INTERNATIONAL VISITING STUDENTS**

Please note that not all academic majors/programs are available on Kent Campus or are permissible for international visiting students. These majors/programs include:

- Mechanical/Electrical Engineering
- Architecture/Interior Design (unless all prerequisites have been completed)
- Managerial Marketing

Visiting students are required to enrol in a minimum of 12.0 credit hours (undergraduate level). Undergraduate students taking more than 18.0 credit hours will be charged an additional per-credit hour fee. For more information, please review the following page: https://www.kent.edu/bursar/tuition-and-fees#panel1

Students wishing to matriculate out of ESL into bachelor level courses in their final semester will need to complete the following steps:

1. Be released from ESL program
2. Apply and get accepted into a baccalaureate program
3. Complete a Change of Level request with ISSS (International Scholar Student Services)
4. Students will need to show updated financial documents showing sufficient funding for a one semester at the bachelor’s level.

**X. ESTIMATED VISITING PROGRAM EXPENSES FOR ONE SEMESTER (FALL 2021/SPRING 2022)**

**Please note that the below rates are based on the 2020/2021 policy period and will be updated in late Summer 2021 for the 2021/2022 Academic Year.**

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<td>$3,755 - $5,578</td>
<td>Housing fee will vary depending upon which housing option the student chooses.</td>
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<td><strong>Meal Plan</strong></td>
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<td>Gold Plan: $2,750</td>
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<td><strong>International Student Health Insurance</strong></td>
<td>$1,168 – Fall Semester $1,620 – Spring Semester (includes Summer)</td>
<td>Insurance is required and cannot be waived. Rates will be updated late Summer 2021 for the 2021/2022 Academic Year.</td>
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<td><strong>International Student Activity Fee</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Career Services Fee</strong></td>
<td>$74.88</td>
<td>REQUIRED for undergraduate students. Provides access to student and alumni online career resources, networking, mentoring programs, workshops, career assessment, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Arts Fee</strong></td>
<td>$15</td>
<td>REQUIRED for undergraduate students. Provides free ticket to theatre productions, music events, orchestra, opera, dance concerts, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Additional Course Fees</strong></td>
<td>$10 - $100 per class</td>
<td>Many classes have an additional fee (in addition to tuition). The amount of course fee depends on the class; for example, science lab classes have higher course fees. Some classes have no course fees.</td>
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**MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES**

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<td>$50</td>
<td>(students must buy their own sheets and towels, but will be offered a temporary bedding package for the first few days)</td>
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<td><strong>Early arrival housing</strong></td>
<td>$35/night</td>
<td>(all international students must arrive a few days early to campus to attend the mandatory International Student Orientation)</td>
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<td><strong>Break Housing</strong></td>
<td>$35/night</td>
<td>(All students must pay additional fees if choosing to live in the residence hall during winter break or spring break.)</td>
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**PAYMENT OPTIONS:** [https://www.kent.edu/bursar/payment-options-overview](https://www.kent.edu/bursar/payment-options-overview)

**SCHOLARSHIP:** student that are enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours at Kent State University will automatically receive a $2,000 scholarship

**QUESTIONS?**
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