

Welcome Spring 2013 Admits! We are pleased to have you join the Kent State University community. We know that this is an exciting time for students and their families. Destination Kent State (DKS) Advising & Registration is an orientation program that will take place prior to starting classes on January 14, 2013. Students will meet representatives from the University, get to know other first year students, and have a one-on-one appointment with their college advisor in order to plan their spring schedule. We look forward to showing you all the unique opportunities that await you at Kent State.

Program Arrival Time and Location

On the date students are registered to attend the DKS program check-in is between 7:30 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. outside of the Governance Chamber of the Kent Student Center (2nd floor). Each student schedule is personalized. Students visit one-on-one with an Academic Advisor. However, for planning purposes, the visit to the campus should conclude by approximately 5:00 p.m. A sample program schedule is available as www.kent.edu/destination.

Dates

Registration opens on Monday, October 15, 2012. Students attend one of the Destination Kent State programs:

- 1. Monday, November 19, 2012
- 2. Wednesday, January 9, 2013
- 3. Thursday, January 10, 2013

To make your appointment for Destination Kent State: Advising & Registration, visit www.kent.edu/destination to log on to your Flashline account. Follow the links to the Destination Kent State registration system. Click on your date of choice. Please be aware that not all majors can be accommodated on each day. Only eligible dates for your major will be displayed. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

You must pay your Enrollment Fee prior registration for Destination Kent State or at the time of registration. An appointment for Destination Kent State cannot be made until the Enrollment Fee is paid.

At the time of registration, you will be asked to answer the following questions to complete the reservation process. Please have your answers ready when logging in to your Flashline account.

- 1. Will you have any college credit that will transfer including Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEOP), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB)?
 - If you have college credit, all official transcripts must be submitted to the Admissions Office at least two weeks prior to your scheduled appointment. Indicate the number of anticipated transfer credit hours.
- 2. Do you or a family member who will be attending the Destination Kent State program require any special accommodations?

• If YES, please specify in detail what your special needs are for the visit. Please list the name of the individual requiring assistance, the nature of assistance needed, and if it is a student or family member.

Who should attend Destination Kent State?

New students are required to attend Destination Kent State. Transfer students can visit this web site for more information: http://www.kent.edu/transfercenter/index.cfm

Hotel Accommodations

For students and family members who require lodging during their visit, there are many hotels in the Kent/Streetsboro area. Please visit the following websites for a complete list of area hotels:

http://www.streetsborovcb.com/ http://www.kentbiz.com/?page_id=232

What to Bring

Below is a list of items we would recommend bringing to your Advising & Registration session:

- Casual Clothing and comfortable walking shoes (you will visit several places on campus)
- ✓ Gear appropriate for the season (boots, winter coats)
- ✓ Paper and pen/pencil
- ✓ Photo ID to obtain your student ID Card (Flashcard)
- ✓ Jacket or sweater (many of our buildings may get chilly)
- ✓ Advanced Placement Test scores, Post-Secondary credits, or college transcripts as appropriate. Transcripts may be unofficial for advising purposes.
- ✓ Your flashline ID (email address) and password
- ✓ Cash for lunch either on campus or off-campus (lunch is not provided during the program)
- ✓ Cash or other form of payment for your textbooks or other supplies that you may wish to purchase after you register for classes

How to Get Ready

There are many things you should do in preparation for your Destination Kent State: Advising & Registration visit.

- Complete required placement assessments prior to your Destination Kent State appointment. (The only placement assessments offered at Destination Kent State are for those students required to take the reading and writing assessments. Students must take their math assessment (all students) and foreign language assessment (if required) in advance of the DKS appointment. See the Placement Assessment section below for more information.
- Check the <u>www.kent.edu</u> web page prior to departure from home if snow or ice conditions cause you to wonder if the campus is closed. In the event a major snow/ice storm results in the closure of campus DKS may be delayed or rescheduled. Announcements are located on the University homepage.
- Log-in and regularly check your Flashline account (www.kent.edu). All admitted students receive information in their admission letter about their Flashline portal account (includes email) which includes your login, Banner ID (your student ID number), and password. Students will be required to complete some activities within the portal. Please be aware that email is the official form of communication at Kent State University and students should begin checking their accounts regularly.

- Complete the FAFSA. All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 (FAFSA) online at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/ as soon as possible after January 1 to determine eligibility for
 federal and state aid including student and parent loans. Kent State's Title IV School Code is 003051.
- o If you intend to live in a residence hall complete the Online Housing Application. Visit http://www.kent.edu/housing/index.cfm to reserve your space in the residence halls. If you have questions about living in the residence halls call 330-672-7000 (toll free at 1-800-706-8941).

Placement Assessment

Kent State University is committed to student success. An important first step is proper course placement. Students are REQUIRED to complete all online placement assessments BEFORE arriving on campus to attend Destination Kent State (DKS). Online assessments are available for students who will enroll in spring courses in October and in April for students who will enroll in summer or fall 2013 courses. Online placement assessments can be found in FlashLine at flashline.kent.edu.

Placement assessments are designed to help academic advisors and students determine which courses will provide the best opportunity for success. Kent State University currently requires students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in English (Writing), Mathematics, Foreign Language, Chemistry, Reading and Study Strategies. Students can demonstrate their knowledge and skills through scores on ACT, SAT, and/or placement assessments. Please note that placement assessment scores will not be used to determine admission to Kent State University or any academic program.

Visit www.kent.edu/destination/advising/overview/placement for additional information.

Fee Information

All students must pay the Enrollment Fee (\$150.00) before registration for Destination Kent State. Log in to FlashLine to pay online or mail a check to the Admissions Office. See the enrollment fee payment instructions flyer mailed to your home address. There are no additional fees for students and family members attending the one-day Destination Kent State programs in November or January.

Directions & Parking

Students can print a parking permit for the Kent Student Center pay lot. No fee will be charged if the student has the parking permit. The link to the permit will be sent via e-mail at the time of registration. The permit is also available on this web site: http://www.kent.edu/destination/advising/index.cfm.

Park in the Kent Student Center pay lot on Summit Street and Risman Drive. Directions to campus can be found by visiting http://www.kent.edu/campuses/maps/map.cfm.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: Is Destination Kent State: Advising & Registration a required program for new students?

A: Yes. Kent State is committed to the success of our first year students and attending Advising & Registration is an important first step. All incoming first-year students are required to attend the summer program.

Q: Will I be able to see my residence hall room?

A: You can see an example of all rooms in our model residence hall rooms in the Eastway Center.

Q: Will I be required to submit the housing deposit prior to attending Advising & Registration?

A: Recommended. Housing deposits are due to Residence Services before your housing assignment is provided for you.

Q: I have taken Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) tests in high school. How do I get credit for these exams?

A: Kent State University awards college credit for most Advanced Placement exams with scores of three, four or five. The Honors College Web site (http://www.kent.edu/honors/) provides specific information about scores, credit and placement recommendations. If you are a high school student and you asked the College Board to send your scores to Kent State University, your scores will be evaluated in early August when Kent State receives the score report. You and your degree-granting college will receive notification of credit by letter several weeks later.

Kent State University awards college credit for most International Baccalaureate exams with scores of five or higher on the higher-level examinations. The Honors College Web site (http://www.kent.edu/honors/) provides specific information about scores, credit and placement recommendations. No credit can be posted until a student has enrolled as a Kent State University student.

Please let the advisor you are meeting with during Destination Kent State: Advising and Registration know about the tests you have taken so they can accurately advise you.

Q: I took college courses while in high school (either at Kent or another institution), do I still need to attend Advising & Registration?

A: Yes. Any student who took advantage of post-secondary enrollment option, Advanced Placement, CLEP, or International Baccalaureate exams while a high school student, regardless of the number of hours transferred to Kent, are required to attend the Destination Kent State program.

Q: I took college courses while in high school. How are these courses evaluated?

A: If you took the courses at Kent State or at any of our regional campuses, you do not need to do anything as these are already a part of your academic record. If you took courses at another institution, please request an official transcript to be sent to Kent State University, Office of Admissions. A transfer evaluation will then be completed and sent to you. If you have already received the transfer evaluation, please bring it with you to your session. You should also bring a copy of your college transcript in case your official transcript has not been evaluated by the time you attend Destination Kent State.

Q: Is it possible to change my reservation for the Destination Kent State: Advising & Registration program?

A: Yes, please log back on to the Flashline web portal (www.kent.edu) to change your reservation. There are only a few select dates in August available to you for Advising and Registration. Please note that changing your scheduled date will limit your options.

Q: What should I do if I want to change my major prior to or after attending the program?

A: If you decide to change your major, you should contact the Admissions office at (330) 672-2444 as soon as possible. It is best to make the changes prior to making your appointment for Destination Kent State so that you can meet with the advisor for your major.

Q: My student received accommodations/was on an IEP in high school. Are they automatically eligible for accommodations at Kent State?

A: Services for students with disabilities at Kent State University are based upon appropriate documentation, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and/or the Americans with Disabilities Act, and an inperson intake with SAS personnel. Guidelines for what constitutes "appropriate documentation" can be found on SAS' website at http://www.registrars.kent.edu/disability/eligibility/index.htm or by calling (330) 672-3391. Services cannot be provided until this documentation is submitted and approved. For more information about the services available through the SAS office, please refer to their website at www.kent.edu/sas or contact them at (330) 672-3391.

Q: What is the university's immunization requirement?

A: All students born after January 1, 1957, must show proof of 2 MMRs (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) in a lifetime or 1 in the last 6 years. Students from the following areas are required to have a tuberculosis screening test (TB/PPD/Mantoux) in the last 12 months: Africa, Eastern Europe, Russia, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean Islands, and Asia. There is an immunization requirement form that all students must complete and return to the university health center. Please refer to the DeWeese Health Center website for more information: http://www.uhs.kent.edu/

Q. I am a transfer student. Do I go to Destination Kent State?

A: Generally, transfer students do not need to attend Destination Kent State. Visit this web site for more information: http://www.kent.edu/transfercenter/index.cfm.