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New Student Orientation for open option

Let the journey begin!

“I chose K-State from eight other universities because it had the best structured program for undecided students. I have never regretted my decision to begin as an open option student.”
— Former open option student
U.S. Office of Personnel Management
Federal Investigative Services

• 240 majors
• 6 secondary majors
• 50 minors

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Open option is a great place to start...

but why?

- Approximately 20 percent of K-State students choose open option.
- We specialize in understanding degree requirements for every K-State major and will help you discover classes where your interests lie.
- Graduating in a timely manner is important, so we help you select classes that will overlap with more than one major.
- You can remain in open option for up to 60 credit hours or until you find a major that fits your individual needs.
- Most importantly, you have an academic advisor who cares about you.

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University organization

**College of Agriculture**
Agribusiness, animal sciences, food science, forestry, grain science, horticulture and more.

**College of Arts & Sciences**
Art, biology, chemistry, communication studies, English, journalism and mass communications, history, mathematics, music, psychological sciences, sociology, pre-professional programs and more.

**College of Architecture, Planning & Design**
Architecture, landscape architecture, regional and community planning, and more.

**College of Education**
Elementary and secondary education and more.

**College of Engineering**
Biological, civil, chemical, electrical, mechanical, construction science and management, computer science and more.

**College of Business Administration**
Accounting, entrepreneurship, finance, management, marketing and management information systems.

**College of Technology and Aviation (Salina)**
Aviation maintenance, professional pilot, engineering technology and more.

**College of Human Ecology**
Apparel, textiles, interior design, early childhood, family studies, hospitality industry, nutrition, kinesiology and more.

For a full list of all possible majors within these programs, see the undergraduate catalog, available at catalog.k-state.edu.
Majors and programs

Manhattan campus

Agriculture
- General agriculture (undeclared)
- Agribusiness
- Agricultural communications and journalism
- Agricultural economics
- Agricultural education
- Agricultural technology management
- Agronomy
- Animal sciences and industry
- Bakery science and management
- Feed science and management
- Food science and industry
- Horticulture (fruit and vegetable production, golf course management, greenhouse and nursery management, horticultural science, landscape management, sports turf operations management, landscape design)
- Milling science and management
- Park management and conservation (interpretation, law enforcement ranger, park manager, recreation business)
- Pre-veterinary medicine (three years)
- Wildlife and outdoor enterprise management

Architecture, Planning & Design
- Architecture
- Interior architecture and product design
- Landscape architecture
- Regional and community planning

Arts & Sciences
- Open option (undeclared)
- American ethnic studies
- Anthropology
- Art (art history, ceramics, digital arts, drawing, graphic design, illustration, metalsmithing and jewelry, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture)
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Communication studies (legal, organizational, political, relational, rhetorical)
- Dance
- Economics
- English (literature, literature and creative writing, literature with teaching certification)
- Fisheries, wildlife and conservation biology (biodiversity and conservation, fisheries ecology and management, wildlife ecology and management)
- Geography
- Geology
- History
- Interdisciplinary - Humanities
- Interdisciplinary - Life science
- Interdisciplinary - Physical science
- Interdisciplinary - Social science
- Journalism and mass communications (advertising, journalism and digital media [includes electronic and print], public relations)
- Mathematics (actuarial and applied)
- Microbiology
- Modern languages (French, German, Spanish/Hispanic literature and studies)
- Music
- Music-applied (composition, instrumental performance, music theatre, vocal performance)
- Music education
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political science
- Pre-law
- Psychology
- Social work
- Sociology (criminology)
- Statistics
- Theatre
- Women's studies
- Health professions (clinical laboratory science [medical technology], pre- chiropractic, pre-dentistry, pre-health information management, pre-medicine, pre-nursing, pre-occupational therapy, pre-optometry, pre-pharmacy, pre- physical therapy, pre-physician's assistant, pre-respiratory therapy, pre-veterinary medicine)
- ROTC programs (Army and Air Force)

Business Administration
- Accounting
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance (controllership, financial management, financial services)
- Management (general management, human resources management, operations and supply chain management)
- Management information systems
- Marketing

Education
- Elementary education
- Secondary education (art, biological sciences, business, chemistry, earth science, English, English/journalism, journalism, mathematics, modern languages, physics, social studies, speech)
- Endorsements (English for Speakers of Other Languages, special education)
- Teaching degrees in other colleges (agriculture, early childhood, family and consumer sciences, music)

Engineering
- General engineering (undeclared)
- Architectural engineering (LEED, sustainability)
- Biological systems engineering (biological, environmental, machinery)
- Chemical engineering
- Civil engineering (construction, environmental, general, structures)
- Computer engineering (computer hardware, software engineering)
- Computer science (artificial intelligence, embedded systems)
- Construction science and management
- Electrical engineering
- Industrial engineering
- Information systems
- Mechanical engineering (nuclear engineering)

Human Ecology
- Apparel and textiles (apparel design and production, apparel marketing)
- Athletic training
- Communication sciences and disorders
- Dietetics (coordinated, didactic)
- Early childhood education
- Family studies and human services (general, personal financial planning)
- Hospitality management
- Human ecology (family and consumer sciences education, general, undeclared)
- Interior design
- Kinesiology (health fitness instructor, nutrition and kinesiology)
- Nutrition and kinesiology dual degrees
Nutritional sciences (medically related fields, pre-dentistry, pre-medicine)

Veterinary Medicine
- Pre-veterinary medicine (College of Arts and Sciences, College of Agriculture)

Salina campus
Technology and Aviation
- Bachelor's degrees:
  - Aviation maintenance
  - Computer systems technology
  - Electronic and computer engineering technology
  - Mechanical engineering technology
  - Professional pilot
  - Technology management

- Associate degrees:
  - Applied business
  - Applied technologies
  - Aviation maintenance
  - Computer systems technology
  - Construction engineering technology
  - Digital media technology
  - Electronic and computer engineering technology
  - Mechanical engineering technology
  - Professional pilot
  - Web development technology

Arts and Sciences
- Social work

Human Ecology
- Family studies and human services (general, personal financial planning)

Minors
Agriculture
- Agribusiness
- Agricultural economics
- Agronomy
- Agricultural technology management
- Animal sciences and industry
- Applied genomics and biotechnology
- Entomology
- Food science and industry
- Bakery science (Grain Science and Industry)
- Cereal chemistry (Grain Science and Industry)

Business Administration
- Business
- Entrepreneurship

Engineering
- Computing and information sciences
- Manufacturing systems
- Nuclear engineering

Human Ecology
- Conflict analysis and trauma studies (CATS)
- Hotel and restaurant management

Architecture, Planning & Design
- Community planning

Arts & Sciences
- Aerospace studies
- American ethnic studies
- Anthropology
- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Communication studies
- Dance
- East Asian studies
- Economics
- English
- Environmental geophysics
- Geography
- Geology
- History
- Jazz Studies
- Mass communications
- Modern languages (Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian, Spanish)
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political science
- South Asian studies
- Statistics
- Theatre
- Women's studies

Technology & Aviation
- Aviation safety

Leadership Studies
- Leadership studies

Secondary majors
- Biological engineering
- Gerontology
- International studies
- Latin American studies
- Natural resources and environmental sciences

Certificate programs
- African studies
- Air traffic control
- Airframe and powerplant
- Airport management
- American language and culture
- Avionics maintenance technology
- Beef cattle feedlot management
- Beef cattle ranch management
- Composite repair
- Conflict resolution
- Equine science
- Food science
- Geographic information systems
- Integrated investment management
- International business
- Leadership technical studies
- Meat science
- Nonviolence studies
- Professional strategic selling
- Study of the arts and sciences through primary texts
- Unmanned aerial systems operator
Arts & Sciences

Oral and written communications

ENGL 100 (3) Expository Writing I — Introduction to expressive and informative writing. Offers extensive practice in the process of writing: getting ideas, drafting, analyzing drafts, revising and editing.

COMM 105/106 (2/3) Public Speaking — Principles and practice of message preparation, audience analysis, presentational skills and speech criticism permitting greater practice in oral presentation.

Humanities

AMETH 160 (3) Intro to American Ethnic Studies — Introduces students to the major concepts related to ethnicity and to some of the major American ethnic groups.

ART 195 (3) Survey of Art History I — Historical development of art from pre-history through the Middle Ages.

DAS 100 (3) An introduction to the intellectual and cultural life of the university through attendance of on-campus events and performances. Offered in the fall semester for freshmen.

ENGL 251 (3) Intro to Literature — Study of fiction, poetry, drama and nonfiction.

ENGL 253 (3) Short Story — Study of short stories from world literature with emphasis on American, British and Continental.

ENGL 270 (3) American Literature — Selected writers from various periods in American literary history. Designed for students not majoring/minoring in English.

ENGL 287 (3) Great Books — Introduction to world classics, from past to present.

HIST 101 (3) Western Civilization: The Rise of Europe — Major trends in Western history from the beginnings of European civilization to the end of the 17th century.

HIST 102 (3) Western Civilization: The Modern Era — Major developments in Western civilization from the beginning of the 18th century to the present.

HIST 111 (3) World History to 1450 — Major developments in the history of the world from the earliest civilizations to the eve of European expansion in the 15th century.

HIST 112 (3) World History from 1450 — Major trends in the history of the world from the 15th century to the present. Global patterns of contract, mutual influence, and interdependence.

HIST 251 (3) History of the United States to 1877 — Includes ethnic, social, military, political, economic, diplomatic and ideological themes.

HIST 252 (3) History of the United States since 1877 — Ethnic, social, political, economic and diplomatic history.

Modern languages:

Arabic  Chinese
French  German
Hindi  Italian
Japanese  Latin
Russian  Spanish

MUSIC 245 (3) Intro to American Music — An introduction to the functions of music in American society and the elements of music, including a survey of the development of various types and styles of music in America.

MUSIC 250 (3) Introduction to Music — Elements of music as represented in selected masterpieces of the standard concert repertory, designed to heighten the perception and the enjoyment of the listener who has limited musical knowledge.

THTRE 261 (3) Fundamentals of Acting — Theory and practice of fundamental skills and techniques of acting. Major emphasis on freeing and training the individual’s imagination, intellect, body and voice through designed exercise and performed scenes.

THTRE 270 (3) Intro to Theatre — A comprehensive introduction: basic elements of theater and theater production, theater history, dramatic literature, multicultural theater.

Social sciences

ANTH 200/204 (3) Intro to Cultural Anthropology — Analysis and comparison of technological, social and religious characteristics of cultural systems.

ECON 110 (3) Principles of Macroeconomics — Basic facts, principles and problems of economics; determination of the level of employment, output and the price level; the monetary and banking system; problems and policies of economic instability, inflation and growth; principles of economic development; other economic systems.

GEOG 100 (3) World Regional Geography — Intro to geography structured on a framework of major world regions and countries. Discussion of the essential concepts of certain systematic specialties such as political, social, economic and urban geography.

GEOG 200 (3) Human Geography — A geographical assessment of the way human activities shape landscapes throughout the world.

MC 110 (3) Intro to Political Science — Introduction to politics, public policy and political thought, public opinion, groups, parties, institutions, public law, careers in politics and related topics.

MC 120 (3) Principles of Advertising — An examination of the advertising field and its relationship to marketing and journalism.

MC 180 (3) Fundamentals of Public Relations — Contemporary persuasive social science principles, processes and issues involved in the management of communications between an organization and its publics.

POLSC 110 (3) Intro to Political Science — Introduction to politics, public policy and governmental processes. Distribution and use of political power, political thought, public opinion, groups, parties, institutions, public law, careers in politics and related topics.

POLSC 115 (3) United States Politics — The national government with emphasis on constitutional principles, basic structure, functions and the political process.

POLSC 333 (3) World Politics — Intro to the study of politics among nation-states and other world actors, including a survey of major contemporary problems of world
politics and focusing on the pursuit of power, order, wealth and safe environment.

PSYCH 110 (3) General Psychology — An introductory survey of the general content areas of psychology, including methods, data and principles.

SOCIO 211 (3) Intro to Sociology — Development, structure and functioning of human groups; social and cultural patterns; and the principal social processes.

SOCWK 100 (3) Social Work: The Helping Profession — An introduction to the profession of social work and the various fields of social service by observing, experiencing and analyzing social work and its place in society. An opportunity for the student to test social work as a possible career choice.

WOMST 105 (3) Intro to Women’s Studies — An interdisciplinary introduction to academic and community-based thinking about women’s lives.

Natural sciences

BIOCH 110/111 (3/1) Biochemistry and Society/Biochemistry and Society Lab — Covers topics related to daily life, such as chemical principles and biomolecules, nutrition/diets, growth and aging, disease, fermentation, drug action, medical diagnostics and forensics, and bioethics.

BIOL 198 (4) Principles of Biology — An introductory course for majors and non-majors focusing on plants, animals and microbes. Includes biological molecules, cells, genetics, energy flow, physiology, ecology and evolution.

CHM 110/111 (3/1) General Chemistry/General Chemistry Lab — Principles, laws and theories of chemistry. (One hour lab is optional)

CHM 210 (4) Chemistry I — First course of a two-semester study of the principles of chemistry and the properties of the elements and their compounds. Three-hour lecture and one three-hour lab per week.

GEOG 221 (4) Physical Geography I — Basic physical geography course emphasizing the geosphere and hydrosphere, including processes, patterns and physical background for related issues such as natural hazards and human modification of physical conditions.

GEOL 100 (3) Earth in Action — An introduction to the materials making up the Earth, and to the internal and surface processes that shape and change our planet.

GEOL 103 (1) Geology Laboratory — Field and laboratory investigation of minerals, rocks and fossils; use of maps; environmental studies, erosion, transportation, sedimentation.

GEOL 115 (3) Environmental Geology — Major reservoirs of Earth and the hydrologic cycle; minerals and rocks on the surface and in subsurface environments; minerals and rock-water interactions; compositional variations of waters; surface and ground water pollutions; atmospheric pollutions; waste disposal problems.

GEOL 125 (3) Natural Disasters — Discussion of geological phenomena such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, landslides, and floods with particular emphasis on causes, effects and significance.

PHYS 101/103 (3/1) The Physical World and The Physical World Lab — Presents an overview of the physical sciences for students who have little or no previous physical science. (Lab is optional)

PHYS 113 (4) General Physics I — A basic development of the principles of mechanics, heat, fluids, oscillations, waves and sound. Emphasis is on conceptual development and numerical problem-solving.

Quantitative (Math)

MATH 101 (3) Intermediate Algebra — Prep course for MATH 100. Includes arithmetic, solutions to equations, graphs and geometry. (Does not count toward graduation)

MATH 205 (3) General Calculus and Linear Algebra — Intro to calculus and linear algebra concepts that are particularly useful to the study of economics and business administration with special emphasis on working problems.

MATH 220 (4) Analytic Geometry and Calculus I — Analytic geometry, differential and integral calculus of algebraic and trigonometric functions.

STAT 325 (3) Introduction to Statistics — A project-oriented first course in probability and statistics with emphasis on computer analysis of data. Examples selected primarily from social sciences, natural sciences, education and popular culture.

STAT 350 (3) Business and Economic Statistics — A basic first course in probability and statistics with textbook, examples, and problems pointed toward business administration and economics.

Agriculture

AGCOM 110 (2) Intro to Agricultural Communications — Intro to agricultural communications programs activities, careers and trends.

AGEC 120 (3) Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness — A course suggested for all students interested in the agriculture economy. A study of economic principles, with emphasis on their application to the solution of farm, agribusiness, and agricultural industry problems in relationship to other sectors of the U.S. economy and foreign countries.

AGRON 220 (4) Crop Science — Principles underlying practices used in the culture of corn, sorghum, wheat and soybeans. A basic course for majors in agronomy and others interested in crop production.

ASI 102 (3) Principles of Animal Science — Basic principles which apply to animal
agriculture; survey of the industry; types, purposes and products of livestock; principles of breeding, selection, nutrition, lactation, reproduction, management and marketing.

ENTOM 301 (3) Insects and People — Focuses on strategies to manage arthropods that negatively affect the health and productivity of animals, including beef and dairy cattle, swine, poultry, horses, sheep, goats, pets and urban wildlife.

FDSCI 302 (3) Intro to Food Science — Acquaints the student with the breadth and scope of the food industry and the role of science in the preservation, processing and utilization of foods.

PMC 275 (3) Intro to Natural Resource Management — A survey of historic and present-day uses, problems and basic management approaches associated with our renewable and nonrenewable natural resources. The impact of society, economics, law, politics and philosophy on the management and use of our natural resources will also be examined.

HORT 201 (4) Principles of Horticultural Science — The basic principles of plant science and the environment that apply to horticulture; survey of the industry; plant taxonomy, anatomy, morphology, and physiology; environment and plant growth; plant propagation, pest management, plant breeding.

HORT 256 (3) Human Dimensions of Horticulture — Introduction to horticulture applied in schools, psychiatric and medical hospitals, corrections, vocational rehabilitation centers, elderly programs, and consumer horticulture settings. Networking the art and science of horticulture with architecture, business, social sciences, health care, horticulture and education.

RRES 210 (1) Life and Leisure — An overview of recreation and leisure fundamentals and history, and the public and private organizations that facilitate and deliver leisure services.

Architecture

ENVD 203 (1) Survey of Design Professions — Introduces students to the working methods and roles of the architect (interior and landscape) and planner.

ENVD 250 (3) History of the Designed Environment — A chronological survey of the built and designed environment in the context of the sociocultural, artistic, technological, economic and political factors. Ancient times to the 12th century.

ARCH 301 (3) Appreciation of Architecture — An analysis of the evolution of architectural styles to determine the relation of architectural expression to the needs of society.

Education

FSHS 110 (3) Introduction to Human Development — A study of life span human development through an individual's awareness and understanding of his or her own physical, social and psychological growth and relationships with family, peers and others.

Engineering

CNS 110 (3) History of Building and Construction — An introduction to the art and science of building. Historical review from ancient to contemporary, including related construction methods, equipment and systems.

CIS 111 (3) Fundamentals of Computer Programming — Intro to object-oriented programming.

CIS 115 (3) A survey of the discipline of computing science and its interaction with other disciplines, incorporating historical development, theories and tools of computing science (algorithm design and programming). Topics include: mechanical computers, digital computers, bioinformatics, microcontrollers, robotics, security, scientific computing, simulation and Web technologies.

DEN 160 (1) Engineering Concepts — An introduction to engineering and engineering design. Students work in teams, practice communication skills, and apply problem-solving methods to the design, build, test process.

ECE 210 (3) Intro to Electrical Engineering — Basic circuit theory including voltage, current, Kirchhoff’s laws and Ohm’s law. Introduction to circuit elements, application circuits, complex impedance and power, and additional theory fundamental and the electrical engineering curriculum. Includes laboratory work (e.g., with MultiMate’s and oscilloscopes) and circuit construction techniques.

ME 101 (2) Intro to Mechanical Engineering — Intro to the mechanical engineering curriculum and profession.

Human Ecology

AT 245 (3) Apparel and Textile Industry — Survey of the organization and operation of the U.S. apparel and textile industry; examination of the principles and processes required to meet the needs of the apparel-textile consumer.

FSHS 110 (3) Introduction to Human Development — A study of life span human development through an individual's awareness and understanding of his or her own physical, social and psychological growth and relationships with family, peers and others.

HMD 120 (3) Intro to the Hospitality Industry — Survey of the history, scope, trends and career opportunities that comprise the four segments of the industry: food service, lodging, travel and tourism, and meeting and convention planning.

HMD 130 (1) Careers in Nutrition and Dietetics — An intro to career opportunities in the field of nutrition and dietetics, with emphasis on academic preparation acquisition of professional credentials and career laddering.

HN 132 (3) Basic Nutrition — Concepts of human nutrition applied to personal food choices and health.

KIN 220 (4) Biobehavioral Bases of Exercise — A critical examination of the role and impact of physical activity in contemporary society. Current perspectives from the biological and behavioral domains of kinesiology will be used to explore the significance of physical activity with particular emphasis placed on implications for health-related fitness.
Classes for first-semester students only

Benefits
- Smaller class size
- Great opportunity to meet friends and interact with a professor
- High-quality instruction
- Emphasizes critical thinking, communication, community building and the application of learning
- Positive feedback from former students

Connecting Across Topics (CAT) Communities
A group of 22 students enrolls in two general education courses and one connections course for a total of seven credit hours. The two main courses count toward graduation in most programs. The connections course connects the material between the courses, and a professor helps students apply what they have been learning. See insert for class listings.

First-Year Seminar (FYS)
These small, hands-on classes are specifically designed versions of regular general education courses that enroll only first-year students. Dedicated faculty members teach these seminars in a way that will keep you excited and engaged. First-Year Seminar classes are perfect if you like to learn in an active environment and want to connect with faculty and peers as you transition into college life and the K-State community.

University Honors Program
The general criteria for admission:
- A high school GPA of 3.75
- An ACT score of 28 or above
- A written application
Qualifying students who have not yet applied are invited to obtain an application and provisionally enroll in Honors courses in 215 Fairchild Hall after they have met with their departmental advisor.

Pilots (includes University Experience)
The general criteria for admission to the Pilots Program:
- Either an ACT score of 21 or below
- You are the first person in your family to attend college (first generation)
Among the advantages:
- Smaller class size
- Private tutoring
- Scholarships
For more information, check the main Orientation & Enrollment schedule for the time and location of the Pilots informational session.

University Experience
A graded, elective course that combines an orientation to the university with academic skills instruction and direct application of study techniques to targeted courses.
**Helpful resources**

**Fundamental tools:**
The three major online tools you will use daily are Webmail, K-State Online and KSIS. You will use your eID and password to access these sites.

**Webmail** — webmail.k-state.edu
Webmail is your K-State email. Your professors and advisors will contact you through your K-State email account with important information, ranging from enrollment details to class information. Financial assistance will email you through webmail with updates on your financial aid status. The cashier’s office will use webmail to inform you about your tuition bill and payment information. The bottom line? Check your email every day.

**K-State Online** — online.k-state.edu
K-State Online is used by your professors and instructors to give you access to class syllabi, additional readings, assignments and often your class grades. You may take quizzes or tests for a class on K-State Online from home and may use the program to keep track of message boards for your classes. Be sure to check K-State Online for every class.

**KSIS** — ksis.k-state.edu (for help and tutorials: k-state.edu/ksis/help)
KSIS is K-State’s student information system and is the one-stop online resource for students to enroll in courses, change schedules, check financial aid status, view semester grades and more. Here’s a list of some of the things you can do through KSIS:
- Find your advisor
- View enrollment dates
- View any holds on your account
- Enroll
- Search for classes
- Add a class
- Drop a class
- View/print your schedule
- View degree progress (DARS)
- Purchase athletics tickets
- Purchase K-State yearbook (Royal Purple)
- Purchase parking permit
- Update your personal information
- Apply for graduation

**Online resources:**

**Academic Toolbox** — artsci.k-state.edu/studentresources/academics/toolbox/toolbox.html
Find forms, tools, and helpful resources for academic success, including KSIS help, writing resources, how to calculate your GPA, and more.

**Exploring majors:**

**EDCEP 120** — Academic and Career Decisions
This one-credit course introduces you to various majors and career options.

**EDCEP 202** — Career and Life Planning
This two-credit course addresses individual concerns about career and life decisions.

**Majors, Minors and More Fair** — This is the one time of year when all departments and colleges are represented in the same place — the K-State Student Union Ballroom. For specific dates and more information, visit k-state.edu/acic/majorsfair.

**Academic and Career Information Center** — 14 Holton Hall, k-state.edu/acic
ACIC houses extensive information about majors and careers. You may also take the Focus 2 assessment to help you learn your own strengths and interests. Check out the “What can I do with a major in...?” site by visiting k-state.edu/acic/majorin.

**Talk to your advisor and your instructors!**
Your advisor and your professors are wonderful resources. Most faculty members are thrilled to hear that someone likes a class or might be interested in their major.

**Additional resources:**

**Academic Assistance Center** — 101 Holton Hall, k-state.edu/aac
Your one-stop-shop for all questions about free tutoring and other academic help.

**Counseling Services** — English/Counseling Services Bldg., k-state.edu/counseling
Offering assessment testing for potential life direction, as well as help for academic and personal concerns. First four counseling sessions are free!

**Educational Supportive Services** — 201 Holton Hall, k-state.edu/ess
Help and support for first-generation students.

**K-State WellCAT Ambassadors** — k-state.edu/lafene/wellcat_ambassadors/
A course that is intended as an academic exploration of social health and wellness concerns pertinent to the college student population.

**Student Access Center** — 202 Holton Hall, k-state.edu/accesscenter
For students with disabilities; individualized assistance with enrollment, transportation, handicapped parking or any academic concerns.

**Pre-Health Advising** — 113 Eisenhower Hall, artsci.k-state.edu/student-resources/pre-health
K-State’s pre-health professions advising office is dedicated to helping you achieve your career goals. We have a team of experienced, full-time advisors, allowing for greater expertise and one-on-one guidance.
Frequently Asked Questions…

Advisors

☐ Why do I have an advisor? Your advisor is here to support you during every step of your academic journey. Advisors offer information on courses and curricula, academic majors, and matters of policy and procedure at K-State.

☐ When should I see my advisor? Your advisor wants to develop a relationship with you. You need to see your advisor at least once a semester to discuss course selections for the following semester. You should also see your advisor if you begin having any difficulties in your classes. Plus, your advisor can direct you to campus resources to help with health or personal issues.

☐ Can I enroll without seeing my advisor? You cannot enroll until your advisor has lifted your advising flag in KSIS.

Course load

☐ What is a credit hour? The amount of credit hours you will receive for a course is related to the amount of time you spend in class. Most classes are three credit hours, which generally means the course meets three times a week for 50 minutes, two times a week for 75 minutes, or once a week for 150 minutes. While many lab sections are only one credit hour, they meet for a longer period of time; lab credit is figured differently than regular class credit.

☐ How many credit hours are considered full-time? You typically need 12 credit hours to be considered a full-time student. If you have specific concerns related to insurance, financial aid or housing, you should consult with the appropriate office for details. Policies and individual situations can vary. Beyond your official status as a full-time student, students normally take anywhere between 12 and 15 credit hours each semester. If you are thinking about taking more or fewer than that, consider talking to your advisor to help you weigh the pros and cons.

Classes

☐ Should I take Expository Writing my first semester? You can take ENGL 100 either your first or second semester. Taking ENGL 100 early may help succeed in other courses down the road. Developing good writing skills is an important aspect of academic success and one key element in getting a well-rounded education. You need ENGL 100 and 30 credit hours in order to take ENGL 200.

☐ Will my math placement exam score determine my first math course? No, your academic advisor will also take into consideration your high school transcript, ACT/SAT score, previous math coursework, and your academic interest. The course you enroll in will be decided by you and your advisor.

☐ Do I need to complete all the basic requirements before I can take classes for my major? No, but because many major courses do have prerequisites, you will need to complete certain basics before you can get too far into your major. However, there is no need to complete all your basics before starting anything else. You should start exploring your major and completing major requirements (if possible) as soon as you have the prerequisites.

☐ Which classes are easy? There is no specific answer to this question. All courses offered by a university will have their elements of difficulty (some more so than others). Whether a class is easy or difficult is determined by the student’s perception of the class. Students may view a class as easy if they have a high interest in the subject or if they have high school experience in the topic. All university courses require student participation, attendance and study time for success.

☐ How do I find my classes? Your course schedule will list the building and room number for each class. To access a campus map online, go to k-state.edu/maps. It’s a great idea to walk through your schedule the day before classes begin.

Degree track (Major)

☐ What is the procedure for declaring a major or changing majors? Go to the dean’s office in 113 Eisenhower and complete a change of curriculum form. It is important to understand that K-State policy requires a minimum 2.0 GPA to move between colleges, and some programs or majors have additional restrictions and/or criteria.

☐ What is the procedure for declaring a minor? You declare your minor(s) with the department/academic unit that offers that minor. Even if you complete the right courses, nothing appears on the transcript unless you file.

Transfer work

☐ Which courses will transfer to K-State? You may view K-State Transfer Equivalency Information provided by the Admissions Office at k-state.edu/undergradadmit/transferequivalency.html. Remember that this list is not comprehensive. Contact the Admissions Office in 119 Anderson Hall if a specific course or institution is not listed.

You should always check the equivalency with your college. Individual majors also decide which transfer courses can count toward major requirements. K-State may accept the transfer hours while a college and/or department may not. Please consult the dean’s office.

☐ Will my GPA transfer from another college? No. Only the credits will transfer. Your GPA is only based on grades earned at K-State. Some programs may use the grades from other schools in their particular admission criteria, but otherwise your GPA is a blank slate when you enter K-State.
Privacy laws

- Can my parents access my educational records? Not unless you give your written permission. All advising sessions and other university appointments are confidential in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). You may choose to grant family members access to your grades and course schedules by signing a consent to disclose release form. The consent may be all-inclusive or as restricted as you choose. Your advisor or the dean’s office will have the release form. You will need to consult their department office regarding the correct paperwork.

Academic difficulties

- What should I do if I have academic difficulty? The first and most important thing to do is to meet with your instructor right away. The instructor is the best person to assist you in finding where the difficulty lies. Your instructor may suggest tutoring. Your advisor can then make referrals to other sources of assistance on campus.

- What does it mean to withdraw with a W? Having a W does not affect your GPA, but only indicates that you withdrew from the course prior to the last date to withdraw. Any decision to withdraw should be discussed with your advisor.

- How many retakes are allowed, and do they erase the existing grades? Students may retake courses in order to improve the grades. For the first five courses that are retaken, the original grade is noted as retaken and removed from the grade point average. Although there is no limit to the number of times a course may be retaken, a student may retake a course with subsequent removal of the prior grade from calculation of the grade point average only once for each course, and for a total of five courses during the student’s academic career at K-State. Three things to keep in mind:

  1. The retake grade will always be used in the grade point average computation regardless of whether it is higher or lower than the original grade. Before attempting a retake, you should think carefully about the likelihood of doing better in the course the second time. You should also consider the number of credit hours involved. Retaking a four-credit-hour course will affect the GPA far more dramatically than retaking a one-credit-hour course. You should also consider whether this is a required course for your degree program.

  2. A retake does not make the original grade disappear from your transcript. The original grade is still shown in parentheses, indicating it has been superseded by the retake grade. The retake can improve the GPA but will not hide the fact that you got a D the first time around.

  3. You must do your retakes here at K-State if you want to replace an original grade in your GPA calculations. Transfer courses will NOT accomplish this purpose.

- What GPA do I need to avoid academic probation or dismissal? As a first semester freshman, you need to remember the following:

  1. If you earn less than a 2.0 GPA this semester, you will be placed on academic warning.

  2. If you earn less than a 1.0 GPA this semester, you will be dismissed.

Contact information

- How do I change my local or permanent address? You can change your address through KSIS. It is important that you keep K-State informed about your address and phone number so that your faculty, advisor and department can contact you.
Things to do while waiting to see your advisor

1. Explore the K-State Student Union.
   - Check out the booths at the expo on the first floor of the Union.
   - Get your student ID card.
   - Open a bank account to link to your Wildcat ID.
   - Have a cup of coffee at the Union coffee shop.
   - Check out activities in the Union recreation area on the lower level.
   - Take a nap in the Cat’s Pause Lounge next to the Big 12 Room.

2. Take a walking tour of campus.

3. Visit the newly renovated Peters Recreation Complex (Check out the climbing wall!).

4. Tour Hale Library.

5. Browse the Beach Museum of Art.

6. Check out the residence halls and/or Greek and scholarship houses.

7. Try the signature Purple Pride ice cream Call Hall or the coffee shop in the Leadership Studies Building.

8. Visit Manhattan’s celebrated Aggieville.

9. Make a new friend while enjoying the beautiful campus environment!

10. Walk through the University Gardens on Denison Avenue.
Today’s checklist

Activate eID (if you haven’t already).

Review this booklet and consider potential courses. Complete the information sheet while keeping these points in mind.

- Consider whether you want to enroll in a CAT Community, First-Year Seminar, Honors, PILOTS or University Experience. If so, tell your advisor at the beginning of your appointment.

- Balance your schedule with classes from a variety of categories.

- Students tell us that professors’ expectations are higher than what they experienced in high school or community college. Plan for a minimum of two to three hours of study time for every hour you are in class.

- What extracurricular activities do you plan to be involved in, and what time commitments will they require?

- Will you have a part-time job?

Take the required math placement exam (if you haven’t already).

If you are interested in enrolling in a foreign language, take the placement exam in 001 Eisenhower before your appointment. It takes 15-20 minutes.

Meet with your advisor and enroll.

Get your student ID card.

Before fall semester begins:

Review the material you received today.

Access your K-State email.

Complete AlcoholEdu survey.

Read the K-State Book Network selection.

Make sure your local address is correct in iSIS.

Find your classrooms before the first day of class.
Notes
## Building abbreviations

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