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Merit Weekend







Friday Activities

11 - 2:00 p.m.	Check-In - Singletary Center for the Arts Foreign Language Exam - Receive ticket at check-in. Dismissal to exams will be announced inside the Singletary Center Concert Hall. Students will be escorted to a computer lab and brought back to the Singletary Center after completing the exam. Please refer to your ticket for details and times. (Required for students in the College of Arts and Sciences)			
11:15 a.m., Noon, 12:45 p.m.				
2 p.m.	Welcome to Merit Weekend - Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall			
2:45 p.m.	Students: UKonnect Meeting #1 - White Hall Classroom Building (See chart below for location) Family/Guests: SAL 101 - Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall			
UKonnect Group Locations	UKonnect 1	208	UKonnect 9	237
White Hall Classroom Building	UKonnect 2	211	UKonnect 10	239
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4 p.m.

College Meeting for Students and Family/Guests - See chart below for location

Friday College Meeting Locations

Agriculture, Food and Environment	118 White Hall Classroom Building
Arts and Sciences (March 17 and March 31)	Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall
Arts and Sciences (March 24)	Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall
Gatton College of Business and Economics	Kincaid Auditorium - Business and Economics Building
Communication and Information (March 17-18 and March 24-25 only)	102 White Hall Classroom Building
Design	209 Pence Hall
Education	234 White Hall Classroom Building
Engineering	106 White Hall Classroom Building
Fine Arts (March 24-25 and March 31-April 1 only)	204 White Hall Classroom Building
Health Sciences (March 17-18 and March 24-25 only)	214 White Hall Classroom Building
Nursing (March 17-18 and March 31-April 1 only)	122 White Hall Classroom Building
Public Health (March 17-18 and March 24-25 only)	208 White Hall Classroom Building
Social Work (March 17-18 and March 24-25 only)	212 White Hall Classroom Building

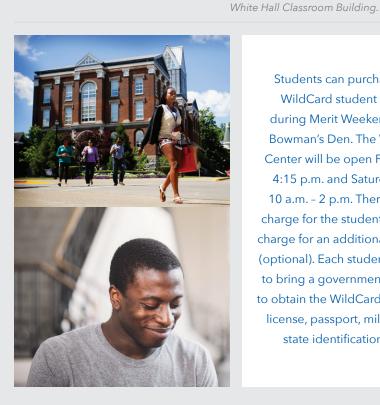
5:15 p.m.

Four Pillars of Academic Success Presentations – The University of Kentucky, in an effort to enhance student success of each student, has focused its vision on four areas to ensure every student is successful at UK. During this session, representatives from around campus will share information surrounding these areas: academic success; financial stability; belonging and engagement; and health and wellness (see page 8 for more details).

5:15 p.m.

Four Pillars of Academic Success Presentation Locations

College of Arts and Sciences (March 17 and I	March 31)	Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall
College of Arts and Sciences (March 25)		Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall
Colleges of Agriculture, Food and Environr	ment;	Kincaid Auditorium - Business and Economics Building
Business and Economics; and Education		
Colleges of Communication and Information	on; Design; Fine Arts;	118 White Hall Classroom Building
Health Sciences; Nursing; Public Health; ar	nd Social Work	
College of Engineering		106 White Hall Classroom Building
7:15 p.m.	Foreign Language Exam and information	- Check-in outside 106 White Hall Classroom Building for a ticket
7:30 - 8:40 p.m.	Interest Sessions - First	and second floors, White Hall Classroom Building
	0	ons, representatives from the Living on Campus presentation, academic colleges will be available on the second floor of



Students can purchase their WildCard student ID card during Merit Weekend in 105 Bowman's Den. The WildCard Center will be open Friday until 4:15 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. There is a \$15 charge for the student ID and \$5 charge for an additional ID holder (optional). Each student will need to bring a government issued ID to obtain the WildCard ID (driver's license, passport, military ID or state identification card).



Interest Sessions - All sessions are in White Hall Classroom Building.

Session I (7:30 - 8:30 p.m.) 102	Session II (8:10 - 8:40 p.m.) 102	Representatives from the following colleges will be available from 7 - 8:40 p.m. to answer questions and showcase
Pre-Pharmacy	Pre-Professional Prep	opportunities within their college:
106, 110	106, 110	College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
Living on Campus	Living on Campus	203 White Hall Classroom Building
114	114	College of Arts and Sciences
Financial Aid	Financial Aid	201 White Hall Classroom Building
		College of Engineering
118	118	205 White Hall Classroom Building
Lewis Honors College Advising	Fraternity and Sorority Life	
122	122	Living Learning Programs
Education Abroad	Education Abroad	Students admitted to one of the following Living Learning programs
204	204	will have the opportunity to meet other participating students, meet
Internships	Wildcat Marching Band	the LLP staff and have your questions answered at the following times and locations:
208		
Math Excel		Creative Arts LLP Friday at 8:40 p.m.
212		212 White Hall Classroom Building (March 24-25 and March 31-April 1 only)
Scholars in Engineering and Management (SEAM) Honors Pathway		Engineering Residential College Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
214		106 White Hall Classroom Building
Gatton Honors Pathway (Global Scholars and Social Enterprise Programs)		Interprofessional Healthcare Residential College (IHRC) Friday at 8:40 p.m.
234		214 White Hall Classroom Building

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Scholars in Nursing Program

Interest Session Summaries

Education Abroad - Education Abroad at the University of Kentucky offers programs for every major during the summer, fall, winter, spring and academic year. Studying abroad is just one piece of the pie; there are also opportunities to intern, teach, do service or conduct research abroad. Come learn how you can complete degree requirements overseas! #seeblueabroad

Financial Aid - Discussion of the processes and procedures for securing financial assistance, including information about the types of aid available, filing deadlines, award notification timelines and requirements for continued eligibility for aid after the freshman year. Information for Kentucky high school graduates regarding KEES awards will be provided. Representatives will be available for individual questions in 215 White Hall Classroom Building from 7:15 - 8:40 p.m.

Fraternity and Sorority Life - An overview of the different aspects of fraternity and sorority membership as it exists on campus and an opportunity for incoming students and their families to ask questions of people who know the fraternity and sorority community firsthand.

Gatton Honors Pathways (Global Scholars and Social Enterprise programs) -

This session is designed for students who have been accepted into the Global Scholars program or the Social Enterprise program and for students and parents who are interested in learning more about the programs. You will have the opportunity to meet other students in your cohort, as well as learn about this opportunity from current students. Activities for parents and students are planned for this informative session.

Lewis Honors College Advising - Advising for students admitted to the Lewis Honors College and information about special opportunities within the program.

Internships - One of the most important career development experiences that students can participate in is an internship. You're invited to meet with representatives from the Office of Experiential Education in the James W. Stuckert Career Center and learn about internships that allow students to earn academic credit while participating in work experiences in professional settings. Internship experience is one of the most important activities that employers look for when recruiting new graduates for employment opportunities.

Living on Campus - It's no secret that students are our top priority at the University of Kentucky. That's why we have invested nearly \$525 million in revitalizing our housing and dining facilities. Attend this session and hear first-hand about our campus transformation. You'll learn about our Living Learning Program, discover the various residence halls and room types available and hear about all the state-of-the-art dining venues and meal plan options. We also will introduce you to our Flex Dollars and Plus Account programs that are available to all students. Representatives from our Campus Housing, Dining, Residence Life and Plus Account offices will be on-hand to share information and answer your questions. MathExcel - Learn about the MathExcel program, a special version of Calculus I (MA 113), and apply for admission after the presentation. MathExcel students get extra personal attention in intensive, collaborative workshops that are devoted to problem solving. MathExcel is open to all students who are eligible to enroll in Calculus I.

Pre-Pharmacy - All students planning to pursue pharmacy are strongly encouraged to attend this session. The pre-pharmacy advisor will present an overview of the nationally-ranked College of Pharmacy and its doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) program, admissions requirements, class scheduling and major selection for pre-pharmacy students. Tips to begin strengthening your application will be provided.

Pre-Professional Prep (Careers in Healthcare and Law) - UK offers individual advising, preparatory support and a variety of resources for students who are considering academic majors that will prepare them for admittance to professional degree programs in medicine, dentistry, optometry, law and other fields. This is an opportunity for students and parents to meet with campus representatives and to learn more about the resources and support available to students who pursue academic and career paths in these fields at UK.

Scholars in Engineering and Management (SEAM) Honors Pathway -

This selective honors program is designed for engineering/computer science and business students who are interested in pursuing a unique honors pathway curriculum built around leadership, technology, business, marketing and management skills. You will have the opportunity to meet other students in your cohort, hear from current SEAM students, learn more about the curriculum and activities, and ask questions. Students and family of students already accepted into the program for fall 2017, as well as those just now learning of the program are welcome.

Scholars in Nursing Program (March 17 and 31) - This session is designed for students and their parents who have been accepted into the Scholars in Nursing Program or Lewis Honors College students that are interested in learning more about the nursing program. You will have the opportunity to meet other students in your cohort, hear from current nursing students and learn more about the curriculum and experiential learning activities. A nursing faculty member will also be there for you to ask questions.

Wildcat Marching Band - Entertaining thousands of fans with our spirited, high-energy performances, the Wildcat Marching Band enjoys a national reputation as one of the finest collegiate marching bands in the country. Marching Band (MUC 190) is a one-credit hour class that rehearses Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. No extra sectionals or rehearsals are scheduled and students who participate in WMB enjoy some of the highest GPA's on campus. Scholarships are available for all students, regardless of major.

Student Program

Continental Breakfast will be served

Saturday Activities

8:15 a.m.	UKonnect Meeting #2/UK Indigo Inventory	Memorial Hall
9:30 a.m.	Advising & Registration	Various Locations
12:15 - 2 p.m.	Lunch	The 90
12:15 - 2 p.m.	Resource Fair	The 90 - Second Floor (March 18 and April 1) The Hub at William T. Young Library (March 25)



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Family and Guest Program

The Family and Guest Program will take place at Commonwealth Stadium. Shuttles will be available in front of the Main Building on Administration Drive until 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Activities

8:15 - 8:45 a.m.	Kentucky Biscuit Breakfast Bar	Woodford Reserve Room (March 18 and April 1)
		Field Club Room (March 25) - Commonwealth Stadium
8:45 - 11:45 a.m.	Family and Guest Program	Commonwealth Stadium
12:15 - 2 p.m.	Lunch	The 90
12:15 - 2 p.m.	Resource Fair	The 90 - Second Floor (March 18 and April 1) The Hub at William T. Young Library (March 25)

The Parent and Guest Program will include presentations on the following programs and topics:

At Home in Lexington:	At Home on Campus:	UK At Your Service:
Alumni Association	Campus Safety	Purchasing Textbooks - UK Bookstore
Keeneland and VisitLex	Transportation Services	Student Account Services
		University Health Services



Belonging and Engagement

Your education at UK is more than just exams and grades; it is belonging to a community that supports your growth, challenges your viewpoints and builds lasting relationships. Your educational opportunities at UK will allow you to address social problems through service learning, education abroad and undergraduate research. With more than 600 student organizations, you can connect with other students and expand your interests across music and the arts; spirituality and religion; culture; service and philanthropy; sports and recreation; and much more. If you can't find the organization you are looking for, grab a few friends and start your own! Live on campus or join a living learning program to really make campus feel like your new Kentucky home. They say "home is where the heart is," and at the University of Kentucky, we want to make sure you feel at home.

Academic Success

Academic success is at the center of everything we do at the University of Kentucky. Taking a student-centered approach, Student and Academic Support is just one of several units within the Division of Student and Academic Life focused on your academic and personal success. We provide support and resources to not only enhance academic achievement, but also help address your need for support in other areas of your life. Success is not simply measured by graduation, but is defined by how well you have grown in your intellectual, emotional, social and ethical development during your time at UK. We strive to have our students become career and world-ready and foster the ethos of being life-long learners and critical thinkers.

Student Health and Wellness

Your well-being is at the core of your growth and development not only as a college student, but as an adult in the global marketplace. With an emphasis on the dimensions of wellness emotional, financial, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual - the University of Kentucky wants to prepare you with the tools and knowledge necessary for self-actualization. We provide services for your personal well-being and offer multiple opportunities for leadership and professional development through ambassador programs, student employment and internships. Whether you wish to try something new, change up your lifestyle for some healthier or safer habits or simply find ways to continue your healthy habits as a college student, we have everything you need to ensure your success!

Financial Stability

Being away from home for the first time can be challenging especially learning to manage your own finances. Sometimes money management isn't taught in high school but we know the need for financial literacy concepts to be delivered and ingrained in our students is an essential life skill to ensure your future success. The University of Kentucky's Student Financial Wellness Center is geared toward engaging our students in financial literacy programs and provides a place for peer mentorship through the MoneyCATS team. The center is also a resource dedicated to the entire UK community supporting the evolving financial needs of students across campus.



University of Kentucky Academic Expectations

1. Attend and prepare for ALL classes

Be open to incorporating new study behaviors that will help you reach your goals.

Be aware of old habits that are inhibiting your success as a student.

It's up to YOU to read and understand the assigned material; lectures and assignments proceed from the assumption that you have prepared for class.

2. Reflect on and apply what you learn

College is a learning environment in which you take responsibility for thinking through and applying what you have learned.

Mastery is often seen as the **ability to apply what you have learned to new situations** or to solve new kinds of problems.

Important differences between high school and the University of Kentucky: seeblue.com/expectations

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3. Create and respect relationships

It is your responsibility to build relationships with people (professors, students, advisors) who will support you in reaching your goals.

At the beginning of each semester, introduce yourself to all of your professors to begin building relationships.

Each semester, meet with your academic advisor at least once in addition to your priority registration appointment.

4. Expand your education beyond the classroom

Take advantage of **opportunities outside the classroom** that will enrich your education and college experience.

Investigate these possibilities with your academic advisor, professors, and student involvement.

5. Believe in your ability to succeed

Believe in yourself and be persistent.

Maintaining positive behaviors and attitudes will help you reach your goals.



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