What is “YOU at KU”? 

“YOU at KU” is a week-long orientation program designed to ease your transition to the U.S. and KU. Orientation participants complete all required check-ins, enjoy fun social events, and become better acquainted with the University of Kansas. Participating in orientation is a great way to reduce enrollment stress, meet new friends from all over the world, and start to feel at home in your new environment!

All graduate international students in F or J status and all undergraduate students (regardless of status) are required to participate in “YOU at KU.” A $185 orientation fee that is automatically billed to your KU account covers the cost to attend.

Orientation helps you...

- **Hear about KU resources through informational sessions**
- **Have all of your questions answered in a small group setting by excited and knowledgeable Orientation Leaders**
- **Complete all necessary check-ins with less stress on time to enroll before the start of classes**
- **Learn how to adjust to life as a new Jayhawk**
- **Meet friends for the rest of your life!**
Housing
There are no official housing options during the Summer “YOU at KU” orientation. For information about permanent housing options for the Summer Academic Term, please see the Pre-Arrival information listed at http://iss.ku.edu/arrival-timeline or the International Student Services Housing webpage at http://iss.ku.edu/housing.

Transportation
There are no official transportation options provided by the university for Summer “YOU at KU” orientation. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation from the airport to Lawrence. Please visit http://iss.ku.edu/plan-your-trip#transportation to view available shuttle services.

Meals
The Orientation fee includes five evening meals and one lunch for all participants that pre-register by May 15th. If you pre-register after this date you will not be guaranteed access to these included meals. All other meals are not provided by orientation and will be your responsibility. However, you will have access to local grocery stores and restaurants.

Pre-Registration and Payment
Pre-registration for “YOU at KU” is required. A $185 orientation fee that is automatically charged to the KU account for new international graduate students in F or J status and new international undergraduate students covers the cost to attend.

Pre-register now for “YOU at KU” by submitting your pre-registration E-Form through iHawk (instructions under step ten of the Arrival Timeline found at http://iss.ku.edu/arrival-timeline) by Sunday, May 15 to be guaranteed a meal card to the six provided orientation meals.

Benefits of Participating:
• Priority completion of all check-in procedures
• Meet with an advisor & enroll with less stress
• Receive a welcome packet with helpful resources
• Get to know helpful KU staff and resources
• Meet other new students from all over the world
• Get answers to all of your questions about KU, the US, and life as a college student.
• Gain advice for adapting to your new environment
• Make connections for the rest of your time at KU
• Learn how to get involved on campus
• Meet current American and international students
• Have an exciting & informative first week at KU!
The Orientation Program Includes:

- Small groups with trained leaders to help you through procedures
- A guided campus tour
- Explanations and help with all required check-ins
- Opportunities to set up a bank account
- Discussions on US culture, customs, & social expectations
- Presentations about campus and community resources
- Tips for student success at KU
- An evening out in downtown Lawrence
- Explanation of legal issues & maintaining immigration status
- Five meals, including a special closing event
- Transportation to many of the Orientation events
- Shopping shuttles to help you buy the things you need
- Topics on health and safety concerns
- New friends and fun social events
- Introductions to campus clubs and organizations
- A personal welcoming as a new KU Jayhawk!

Here’s what former participants had to say:

- “Excellent way to meet lots of new friends from all over the world.”
- “Very nice and amazingly helpful people.”
- “It’s the platform to meet the right person in getting useful information.”
- “Helpful opportunity for getting to know the processes and important authorities at KU.”
- “A lot of fun!”

Arrival and Registration

Registration for “YOU at KU” is 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 1 in Budig Hall (1455 Jayhawk Boulevard). Arrival times will be staggered to avoid waiting in long lines. You will be emailed further instructions about arrival times after you pre-register for orientation. You should plan to arrive in Lawrence in time to attend registration. If you must arrive late, report immediately to the International Student Services Office, Room 2 Strong Hall, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Please attempt to upload your immigration documents prior to your arrival. Instructions for uploading documents can be found under step ten in the Arrival Timeline at http://iss.ku.edu/arrival-timeline. At registration, you will also receive your name tag, schedule and welcome packet.

On the day of registration you may park for free without a permit in any of the “Yellow” (not Gold) parking lots and any of the parking lots around campus housing that are colored dark green on the parking map (found at http://parking.ku.edu). Parking is also available parking garage located next to the Kansas Union for $1.75 for the first hour and $1.50 for each additional hour. You will pay when you exit the garage. Do not park in any of the other colored lots on campus as you will be ticketed and will have to pay a fine.

Questions?

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