

New International Graduate Students Requirements and Guidance for Your First Semester

View a web-based version of this checklist at <https://www.k-state.edu/grad/admissions/incoming-students/getting-started/>. Questions about the items in this checklist or about your first semester in a graduate program at K-State may be directed to Dr. Megan Miller, Graduate School student success coordinator, at mmiller@ksu.edu or 785-532-6191.

When to Enter the U.S.

Arrive no earlier than 30 days prior to the program start date listed on your I-20 or DS-2019.

Arrive no later than January 5, 2024, if you will begin your graduate program in the **Spring 2024** semester.

Arrive no later than May 15, 2024, if you will begin your graduate program in the **Summer 2024** semester.

Arrive no later than August 9, 2024, if you will begin your graduate program in the **Fall 2024** semester.

Airport Information

We recommend that you make air travel arrangements with the Manhattan Regional Airport (MHK) as your final destination. The MHK airport is approximately 7.5 miles/12 km from the K-State campus. The closest national and international airports are located in Wichita and Kansas City, both of which are approximately 130 miles/210 km from Manhattan. (<https://www.k-state.edu/grad/admissions/incoming-students/docs/INTERNATIONAL-STUDENT-GUIDE.pdf>).

Before Entering the U.S.

Follow this checklist to prepare for your entry into the United States and arrival to Kansas State University.

I-20/DS-2019

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>Check your I-20/DS-2019, sign, and date it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you see any mistakes, please notify the graduate school's international admissions specialist (gradintladm@ksu.edu) as soon as possible to make corrections • Pay your SEVIS I-901 fee. You will need the receipt for your visa Interview • SEVIS fee payments can be made at this link - https://fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html |
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Visa Interview

Apply for visa interview

Schedule a visa appointment for your United States student Visa at your local U.S. Embassy/Consulate closest to your home residence

- If you have an I-20, you should apply for an F-1 Visa
- If you have a DS-2019, you should apply for a J-1 Visa
- VISA wait time can be checked here - <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wait-times.html>

Making housing arrangements

- All students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements. The university does not provide housing or make housing arrangements for you. It is recommended that you make housing arrangements as far in advance as possible. We strongly recommend K-State's Jardine apartments at least for your first year of graduate study. Visit our Moving to Manhattan (<https://www.k-state.edu/grad/admissions/incoming-students/manhattan.html>) page for more information about housing and getting settled in Manhattan.

Health

Complete Tuberculosis (TB) Compliance Form

All newly admitted international students are required to complete TB questionnaire prior to arriving in the U.S. Direct questions about the Tuberculosis (TB) Compliance Form to Lafene Health Center at lafene@ksu.edu or by sending a message to a nurse through the myLafene+ patient portal.

- Login to the myLafene+ patient portal (<https://www.k-state.edu/lafene/>) using your K-State eid and password
- Confirm your date of birth and proceed
- Select "Medical Clearances"
- Select and complete the "Tuberculosis (TB) Questionnaire"

MMR vaccine requirement for Manhattan on-campus students

Kansas State University requires students to provide proof of 2 Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccines or a lab report confirming immunity. You can upload a copy of your immunization record via the myLafene+ patient portal (<https://www.k-state.edu/lafene/>) to be compliant with the requirement. A signed vaccine waiver may be used in place of vaccination. The waiver can be completed on the myLafene+ patient portal under Downloadable Forms.

Get ready for next steps

- - Also refer to the checklist for “All new graduate students” for additional items to do before your first semester of graduate study.
 - If you have been appointed to a graduate assistantship, graduate research assistantship, or graduate teaching assistantship, you will also need to complete steps in the checklist for New GAs, GRAs, and GTAs.
 - Access these checklists (<https://www.k-state.edu/grad/admissions/incoming-students/getting-started/>) and review in advance to see if any tasks can be completed before you arrive and so that you know what needs to be done when you arrive to campus.
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After You Arrive to K-State

Check-in

Check-in with the Graduate School

- Bring your original transcripts and diploma showing previous coursework and degrees earned. The Graduate school will matriculate your record, allowing you to enroll in classes.
- The Graduate School is located in 113-119 Eisenhower hall (view on a campus map: <https://map.concept3d.com/?id=731#!m/93156?s/>). The office is open 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays.

Kansas State University will be closed December 25, 2023 - January 1, 2024.

Check-in with International student and Scholar services (ISSS)

- Have your immigration documents scanned and saved for uploading purposes. Documents include passport (pages with photo and expiration date), I-94, I-20 or DS-2019. You will upload these documents in the ISSS check-in survey.
- Know the U.S. address where you will be currently staying, even if it is temporary address.
- Complete the check-in survey online: <https://www.k-state.edu/iss/orientation/index.html>