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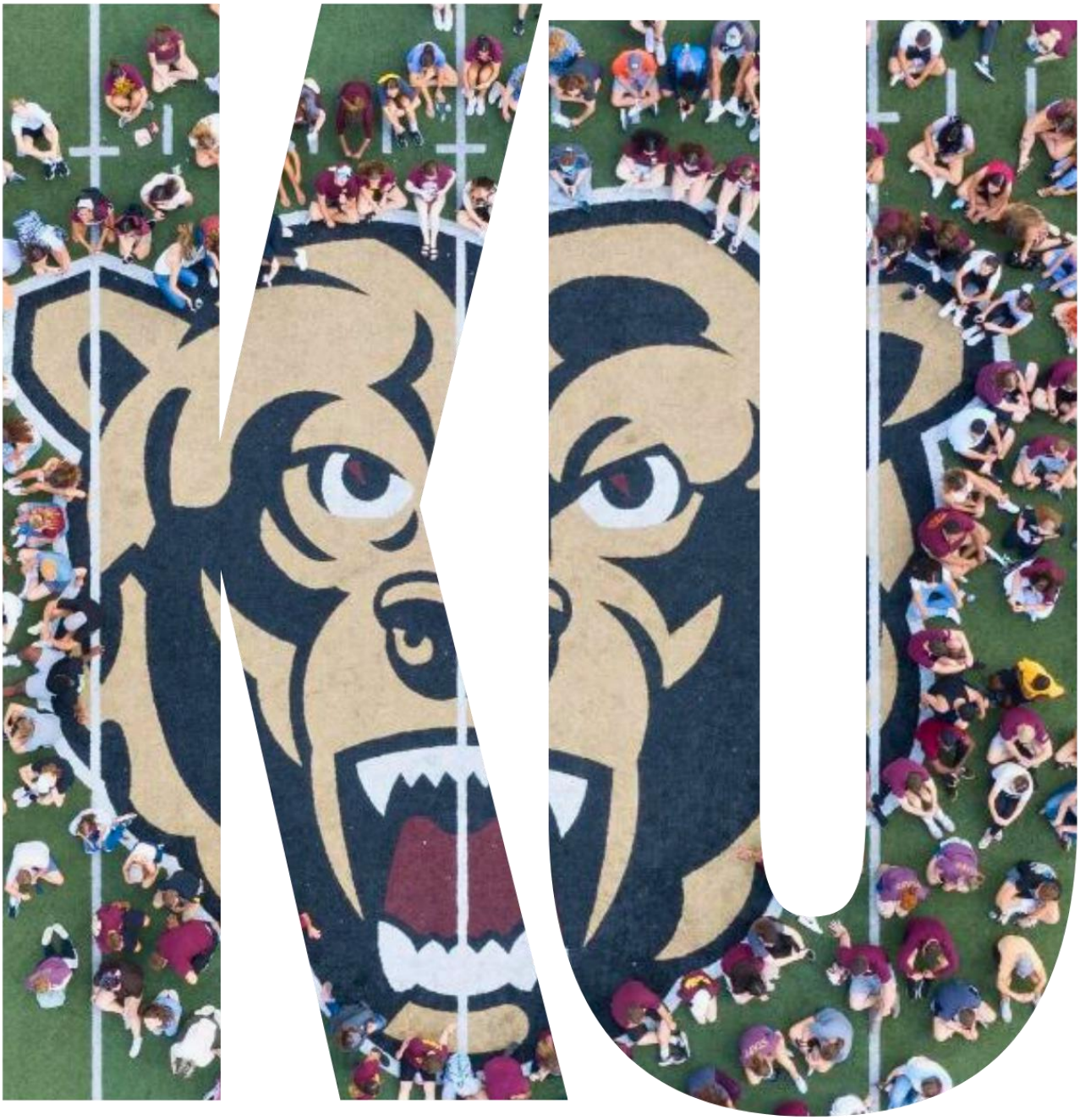
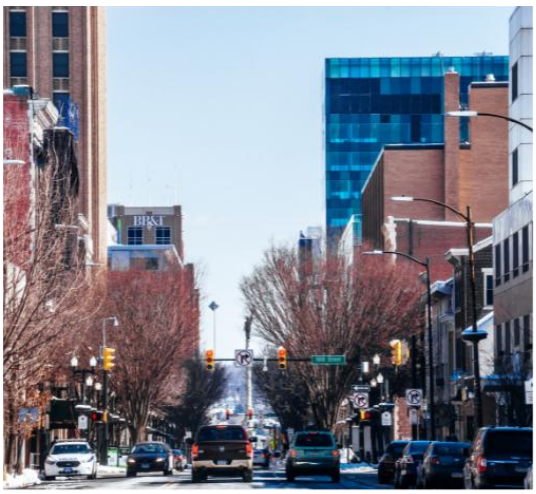
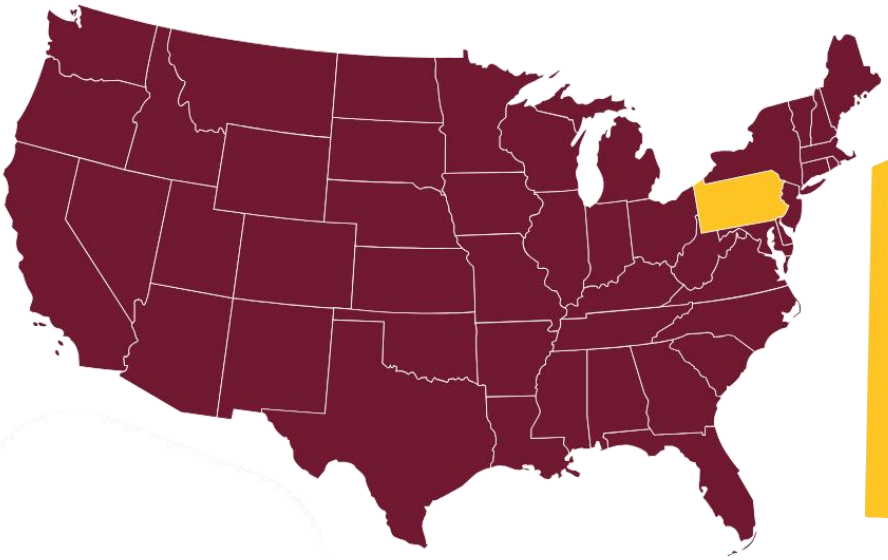


KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY

Exchange / Visiting Program Guide

Updated for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027





Pennsylvania

There are many amazing people across the U.S. but Pennsylvanians are especially known for being warm and friendly. PA is one of the safest states in the U.S. and provides travelers with a taste of regular American life. PA weather is perfect for experiencing all four seasons and there is plenty to experience in the major cities, small towns, and in PA's many parks and lakes.

visitpa.com for more information

Office of International Education and Global Engagement

Program	Phone	Email
Inbound (International students)	+001 610-683-4939	international@kutztown.edu
Outbound (KU students)	+001 610-683-4939	studyabroad@kutztown.edu
Mailing Address	International Office, Old Main Room 24 15200 Kutztown Road, Kutztown, PA, USA 19530	
Office Hours	Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (fall/spring hours) Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (summer/winter hours)	

Important Dates

	Fall Semester 2026	Spring Semester 2027
Arrival Day	August 17, 2026	January 19, 2027
Welcome Activities	August 18-19, 2026	January 20-21, 2027
Orientation	August 20, 2026	January 22, 2027
Academic Period	August 24, 2026 – December 12, 2026	January 25, 2026 – May 15, 2027
Breaks / No Class	September 7, 2026; October 12, 2026 November 25 - November 29, 2026	March 14-21, 2027
Nomination Deadline	June 1, 2026	November 1, 2026
	The home institution will nominate a student by emailing international@kutztown.edu with the following information and materials: 1. **Student information**: First Name, Last Name, School Email, Start Term, Length of Study, Major/Area of Study 2. **Submit translated academic records/transcripts.** A visiting student must have their academic records/transcript sent by their home institution directly to international@kutztown.edu. 3. **Submit evidence of English proficiency.** To prove English proficiency, the home institution may provide an email or letter verifying the student has English language proficiency equivalent to a CEFR B2 level. Alternatively, the home institution may provide the student's English proficiency exam score: IELTS (6.0), TOEFL (70 or 3.5), or Duolingo (105).	
Application Deadline	June 1, 2026	November 1, 2025
	Complete one of the following Online Exchange Applications: **A) International Exchange/Visiting Application** (Undergraduate) *Complete this application if you intend to take undergraduate-level courses.* **B) International Exchange/Visiting Application** (Graduate) *Complete this application if you intend to take graduate-level courses.* **Submit a copy of your passport** on your Applicant Status Portal or email it to international@kutztown.edu.	

ADMITTED EXCHANGE STUDENT – NEXT STEPS

View your Decision Letter: This letter can be viewed on your Applicant Status Portal. Then complete one of the steps below:

- ☐ (Undergraduate) **Pay the $300 USD Registration Deposit** in your Applicant Status Portal to confirm your enrollment and start the immigration steps. This is not an extra fee - the money will go towards your first semester bill.

- ☐ (Graduate) **Confirm your enrollment** in your Applicant Status Portal to start the immigration steps.

Complete the immigration steps to receive a Form DS-2019 (Needed for a J-1 visa):

- ☐ **Complete the Sources of Funds Form** on your Applicant Status Portal.

- ☐ **Provide Evidence of Financial Support**. *Approximately $7,740/semester*

- ☐ **Provide Financial Support Form.** Sign the form indicating you are self-funded. Is a family member helping financially sponsoring you? If yes, they also need to sign the form. Access the form on your Applicant Status Portal, You an upload or email the completed form.

On-Campus Housing will be assigned. This information will take student preference into account; however *specific residence halls are not guaranteed*. Students will be provided a default meal plan (if required) and can edit this plan once they can access their MyKU account.

The Academic Advisor for Exchange Students will create a class schedule. Selected courses will be based on preferences provided on the application. Students can change courses up through the first week of classes.

Detailed instructions for additional steps are provided to all admitted international students on the following website:
https://www.kutztown.edu/intlaccepted

Academic Colleges and Departments

College	Departments
College of Business	Business Administration Sport Management
College of Education	Counselor Education and Student Affairs Elementary Education, Library and Technologies Education Secondary Education Special Education **Note:** *Exchange/Visiting students interested in this college may need additional permission to take courses in this college and are therefore encouraged to apply early.*
College of Liberal Arts and Science	Anthropology and Sociology Biological Sciences Computer Science and Information Technology Criminal Justice English Geography History Mathematics Modern Language Studies Philosophy and Government Physical Sciences Psychology Social Work
College of Visual and Performing Arts	Art & Design Art Education Cinema, Television and Media Production Communication Studies Music

Course Numbering System

Number	Description
000 – 399	Undergraduate Courses. 000-100s are typically introductory level
400 – 499	Graduate Courses Open to Undergraduate Juniors (3rd year) or Seniors (4th year+)
500 – 599	Graduate Courses
700 – 799	Post-Masters/Doctoral Level Courses
880 – 889	Undergraduate courses transferred as electives

Credit and Course Information

Level	Description
Undergraduate	Undergraduate students must take a minimum of 12 credits (about 4 classes) A normal undergraduate course-load is 15 credits (about 5 classes) Undergraduate students can take a maximum of 18 credits (about 6 classes)
Graduate	Graduate students must take a minimum of 9 credits (3 classes) Graduate students can take a maximum of 12 credits (4 classes)

Cours Offerings (available to search by term and subject) and Course Descriptions are provided on our Course Catalog Website below: https://www.kutztown.edu/academics/courses/course-catalog.html

Grade Information

Grade	GPA	Score	Notes and General Description
A	4.00	93 – 100	Excellent performance
A-	3.67	90 – 92	
B+	3.33	87 – 89	Good performance **Note:** 3.00 GPA for a graduate student is minimum to maintain good academic standing.
B	3.00	83 – 86	
B-	2.67	80 – 82	
C+	2.33	77 – 79	Satisfactory Performance
C	2.00	70 – 76	Minimum Passing Grade **Note:** 2.00 GPA for an undergraduate student is minimum to maintain good academic standing.
D	1.00	65 – 69	Poor Performance **Note**: D for graduate students is equivalent to an F.
F	0.00	00 - 64	Failure: Students do not earn credit.
W			Withdrew: Student withdrew from a course after the drop deadline. Not calculated in GPA.
I			Incomplete: Student and needs to finish coursework before a final grade is determined. Calculated as an “F” until resolved.

Note: Each Kutztown professor may grade individual assignments differently than the institutional chart. For example, faculty may grade on a curve grading scale. Grading on a curve refers to the modification of students' grades based on the performance of the class as a whole.

Transcript Information

Exchange and visiting students may view their unofficial transcripts on their MyKU student account at any time throughout their studies at Kutztown University. Final grades are not posted until about 10 days following the end of the semester.

Exchange and visiting students may request official transcripts in the following ways:

1. Current and recent students may request Official Transcripts in MyKU. This service will redirect students to complete the request through a company called Parchment. Students can request an official electronic transcript or an official paper transcript.
2. Prior students may request an Official Transcript directly through Parchment using their KU ID number. Students can request an official electronic transcript or an official paper transcript.

Campus Programs

International Arrival and Orientation Program

Arrival services include optional airport pickup and shopping trips. This office also provides a comprehensive orientation program with virtual and in-person components covering essential information on immigration, academics, campus life, and community resources.

Mentor Program

This program pairs new international students with current students who serve as mentors, helping them navigate campus resources, culture, and academics.

International Student Organization

ISO is a campus club that gives international students a community of support and provides events and opportunities for international and domestic students to connect and make friends.

www.instagram.com/ku_iso

Multicultural Center and Cultural Clubs

The Multicultural Center and clubs focused on various cultural backgrounds, allow international students to connect with others from similar backgrounds, while also encouraging engagement with the broader campus community through events and cultural celebrations.

These clubs offer local and regional trips and activities throughout the semester!

Counseling and Wellness Services

Counseling services offer specific support for issues that international students may face, such as homesickness, cultural adjustment, and academic stress.

Cost of Living

Category	Description (Based on Fall 2026 – Spring 2027 Pricing)
Note: Costs are not confirmed until ~July of each year.	
Tuition and Fees:	Exchange Tuition and Fees: Waived
On-Campus Housing	Traditional Residence Halls: $3,940 per semester (Meal Plan Required) Suite-Style Halls (Double): $4,225-$4,355 per semester (Meal Plan Required) Suite-Style Halls (Single): $4,755-$5,070 per semester (Meal Plan Required) Apartment-Style (Double): $4,545 - $4,870 per semester Apartment-Style (single): $5,190 - $5,415 per semester
On-Campus Meal Plan	Meal Plan Required Plans: $2,235 - $2,435 per semester Meal Plan Optional Plans: $1,190 - $1,920 per semester
On-Campus Laundry	$1.50 per wash $1.75 per dry
Food	$10-$30 at local restaurants around campus
Health Insurance	$31 - $178 per month
Transportation	On-campus shuttle: Free BARTA Bus to Reading: $1.50 | Uber to Reading: $30-$45 Bus to Allentown: $5.00 | Uber to Allentown: $35-$60 KU Airport Pickup Service: Free but must be requested on the Arrival Form. Transportation to Newark Liberty Airport to Kutztown: $95-$120 Transportation to JFK Airport to Kutztown: $107-$140
Books / Other Expenses	Estimated $750 per semester $300 Registration Deposit. All undergraduate students must pay this after acceptance. This is not an extra fee- it goes towards your first semester KU bill.

Student ID Card

A student ID card will be issued for all new students. This card serves as a student ID, library card, meal plan card, and grants access to a variety of on-campus services, such as the campus shuttle. It is also used to access on-campus housing.

Campus Resources

Kutztown University offers a variety of resources for supporting international students.

The **International Office** supports incoming and current international students in maintaining their immigration status and accessing the benefits of their student visa.

The **Multicultural Center** offers fun activities and services to create awareness of cultural and racial identity as well as promoting and assisting with academic growth and leadership skills.

The **Student Success Center** provides tutoring and academic support for content knowledge of various academic disciplines in addition to workshops on time management, organization, and study skills.

The **Writing Center** provides academic support specifically in writing skills for homework, essays, or class papers.

The **Career Development Center** assists students in locating internships and reviewing resumes. Students may also seek on-campus employment in various campus offices and academic departments.

The university's **Rohrbach Library** has many welcoming study spaces as well as a café. There are computer labs with printers and scanners, a STEAMworks makerspace, as well as access to books. Periodicals, and databases to complete projects and assignments.

The **Health and Wellness Center** provides quality health care, health education and promotion, and counseling and preventative services to the campus community in a caring, cost-effective and convenient setting on campus.

Transportation

All campus buildings are accessible by walking across campus. It takes about 15 minutes to walk across campus.

The **Campus Shuttle Service** is free with a KU Student ID during the fall and spring semesters.

- The On-Campus Loop brings students around the Residence Halls and main academic buildings.
- The Off-Campus Loop provides access to nearby apartments, and Kutztown's Main Street.
- The Late Night Loop from Thursday-Saturday, provides access to local supermarkets and a nearby shopping complex.

Rideshare is a common alternate method of transportation to get around locally and to other nearby cities.

From nearby Allentown, Pennsylvania, students can take **intercity or greyhound buses** to major cities including New York City, Newark, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., and Baltimore.

Students may sign up for **free airport pickup** services from the following airports: Newark, Philadelphia, and Allentown.

Safety

The **KU Public Safety and Police Services** office supports the safety and security of the campus community and work with local law enforcement to respond to emergencies.

The **KU Alert System** includes text, e-mail, and website alerts that focuses on campus safety and keeping students updated. They will get important safety notifications from University Police, including when the campus is closed due to unsafe weather conditions or recent safety alerts.

Contact Information

Office of International Education and Global Engagement

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Kutztown, PA, USA 19530

Websites:
https://www.kutztown.edu/international (Services)
https://www.kutztown.edu/intladmissions (Admissions)

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