

# International Student *Next Steps*



**#InternationalOwls #FindYourWings**



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# Dear Future Owl



This is an exciting time in your life. Finding a college that is the right fit and a place where you can call home is an important decision, so I am thrilled that you are considering Kennesaw State.

Our number one priority at KSU is student success. Here you will find faculty members who are not just experts in their fields, but scholars who are dedicated to helping you find your passion.

Our staff is friendly and goes that extra mile to support you. And you will meet a diverse group of talented classmates who want to succeed and who want to make a difference in the world.

Kennesaw State is a relatively young and highly innovative university that continues on a tremendous growth trajectory. KSU is home to 37,000+ students where we offer more than 150 undergraduate and graduate programs, apartment- and suite-style residence halls, a vibrant campus life including 300 student organizations, and 18 NCAA Division I sports teams. Listed among U.S. News & World Report's nationally ranked universities, Kennesaw State offers students close proximity to Atlanta, named one of the world's elite tech cities by Forbes magazine and home to 26 Fortune 1000 companies.

Our university has deep roots and partnerships with businesses and other organizations throughout the region. Through these relationships, students have access to an array of extraordinary internships, co-ops and career opportunities.

Kennesaw State is an exciting university where faculty, staff and students believe that anything is possible and where going beyond expectations is in our DNA. I invite you to visit us and discover for yourself just what makes Kennesaw State University so special.

**GO OWLS!**

## Dedication

**CONGRATULATIONS #INTERNATIONALOWLS!** The International Team welcomes you to the Owl Family. We understand that the process of going to college and moving to another country can be overwhelming for both students and family members. This next steps piece is dedicated to you to help you successfully enroll as a KSU Owl!

**#HootyHoo**

## Testimonials from #InternationalOwls



**PRISCILA - CLASS OF 2020**

**Country of Origin:** Venezuela  
**Major:** Management (BBA) with a Minor in Marketing

My time here at KSU has been amazing. I have made so many friends and I truly feel like KSU is my home away from home. My favorite thing about KSU is its location because both campuses are located in small towns next to a big city.

*Mi tiempo en KSU ha sido asombroso. He hecho muchos amigos y amigas y en verdad siento que KSU es mi hogar lejos de mi hogar. Mi aspecto favorito sobre KSU es su ubicación porque ambos campus están en pueblos pequeños a un lado de una ciudad grande.*



**DOLAPO - CLASS OF 2023**

**Country of Origin:** Nigeria  
**Major:** Nursing (BSN)

While applying to KSU, the international admission office was always willing to help me out any time I reached out to them from Nigeria.

Coming from an African country, I wanted to attend a university that would make me feel at home while exposing me to different cultures. KSU made it possible through International Student Association (ISA), African Students Association (ASA), and Global Village. I was warmly welcomed and already knew I was going to have a sense of belonging when I attended the International Student Orientation.



**EMRE - CLASS OF 2023**

**Country of Origin:** Turkey  
**Major:** Computer Engineering (BS)

One of the great features of Kennesaw State University is that its campuses are close to Atlanta, a city with strong global ties and a diverse population. Thus, I invite you to join Owl Nation soon. If you see me on campus, I want you to know that you have made a new friend.

*Kennesaw Eyalet Üniversitesi'nin en büyük özelliklerinden biri, kampüslerinin güçlü küresel bağlantılara ve çeşitli nüfusa sahip bir şehir olan Atlanta'ya yakın olmasıdır. Bu yüzden sizi yakında Owl Nation'a katılmaya davet ediyorum. Beni kampüste görürseniz, yeni bir arkadaş edindiğinizi bilmenizi isterim.*

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## AS A PERMANENT RESIDENT:

### Freshmen and Transfer Freshmen

1. Get started by [activating your Net ID](#) and [KSU Email](#).
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2. Check for [registration holds](#). Unresolved holds will halt your registration for classes.
  - Submit proof of [Lawful Presence](#). If you indicated that you are a **Permanent Resident**, you will need to send us *scanned color copies of the front and the back* of your Green Card.
  - Submit immunization forms to [immunizationsvc@kennesaw.edu](mailto:immunizationsvc@kennesaw.edu).
    - Green Card holders may use their green card as proof of immunizations. If the date is over 10 years, student is required to have:
      - Updated Tetanus TDAP **and**
      - Varicella (Chicken Pox)
  - Submit official final high school transcripts with graduation date and/or official final college transcripts and/or official final evaluations at the [Office of Undergraduate Admissions](#) when available. Once submitted, your application status should change from accepted pending (AP) to fully accepted (AA).should
3. Find out if you qualify for in-state tuition by taking this quick [survey](#).
  - For more information about your eligibility, please contact our [Tuition Classification](#) office at [tuitionclassification@kennesaw.edu](mailto:tuitionclassification@kennesaw.edu).
4. Schedule a [pre-academic advisement](#) meeting prior to orientation (virtual meetings are available).
  - You can use that time to work with your advisor to research possible [majors and programs](#).
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5. Sign up for [New Student Orientation \(Mandatory\)](#).
    - During orientation, you will register for classes.
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  6. Submit your [FAFSA](#) and apply for [scholarships](#).
    - FAFSA application opens October 1
    - KSU Scholarship application is open from November 1 through February 1
    - For information about financial aid, loans and scholarships, please contact our [Office of Financial Aid](#) at [finaid@kennesaw.edu](mailto:finaid@kennesaw.edu)
    - To find out who your Financial Aid Counselor is, please click [HERE](#).

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Calli Rendon Sandoval  
Admissions Recruiter-  
International

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  - You may submit your syllabi to the Office of Registrar at [transfereval@kennesaw.edu](mailto:transfereval@kennesaw.edu) or in person in Kennesaw Hall.
  - The course descriptions should include, but are not limited to, the topics covered, methods of assessment, and bibliography. For more information please click [HERE](#).

Review your Transfer Credit Evaluation.

- Upon acceptance to KSU, you will be notified of its completion via your KSU Email within approximately 2-4 weeks (may take longer due to volume).
- Log-in to [Owl Express](#) to view your Transfer Credit Evaluation by clicking the online academic planning tool, DegreeWorks.
- For questions regarding transfer credit, please contact 470-KSU-INFO (470-578-4636)

or email [transfereval@kennesaw.edu](mailto:transfereval@kennesaw.edu).

5. Find out if you qualify for in-state tuition by taking this quick [survey](#).
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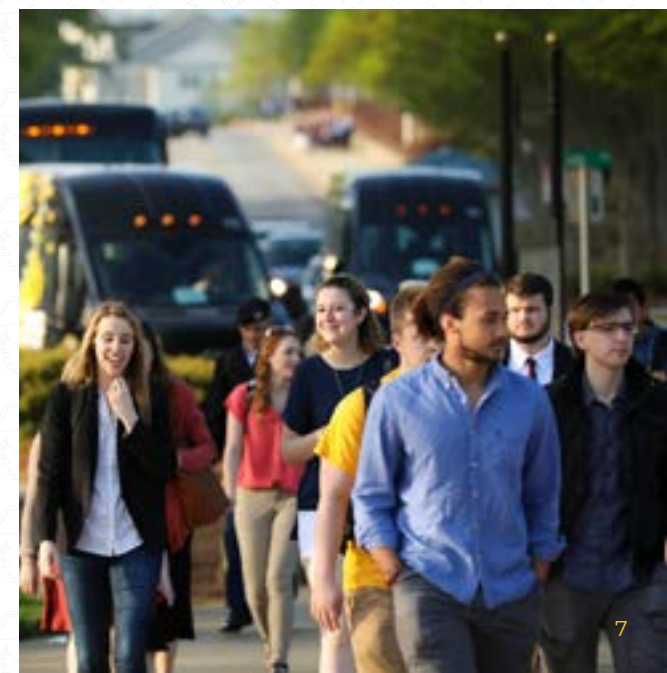


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## AS AN F-1 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT:

### International Freshmen and Transfer Freshmen

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2. Check for [registration holds](#). Unresolved holds will halt your registration for classes.
  - Submit [immunization forms](#) to [immunizationsvc@kennesaw.edu](mailto:immunizationsvc@kennesaw.edu).
    - As an international student, you are required to complete the Immunization and Tuberculosis Risk Assessment form. This form can be found on the [Immunization Forms](#) page.
  - Submit official final high school transcripts with graduation date and/or official final college transcripts and/or official final evaluations at the [Office of Undergraduate Admissions](#) when available. Once submitted, your status should change from accepted pending (AP) to fully accepted (AA).
3. Request an I-20 from the [International Student and Scholar Services Office \(ISSSO\)](#) for your F-1 student visa.
  - Submit an I-20 request electronically in [iStart](#) using your NetID login. To find out about the requirements for the I-20, please click [HERE](#).
  - Once the required documents are received and approved, an international student advisor will issue you an I-20 and provide you with options to receive it.
  - For information about applying for a student visa at a U.S. embassy, please click [HERE](#).
  - If you have any questions, you can contact ISSSO by clicking [HERE](#).
4. Understand the [Mandatory Health Insurance](#) requirement.
  - **All international students in the F visa category are required to have adequate health insurance at all times during their study at KSU.**
  - To learn more about the insurance requirements, please click [HERE](#).
5. Schedule an [pre-academic advisement](#) meeting with your [academic advisor](#) prior to the New Student Orientation (virtual meetings are available).
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6. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the [International Student Orientation \(Mandatory\)](#).
  - This orientation is specifically designed to give international students pertinent information about immigration status, KSU involvement, and academic success.
7. Sign up for the regular [New Student Orientation \(Mandatory\)](#).
  - During orientation, you will register for classes.
  - If you attend an earlier session, you will have a wider potential choice of class offerings, dates, and times.
8. Apply for the [merit-based Out-of-State Tuition Waiver for F-1 students](#).
  - To be eligible to apply, you must have an active **F-1 Visa** legal status in the United States **and** be **admitted to Kennesaw State University**.
  - Recipients who receive the waiver will qualify for in-state tuition (view the [Difference between Out-of-State and In-state Undergraduate Tuition](#)).
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# Explore KSU!



## KSU Campus Services:

- Discover [University Housing](#)
- Explore [Dining](#) options on both campuses
- Visit [Parking and Transportation](#) to purchase a parking permit and register your vehicle
- Pick up your Talon Student ID Card at [Talon One Service Center | Talon Card](#)
- Purchase your textbooks, course material, and KSU gear at our [University Stores](#)

## Student Resources:


- [Academic Support & Tutoring Services](#)
- [Copy/Print](#)
- [Department of Career Planning and Development](#)
- [Education Abroad](#)
- [English Language Program \(ELP\)](#)
- [Foreign Language Lab](#)
- [International Student and Scholar Services Office \(ISSSO\)](#)
- [KSU Journey Honors College](#)
- [Libraries](#)
- [Office of Undergraduate Research](#)
- [Public Safety](#)
- [SMART Center](#)
- [Student Affairs](#)
- [Student Health Services](#)
- [Technology Services](#)
- [Testing Center](#)
- [Writing Center](#)

## KSU Student Life & Organizations:

- [Adult and Commuter Affairs](#)
- [CARE Services](#)
- [Counseling and Psychological Services](#)
- [Cultural and Community Centers](#)
  - [Cultural Awareness Resource Center](#)
  - [LGBTQ Resource Center](#)
  - [Women's Resource Center](#)
- [Department of Sports and Recreation](#)
- [Fraternity & Sorority Life](#)
- [Global Village](#)
- [Health Promotion & Wellness](#)
- [International Student Association \(ISA\)](#)
- [KSU Athletics](#)
- [Recruitment, Retention, and Progression to Graduation for Hispanic and Latino Students \(RRPG\)](#)
- [Student Disability Services](#)
- [Student Government Association](#)
- [Student Media](#)
- ["Year of" Annual Country Study](#)
- To view all student organizations, please click [HERE](#)

## TIP

**Did you know you can forward your student email to an outside address? Follow the steps below:**

1. In the Outlook Web App, click on the  "Settings" icon.
2. At the bottom of the "Settings" window, click on "View All Outlook Settings."
3. With that window open, select "Mail" in the lefthand column.
4. Select "Forwarding" from the center column.
5. Click the "Enable Forwarding" box.
6. Enter the email address to which you would like your email forwarded.
7. (Optional) If you would like to keep a copy of your forwarded messages in your KSU mail account, select "Keep a copy of forwarded messages."
8. In the lower right-hand corner of the screen, click "Save" to save your forwarding settings.



# Explore the Area!



## Transportation:

- [Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport](#) – World's biggest airport
- [SkyTrain](#) – elevated train system at ATL's airport district
- [MARTA](#) – Atlanta's principal transport operator
  - [MARTA Trains](#)
  - [MARTA Buses](#)
  - [How to Ride MARTA to and from the Airport](#)
  - [Atlanta Streetcar](#) – Atlanta's newest transportation option
- [CobbLinc](#) – Cobb's transit service
- [Greyhound](#) – Transportation services from the airport to selected cities and states
- [Rental Car Center \(RCC\)](#) – one-stop facility that houses rental car brands and vehicles

## Embassies and Consular Offices in Georgia, USA:

Georgia is home to 70 governments from around the world through consular offices and/or trade representation primarily located in metro Atlanta. [Click for a full list of Consular Offices.](#)

## Entertainment & Sightseeing:

Kennesaw State University is located in Cobb County, GA, which is a known travel destination north of Atlanta.

[Click to begin exploring Cobb County, GA.](#)

## Lodging:

Search the listings for hotels, motels, campgrounds, and conference centers near Kennesaw State University. [Click to begin finding places to stay](#) when exploring destinations across the State of Georgia.

## Religious Centers and Organizations:

- African Community Center
- Al-Althar Mosqued
- Al-Hedaya Masjid
- Atlanta Chinese Christian Church NW
- Atlanta Ministry with International Students
- Bahá'í Faith Center For Learning
- Bridges International
- Buddhism in Atlanta
- Congregation Etz Chaim
- Congregation Ner Tamid
- East Cobb Churches, Synagogues & Faith Communities
- East Cobb Islamic Center
- Eastside Brazilian
- Enlightened Christian Center
- Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
- Ibad-Ur Rahman Dawah Center
- Igreja Batista Roswell Street
- Immanuel Korean United Methodist
- Jain Society of Greater Atlanta
- Kennesaw Chabad Jewish Center
- Latin American Association
- Mahamevna Buddhist Meditation Center of Atlanta
- Masjid al-Furqan, West Cobb Islamic Center
- Masjid Suffah
- New Hope Korea
- North Atlanta Chinese Baptist Church
- Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta
- Ser Familia, Inc.
- SGI-USA Atlanta Buddhist Center
- Shaw Temple African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
- Sri Sairam Temple
- Temple Kol Emeth
- The Atlanta Zarathushti Association
- YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association)

## International Cuisine:

- African fusion:
  - Abi's Cool Spot
  - Africa Restaurant LLC
- Asian fusion:
  - Atlantic Buffet
  - Thai Basil & Sushi Zen
- Australian cuisine:
  - Australian Bakery Cafe
- Brazilian cuisine:
  - Brazilian Bakery Café
  - Rio Steakhouse and Bakery
  - Sabor do Brasil
  - Tasty Bakery Cafe
- Caribbean fusion:
  - Bahama Breeze
- Chinese cuisine:
  - Fire Stone Chinese Cuisine
  - Hong Kong Chinese Cuisine
  - House of Lu
  - Mandarin Café
- Colombian cuisine:
  - Kiosco
  - Tinto's Coffee house
- Cuban cuisine:
  - Papi's Cuban & Caribbean Grill
  - La Cubana
  - Lazaro's Cuban cuisine
- French cuisine:
  - Douceur de France
  - Le Bistro at Roswell Provisions
  - Sugar Cakes Patisserie & Bistro
- Guatemalan cuisine:
  - San Andres Grocery and Balery
- Greek Cuisine:
  - It's Greek to Us
  - Yeero Village
- Honduran cuisine
  - Brisas de Tela Honduras Restaurant
- Indian cuisine:
  - Curry Leaf Indian Grill
  - Pinch of Spice Indian Cuisine
  - Taj Mahal Grill
  - Tandoor Restaurant
- Italian cuisine:
  - Doro's Italian Restaurant
  - Fusco's via Roma Italia Trattoria
  - Italia Mediterranean Grill
  - Piastra Restaurant
- Israeli cuisine:
  - Jerusalem Bakery & Grill
- Jamaican cuisine:
  - Fern Gully Jamaican Café
  - Juci Jerk
  - Natty's Jamaican & Soul Food Restaurant
- Japanese cuisine:
  - Boru Ramen Noodle and Poke Bar
  - Kuroshio Sushi Bar & Grill
  - Ru San's Kennesaw
  - Shogun Japanese Steak & Sushi
- Korean cuisine:
  - KPOP BBQ & Bar
  - IL Mee Restaurant
  - Iron Age Korean Steakhouse
  - Tofu Village
- Latin American fusion:
  - Jimmy'z Kitchen
  - La Suprema Bakery
  - Rico Tropical Grill
  - Taqueria Tsunami
- Mediterranean cuisine:
  - Mediterranean Bistro
  - Pita Mediterranean Street Food
  - Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe
- Malaysian cuisine
  - Panang Malaysian Cuisine
- Mexican & Tex/Mex cuisine:
  - Don Pedro's
  - El Taco Azteca
  - Fuego Tortilla Guisos & Taqueria
  - La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant
- Middle Eastern cuisine:
  - Bezoria
  - Zafron Restaurant
  - Sinbad Mediterranean Grill
- Nigerian cuisine:
  - Toyin
- Pakistani cuisine:
  - Lahore Grill
- Persian cuisine:
  - Mersi Chef Persian Food
- Salvadoran cuisine:
  - El Salvador Bakery
  - El Volcan
- Taiwanese cuisine
  - Tiger Sugar
- Thai cuisine
  - Kennesaw Thai Cuisine
  - Soi 3 Thai Street Food
  - Thai Ginger
- Venezuelan cuisine:
  - Cylantro's
  - Two Sisters
- Vietnamese cuisine:
  - 575 Bistro
  - I Luv Pho
  - Pho Dakao



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