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I hope that you find the information within the newsletter useful. If you have a question, please feel free to contact me by email at [smarino@ku.edu](mailto:smarino@ku.edu) or by phone at 785-864-0178.

## UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

### The Power of Electives



### Advisor-to-Student Communications

By Hannah Goetz, Academic Advisor..  
As advisors we are professionals who love to have that face-to-face conversation with your student. We like them to come in and tells us all about how their classes are going, what courses they would like to take in the future or any concerns they might be having. We love being a wealth of knowledge-to answer any questions they might have and to also give them information that they might not even know they need! Not to mention helping students find their way if they are not sure yet what their path might be. Your student also now has the option to meet with our Peer Advisors! We are excited about this option because we feel that

student perspective is very important and we value our student workers. They have so much direct insight that they can give to your student. We understand; however, that often face-to-face interactions are not enough! This is where all of our modes of communication come in! We live in a world where the average student is connected to everything around them.

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There is almost too much information and it can become hard to navigate what is truly important! We like to have an open line of communication with our students so that we can answer the questions that they need answered the most and also keep them updated on important KU academic dates and events.

Our modes of communication are:

Face to face appointments; *full time staff and peer advisors*

Drop-in advising; *current semester issues and student crisis*

Chat service on [advising.ku.edu](http://advising.ku.edu); *peer advisors*

Email; *enrollment reminders and any email your student might send to us*

Phone

Twitter; *important KU academic dates and deadlines, upcoming KU events*

Obviously, we are here for them in person whenever we need to be. But in addition, we constantly answer your student's email, when available we answer our phones and we even have a chat service on our website! Our valued Peer Advisors operate the chat service and answer many quick questions that don't require an appointment in our office. Example: When is the last day to drop a class?

Recently, we have also been revamping our social media outlets. Most students have a Twitter account. They love being on their phones! This is something we need to accommodate. What we do is we promote and encourage our students to follow our Undergraduate Advising Center account on Twitter: @KUAdvising. This is not so they can ask whether or not they should drop a class for GPA reasons but more to let them know that the last day to drop a class is coming up! If it requires an in-depth conversation we always tell them to stop by our office! We mostly use Twitter as a tool to inform students of important KU academic dates and deadlines. Example: Don't forget to apply for FAFSA!

*"So when in doubt – reach out!" – Kiersten McMichael, Peer Advisor*

## Student Account Services (formerly Bursar's Of-

### Want to get a start on fall payments?

#### By Karen Bailey, Assistant Comptroller

As this academic year comes to a close, students are already preparing for the fall semester. Many have enrolled in classes for the fall so now is the time to plan ahead.

If your family is interested in making payments on fall tuition charges, please consider using Tuition Management Services (TMS). The plan opens on June 1 and plans may be established at any time at [ku.afford.com](http://ku.afford.com) or by calling 888-222-2914. To finalize the payment plan, the TMS enrollment fee (\$45) and the first monthly payment will need to be paid. Payments will be due on the 1st of each month while on the plan. The final installment is due October 1.

Tuition and fee rates for 2016-17 will not be approved until late June. Student accounts in Enroll and Pay should reflect these new rates by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Tuition/fees, housing and optional campus fees will be billed on August 21, due September 15.

As a reminder, KU REQUIRES all students establish direct deposit for refunds. Refunds can be associated with financial aid, dropped classes and other adjustments to the student account. Direct deposit is safe and refunds are received much quicker than traditional methods. Setup can be completed in Enroll and Pay – it's quick and easy!

See you in the fall!

# Center for Civic & Social Responsibility

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## Program Coordinator for Student Engagement

By Amanda Wright, M.S.E. J.D.

The Certificate in Service Learning is one of six undergraduate experiential certification programs at KU. Completing the certificate enhances students' sense of civic identity and reinforces academic learning through engagement with the community. The certificate awarded by KU is notated on their official university transcripts and can be used as a credential on their resumes. This certificate also fulfills Core Goal 5, one of the six Core Goals required to graduate.

### WHAT IS SERVICE LEARNING?

Service learning is a teaching tool that integrates academic coursework with service to the community. Students apply the concepts and theories they are learning in class to a service project or experience. The community receives the benefit of the service and students gain a more enhanced learning experience through meaningful, real-world application.

### BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

We encourage students to consider the Certificate in Service Learning because it:

- can be used as an additional credential on their resumes.
- formally recognizes students for their contributions and commitment to society.
- can be used to complete Core Goal 5.

### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED NOW!

This summer is a great time for students to get involved in service and start working toward the Certificate! Below are a number of ways they might get involved:

Volunteering with a local nonprofit agency. Connecting with the Center for Community Outreach at [cco.ku.edu](http://cco.ku.edu) is a great way to start!

Taking a summer Service Learning course – listed [HERE](#)

If your student hasn't enrolled for Fall 2016 yet, he or she can also visit that link to see the great Service Learning classes being offered!

Research and apply for a Fall Alternative Break [HERE](#)

Find more information on the Certificate requirements, visit [ccsr.ku.edu/students](http://ccsr.ku.edu/students) or email [csl@ku.edu](mailto:csl@ku.edu). Encourage your student to meet with his or her advisor this summer to map out how the Certificate can be completed before graduation!

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates, award announcements, and opportunities for service.

# Financial Aid & Scholarships

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## Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

By Carolyn Caine, Financial Aid Program Coordinator

KU offers the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (also known as the PLUS loan) as part of the financial aid package for eligible students. The PLUS loan is a federal education loan made to parents of dependent undergraduate students to help them pay for education expenses not covered by other financial aid.

The amount a KU student is offered is the maximum amount a parent can request at the time of awarding. Parents are not obliged to borrow the maximum amount offered and can borrow less than the amount offered. We encourage parents and students to consider carefully how best to finance the student's education. This [Financial Planning Worksheet](#) can help families develop a plan and determine the amount they should borrow in PLUS loan funds.

To receive the PLUS loan, parents must submit the application available at [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov) using the same login information used when filing the FAFSA. Once an application is submitted, loan processing takes about two weeks. Parents who borrow PLUS loans are required to complete a Master Promissory Note for each PLUS loan borrowed.

Financial Aid & Scholarships staff are available to answer questions about PLUS loans and other options for financing a KU education by phone (785-864-4700) and email ([financialaid@ku.edu](mailto:financialaid@ku.edu)). We also meet with families on an appointment and walk-in basis at the KU Visitor Center.

## Academic Calendar

### Spring Calendar

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| Friday, May 20, 2016   | Grade Submission deadline -- 11:59 p.m. (excludes Law) |
| Saturday, May 21, 2016 | Collection of non-posted grades begins for all careers |
| Friday, May 27, 2016   | Law grade submission deadline -- 11:59 p.m.            |
| Friday, May 27, 2016   | Law grade roster entry access shut off                 |
| Friday, May 27, 2016   | Grade roster entry access shut off (excludes LAW)      |
| Friday, June 10, 2016  | Course Completion Deadline                             |
| Friday, June 10, 2016  | Official Degree list due                               |
| Monday, June 20, 2016  | Degrees post to transcripts                            |
| Tuesday, July 5, 2016  | Diplomas available                                     |

# Academic Calendar

## Fall Calendar

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Monday, August 22, 2016     | First day of classes   |
| Monday, August 22, 2016     | \$150 late enrollment fee begins *   |
| Monday, August 22, 2016     | First day of Late Enrollment *   |
| Friday, August 26, 2016     | Last day to add and change sections on-line *  |
| Friday, August 26, 2016     | Last day to add/change sections without written permission *                               |
| Friday, August 26, 2016     | Last day to enroll online *  |
| Friday, August 26, 2016     | Last day 100% refund *   |
| Saturday, August 27, 2016   | First day 50% refund *   |
| Monday, August 29, 2016     | Add/change of section with written permission begins (off-line) *                          |
| Monday, August 29, 2016     | Petition late enrollment begins (off-line), form available at student's school             |
| Monday, September 5, 2016   | Labor Day Holiday - No classes   |
| Monday, September 12, 2016  | First Period Drop ends *   |
| Monday, September 12, 2016  | Last day to withdraw/drop without a "W" *  |
| Monday, September 12, 2016  | Last day to request a Petition to Late Enroll form (non TBA, full semester classes)        |
| Tuesday, September 13, 2016 | Second Period Drop begins *  |
| Monday, September 19, 2016  | Census Day - 20th Day of classes   |
| Monday, September 19, 2016  | Last day to add or swap a class *  |
| Monday, September 19, 2016  | Last day petition late enrollment (non TBA, full semester classes)                         |
| Monday, September 19, 2016  | Last day 50% refund *  |
| Tuesday, September 20, 2016 | Start Credit/No Credit *   |
| Tuesday, September 20, 2016 | 0% refund begins *   |
| Wed., September 21, 2016    | Tuition Adjustment & Residency Application deadline  |
| Monday, October 3, 2016     | Deadline Credit/No Credit *  |
| Saturday, October 8, 2016   | First Day of Fall Break  |
| Tuesday, October 11, 2016   | Last Day of Fall Break   |
| Tuesday, November 1, 2016   | Undergraduate Application for Graduation deadline  |
| Tuesday, November 1, 2016   | Law Application for Graduation deadline  |
| Wed., November 16, 2016     | Last day to withdraw from a class or the University (full semester classes, excluding Law) |
| Wed., November 16, 2016     | Second Period Drop Ends *  |
| Wed., November 23, 2016     | Thanksgiving Break First Day   |
| Sunday, November 27, 2016   | Thanksgiving Break Last Day  |
| Wed., November 30, 2016     | Law Grade Roster creation  |
| Thursday, December 8, 2016  | Last day of classes  |
| Thursday, December 8, 2016  | Grade Roster creation (excludes Law)   |
| Friday, December 9, 2016    | Stop Day   |
| Monday, December 12, 2016   | First day of Finals  |
| Friday, December 16, 2016   | Last day of Finals   |
| Friday, December 16, 2016   | Graduate Application for Graduation deadline   |
| Friday, December 23, 2016   | Grade submission deadline -- 11:59 p.m. (excludes Law)                                     |
| Saturday, December 24, 2016 | Grade roster entry access shut off (excludes Law)  |
| Saturday, December 24, 2016 | Collection of non-posted grades begins for all careers                                     |
| Friday, January 6, 2017     | Law grade submission deadline -- 11:59 p.m.  |
| Friday, January 6, 2017     | Law grade roster entry access shut off   |
| Friday, January 13, 2017    | Official Degree list due   |
| Friday, January 13, 2017    | Course Completion Deadline   |
| Monday, January 23, 2017    | Degrees post to transcripts  |
| Monday, February 6, 2017    | Diplomas available   |

# KU News - Headlines:

Project chronicles lives of 'new farmers' who do things the old way

<https://news.ku.edu/2016/05/09/project-chronicles-lives-new-farmers-who-do-things-old-way>

Professor explores how cities can switch to low-carbon grid

<http://news.ku.edu/2016/04/25/professor-authors-article-about-cities-transitioning-low-carbon-grid>

## More News

Looking for more news from KU? [Sign up](#) for Inside KU, a daily newsletter from the KU News Service.

## Other Useful KU Websites:

Academic Achievement and Access Center: <http://www.achievement.ku.edu>

Admissions: <http://www.admissions.ku.edu/>

Billing Information (Bursar): <http://student-account-services.ku.edu>

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Services: [www.collegesas.ku.edu](http://www.collegesas.ku.edu)

Counseling and Psychological Services: <http://www.caps.ku.edu>

Enrollment questions: [www.registrar.ku.edu/](http://www.registrar.ku.edu/)

Financial Aid & Scholarships: <http://www.financialaid.ku.edu>

First-Year Experience: <http://firstyear.ku.edu/orientation>

KU Continuing Education: <http://kuce.ku.edu/>

KU Online Courses: [www.online.ku.edu](http://www.online.ku.edu)

KU Parent/Family Assistance: <http://www.vpss.ku.edu/pal.shtml>

KU Writing Center: <http://www.writing.ku.edu>

Multicultural Affairs: <http://www.oma.ku.edu/>

Parking Department: <http://www.parking.ku.edu>

Sexual Harassment: <http://www.sexualharassment.ku.edu>

Student Account Services: <http://student-account-services.ku.edu>

Student Affairs: <http://studentaffairs.ku.edu/>

Student Involvement and Leadership Center: <http://www.silc.ku.edu>

Student Housing: [www.housing.ku.edu/](http://www.housing.ku.edu/)

Supportive Educational Services: <http://www.apex.ku.edu/>

Timetable of Classes online: <http://www.classes.ku.edu>

Undergraduate Advising Center: [www.advising.ku.edu](http://www.advising.ku.edu)

University Career Center: [www.kucareerhawk.com](http://www.kucareerhawk.com)

Watkins Health Services: <http://studenthealth.ku.edu/>

(For specific School phone numbers, call KU Directory at [785-864-2700](tel:785-864-2700).)

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