THE Wesleyan Way

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE

International Student Information

OUR COLLEGE

- Founded in 1858
- Located in Owensboro, Kentucky – a city on the Ohio River.
- Located near four airports
    - Evansville Regional Airport is 75.8 km (47.1 miles) from Wesleyan
    - Louisville International Airport is 194.1 km (120.6 miles) from Wesleyan
    - Nashville International Airport is 223.5 km (138.9 miles) from Wesleyan
    - St. Louis Lambert International Airport is 350.3 km (217.6 miles) from Wesleyan
- Currently serving approximately 700 students.
- 29 majors and 13 pre-professional curriculums.
- Student-to-faculty ratio is 11:1
- NCAA Division II
    - Men: basketball, baseball, football, cross country, track & field, golf, and soccer
    - Women: basketball, softball, volleyball, cross country, track & field, golf, tennis, and bowling

OUR CITY: OWENSBORO

- Population greater than 58,000/Daviess County population greater than 98,000.
- Average High Temperatures

    Jan 6° C | 43° F   April 21° C | 70° F

    July 33° C | 91° F   Oct 23° C | 73° F

- Listed by Forbes as one of the Best Small Places for Business and Careers

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS

Requirements for Admissions

High School cumulative weighted GPA minimum 2.5
Minimum ACT Score of 19 or Minimum SAT score of 980
Additional requirements for English proficiency are listed below.
Conditional admission is prohibited.
We will not admit a transfer student to begin classes mid-semester.

NOTE: Applicants who do not meet admissions standards and are denied admission have the right to appeal the decision. A letter of appeal detailing why the decision should be reconsidered in addition to new supporting documentation must be submitted to the Admissions Committee.

Application

Fill out an online application at https://kwc.edu/admissions/apply/

Transcripts

All secondary school and college/university level transcripts must be submitted for review. The transcripts must be official and in your native language. You will also need to provide another official transcript that has been translated into English by your secondary school or college/university. *(PHOTOCOPIES, SCANNED IMAGES OR FAXES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED).*

College/university transcripts from institutions outside of the United States will be evaluated for transfer credit. To insure that you receive the most transfer credit possible, you may choose to have your transcripts evaluated by a professional credential evaluation agency. Kentucky Wesleyan College recommends World Education Services (WES). Please visit the WES website at www.wes.org for details and instructions and list Kentucky Wesleyan College as the receiving institution.

ACT/SAT Scores

Request that your ACT (code 1518) or SAT (code 1369) scores be sent to Wesleyan. If your scores are on your high school transcript, we consider that official.

To order an official score report, please contact:

www.act.org or (319) 337-1313.

https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores or (866) 756-7346.

English Proficiency

International students are required to submit an exam score that meets Wesleyan's minimum English proficiency requirement. **Exception:** International students whose primary **and** secondary education took place in Australia, Canada (English-speaking provinces), United Kingdom, Ireland, New Zealand, or the U.S. are exempt from this requirement; however, you will be required to submit a 500-word essay to prove your English proficiency. Students born in one of these countries yet educated elsewhere are still required to satisfy the English proficiency requirement.

We accept official IELTS or TOEFL results from the testing headquarters. The minimum IELTS score of 70 or the minimum TOEFL score of 70 (iBT) or 520 (paper-based) is required for admissions to Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Ability to Pay

A bank statement on bank letterhead is required. We will accept scanned or faxed copies of the official bank statement or an original bank statement. An available balance of our *Cost of Attendance* less any institutional aid is required. Additional funds are required if you are bringing a spouse and/or a dependent and the Sponsor's Guarantee Form must be completed. Additionally, if your bank statement belongs to a parent or sponsor, then the Sponsor Guarantee Form must be completed.

Additional Information Needed

Complete housing and health forms and fax, scan or mail a copy of your insurance card.

The Housing Form can be found at

https://kwc.edu/admissions/admitted-students/housingcommuter-form

The Health form can be found at

https://kwc.edu/_uploads/sites/2/Student-Health-Form-082016.pdf

Pay Your Deposit to Kentucky Wesleyan and your I-901 Fee

Upon admittance to Kentucky Wesleyan College, a deposit must be submitted prior to us mailing you your I-20. A $600 deposit ($500 for tuition, which will be applied, to your student account and $100 for a housing deposit) can be submitted online or by calling our cashier's office. Contact information for the cashier's office is (270) 852-3108 and email is cashier@kwc.edu.

Additionally, you will need to pay your I-901 Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) fee. Please visit FMJfee.com to pay the fee.

Receiving Your I-20

After you are admitted and upon receiving your deposit, Kentucky Wesleyan College will mail you your I-20 and a receipt for your deposit.

Receiving Your F-1 Visa

You must have an F-1 visa to study at Kentucky Wesleyan College. There are several steps to apply for a visa. The order of these steps and how you complete them may vary at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate where you apply but will include the following:

- Complete the online visa application, Form DS-160 at https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/ . Print out the application from confirmation page to bring to your interview.
- Schedule an appointment for your visa interview, generally, at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in the country where you live. Wait times vary by location, season and visa category, so you should apply for your visa early.
- Visas can be issued up to 120 days in advance of your course of study start date. However, you will not be allowed to enter the United States earlier than 30 days before your start date.
- Pay the non-refundable visa application fee, if you are required to pay it before your interview. When your visa is approved, you may also pay a visa issuance fee, if applicable to your nationality.
- Gather required documentation to take to your visa interview.
    - Passport; which must be valid for at least six months beyond your period of stay in the United States.
    - Form DS-160 confirmation page.
    - Application fee payment receipt (if required to pay before interview).
    - Form I-20 and deposit receipt from Kentucky Wesleyan College.
    - I-901 printed confirmation.

Coursework

Once your deposit has been received, an academic advisor from Kentucky Wesleyan College will correspond with your via email to register you for classes. You must enroll in a minimum of 12 hours. However, in order for a first-time freshman to graduate in four years, a student must enroll in 15 hours per fall and spring semesters. Please note only one online course per semester is permitted (Federal policy). Additionally, online courses are only offered to students who have completed 30 hours of coursework (College policy). If you ever need/want to drop below 12 hours during a semester, you must contact the PDSO or DSO to get permission before doing so. A professor, an advisor nor anyone else at Kentucky Wesleyan College can grant you permission to drop below 12 hours.

ARRIVING IN THE STATES

With a valid passport, your I-20 and your valid visa, you may enter the states within 30 days of the first day of class at Kentucky Wesleyan College. Residence Halls will open about a week before classes begin. All First year students must be present for new student orientation. All transfer and returning students must arrive by the check-in date unless prior approval has been obtained through the Admissions Committee. If you have not arrived by the last day of census, your I-20 will be cancelled.

International Student Orientation

Approximately two weeks after classes begin; you will be invited via school email to attend International Student Orientation. This is a very informative one-hour session that you are required to attend each semester. Please bring your I-20, passport, and visa.

Kentucky Wesleyan College's PDSO or DSO Needs to Know

- When you arrive at Kentucky Wesleyan College
- Your enrollment each semester
- Change of address (within 10 days)
- Work Authorization
- Program completion date
- If you wish to transfer to a different school
- When you travel out of the United States
- Change of name or citizenship
- Change of school, major, or degree level
- Withdrawal from a class (if it puts you below 12 hours) or the semester
- Change in registration, such as wanting to take an online class or enroll at another university
- Receive an on-campus job offer
- Change address (even dorm rooms)
- If your visa expires or you have less than six months until your passport expires
- If you lose your I-20, your visa, passport, US driver's license and/or Social Security number/card

Employment and Other Benefits While in the States

A student must obtain a Social Security number (SSN) in order to work or drive in the United States. Please visit the DSO or PDSO at Kentucky Wesleyan for instructions in obtaining a SSN or driver's license. You must wait a minimum of ten days after arriving in the United States to apply so that your I-94 information can update in all the government systems.

There are limited work opportunities available in the United States for F-1 students. For this reason, before coming to the United States you must prove you have the financial ability (e.g., present bank statements) to pay for tuition and living expenses while studying. If you decide that you want to work, the first step is to always talk with your DSO here at Kentucky Wesleyan. On-campus employment is allowed but not always available. Examples of on-campus employment include working at our spirit store (Panther's Den) or our cafeteria. If you are offered employment on-campus, you must talk with your DSO before beginning.

The U.S. government takes working illegally very seriously. If you work without permission, we must report it through SEVIS, your I-20 will be terminated, you will have to leave the United States immediately, and you may not be allowed to return.

Off-campus employment is prohibited unless a student has completed at least on full academic year of their program of study AND has an economic hardship that qualifies for the Department of Homeland Security's emergent circumstances.

Optional Practical Training (OPT)

OPT is a form of training, often paid, that directly relates to your program of study. You can apply for OPT during your program of study, which is now a pre-completion OPT, or after you finish your program of study, known as post-completion OPT. Pre-completion OPT is limited to 20 hours per week while school is in session, but can be full-time during breaks and annual vacation.

You can apply for 12 months of OPT at each education level, (i.e., you may have 12 months of OPT at the bachelor's level and another 12 months of OPT at the master's level). If you are a student earning a degree in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM), you may be eligible for the STEM OPT extension. For more information, visit your DSO.

In order to apply for OPT, students must request approval from their DSO. A DSO makes this recommendation in SEVIS and by endorsing a student's Form I-20. The student must then file the form I-765 and supporting documents with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and if   approved, USCIS will issue a Form I-766, "Employment Authorization Document." You cannot begin your training until you receive your authorization from USCIS.

Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

CPT is an alternative work/study, internship, cooperative education or other type of required practicum that a sponsoring employer offers through cooperative agreements with Kentucky Wesleyan College. CPT must be integral to your program of study; however, unlike pre-completion OPT, CPT can be full time and is not restricted by a weekly 20-hour work limit.

In order to qualify for CPT, you must have completed one full academic year of study. Students who complete on year or more of full-time CPT are ineligible to participate in post-completion OPT. To get permission for CPT, your DSO needs to authorize it and provide you with an updated Form I-20.

Kentucky Wesleyan Student Handbook

As a student of Kentucky Wesleyan College you are required to follow the "Code of Student Conduct" and the "Standards of a Christian College". To learn more, please review the Kentucky Wesleyan Student Handbook located here: https://kwc.edu/_uploads/sites/2/Student-Handbook-2016-17-Updated-1-17-17.pdf

For More Information

For more information about federal regulations about studying in the States, please visit the federal website or contact one of our staff below:

https://studeninthestates.dhs.gov

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SPONSOR'S GUARANTEE FORM
For 2017-2018 Academic Year

Kentucky Wesleyan College has no financial loans for undergraduate international students. Students must therefore show sources of funding for all expenses during their entire period of study. Students who will not be able to cover their expenses are advised not to apply for admission. Please complete this form accurately. **FAXED, SCANNED, or MAILED OFFICIAL BANK DOCUMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** One or more of the following support sources must be indicated:

A. PERSONAL FUNDS
Provide a currently dated and signed letter (ORIGINAL COPY) from your bank verifying the amount available to you if you are supported by your own funds. Additionally, you are verifying in the attached bank statement that you have available for the first year, US $7,000 for your spouse and US $4,800 for each child in the addition to the US $41,575.00* for yourself as a student.

B. SPONSOR(S) Sponsor's Name:_____
Relationship to applicant:_____
Sponsor's Address:_____
Provide a current dated and signed letter (ORIGINAL COPY) from your sponsor's bank verifying the amount of his/her funds. The following is to be signed by your sponsor(s)
I, _____, promise to provide all educational (tuition, fees, insurance) and living expenses for _____ _____
during his/her entire period of study at Kentucky Wesleyan College and I certify that I have sufficient funds to cover the minimum cost of the first two semesters at KWC. As verification, **I am providing the applicant with a certified bank statement in English, showing my current balance or deposit of at least US $41,575.00*(less any institutional scholarship(s) received by the student)**. If the applicant plans to bring his/her spouse and/or children, I will also provide full financial support for them for the duration of the student's education at Kentucky Wesleyan College. Additionally, I am verifying in the attached bank statement that I have available for the

first year, US $7,000 for his/her spouse and US $4,800 for each child, in addition to the US $41,575.00* (less institutional scholarship) for the student.

Signature of Sponsor _____

Date_____

Important: Attach an original or certified bank statement (in English)

C. YOUR GOVERNMENT

Print name of agency:_____

Enclose with this form an original and currently dated copy of your award. The letter must state that you are authorized to pursue your degree at Kentucky Wesleyan College and the amount of your award.

D. OTHER Please attach explanation of source.

ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION

Please give the following information:

City and country of birth_____

Country of citizenship_____

Country of legal permanent residence_____

If you are bringing dependents, please complete the information below

Total number of Dependents _____

Last Name First Middle Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) Place of Birth Relationship to Student

YOU MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH THE REGULATIONS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR SENDING MONEY TO THE UNITED STATES AND ARRANGE TO HAVE THE NECESSARY FUNDS AVAILABLE AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SEMESTER.

TUITION AND FEES ARE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL INCREASE.