Founding and Accreditation

FOUNDING
Kent State University was established in 1910 by statutory act and is maintained by the state of Ohio. It is under the jurisdiction of a board of nine voting trustees and two nonvoting student trustees appointed by the governor, subject to the advice and consent of the Ohio Senate. The university is supported financially through state legislative appropriations, student fees and gifts.

ACCREDITATION
Kent State University is an affiliate of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. The university is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association. Individual graduate and undergraduate programs also are accredited or approved by:

- Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration
  P.O. Box 400
  Oxford, MD  21654
  410-226-0314

- Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication
  The Detroit News
  615 Lafayette Blvd.
  Detroit, MI  48226
  313-222-2300

- American Association for the Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care
  11300 Rockville Pike, Suite 2000
  Chicago, IL  60606-6995
  800-877-1600

- American Bar Association
  321 North Clark Street
  Chicago, IL  60610
  312-988-5000

- American Chemical Society
  1155 16th St. N.W.
  Washington, DC  20036
  202-872-4589

- American Dietetic Association
  Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education
  120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000
  Chicago, IL  60606-6995
  800-877-1600

- American Library Association
  50 E. Huron St.
  Chicago, IL  60611-2795
  312-280-2432

- American Occupational Therapy Association (East Liverpool)
  Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Association
  P.O. Box 31220
  Bethesda, MD  20824-1220
  301-652-2682

- American Psychological Association
  750 First St. N.E.
  Washington, DC  20002-4242
  202-336-5500
• AACSB, International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
  600 Emerson Road, Suite 300
  St. Louis, MO 63131-6762
  314-872-8481

• Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs
  7007 College Blvd., Suite 420
  Overland Park, KS 66211
  913-339-9356

• Aviation Accreditation Board International
  3410 Skyway Drive
  Auburn, AL 36830
  334-844-2431

• Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
  (Ashtabula and East Liverpool)
  1111 N. Fairfax St.
  Alexandria, VA 22314
  703-706-3245

• Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education
  2201 Double Creek Drive
  Suite 5006
  Round Rock, TX 78664
  512-733-9700

• Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
  One Dupont Circle N.W., Suite 530
  Washington, DC 20036-1120
  202-887-6791

• Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs
  5999 Stevenson Ave.
  Alexandria, VA 22304
  703-823-9800

• Council for Interior Design Accreditation
  146 Monroe Center N.W., Suite 1318
  Grand Rapids, MI 49503
  616-458-0400

• Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
  10801 Rockville Pike
  Rockville, MD 20852
  301-897-5700

• Council on Accreditation of the National Recreation and Park Association/American Association for Leisure and Recreation
  22377 Belmont Ridge Road
  Ashburn, VA 20148
  703-858-0784
  334-844-2431

• Council on Education of the Deaf
  Dr. Roslyn Rosen, Executive Director
  Gallaudet University - F.H. Room 207
  800 Florida Ave. N.E.
  Washington, DC 20002-3695
  202-651-5525

• Council on Rehabilitation Education
  P.O. Box 1788
  Champaign, IL 61824-1788
  217-333-6688

• Federal Aviation Administration
  Cleveland Flight Standards District Office
  Cleveland Hopkins International Airport
  Federal Facilities Building, Room 131
  Cleveland, OH 44135
  216-265-1345

• Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology
  20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 900
  Chicago, IL 60606-2901
  312-704-5300

• Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology
  PMB #418, #1 2nd Ave. East, Suite C
  Polson, MT 59860-2107
  406-883-0003

• Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association, jointly sponsored by AAMC and AMA:
  Association of American Medical Colleges
  2450 N St. N.W.
  Washington, DC 20037
  202-828-0596

  American Medical Association
  515 N. State St.
  Chicago, IL 60610
  312-464-4657

• National Architectural Accrediting Board
  1735 New York Ave. N.W.
  Washington, DC 20006
  202-783-2007

• National Association of Industrial Technology
  3300 Washtenaw Ave., Suite 220
  Ann Arbor, MI 48104-4200
  734-677-0720

• National Association of School Psychologists
  4340 East West Highway, Suite 402
  Bethesda, MD 20814
  301-657-0270
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• **National Association of Schools of Art and Design**
  11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21
  Reston, VA 20190
  703-437-0700

• **National Association of Schools of Dance**
  11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21
  Reston, VA 20190
  703-437-0700

• **National Association of Schools of Music**
  11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21
  Reston, VA 20190
  703-437-0700

• **National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration**
  1120 G St. N.W., Suite 730
  Washington, DC 20005-3801
  202-628-8965

• **National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education**
  2010 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Suite 500
  Washington, DC 20036-1023
  202-466-7496

• **National Association of Schools of Theatre**
  11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21
  Reston, VA 20190-5248
  703-437-0700

• **National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission**
  61 Broadway, 33rd Floor
  New York, NY 10006
  212-363-5555, ext. 153

• **Ohio Department of Education**
  65 S. Front St.
  Columbus, OH 43266-0308
  877-466-3593

• **State of Ohio Board of Nursing**
  77 S. High St., 17th Floor
  Columbus, OH 43266-0316
  614-466-3947

• **Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (Electrical/Electronics and Mechanical Engineering Technology at the Tuscarawas Campus)**
  111 Market Place, Suite 1050
  Baltimore, MD 21202
  410-347-7700
THE ROLE AND MISSION OF KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

The mission of Kent State University is to prepare students for responsible citizenship and productive careers, broaden intellectual perspectives and foster ethical and humanitarian values. Our faculty and staff are engaged in teaching, research, creative expression, service and partnerships that address the needs of a complex and changing world. Kent State’s eight-campus network, anchored by the largest residential campus in the region, serves as a key resource for economic, social, cultural and technological advancement.

Kent State is a supportive and inclusive learning community devoted to teaching excellence and academic freedom. By discovering and sharing knowledge in a broad array of graduate and undergraduate programs, Kent State University meets the dynamic needs of a global society.
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ABOUT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Kent State University is ranked among the nation’s 77 public research universities demonstrating a high-level of research activity by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. This places Kent State among an elite group of the nation’s nearly 3,900 colleges and universities. Kent State earns national recognition for its breadth of high-quality undergraduate programs balanced with innovative research and graduate studies in selected areas.

The Kent State University eight-campus network is designed to serve both the development of a true living/learning approach at its Kent Campus, where residential living combines the resources and facilities of a large, diverse university, and regional needs on seven campuses offering the friendly, casual atmosphere of small liberal arts colleges. Regional campuses are Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas. The Kent Campus provides baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral study opportunities. At the same time, Kent State’s Regional Campuses serve their specific community’s needs with associate degree programs in more than two dozen technical and business fields, as well as baccalaureate and selected graduate work. Kent State University provides learning opportunities in some 281 academic programs of undergraduate study and 66 for-credit certificate programs. At the undergraduate level, students may work toward nine different baccalaureate degrees in the following colleges: Architecture and Environmental Design; the Arts; Arts and Sciences; Business Administration; Communication and Information; Education, Health, and Human Services; Nursing and Technology. Kent State also offers 17 degrees in 288 programs at the master’s level, one degree for educational specialist in eight areas and two doctoral degrees in 68 areas.

Besides boasting a distinguished and award-winning faculty, Kent State University attracts scholars and researchers to diverse institutes, centers and research bureaus in specific areas. In addition to the Liquid Crystal Institute®, they include institutes for: Cyberinformation, African American Affairs, Applied Linguistics, Bibliography and Editing, Computational Mathematics, Library and Information Literacy Education and Water Resources. Kent State has centers for: Applied Psychology, Counseling and Human Development, International and Comparative Studies, Literature and Psychoanalysis, World Musics, Nursing Research, Pan-African Culture, NATO and European Union Studies and Urban Design. The world-renowned Kent/Blossom Arts Festivals offer a triad of artistic programs—music, theatre and art—for outstanding students in the fine arts.

Located in Kent, Ohio (population 30,000), the Kent Campus is ideally situated in northeastern Ohio, amid rolling terrain dotted by spring-fed lakes. Yet big-city enthusiasts are only a short drive from four major urban centers, with airports offering access to the nation and the world. The beautifully landscaped Kent Campus is composed of 866 acres. There are 119 buildings on the Kent Campus with a 291-acre airport and an 18-hole golf course nearby. The university’s land holdings include thousands of acres of a nearby wildlife refuge, as well as marsh and bog areas preserved by the university as learning laboratories and resources for the future.

The focal point of the campus is the University Center with its spacious Risman Plaza. On one side is the 12-story, open-stack library which houses more than 2.6 million volumes, a complete learning resource center and the university executive offices. On the other side is the sprawling Kent Student Center which houses dining facilities, meeting and conference rooms, recreation areas, a ballroom and bookstore.

Other notable architectural landmarks include the Student Recreational and Wellness Center, a 153,000-square-foot world-class facility featuring a sports arena, elevated running track, natatorium, climbing wall, workout rooms and refreshment and lounge areas; the Business Administration Building, with its bronze-mirrored window-walls; and the futuristic, award-winning Art Building, with translucent panels that admit the diffused and shadowless lighting vital to art classes during the day and emit a distinctive glow of interior activity after dark. Nearby is Taylor Hall, home of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design and the College of the Arts.

The crisp modern lines of the newer areas of the campus, including comfortable residence hall complexes, the ground-hugging lines of the Ice Arena and the Child Development Center, contrast tastefully with the ivy-covered buildings of the original “North Campus,” including the Carol Cartwright Hall (former Administration Building), Rockwell Hall (former Library) and Merrill Hall, which was the first structure built at the university when it was launched as a teacher-training institution in 1910. Moulton Hall, a four-story structure built in 1917 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places, has been renovated to house the Moulton Hall Learning Technologies Center. The center provides an interactive high-performance learning environment to help faculty and students make skillful use of the latest information technologies. This includes computer-aided instructional materials, satellite uplink and downlink capabilities, interactive conferencing and multimedia classrooms and laboratories.

To help students and visitors navigate the Kent Campus and surrounding communities, Kent State works with the area Regional Transit Authority, PARTA. PARTA provides transit services on campus and in the local community. The heavily used service is avail-
able at no charge to Kent State students. Dix Stadium is only a few minutes away via bus transportation, which provides a continuous loop service during regular class hours. The campus loop helps to virtually eliminate all through traffic within the campus. For intramurals and intercollegiate athletics, the campus includes Dix Stadium (among the largest in the Mid-American Conference, with seating for more than 30,000); an ice arena with two rinks; an 18-hole golf course; the Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center, with its physical education and recreation annex; an all-weather track; lighted tennis courts; softball fields; and soccer and rugby fields. The Field House (located next to Dix Stadium) includes a full-size football field, an indoor track and a state-of-the-art weight room. Additional green areas for intramural and extramural sports are provided, as well as lighted outdoor basketball courts.